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A look at next week ... Chaplin, Captain Clifton Hanson, USAF, shares his experience on a recent year-long remote tour in Greenland.



6th Annual Freedom Fest at the Goodridge Veterans Memorial Park

It's time to gear up for another round of fun and celebration! The 6th Annual Freedom Festival will be on Saturday, July 30th, at the Goodridge Veterans Memorial Park.

With numerous vendors set up, featured artists on display and free entertainment under the band shell all day, the event is sure to be another hit with young and old alike. Consider checking it out with some of the top picks back on the schedule, along with plenty of new additions added to the day.

Funded in part by the Northwest Minnesota Arts Council and local sponsors, the hard work of many has resulted in a day-long event filled with music, art and activities for all ages.

The official poster and event line-up hasn't been released yet; watch for that to come. However, the day will kick off again with the Freedom Run 5K/Fun Run. Some information about the event is shared below.

Freedom Run

Plans are in place for 5K & Fun Run on July 30th, 2022, at the 6th Annual Freedom Festival in Goodridge. Register today for \$25 ahead of time, which includes a t-shirt OR \$35 on race day, not including a t-shirt. Registration begins at 7:30am on Saturday, July 30th, beginning at the Veteran's Memorial Park. 5K Freedom Run is at 8:45am with the Fun Run beginning at 10am and awards concluding the event at 12:30pm.

Start the day off right by running or walking for a great cause. All proceeds from registration will be donated directly to Mission 22. Mission 22 is a non-profit whose goal is to end Veteran Suicide by raising awareness to mental illness, such as PTSD and traumatic brain injuries, and building treatment centers across the United States.

Registration link: <https://2021freedomrun.rsvpify.com> or call Jena at 218-689-6895.

Don't forget to check out all the other amazing festivities of the day in honor of our veterans.

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Food Trucks

A variety of food trucks will be set up in Goodridge on Saturday, July 30th. A few of them are shared below.

Snowie of Warren will be at the Freedom Fest with their shaved ice and fresh squeezed lemonade.

Not only the coolest food truck around, Bjerk Concessions has great food too. Burgers & fries, corn dogs, footlongs, nachos, chili cheese fries and more! Known for the best corn dogs you will ever eat! They will be set up at the 6th Annual Freedom Festival on July 30th.

Wahoo Waffles will be at the 6th Annual Freedom Festival! Their delicious menu has something for everyone...morning, noon and night!

Bringing the BBQ to you this year at the 6th annual Freedom Festival is Smoke on Wheels! Come hungry leave satisfied.

Vendors in the Park

Many vendors are scheduled to be set up in the park on Saturday, July 30th, from 11am-5pm. There is sure to be something for everyone!

Vendors Wanted

Space still available at the Goodridge Veterans Memorial Freedom Festival. Minnesota crafted: Farmer's Market, crafters, artists, vendors.

Vendors must provide their own tables, canopies, tents, etc. Operating hours are from 11am-5pm with setup starting at 9:30am. Vendors must stay in place until 5pm. Please mail your \$20 registration form to Berny Vraa at 18767 370th Ave NE in Goodridge, MN, 56725. Or to Trudy Hyland at 33501 130th St. in Goodridge, MN, 56725.

Veterans Honored

As a token of appreciation, the Red White & Blue Quilters from Thief River Falls will present six local veterans with handmade quilts at the 6th Annual Freedom Festival on July 30th, 2022. Veterans honored this year are Ronald Dahlen - US Army Vietnam 1968-1970, Leroy Elg - US Army Vietnam 1967-1969, Donald Jensen - US Army 1970-1972, Richard Parnow - US Army National Guard

1963-1969, Rob Blankenfeld-US Navy/ Marines 1984-1988, Billie Dean Blankenfeld - US Army 1953-1955.

Free Music

Get your dancing shoes ready as there's music throughout the entire afternoon until 11pm in the Veteran's Memorial Park Band Shell!

Emcee Eric Mickelson is coming back to the 6th Annual Freedom Festival! Eric and his wife Patty will also be singing a few tunes! Make sure to get a seat under the big tent by the band shell.

Downtown Horns, known as the Red River Valley's "Premiere Party Band," will be performing at the 6th Annual Freedom Festival. Downtown Horns are a 9-piece band with a horn-kick playing the most recognizable and danceable hits. Plan on attending the Freedom Festival on July 30th; you won't want to miss this fun and talented band!

The Cathy Erickson Band, from Middle River, will be performing at Freedom Festival on July 30th! Cathy's genre is mainly polkas and waltzes with a mix of accordion, sax, and drums. Get ready for some good old-time music.

If you want to hear some good country music, Freedom Festival is the place to be! Tami Lee and The Northern Lights will be performing again this year singing classic and current country.

Featured Artists

Not only are there some great musicians lined up for

the festival, but there are also going to be a number of impressive artists there throughout the day. Check them out.

Featured artist, Shannon Lucas Westrum, owner of the Wildflower Cottage in Bemidji, will be featuring her beautiful woven baskets, whisk brooms, jewelry and more! Stop by her booth at Freedom Festival.

Featured artist, Trevoree from Detroit Lakes, MN, will be back this year drawing his amazing caricatures at the 6th annual Freedom Festival.

Featured artist, Kathy Bauck, is a face painter from New York Mills, and will be returning again this year with her artistic talent in face and body painting. Make sure the kids visit her booth.

Back by popular demand, Al Belleveau, from Puposky, MN, will be a featured artist at the Freedom Festival! Al is an iron artist that is amazing with the kids and teaches them the techniques of welding by creating their own masterpieces.

Janet Johnson of River's Edge Studio from Roseau, will be a featured artist at this year's Freedom Festival! Janet will have her hand built and wheel thrown pottery (and more) on display and for purchase.

All of this PLUS MORE at the 6th Annual Freedom Festival at the Goodridge Veterans Memorial Park. Many activities for kids - fun for the whole family! Keep an eye for the official poster and event line-up coming soon.



Grygla "new" gym gets facelift

Submitted by Jamie Lunsetter, Grygla School Superintendent

It has certainly been a slow and wet transition into summer. Hopefully everyone gets a chance to slow down and enjoy the beautiful weather that we know is coming in July! I just wanted to take a moment to update you on a couple of things happening at the school this summer.

As you know, our taxpayers passed a bond last November to replace the boiler system. The transition to the new system is in full swing! Peterson Sheet Metal out of Bemidji is heading up the project and making great strides in ensuring we are ready for the fall, when school begins. You may notice a large propane tank in the back of the school that was not there before. That will house the propane that will heat the school into the future. The tank will

be leased from Cenex-Farmers Union.

In addition, we are also working on another project, which is likely much more visible. At the writing of this, we are in the process of repainting the exterior of the "new" gym. It has been 27 years since anything has been done with the exterior and was in need of an update. Cracks had formed that had caused some minor water seepage into the facility.

In order to maintain the integrity of the building and ensure the investment our communities made in our school over 25 years ago, this update needed to happen. The color we chose will tie into the steel that was used to replace the glass block in the elementary rooms a few years ago. Buckland's Painting has done an outstanding job getting this job completed and it looks remarkable!



Grygla Garden Club Social

The Grygla Garden Club will be holding a social on July 10th from 1-3pm at the park by the Grygla School. Enjoy some delicious homemade desserts! Bringing a dessert to share is optional - you are not obligated to do so. Coffee and juice will be provided by the Garden Club. Freewill offering goes to support the local club.

This is the only fundraiser the club does for city beautification. The Garden Club is a small group of dedicated women who love gardening. They focus on planting and maintaining many of the flowerpots

around town. They have also started a small wildflower garden near the Veterans Gazebo; it's in the beginning stage. Members hope to plant more perennial wildflowers as time goes on. The goal of the club is to encourage others to grow plants for the bees, butterflies and hummingbirds. Anyone interested in becoming a member is welcome! The club is meant for those who love flowers and want to learn/share information with one another. They meet just a handful of times throughout the year, as needed.



Betts Pottery was set up at the Park Point Art Fair in Duluth last weekend, June 25-26th. Grygla-based artist, Betsy Saurdiff, said it was a very beautiful place for an outdoor event! Photos courtesy of Betsy Saurdiff





The Red, White, and Blue Quilters Presents

Handmade Quilts to these 6 Veterans
at the 6th Annual Goodridge Freedom Festival



BILLIE BLANKENFELD
US ARMY
1953-1955

ROB BLANKENFELD
US NAVY / MARINE CORPS
1984-1988

RONALD DAHLEN
US ARMY - VIETNAM
1968-1970

LEROY ELG
US ARMY - VIETNAM
1967-1969

DONALD JENSEN
US ARMY
1970-1972

RICHARD PARNOW
US ARMY NATIONAL GUARD
1963-1969

• 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 29
11am Bible Study, 6pm Grace Choir

Sunday, July 3
Grace: 9am Worship
OS: 10:30am Worship

GOODRIDGE AREA LUTHERAN PARISH, ELCA
Bethany, Ekelund, Faith Pastor Kristin Dahlen Osercamp
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, July 3
Ekelund: 8am Worship
Faith: 9:30am Worship
Bethany: 11am Worship

THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITIES OF

St. Clement's - Grygla; St. Ann's - Goodridge
Fr. Bryan Kujawa
Sundays:
St. Clement's: 10:15am Worship.
St. Ann's: N/A

BETHESDA LUTHERAN CHURCH Skime
Pastor Steve Bliss
Sunday, July 3
8am Worship

CLEARWATER LUTHERAN PARISH
St. Petri - Grygla; Mt. Olive, Nazareth - Trail; Oak Park - Oklee
Pastor Jeff Merseth
Saturday, July 2
Mt. Olive Worship 9am
Sunday, July 3
St. Petri: 8am Worship
Nazareth: 9:45am Worship
Oak Park: 11am Worship

Please email calendars to grygla.eagle@gmail.com

Thank You!

We want to thank all of our district constituents who continue to believe in and support our school. In doing so, we have all made our district viable for the long haul. Your support is always appreciated!

A special thanks to Brenda and the board at Farmers Union for working with us on the boiler project. We would also like to thank Holthusen Construction for the work they have done on the project also.

Jamie Lunsetter, Grygla School Superintendent

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Your business can purchase a stadium chair

Please consider supporting the Charger's Athletic Program by purchasing a stadium chair for the players' benches in the Grygla High School gym. This is a great advertising opportunity for your business, organization or club!

34 chairs are being ordered and will have stickers in the back (similar to those in the picture) advertising your business, organization or club name!

The cost is \$165 per chair. Please make your check payable to Grygla Sports Boosters for \$165.

Send to: Wayne Warne, 28144 390th Ave NE, Grygla, MN 56727

With your check, please include how you want the name of your business, organization or club to read. No logos or phone #'s will be included on the stickers, just the name.

We will accept chairs donated by families or individuals, but not "In Memory Of..."

Thank you for understanding.

DEADLINE: End of June. If you have any questions, please contact Wayne Warne directly at 218.684.1480



ASB will be closed all day on Monday, July 4th! Happy Independence Day!

Independence Day

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JO Team Supper

For the Charger's last day of JO's, there will be a team supper on Wednesday, June 29th, at 5:45pm at the Goodridge School. Steve and Ladora Dahlen will be providing supper for all JO 10u-18u participants and two of their parents/guardians. (If you would like to bring your whole family you are welcome to do so, but you will have to purchase the extra meals.) Please bring a chair or something to sit on in the grass. There will be outdoor games for people to enjoy as well.

Meet us at the 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.

Jasper's Theater trip

The Grygla Senior Citizens Club is taking a trip to Jasper's Theater in Park Rapids on July 28th. Please let Thelma know by Friday, July 8th, if you will be attending. The group will meet at the Grain Bin Café the morning of the 28th, leaving at 9am on a bus. Senior members will ride the bus at no cost, otherwise it will be \$5/ person for non-members. The cost to attend the Jasper Theater is \$24.70 a person. Please call Thelma Thomas with any other questions. Hope you can join in for a day of fun!

Open House with

Congresswoman Michelle Fischbach

to celebrate the opening of the

Roseau County GOP Victory Office

Tuesday, July 5, 2022

12:00 - 1:30 pm

Roseau Event Center / old Eagles building

208 15th Ave NW, Roseau

Call : 320-593-3145

info@FischbachForCongress.com

RSVP appreciated by July 1 to have enough food

Enjoy lunch with fellow conservatives and elected officials as we gear up to turn Minnesota RED in November.

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The Red Hat Society recently met for their group birthday party. They meet once a month for activities, outings and visiting. New members are welcome!
Photo courtesy of Linda Brateng

Minnesota's draft wolf plan update is ready for public review

The Minnesota Department of Natural Resources welcomes comments through 4:30 p.m. Monday, Aug. 8, on a draft of Minnesota's updated wolf management plan that incorporates the diverse views of Minnesotans and will guide the state's approach to wolf conservation once finalized.

"Wolf conservation is a high priority for the DNR and we expect this updated plan to help ensure Minnesota's wolf population remains healthy," said Dr. Kelly Straka, wildlife section manager. "Thank you to those who have already contributed to the extensive public and tribal engagement that helped create this draft. We are now asking folks to review the

draft and share their thoughts with us."

The updated plan includes summary information about Minnesota's wolf population and the history of wolves in the state. It details the diverse and changing public attitudes about wolves, the legal status of wolves, tribal perspectives on wolves, and ways to support a healthy and resilient wolf population, while minimizing conflicts between humans and wolves. The draft plan also sets out a framework for future decision-making about whether to hold a wolf hunting or trapping season.

To learn more about wolves in Minnesota and review and comment on the draft plan, visit

the DNR wolf page (mndnr.gov/Wolves).

An informational webinar about the plan will be held at 6 p.m. Wednesday, July 13. Registration is required and free, and participants will have an opportunity to pre-register to ask questions and comment during the webinar. The DNR expects to finalize the wolf management plan in the early fall.

Summer League Standings		
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Gray	2	2
Orange	2	2
Red	2	2
Blue	0	4
Week 2 Results		
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Purple 57		
Jordan Coan 27		
Gray 60		
Matt Busse 12		
Andrew Loken 12		
Nick Groven 11		
Reece Sundberg 11		
Blue 50		
Blake Rychlock 25		
Green 48		
Brady Olson 10		
Wyatt Neuschwander 10		
Red 42		
David Jones 18		
Spencer Coan 11		
Purple 62		
Jordan Coan 28		
Riley Manderud 14		
Gray 59		
Nick Groven 15		
Red 61		
Carson Rubischko 17		
Spencer Coan 14		
David Jones 13		
Tyler Stinar 10		
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Blake Rychlock 19		
Jake Olson 10		
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Christian Loken 14		
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Brady Olson 17		
Gerald Melin 17		
Steven Hanson 14		
Wyatt Neuschwander 12		

Schedule
July 5: No games next week

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2 THE GRYGLA EAGLE

Strategic Farming: Field Notes

session discusses mid-June pest and weed management considerations

Angie Peltier, UMN Extension crops educator/Phyllis Bongard, UMN Extension educational content development and communications specialist

On June 15, UMN Extension IPM specialist, Bruce Potter, Extension entomologist, Dr. Bob Koch and UMN/NDSU Extension agronomist Dr. Tom Peters, joined Extension educators Dave Nicolai and Dr. Anthony Hanson for a discussion about Mid-June pest and weed concerns in 2022. This was the sixth episode of the 2022 Strategic Farming: Field Notes program this year.

To listen to a recording of this episode subscribe to Strategic Farming: Field Notes on your favorite podcasting platform or visit this website: <https://strategicfarming.transistor.fm/#>.

How will late planting affect soybean aphid and bean leaf beetle populations?

Pests like soybean aphid and bean leaf beetle tend to prefer to land in earliest planted fields; bean leaf beetle which overwinters in leaf litter, has already been observed on soybeans this spring. For more information, visit <https://blog-crop-news.extension.umn.edu/2022/06/bean-leaf-beetles-in-soybean-biology.html>

Recent moisture and temperature conditions have spurred on aphid growth and development. In both southwest Minnesota and on the St. Paul campus, aphids have begun to move from buckthorn, where they spent the winter as eggs. On a positive note, the recent hot and windy weather may have a negative effect on colonization and survival of the aphids. For more information, visit:

<https://blog-crop-news.extension.umn.edu/2022/06/soybean-aphids-are-beginning-to.html>

In a typical year by the time soybean aphids colonize a field, the insecticidal seed treatment might no longer be at an effective concentration in the plant. With late planted soybeans this year, there is a chance that the seed treatment will still be at an effective concentration when aphids begin to move onto soybeans.

What alternatives are there for those that used to rely upon chlorpyrifos for pest management?

Now that the US Environmental Protection Agency has removed the residue tolerances on crops treated with chlorpyrifos harvested for food and feed, farmers and ag service providers are concerned about the availability of other effective insecticides. To further

complicate things, for the past 7 years producers have also been battling soybean aphid populations resistant to pyrethroid insecticides (Group 3A). Adds Dr. Koch, “and so use of a pyrethroid might be kind of a risky choice for your first application against a soybean aphid infestation.” There are also isolated reports of pyrethroid resistant two-spotted spider mite (TSSM) populations. About alfalfa weevil, Bruce Potter said, “Guys have treated with pyrethroids before cutting and it’s not working very well. They are having some issues under the windrows. So there is the possibility that we might be dealing with some pyrethroid resistance in that population.”

Over the last several years, newer, more selective insecticides have come on to the market that have proven highly effective at managing treatment threshold-level soybean aphid infestations. “Fortunately, we still do have other effective chemical tools available, products like Transform (Group 4C), Sivanto (Group 4D) and Sefina (Group 9D) have proven to be pretty effective against soybean aphids in our research trials and from the limited number of growers that I know that have tried them,” says Dr. Koch. He continues, “those three products also have the benefit of being more gentle on the natural enemies.

They are toxic to aphids but less toxic to some of the beneficial insects, including predatory insects such as lady beetles and even the tiny parasitic wasps that attack aphids.”

Mitidical products are also an option for treating TSSM infestations.

What other insect pests have already been observed in 2022?

There have been reports of grasshopper nymphs emerging. “Catching any infestations early in the field or on the borders is the way to go. Get out there when they are small so you can control them,” says Potter.

There have also been reports of significant black cutworm feeding on sugarbeet seedlings in Renville, Meeker and McLeod Counties. The black cutworms are feeding on what are already thin stands from below ground, making management simultaneously very important and difficult.

Alfalfa weevil has also begun to worry producers that have harvested their first alfalfa this year. The areas of the state most at risk of weevil injury are those in which there was snow cover during last winter’s cold snaps as snow provides an insulating layer away from the

cold under which alfalfa weevils ride out the winter.

With funding from the North Central Soybean Research Program, UMN Extension researchers Potter and Koch are part of a multi-state project studying the newest economic pest of Minnesota soybean: soybean gall midge. They are monitoring emergence traps set up along the edges of fields that were known to be infested in 2021. By studying SGM emergence in this way, they will be better able to predict when adults are active and mating and when larvae will begin feeding. SGM females lay their eggs in expansion cracks that tend to form toward the base of the stem. Says Potter of this year’s trapping effort, “I haven’t caught any emerging adults in Minnesota yet. We are still trying to figure out whether Minnesota is at the northern edge of their range. This might be why populations don’t get as high here as they do in Nebraska. Or maybe it is just that populations haven’t expanded and built up here just yet.” It is thought that late planting of some soybean fields may mean that there will be a mis-match between SGM adult emergence and presence of expansion cracks.

Section 18 label for Blazer and Ultra Blazer use on sugarbeets?

Dr. Tom Peters has sought and obtained a Section 18 label for applying acifluorfen (ex. Blazer, Ultra Blazer) to Minnesota sugarbeet acres. According to Dr. Tom Peters, “acifluorfen is an oldie but a goodie. It has been around many, many years. It’s a broadleaf herbicide, and primarily a pigweed herbicide.” Glyphosate-resistant waterhemp populations necessitated an additional effective, post-emergence herbicide option to manage populations that have escaped herbicide treatments applied pre-emergence. Tank mixing acifluorfen with glyphosate and the various adjuvants that come standard in glyphosate can also increase efficacy.

What can we do now if there are broadleaf weeds in soybean?

In answer to a question about how best to manage weeds in soybean if a farmer were unable to get a pre-emergence herbicide on in time, Dr. Peters said, “You better be scouting weekly. Keep an eye on those fields because it’s incredible with these temperatures and moisture how quickly our fields are changing.”

If you planted a traited soybean variety in 2022, be sure and pay close attention to both

the calendar and outdoor thermometer. June 12 was the last day when anyone South of I-94 could legally apply an approved over-the-top dicamba formulation to dicamba-tolerant soybeans, while North of I-94, producers have until the end of the month.

For those that planted glufosinate-tolerant soybeans (Liberty Link), 2022 just entered a period in which conditions will be quite favorable for maximizing glufosinate efficacy. “It’s a perfect season now for Liberty herbicide,” now that conditions are warm, sunny and humid says Peters.

Temperatures in the 90’s don’t make for good application conditions as pesticides are more likely to volatilize before hitting their intended target or herbicides may be more phytotoxic and cause excessive injury to cultivated crops. The latter is especially true with contacts herbicides. Many post-emergence herbicides control weeds by stopping various enzymatic pathways in weeds. Weeds protect themselves from stress environments by slowing the speed of operation of some pathways. Thus, some active ingredients will also not work as well at high temperatures as weeds tend to ‘shut down’ and the processes that herbicides disrupt will not be occurring.

Some additional tips to improve herbicide efficacy

Sugarbeet growers use herbicides at planting and on sugarbeet greater than 2-lf stage for control of weeds including waterhemp. Research has found a split application of a chloroacetamide herbicide through the sugarbeet 8-lf stage improves waterhemp control.

In general, herbicides tend to work best to kill weeds outright when emerged weeds are less than 4-inches tall or have fewer growing points (axillary buds). Each growing point needs to be covered to avoid weeds growing back from unaffected growing points so coverage is important, even with systemic herbicides. The number of growing points is lower and the chances of covering them higher when the weeds are smaller.

Now that warm, humid weather has moved into Minnesota and weeds have begun to emerge after planting, fields should be scouted for emerged weeds at least once per week to increase the potential of being able to target small weeds. An

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

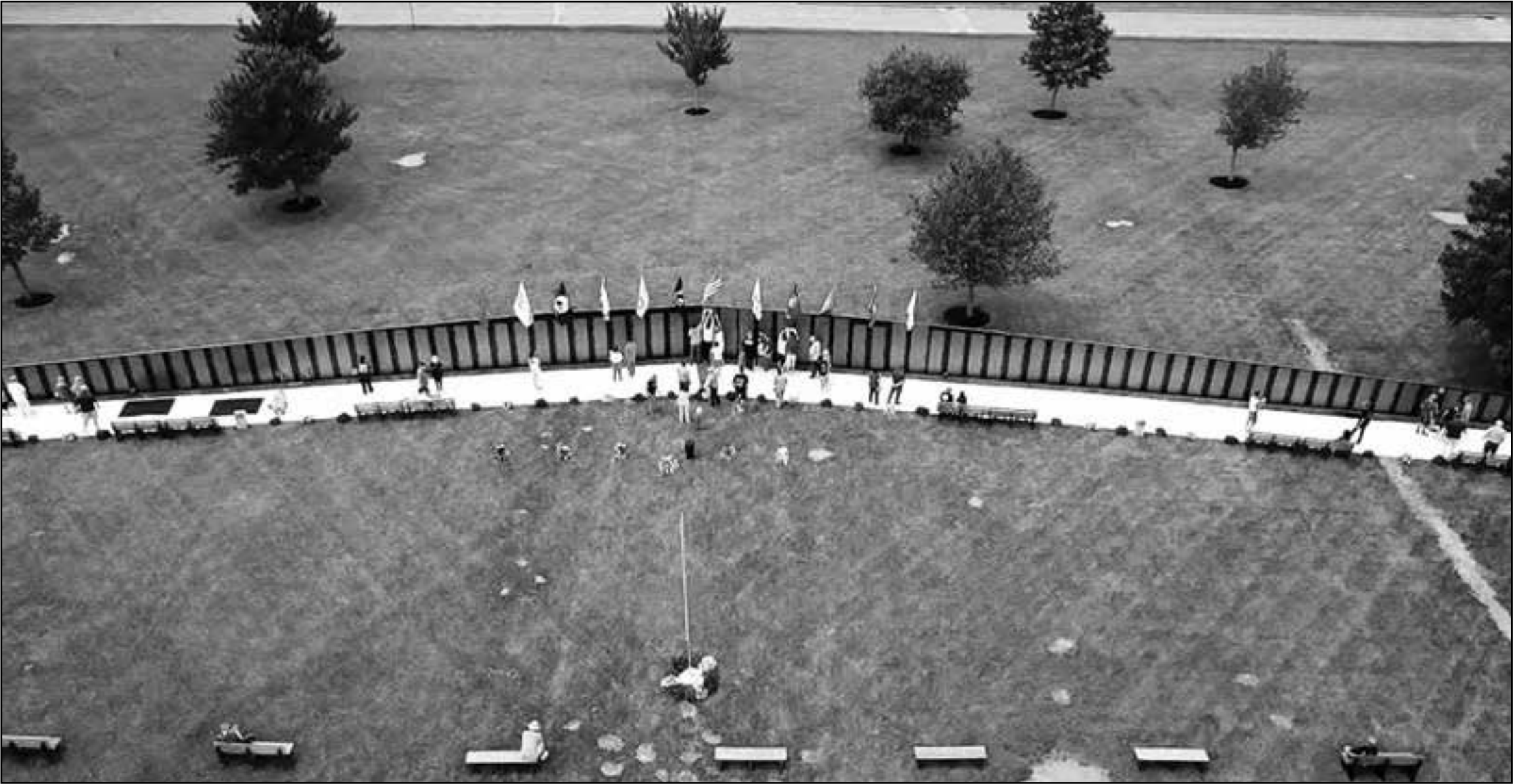
Fortuitous \Fawr-too-ituhs\
Adjective
Happening or produced by chance; accidental.



On June 23, 2022, Kjerstin Nelson and Hannah Wilebski, Goodridge High School Class of 2022 graduates, attended the Sanford Auxiliary Luncheon to accept their awarded scholarships. Kjerstin received 1 of 4 Auxiliary Scholarships and Hannah was awarded the Sanford Foundation Scholarship. Good luck as you both pursue careers in healthcare. *Photo courtesy of Alyssa Nelson*



Last week, the Grygla Library hosted Author and Storyteller Kevin Strauss who shared his Tales with Tails adventures with over 50 young kids in attendance! *Photos by Grygla Eagle Newspaper*



July 7th-10th a Traveling Vietnam Veterans Wall will be set up in Gonvick and will be hosted at the Fire Hall, on the north side of town. There is no admission to visit. *Photo courtesy of Logan LeClair, Veterans Service Officer for Clearwater County*

Traveling Vietnam Veterans Wall coming to Gonvick July 7-10

The Traveling Vietnam Veterans Wall will be in Gonvick July 7th – 10th to honor our local Vietnam Veterans. The event will be held at the Gonvick Fire hall and is hosted jointly by the Gonvick Lions and the Clearwater County Veterans Service Office. The event has come together due to the hard work of many locals who want to show their appreciation to our nations Veterans. In addition to the memorial, many vendors from the VA and other Veteran advocate groups will be on site. The memorial will be available for showing all 24 hours of the day with no admission fee. Everyone is invited to stop by and see the memorial, veteran or not. Below is the day-to-day schedule for the event along with the vendors present for the day.

July 7th (DAY 1):

Events:
•\3:00 PM Opening Ceremony, Guest Speaker Wendall Af-

field. Colors posted by the United States Army.

•\6:00 PM dinner served to the public. Free will offering for a plate of food, proceeds go to the Gonvick Fire Department. Food served by Gonvick Fire Department, Clearwater County Sheriff Darin Halvorson, Logan LeClair Veterans Service Officer, Mark Larson County Commissioner, Mark Titera County Commissioner, Dean Newland County Commissioner, Neil Illies County Commissioner.

Vendors: Paula Heitmann – Veterans Service Center Manager (Fargo VA), Million Veteran Program, Tony Schnellbach – MDVA Education, Andrea Dockendorf – Suicide Prevention Coordinator, In country Vietnam Veterans Motorcycle club, Mike Conklin – MDVA Tribal Veterans Service Officer, Clearwater County Veterans Service office, Clearwater County Attorney Office, Humana Insurance, Blue Cross Blue Shield.

July 8th (DAY 2)

Events: Vietnam Veterans Brat feed 1PM – Veterans free, non-Veterans free will offering

Vendors: Humana Insurance, Blue Cross Blue Shield, Million Veteran Program, Shane Gustafson Beltrami County Veterans Service Office, Tony Schnellbach MDVA Education, Lutheran Social Service, Clearwater County Veterans Service Office, In Country Vietnam Veterans Motorcycle club, Clearwater County Attorney.

July 9th (DAY 3)

Vendors: Humana Insurance, Blue Cross Blue Shield, Tony Schnellbach MDVA Education, In Country Vietnam Veterans Motorcycle club, Rick Rone - Veterans Service Officer.

July 10th (Day 4)

Clean up day, Volunteers welcome to help.

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audience member asked how best one should properly time herbicide applications as there always tend to be a range of sizes among both weeds of different species and weeds within the same species. Folks will do their best to spray smaller weeds, with the understanding that in biological systems like farm fields we will seldom be able to perfectly time an application.

Adequate carrier volume (15 gallons minimum) is essential to get good herbicide coverage. Although applicators will need to haul more water and refill spray tanks more often, this is what is required to get the best control.

Using label-recommended adjuvants and nozzles and the full label rate can also help to improve weed management.

Other weed management considerations

Weed ecologists tend to think about each growing sea-

son and weed species as a lock and key. It is the combination of moisture and temperature conditions over time that ensures that a particular year is a 'good' hemp year or a 'good' giant ragweed year. One could refer to the 2022 growing season as a 'good' thistle year, as Dr. Peters has received more questions this spring about managing thistles than in the previous 10 years combined.

To watch the live webinar from 8 to 8:30 am each Wednesday morning and ask your questions directly of presenters, get your season-long passport to Strategic Farming: Field Notes by registering once (<https://extension.umn.edu/courses-and-events/strategic-farming-field-notes>).

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Lots of history hangs on the walls of the Northwood Church up by Moose River. You can attend this year's picnic on Saturday, July 9th, at 11am. Enjoy the throwback story below that was written after the 2018 picnic.



Northwood Church Picnic: a throwback story from July 18, 2018

The following story was taken from the July 18, 2018, Grygla Eagle Newspaper. It was written after that summer's Northwood Church picnic. Memories are shared in this throwback article by Judith Kotrba, who has since passed away on March 8, 2021. May her memory be blessed. The 2022 Northwood Church picnic is being held on July 10th at 11am; more details on page 2 of this week's Eagle. In honor of the upcoming picnic, please enjoy this throwback story from just a few years ago.

- What's important is what we do from this day forward -

Written by Kari Sundberg, Eagle Editor, July 18, 2018

Last Saturday was the Northwood Church picnic up by Moose River. In all honesty, I've never been able to make it to this annual gathering before. Every summer, the picnic is held on a Saturday for the young and old to come together and remember the church and its congregation members from years past. There's special music, a little speaking and a potluck lunch. So I was expecting the average church picnic... on a really hot Saturday...but what I wasn't expecting was to be moved to tears that morning.

But that's what happened. When I walked into the church, it's almost like I hit the "pause" button on my busy life, sat down in the pew, and received a special message that I was meant to be a part of.

I was expecting the church to be stifling hot; it wasn't. It was cool, the shades were pulled (with old lace curtains adorning the top), the white and light blue contrast with the old hardwood floors was lovely; the vase of wildflowers reminded me that I was in an old country church nestled in the woods, and every pew was full of the past and present. I snuck in next to my great aunt and uncle, Richard and Judy Miller, and waited for the program to begin.

Normally, Judith Kotrba, who grew up along Moose River and attended the church until it closed in the 60's, organizes the program and greets the crowd, shares some stories and so on. Judith still worked very hard on the picnic, as I will be sharing her words below, but she had to take a step back this year. Recently she underwent surgery for a brain tumor, but she was determined to make it to the picnic, regardless. There she sat in the front row of her old church, weak, yet content, and happy to be "home."

After the Staie's gospel/sloughgrass music filled the air, the congregation sang "Old Rugged Cross" with Pastor Vicki Worthington accompanying on the old pump organ. Next on the agenda would have been Judith speaking to the group, instead she had written her portion of the program that got personal to people in the pews - past members who have left us are remembered. Not

only did Judith give a great tribute that day with her own health on her mind, she also delivered an inspiring message to all of us. For some of us, it brought tears to our eyes and really touched our hearts. I'm sharing Judith's message with you below.

Judith's words, Saturday, July 14th, 2018

Welcome to another Northwood picnic and thank you all for coming. We have Byron & Peggy Staie, from Viking, bringing us their special music.

First of all, I want to give my thanks to Jean Foss for all the work cleaning the church, and taking care of the church yard and flowers. To Bonnie Nelson for once again doing the potatoes. My neice Marilyn (from Iowa) for her help. To David Lee for the great tasting chicken he once again furnished. To my sister-in-law, Carol Lee, for the Norwegian Cake she made to celebrate Otto's 1st year in his second century. A special thank you to my husband, Duane, for all his help getting things done as he knew this picnic meant so much to me. Anyone else that lent a helping hand, we thank you.

Now, the part that's always hard for me - acknowledging the ones we have lost since last year's picnic.

July 2017: The Foss family had yet another loss. Their baby sister, Kathy. Kathy was born after I was married and gone, so I didn't know her that well. I was at the farm one Halloween when Gordon brought the kids trick or treating. They were so proud of her, such a pretty little girl. At her dad's funeral, I remember telling her she looked so much like her aunts, Esther & Adaline. She said, "Thank you! That's a real compliment. They were such pretty ladies." I said, "It was meant as such."

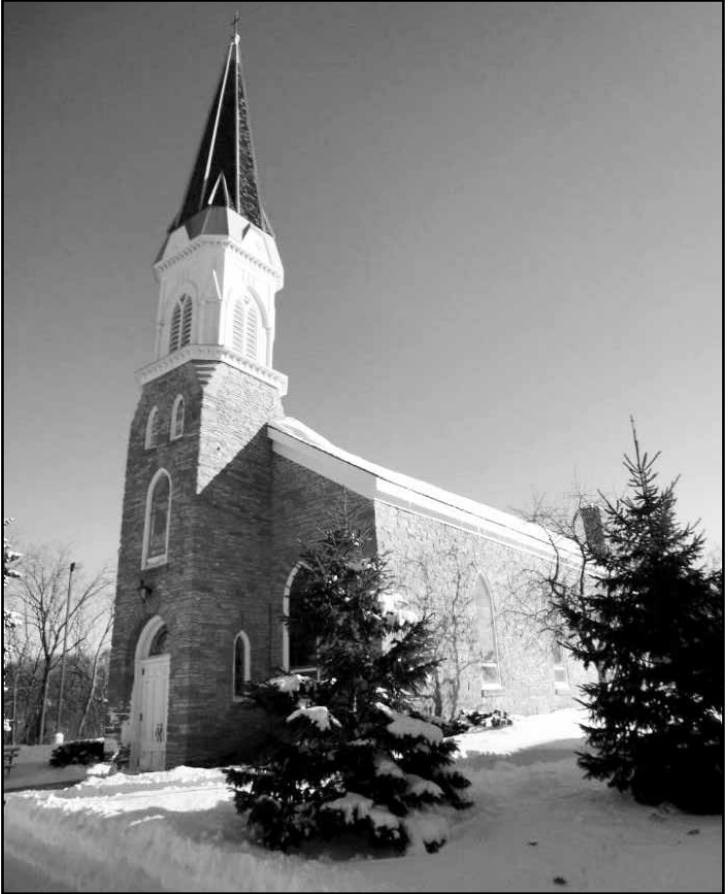
Also in July 2017, we lost Larry & Mayvonne Vigen - just six days apart. I went to school with Larry from 3rd grade to graduating high school together. We were friends all those years. Mayvonne I knew since she was born. A beautiful baby she was, who grew into a beautiful woman, inside and out, who became a wife, mother and grandmother. They loved coming to the picnic and missed only a couple of them because

Only in Minnesota: a weekly feature in the Eagle

The oldest church in Minnesota dates back to the 1800's
By now we've established that, though Minnesota has only been a state since 1858, its history extends much further back. We have ruins, restaurants, and more that date back to well before the Land of 10,000 Lakes joined the union. Let's add another item to the list: Minnesota's oldest church dates back to 18 years before statehood! Read on to learn about St. Peter's Church in Mendota Heights, Minnesota.

St. Peter's church is located in Mendota Heights, Minnesota, about 15 miles southeast of Minneapolis. The church is located at 1405 Sibley Memorial Hwy., St. Paul, MN 55150. The church dates back to 1840. It was built almost two decades before Minnesota became an official part of the United States.

In its early days, St. Peter's was a log church that served the



hundred or so settlers who had made homes in the area. On April 20, 1840, Father Lucien Galtier set out for Minnesota. The young priest began a small chapel from his bedroom at the home of a government official called Scott Campbell. The next year, a small log chapel was built in its place. Newly arrived settlers were among the first congregants. Later versions of the chapel were destroyed until, in 1842, the current church was built.

From the outside, the church's history is evident. The bricks date back more than 150 years. The tall steeple helps the church stand tall over Mendota Heights. Inside, the church is simple yet beautiful. A wooden ceiling and plenty of lights give it an airy feel. All in all, this historic church is well worth visiting for its long history in Minnesota.



I even told him about our dad and some of his regrets. I came to the nursing home, Dad was in his wheelchair facing the window. His shoulders were shaking. I watched for a few seconds then went over and put my hand on his shoulder and asked him what was wrong. And he said he had so many regrets. I told him we all have regrets - should have/could have, but didn't. We can't change the past, we can only learn from it. **What's important is what we do from this day forward.**

Another time towards the end, my dad's voice was very weak. I spent the day with him, gave him a haircut and shave, washed his hair (he had beautiful wavy hair when he couldn't plaster it flat to his head), and took him outside. Later, when I had to leave, the girls put him in his bed, put his music on and I said goodbye. I took my little pail (I always brought soft water for his hair), and my bag with all my hair clippers, etc. I got down the hallway and heard my name called. I stopped, heard it again very loud, and realized it was coming from Dad's room. I set my pail and bag down and ran back to his room thinking he may have fallen out of bed. He was crying. When I asked what was wrong, he said, "I just wanted you to know, life would be hell on Earth without you."

Wow. Coming from my dad! And that was one of the last things he ever told me. When I told that to Ralph, he got very quiet. I think he was glad to hear those stories. My dad could be a hard nose sometimes. Once again, we all have

regrets (it's just part of life), but the past is the past and we can't change it. The present is the present, and the future is not ours. We can make plans for the future, but it doesn't mean they will materialize. We only have this moment.

Ralph is missed. Especially by me because I spent so much time with him. Bless his memory and also the memory of Larry, Mayvonne, Kathy and Karen.

The program ended with the following vocal selection by Judith Kotrba, sang by Pastor Vicki Worthington.

Only This Moment Is Mine

There's so many things we'd change if we lived our lives again. So many things we would and would not do. All the past mistakes we've made and the price that we have paid, oh, how we'd live if we could start anew.

Chorus: But there's no going back and we can't change the past or turn back the hands of time. Yesterday is history, tomorrow is a mystery and I know that only this moment is mine.

There are things we'd never try and tears we'd never cry if we had known the hill was too steep. We'd have never tumbled down or fallen in and drowned if we knew the river was so deep.

Chorus
So it's best if we forget the things we now regret, for we cannot go back and change the past. Let us use those old mistakes, a better life to make, and tomorrow we may find that dream at last.

Chorus



Photo taken from the July 2018 Northwood Church picnic.