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A look at next week ... Charger Trap Teams head down to Alexandria for the State Championship.

Walking the Red River Ox Cart Trail



Steve Reynolds with Terry Doerksen of Winnipeg, Canada, and his authentic Red River Ox cart on a leg of the original Red River/Pembina Ox Cart Trail in Marshall County, Minnesota. All photos courtesy of Steve Reynolds

Wannaskan Almanac, Steve Reynolds, June 9th, 2022

"Let's call Walter," Chris Ostby, of Bemidji, suggested to his oldest brother Shannon Ostby, of Grygla, as they tried calling people to aid the Doerksens in their dilemma. "Do you have his number?"

We were standing on the road into Waterworth's Wood Shop, just off the Pembina Trail near Viking, Minnesota, where Terry and Patty Doerksen, of Winnipeg, and 'Zik' (Zeke) their Shorthorn ox, were paused in the shade with their authentic Red River Ox Cart because of problems they were having; the cart's wooden wheel spokes had begun to disengage from the hub; and Zik had become lame and was awaiting ox shoes ordered from Nova Scotia. All this only 160 miles into their 500-mile-long journey to St. Paul.

Doerksen's trip started for me on Thursday, June 2nd., when I received an excited phone call from my friend Floyd who had chanced upon these Canadians rolling past his place south of Strandquist, just as he was leaving his farm. He knew I would be interested in what the Doerksens were doing as my wife Jackie and I had participated in a similar historical activity with the Orlin Ostby family of Gatzke, Minnesota, in 2008, celebrating Minnesota's Sesquicentennial. Floyd said the Doerksens were heading south toward Old Mill State Park to spend the night.

So, the next morning, I sped off to find them, and maybe visiting with Floyd. I knew from viewing his place, in Google Earth, it was tucked back off the road along the Tamarack River, so I took heart as I neared the

area. Seeing the Pembina Trail Road sign, south off Marshall County Road 6, I stopped just past the intersection to scribble some notes before continuing west, and lo, discovered the Doerksens cart, ox, and camper parked there on the south side of the highway on what Terry later told me was an original part of the Pembina Trail! What luck!

I turned onto the field crossing where they were parked. There was no one outdoors except the cud-chewing roan-colored ox, so respecting their privacy when I saw an open door in the camper and no one inside either, I approached warily, calling, "Anybody home?"

Hearing no answer, but seeing a pair of empty boots inside the door, I took it as a sign they may be napping. I quietly backed away and slipped a bit of information about the 2008 walk and us under a windshield wiper of their camper and left the vicinity for an hour to leave them in peace while I went to look for Floyd's place.

Floyd was amazed to see me as my two attempts to reach him by phone had met an answering machine. We visited happily over a cold beer until it was time for me to leave and meet the Doerksens. I happened upon an old breath mint in my car; 'twas an oldie but a goodie.

Terry and Patty had found the information I had left them and seemed eager to learn of our walk, all of which I was just as happy to share. The idea that Orlin, who lives in the Thief River Falls Care Center now, would be excited to learn of their walk, energized me. I had to remember not to do all the talking excited as I was to be learning of their walk,

and seeing their reciprocation about wanting to hear of ours.

Terry Doerksen, a writer himself, wrote:

"... Crossing the international border 12 miles east of Emerson isn't that unusual. Many people - usually migrants or smugglers - have made use of the old Red River Trail crossing to enter or leave the United States. In fact, everyone who lives in the area knows that Al Capone used this hidden Port of Entry' to bring his bootleg whiskey from Winnipeg into prohibitionist USA.

"A guy who helped me in Minnesota said his family, living just on the American side, would leave their barn door open for Capone to enter with his wagon. By morning he'd be gone. "Did they just turn a blind eye?" I asked. "Oh no. They were on the take. Times were hard back then."

"In the 1800's ... the whole 'international border' concept and location were fairly nebulous. Passports and paperwork were unheard of ... But among those who have crossed on the Trail within the last century, my attempt would be different. I was trying to do it legally. The difficulty was not on account of authorities digging in their heels; everyone was quite enamored with the idea, but there was just no precedent.

"After innumerable phone calls to nine different parties on both sides of the border, it was finally arranged that an American vet, Homeland Security, and Border Authority would meet Zik and I at the closest accessible road, 1/2 mile south of the border. The border authority even brought a sniffer dog - ostensibly to check for illicit imports, but I'm guessing he just wanted a good story to tell

at the end of the day.

"All the humanity in uniforms with their protocols to complete didn't take away from the fun I had in the actual crossing. Brent Chubaty, the landowner on the Canadian side, had gone the day before to flag my approach to the border, and cut a path through the new growth of trees. I had a chainsaw along to take out a couple of large trees that had fallen across the much clearer path on the American side. Patty walked with me as far she could (and a little further) to take some pictures. I have to admit it was quite a rush being on unaltered Red River Trail with cart and ox for the first time since 1870.

"Our biggest welcome to the United States came after the authorities had left. Terry Kent, the landowner on the American side, came ... to see if we needed anything. Then his daughter Danika, a farmer herself, brought us feed for Zik and some eggs to replace the ones that had been confiscated from Patty [who] had driven around through the Emerson/Pembina Port of Entry with the RV; she wisely decided to make a legal border crossing in the more conventional way."

Terry told me that they were walking the Red River Ox Cart Trail, in part, for its historical significance to the growth of both Winnipeg and St. Paul, as well as its idyllic opportunity to pray for both our countries, Canada and America, during these times of international turmoil.

Thanks to Lori Thompson at the Thief River Falls Care Center, 82-year old Orlin and his wife, Mandy, were able to meet the Doerksens at Waterworth's. So did sons Christopher of Bemidji, Shannon and his wife Denise of Grygla; and Tom Ostby and his wife Kristie of Roseau. Unfortunately, Orlin's daughter Catherine, who at 12 years of age, was on the 2008 walk, was unable to attend Wednesday's event at Waterworth's on such short notice, as was Orlin's cousin Tom Thronsted of Jamestown, who drove truck pulling the livestock trailer for the walk and provided comedic entertainment. My wife Jackie and I merely tried to keep up with their antics.

Dave Hill, Editor of the Thief River Falls Times, came to interview the Doerksens at Waterworth's too. He had Doerksen all to himself until all the Ostbys showed up en masse moments later. Jackie [Helms] was happy to see him, as she had worked for him at The Times for eleven years and had

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American State Bank welcomes new employee

Jennifer Connell is the new Administrative Assistant at American State Bank of Grygla. She has taken over the duties of Kim Schulz, who recently retired.

Jennifer just moved full-time to Grygla from Grand Forks, ND, where she was working at Choice Bank as a Commercial Loan Assistant for the last 14 years. She is happy to be living permanently in Grygla after spending a lot of time here over the last 8 years.

Jennifer brings 36 years of banking experience to our local bank. She is looking forward to

the great group of co-workers at ASB, along with a smaller, more personable experience found here. After spending a lot of time in the area, Jennifer has gotten to meet a lot of community members and is excited to interact with them more in her new role.

In her personal time, Jennifer enjoys riding and training her three horses, spending time with her two grandsons, and enjoys being active and involved with bear camp every fall.

Photo by Grygla Eagle Newspaper

The veteran who's behind the camera

(Submitted) If you haven't visited the Marshall County Area Veterans Memorial Project's (MCAVMP) website, you are missing out. Approximately 70 local veteran interviews have been posted in the past year. The website's address is www.marshallcomnvets.org. The videos are posted on the website and shared to the Facebook page, www.facebook.com/mcavmp. In the videos, you may recognize a familiar voice asking the questions.

The veteran behind the camera is Stephen local, Keith Bergeron.

When asked what the motivation is to film local veteran interviews, Keith Bergeron shared that his parents (Francis and Fern) instilled in him the desire to volunteer and help out in the community. Keith said his parents raised 13 kids and still found the time to give back to the community; his father was a school board member and Lions president, and his mother was Auxiliary

president, cleaned the church, along with numerous other volunteer endeavors.

Keith has certainly followed in his parents' footsteps; at one point coaching soccer, helping at the YMCA, and holding the title of Assistant Scoutmaster.

Keith has been diligently working at recording the stories of local veterans for the Marshall County Area Veterans Memorial Park project. He said there have been quite a few vets that have been willing to share their stories. Some have been indecisive about sharing and need a little nudge to agree to the interview. Keith drives home the point that every veteran has a story to share, not just the ones that were involved in active battle.

Keith shared that some veterans don't want to tell their entire story, and as a veteran himself, he understands. He

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Three of Orlin Ostby's sons were at Waterworth's Woodshop to meet the Doerksens and see their ox and cart from Winnipeg. Everybody was happy for Orlin to meet another Red River Ox Cart Trail driver. Orlin, his family, and friends walked the trail in 2008.



• CHURCH CALENDARS

GRYGLA LUTHERAN PARISH
Grace and Our Savior's, Grygla
Vicar Marilyn Grafstrom
Recorded services are available on-demand on the church website and will play on Garden Valley channel 36 on Wednesdays 7pm and Sundays 9am & 7pm. gracelutherangrygla.weebly.com
Wednesday, June 15
11am Bible Study, 6pm Grace Choir
Sunday, June 19
Grace: 9am Worship
OS: 10:30am Worship

GOODRIDGE AREA LUTHERAN PARISH, ELCA
Bethany, Ekelund, Faith
Pastor Kristin Dahlen Ostercamp
Sunday services are posted online on the Parish YouTube channel. They are rebroadcast on the GVTV Channel 36 on Wednesdays at 9am and 6:30pm.
Sunday, June 19
Faith: 8am Worship
Bethany: 9:30am Worship
Ekelund: 11am Worship

THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITIES OF

St. Clement's - Grygla; St. Ann's - Goodridge
Fr. Bryan Kujawa
Sundays:
St. Clement's: 11:45am Worship.
St. Ann's: 10am Worship

BETHESDA LUTHERAN CHURCH Skime
Pastor Steve Bliss
Sunday, June 19
9:30am Worship

UNITED LUTHERAN PARISH Gatzke
Pastor Tim Lundeen
Sundays
8:30am Worship

CLEARWATER LUTHERAN PARISH
St. Petri - Grygla; Mt. Olive, Nazareth - Trail; Oak Park - Oklee
Pastor Jeff Merseeth
Saturday, June 18
Mt. Olive Worship 9am
Sunday, June 19
St. Petri: 8am Worship
Nazareth: 9:45am Worship
Oak Park: 11am Worship

Please email calendars to grygla.eagle@gmail.com

Get outdoors

Gov. Tim Walz is encouraging Minnesotans to get out in nature and enjoy the state's outstanding outdoor opportunities by proclaiming June 2022 as Great Outdoors Month (mn.gov/governor/news/proclamations.jsp). The proclamation cites the health and wellness benefits of spending time outdoors as one of the many reasons to encourage Minnesotans to get outside.

"Connecting Minnesotans to the outdoors is both a personal and professional passion of mine," said Ann Pierce, director of the Parks and Trails Division. "Great Outdoors Month allows us to celebrate the collective partnership between state government, tribal nations, businesses, schools, nonprofits, and volunteers in sustaining Minnesota's amazing outdoor recreation system and helping to cultivate tomorrow's stewards."

Throughout June, the DNR is offering special programs and incentives to encourage Minnesotans to get outdoors. This weekend is the annual Take a Kid Fishing weekend, when Minnesotans 16 or older who take a child 15 or younger fishing don't need a fishing license. The DNR will also host a Free Park Day on Saturday, June 11, which allows free entrance to all 75 state parks and recreation areas throughout Minnesota. For a complete list of this month's programs, with times and locations, visit the DNR's events calendar (mndnr.gov/State_Parks/Events.html).

Celebrated across the United States since 2008, Great Outdoors Month highlights the diversity of public lands throughout the country and the benefits they provide.

Goodridge Sand volleyball

The ever-popular Goodridge Sand Volleyball League is back for the summer! The league is full with 12 teams on the roster this year! Games kicked off on June 2nd and will continue every Thursday evening throughout the summer beginning at 6pm. Standard CO-ED rules apply for the summer league. Food trucks are usually set up on site also. Watch the Goodridge Sand VB League page for more updates on who/when.



Machinewell, Inc. has added some new windows to their building which will allow some light and air flow onto the shop floor. The local business is on track for another record-breaking year in sales and wishes to acknowledge the hard work of their employees for that! They have also welcomed back their high school recruits for the summer and are happy to have them back. Photo courtesy of Machinewell, Inc.

Summer League Basketball kicks off in Grygla

Schedule
Summer League Basketball started this week on Tuesday, June 14th. Games are open for anyone to go watch. The upcoming June schedule is as follows:

June 21: 6:15pm BG Purple vs. Orange, SG Gray vs. Blue, Refs Green/Red. 7pm BG Red vs. Green, SG Purple vs. Gray, Refs Orange/Blue. 7:45pm BG Red vs. Blue, SG Green vs. Orange, Refs Purple/Gray.

June 28: 6:15pm BG Green vs. Orange, SG Red vs. Blue, Refs Purple/Blue. 7pm BG Purple vs. Blue, SG Red vs. Gray, Refs Green/Orange. 7:45pm Purple vs. Green, SG Blue vs. Orange, Refs Red/Gray.

Teams
Blue: Cole Halvorson, Dustin Nelson, Hogan Lundeen, Peyton Verbout, Kyle Horgeshimer, Jake Olson, Blake Rychlock, Jennings Johnrud.
Green: Brady Olson, Matt Hanson, Wyatt Neuschwander, Steven Hanson, Blake Nerhus, Jared Haack, Gerald Melin, Owen Larson.
Gray: Brock Olson, Cory Cleven, Tucker Verbout, Andrew Loken, Nick Groven, Reece Sundberg, Matt Busse.
Red: David Jones, Randy Henrickson, Brandon Bakken, Tyler Stinar, Carson Rubischko, Spencer Coan, Brody Saurdiff
Purple: Ethan Schulz, Jamison St. Germain, Vivian Coan, Riley Manderud, Jordan Coan, Sheldin Sundberg, Payton Dougherty, Raymond Moe.
Orange: Robbie Anderson, Josh Loken, Anthony Loken, Tristan Gustafson, Justin Thompson, Elliot Philipp, Lewis Jones, Christian Loken.



(Photo from last summer's volleyball league.)

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said he lets the vet talk and he is usually able to help them out if they get stuck at a certain part in the story. Keith said that he has learned a lot from doing this, as he did not know as much about the Navy and Air Force, so it's been a learning experience for him too.

Most of the interviews have been Vietnam veterans. Keith said that he has been able to do a few WWII and Korean veteran interviews, but those vets are harder to find due to the time period of those conflicts.

Keith said that many veterans try to forget their experience. He noticed a definite shift after 9/11. He felt that veterans were suddenly recognized more and that people were proud to be American again.

When asked what value he

sees in the interviews, Keith replied that the value is down the road. It's for the families and friends, as a lasting keepsake. In a recent interview, one veteran said that even though the interview is tough, he wants the interview done for his legacy so that his family has something to look back at.

Keith will continue to do interviews as long as he can find veterans to film. He has been an incredible addition to the MCAVMP project. Due to his generosity of his time, area veterans are leaving a legacy that will last for generations.

If you or someone you know is interested in getting interviewed, you can call Keith at 218-526-0229 or email him at kbbergeron@gmail.com. He is also able to do interviews over Zoom for those that no longer live in the area.

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Help wanted: The Marshall County Sheriff's Office is accepting applications for 1 full time Dispatcher/ Jailer/ 911 Operator Position. Must have a high school diploma or equivalent. Experience is preferred but not necessary. This position includes working rotating shifts, weekends & holidays. Must have good people skills, self-motivated, computer skills, get along well with the public and co-workers and be able to handle high stress situations. Starting pay is \$20.72/hr.(2022). Evening Shifts have a \$3.00/hour shift differential. Marshall County also has a benefit package. Application deadline is June 27, 2022. Applications may be picked up at the Marshall County Sheriff's Office, 208 E. Colvin Ave. Ste #1, Warren, MN 56762 or print out an application off the Marshall County website at www.co.marshall.mn.us

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Saturday, June 18 Warroad 10:00 Roseau 2:30	Monday, June 20 Greenbush 10:00 Hallock 2:00	Tuesday, June 21 Warren 10:00 Thief River Falls 2:00
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BRIAN'S SURVIVAL SHELTER FROM HATCHET: 20-MINS

Learn how to build a warm and waterproof shelter from the natural materials around you! Great opportunity for students to take a photo inside of a shelter they built!

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HANSEL & GRETEL TRAIL MARKERS: 15-MINS

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When Brian's plane crashed in the wilderness he had to survive on his own. Several times he spotted rescue places but could not get their attention. Students will learn how to use the SUN to get the attention of a rescue crew.

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When John Thornton falls into a wild river, Buck jumps in and heroically saves him. Students will learn how to tie the world's #1 Survival Rescue Knot - the Bowline!

Award-winning Author and Storyteller **Kevin Strauss** will tell

"Tales with Tails"

Strauss tells stories about heroes, beavers, moose, and bears that inspire listeners to face challenges, solve problems, and smile every day. Strauss is the author of Pecos Bill Invents the Ten-Gallon Hat (winner of the Silver Spur Award, Western Writers of America) and Tales with Tails: Storytelling the Wonders of the Natural World (winner of the Storytelling World Award). Hear northwoods animal tales that explain why bear has a short tail and how loon got her beautiful feathers in this interactive story performance!

Monday, June 20
Warroad 10:30, Roseau 2:00

Tuesday, June 21
Hallock 10:30, Karlstad 1:30

Wednesday, June 22
Greenbush 10:30, Grygla 2:30

Thursday, June 23
Thief River Falls 10:30, Warren 2:30

Friday, June 24
Red Lake Falls 10:30

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Only in Minnesota: a weekly feature in the Eagle

The Franconia Sculpture Park is one of the strangest places you can go in Minnesota

Minnesota has plenty of bizarre attractions. It's part of the appeal of the state! But if you're looking to see a stranger side of Minnesota that's also undoubtedly beautiful, you'll want to visit the Franconia Sculpture Park, located in Shafer, Minnesota.

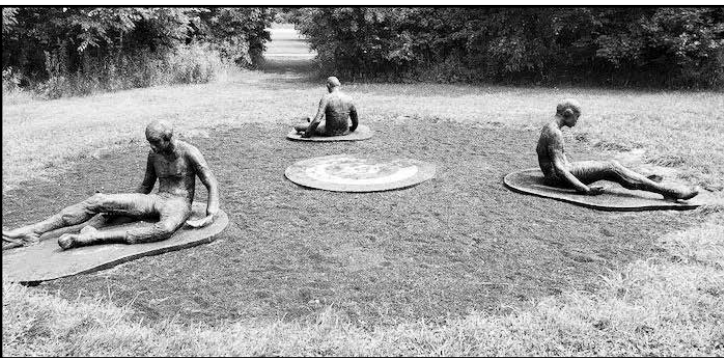
Home to unique, fascinating, totally weird yet totally stunning sculptures spread across the St. Croix River Valley, Franconia Sculpture Park is sure to capture your imagination. A rotating community of artists in residence are responsible for decorating the 43 acres of the park with sculptures. Best of all, this means the artwork is regularly changing. Each visit you take to

Franconia Sculpture Park will be a little different – but no less memorable.

Added bonus: it's free to enter the massive outdoor sculpture park in the middle of nowhere. It's filled with artwork that's sure to make you say, "what the heck?" There is all kinds of odd beauty to be found here, though. One of the most famous sights is the floating house and a bizarre play-

ground.

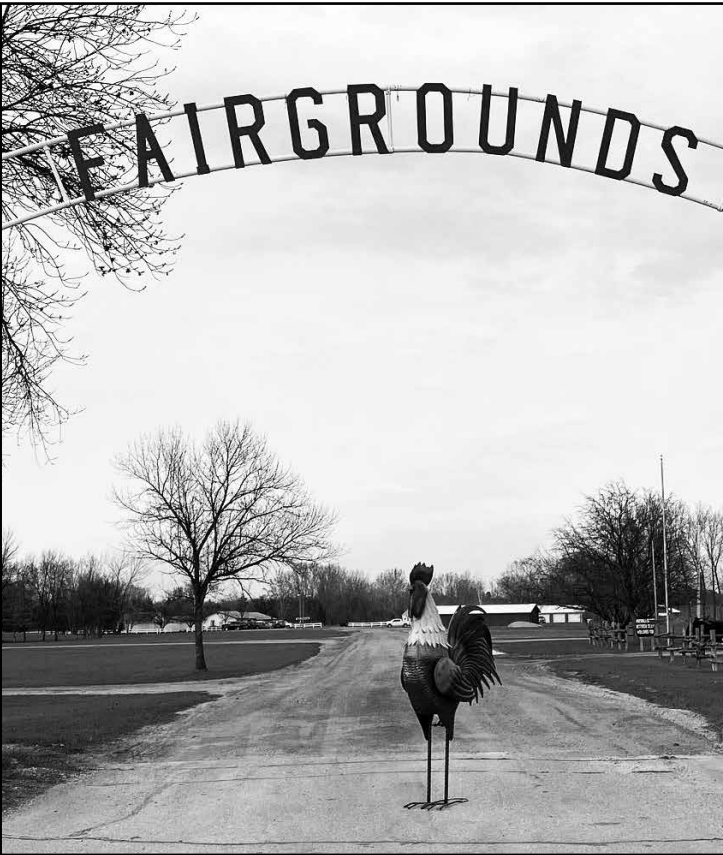
The sculptures will certainly make you feel something. This is not the stuffy art of the past – it's something unique and vibrant and colorful. You may not love every piece, but guaranteed you will be fascinated. Franconia Sculpture Park is absolutely beautiful and captivating.



Meet us at the county fair



Polk County Fair (Fertile) is July 6-10, 2022; Pennington County Fair (TRF) is July 13-17; Roseau County Fair (Roseau) will run July 17-22; Marshall County Fair (Warren) runs July 20-24; Clearwater County Fair (Bagley) will be held August 3-7.



Introducing Marshall! Marshall is inviting you to the Marshall County Fair July 20th-24th! Use the #marshallmoments to show us your posts from the Marshall County Fair this year! Photos courtesy of Marshall County Fair



The 16U JO Volleyball traveled to Detroit Lakes last Saturday; they came home with 4th place. L-R: (At the net) Kinsley Oslund, Anna Sundberg and Morgan Coan. (Back row) Allie Sundberg, Addi Severts and Nevaeh Kotrba. This group is coached by Brenna Dallager. Photo by Grygla Eagle Newspaper

Word of the Week
...enhancing vocabularies
one Grygla Eagle at a time.

Peradventure

\Pur-uhd-ven-cher, per\

Adverb

It may be; maybe; possible; perhaps.

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Boys State reps



Good Luck to Reece Sundberg, Grygla High School, and Elliot Philipp, Goodridge High School, as they represent their schools at Boys State this week.

Photo courtesy of Grygla School



11U (above) and 18U (below) both won the Championship games last week at their tournaments held at Northland Community & Technical College. This was a GG Charger's tournament; the team rented NCTC as their home court. Photos courtesy of Chargers VB & Jena Johnsrud



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long since retired; but doubted he recognized her since her all red hair had grown long and gray, eh. Watch for his story in the Thief River Falls Times.

Terry asked me if we had used ox shoes on Pum and was shocked that we did not, for Zik had started limping near Hallock twenty miles south of the border. Orlin had considered using plastic or steel ox shoes but decided against it because of how they would be a disadvantage should Pum throw a shoe along the trail and create a real problem. Orlin decided that they would just closely watch where Pum had to walk; on the shoulders of roads, in gravel or dirt trails, and keep him from walking on stones on top of asphalt if at all possible.

Terry said he had pushed Zik to make fifteen miles a day, (top speed at 1.5-2.0 mph) when the most Pum ever walked, as I recall, was ten miles. But in 2008, we walked the trail during the hottest summer since 1980 on 90+ degrees days. What beautiful weather Doerksens have! Nice cool temperatures in the forties and low sixties, so far!

One real advantage Orlin had over Terry was Orlin's intensive knowledge about cattle and horses. Terry said he was raised on a farm; knew how to milk a cow by hand, etc, etc; but it wasn't as much of his life's work as Orlin's had been.

Not wanting to overstay my welcome, I asked for the Doerksen's telephone number and email address so we could stay in touch then left for home.

Knowing what I do about our walk in 2008, I thought Terry and Patty seemed vulnerable to what lays ahead i.e., their plans entering St. Paul and surrounding cities traffic, in contrast to our walk in 2008. He has no supporting cast with him here in the U.S., although I understood him to say, someone was coming down from Canada to trailer the ox and cart as they neared St. Paul; for now, it's just Terry and Patty the way it looks. Orlin had a cast of a 'hundred'... many of Norwegian ancestry whom he spoke to in a thick Norsk brogue whenever the opportunity arose.

Orlin had started their project five years before the walk; Terry jumped into it in two, thoroughly researching routes and places to stay in Canada

along the trail; the U.S would prove another matter, but prayer, he was assured, would see them through -- and has so far. Orlin's ox 'Pum' had been trained to work as a team with his brother 'Kin,' from the age of four days old; Zik was much older when he started out. Pum was socialized around humans; he walked in many parades and county fairs among crowds of people before the Pembina Trail walk. Zik, was used on a sleigh and pulled a cart last year attracting public attention wherever they went. Chris Ostby conjectured, Zik was beginning to be less friendly toward people than when they started out, maybe because of his ailing hooves,

Terry said he rode on his cart for much of the way until Zik began having problems. Orlin preferred to walk. He persuaded Catherine and Jackie to ride a short distance in 2008 to give Catherine's foot a rest after she injured it one day, but she soon jumped down; Jackie felt better walking than riding too.

Christopher was really Orlin's ox driver, and walking beside Pum, he used a goad stick to touch Pum's shoulders, chest, and back to turn, or stop,

or prod him. The ring in his nose was simply the emergency brake that I don't remember ever being used. We all had turns driving Pum; he was a good soul. Read more about it here:

<https://www.grandforksherald.com/newsmd/northwest-minnesotas-lovable-ox-pum-dies>

The Ostby clan are well known throughout the northern part of the state and Red River Valley for, I think, primarily their past draft horse teams; transitioning to driving oxen, for Orlin, was just natural. When he started the 2008 walk it generated Minnesota's 150th Birthday publicity on radio and in newspapers. His cousin, Margit Bakke, created a blog about the walk to further the public's knowledge about him on Google: <https://pembinatrail.blogspot.com/>

People poured out to assist us.

Friends and family of the Ostbys stepped up for the Doerksens on June 8th, as they characteristically did for Orlin in 2008, when Terry needed someone to haul Zik to Greenbush, at very short notice, to get his ox shoes put on that evening, or else be delayed for

an indefinite time until John Nygard, the farrier, could return from his assignment as a chaplain to Uvalde, Texas.

Leaning down to talk to Orlin sitting in a wheelchair, Terry asked, "Did you have to do a lot of repairs on your walk too, Orlin?"

Judging by the surprised look on Terry's face when Orlin said "No," I think Terry wished he had talked to eighty-two year old Orlin long before he started on his historical prayer quest.

Mandy and her sons started brainstorming who they could call who would have a pickup and livestock trailer to haul Zik to Greenbush -- and the time to do it, as field planting here in NW Minnesota had been so delayed by rain. All the farmers were busy. Between their horse raising & showing days; their farming and 4-H activities throughout their lives, who did they know might be able to do it? Tick, tick, tick ...

"Let's call Walter Jones," Chris said. "He'd do it."

Amazingly, 18-year-old Walter is the grandson of the late Delmer Hagen of Gatzke, who made the walk himself with ox cart and Shorthorn ox, 'Napoleon,' in 1958 for Minnesota's

100th Birthday. Delmer encouraged Orlin, then eighteen himself, to make the walk fifty years into the future for Minnesota's 150th birthday in 2008.

Orlin encouraged Christopher (or Catherine) to make the walk in 2058 for Minnesota's 200th Birthday to continue the tradition. Maybe Walter has the notion too.

Naturally, he agreed to help.

For more on this story and to follow along, check out the below links to Doerksen's trip. Also watch for Thief River Falls Times Editor Dave Hill's upcoming story.

Facebook: [By Ox Cart Down The Red River Trail](#)

<https://winnipeg.ctvnews.ca/manitoba-man-begins-red-river-trail-trek-to-the-u-s-in-an-ox-cart-1.5908104>

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<https://www.mprnews.org/story/2022/06/07/reliving-150-year-old-history-a-step-and-a-creek-at-a-time>

Wannaskan Almanac/Wannaskawriter:

<https://wannaskanalmanac.blogspot.com/>



Orlin, assisted by his son Tom, arrives to Waterworth's Woodshop where the Doerksens had the opportunity to camp while they waited for their ox's new shoes. All photos courtesy of Steve Reynolds



Orlin visits with ox driver Terry Doerksen



Walter Jones' grandfather, Delmer Hagen, and Napoleon (1958).



Steve Reynolds said of this photo, "Here is all of us, except for Tom Thronsedt, as he hadn't rejoined us by that time." L-R: Steve, Jackie, Orlin, Mandy, Catherine, Christopher, and Pum at Old Mill State Park in July of 2008. Photos courtesy of Steve Reynolds



Zik (Zeke) awaiting his new shoes luxuriated in knee-high grass he had all to himself.

Justin Thompson, and the rest of the Roseau Rams Golf team, head down to State



Justin Thompson, Grygla Senior (Class of 2022), is in his second season with the Roseau High School Boys Golf team. This is the second year of the co-op with the Roseau School. The Rams took 1st at the 2022 Section 8AA Championship at Bemidji Town & Country Club, which sends them to State this week! Photos courtesy of Bob Thompson



The Grygla Fire & Rescue Department helped escort the team out of town last Sunday morning!



Mike Gast, Andrew Sundberg and Lynn Anderson went to cheer JT on last week as his dad, Bob Thompson, couldn't get away from work! Photo courtesy of Lori Thompson

