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A look at next week... Grygla athlete, Shantel Verbout, excels on the court racking up over 1,000 points!



Marshall County local leaders participate in Extension program

Chad and Tina Swanson, of Argyle, are Marshall County's representatives in the Red River Valley Emerging Leadership Program. Alumni of the program from the county nominated them to take part in the program because of their involvement in their community.

Chad is a Partner and Crop Insurance Agent with Phil Thompson & Associates in Warren, MN. Tina is a Retail Personal Banker with Bremer Bank, N.A., in Warren, MN.

Chad and Tina have been taking part in educational sessions since November 2015. They are building skills for leadership and networking with other rural leaders from 16 counties in the region. Extension educators Lisa Hinz, Brian Fredrickson, and Jody Horntvedt are instructors for the sessions which focus on personal leadership styles, communication, community leadership, legislative issues, life balance, dealing with challenges, change, and facilitating effective meetings.

According to Horntvedt, "this program focuses on bringing rural leaders together for education that expands their potential and ultimately improves communities." This is the 32nd year the Emerging Leadership Program has brought together individuals from across the region for training workshops. Over 1,000 leaders in northwest and west central Minnesota are alumni of the program, which was developed in 1985 to enhance the King Agassiz Program of the Red

River Valley Winter Shows.

University of Minnesota Extension, with their long history of excellence in designing, delivering and evaluating leadership programs, is the primary sponsor of the Emerging Leadership Program. Additional financial support for the program comes from the Red River Valley Development Association, and from a variety of other sources including ag producer groups, electric cooperatives, community businesses, financial institutions and individuals in counties throughout northwest and west central Minnesota who contribute each year. The Emerging Leadership Program is a regional fund of the Northwest Minnesota Foundation.

Chad and Tina will be honored for their commitment to leadership and their community at the Emerging Leadership Program's annual recognition banquet on Saturday, April 2, in Crookston. Family and friends are invited to join program alumni at the event. Tickets can be ordered from the Extension Regional Office~Cookston by calling 218-281-8696 -or- toll free 1-888-241-0781.

Source: Jody Horntvedt, Extension educator in Leadership and Civic Engagement, U of M Extension Regional Center, Roseau, 888-241-4546, hornt001@umn.edu

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Pub Art Fundraiser Community Bible Church presents Valentine's Banquet

An upcoming fundraiser event for the Grygla Centennial 2017 has been scheduled. Pub Art will take place on February 20th at Diamond's Bar & Grill in Grygla with local artist Betsy Saurdiff leading the event.

Two painting classes have been scheduled for 2pm and 7pm that day. This event was advertised on Facebook and quickly generated a lot of interest thus making the 7pm class already full. Space is still available for the 2pm class. The cost to participate in the Pub Art Fundraiser is \$40/person. You will need to pre-register and pre-pray for this event with Shonda Jelle (218-689-7379) or Gretchen Smeby (218-289-2947).

No previous art skills are necessary and all supplies will be provided.

Participants at the 2pm class will be painting the flower picture; the 7pm class will be painting the tree scenery.

As mentioned, this is a fundraiser for the Grygla Centennial, which is set for August of 2017.



Above is the 2pm class painting, below is for the 7pm class.



Valentine's Day is quickly approaching - do you have plans yet? Look no further as you are invited to a Valentine's Banquet at the Grygla Community Center on Saturday, February 6th. Supper is at 6pm and a musical program will follow. The Ostrom Family Band will be performing a variety of music from Gospel, Folk and energetic fiddle tunes.

With four fiddles, stand-up bass, guitar, and some clogging, the Ostrom's music is enjoyable for all ages. Joy (14), Karina (12), Julia (10), Sophia (7) and Benjamin (6) along with their parents, Michelle and Joel, bring delight to young and old.

Families are welcome. The banquet is a free will donation. Call to reserve your space at 218-294-6306.



Marshall County donated \$1500 to the Grygla ECCE program to help pay for the cost of books children birth to age 5 are getting from the Dolly Parton Book Club. Marshall County Commissioner Gary Kiesow presented the check to ECCE Coordinator Jean Schulz.



Rural country schools were once a common sight across Marshall County. A total of about 150 school districts were organized. This photo was found unidentified in the photo collection at the Marshall County Historical Society Museum. If you recognize the school or any of the students please call the Historical Society at 218-745-4803 or 218-416-0694. They are also looking for photos of other schools throughout the county. If you have something that may be of interest please let them know.



Twelve Verbout cousins play Charger's Basketball this year – that's a lot of family representing one team, but these cousins get along just as good on the court as they do off! Front row, L-R: Amy Wiskow, Layla Jelle, Trystan Jelle, Jeremy Wiskow and Jacob Tharaldson. Back row, L-R: Kaleb Sjulestad, Blake Nerhus, Peyton Verbout, Shantel Verbout, Ty Jelle, Jesse Wiseth and Dylan Walker. GO CHARGERS!

CHURCH CALENDARS

GRYGLA LUTHERAN PARISH
 Grace and Our Savior's, Grygla
Pastor Vicki Saude-Worthington
Wednesday:
 6pm Choir, 6:30pm Confirmation, 7:30pm Interfaith Bible Study
Sunday:
 Grace: 10:30am Worship, 9:15 SS
 Our Savior's: 9am Worship, 10:15am SS

GATZKE-THIEF LAKE LUTHERAN PARISH
United – Gatzke; Our Savior's – Thief Lake
Pastor Craig Bowyer
Sunday:
 United: 11am Worship, 10:15am SS
 Our Savior's: 9am Worship, 10am SS.

GOODRIDGE AREA LUTHERAN PARISH, ELCA
Bethany, Ekelund, Faith Interim Pastor Phil Johnson
Sunday:
 10:30am Joint Services at Bethany, potluck and joint council meeting to follow.

THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITIES OF
St. Clement's – Grygla; St. Ann's – Goodridge
Fr. Adam Hamness
Sunday:
 St. Clement's: 11:45am Worship
 St. Ann's: 10am Worship.

BETHESDA LUTHERAN CHURCH
 Skime
Pastor Steve Bliss
Sunday:
 8am Worship, No SS

COMMUNITY BIBLE CHURCH
Christian & Missionary Alliance of Grygla
Pastor TBA
Sunday:
 9:30am Worship, 11am SS and Adult Bible Class.
Wednesdays:
 7pm Bible Study and Prayer.

CLEARWATER LUTHERAN PARISH
St. Petri – Grygla; Mt. Olive, Nazareth – Trail; Oak Park – Oklee
Pastor Jeff Merseeth
Saturday:
 Mt. Olive 9am Worship, 10:15am SS
 LYS Ski Trip
Sunday:
 St. Petri: 8am Worship, 9:15am SS
 Nazareth: 9:45am Worship, 8:30am SS
 Oak Park: 11am Worship, 9:45am SS
 (Women's Bible Study at Nazareth 3:30pm)

LIBERTY CHAPEL
 Grygla
Fellowship of Christian Assemblies
Sunday:
 9:30am Worship.

Community Calendar

Wed | Jan 27
 Senior Meals at Grain Bin Café 11am; Grygla Library open 2-6pm

Thurs | Jan 28
 Grygla Eagle office open 9am-3pm; GBB at WAO; BBB vs. BGMR in Goodridge

Fri | Jan 29
 Senior Meals at Grain Bin Café 11am; Elementary BBall 1:30-3:30pm; GBB at RLF

Sat | Jan 30
 Elementary bball tourney in Bagley 9am; 'C' GBB tourney at Fosstn; Vintage Snowmobile Show 10am w/ ride at 12pm at Diamond's; Iron Chargers at state robotics tourney in St. Cloud

Sun | Jan 31
 Iron Chargers at state robotics tourney in St. Cloud

Mon | Feb 1
 Senior Meals at Grain Bin Café 11am; GBB at BGMR; BBB vs. Roseau in Goodridge

Tues | Feb 2
 Groundhog Day; BBB at Clearbrook/Gonvick

Goodridge Spelling Bee this Friday

The Goodridge Spelling be will be taking place this Friday, January 29th, at 1:45pm at the Goodridge School. Participants are: 5th graders Jen-nah H, Caitlyn J, Alliya S. 6th graders Nicholas G, Braiden C, Hannah W. 7th graders Jackie Z, Shantel H, Trinity W. 8th graders Zachary M, Maloni H, Blake P.

Marshall County Home Study Group

Did you know baking soda will help you melt ice? Or you can keep your windows frost free this winter by wiping them down with a salt water solution? That used coffee grounds will help you clean your fireplace?

Many more "Surprising Uses for Common Household Items" is the February topic for Marshall County Home Study

Elementary football online survey

The Grygla School would like your input on possibly adding an elementary football program. They have developed an online survey and you are

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GRYGLA LIBRARY LINK

Written by: Karen Olufson

Hello Faithful Readers! How's life treating you today? Hope you're having a good day and enjoying some reading time. Please stop by the library and see what's new. You might find some books that will just delight you ... or some books on CD, or some movies or CDs! We have lots of items just waiting for you take them out and enjoy them! (Smile!)

Some of you may have noticed that the Overdrive site for e-books and e-audio books has changed its look. They recently updated their website and changed a few things. Someone came in to the library last week and asked me if there was something different about it and I felt bad that I hadn't let you know ahead of time. I hope you're enjoying the new look and are finding lots of items to take out. I haven't been on the site since it's changed so I better get there and see what you all are talking about! Hope it's still easy to use. Northwest Regional Libraries don't have anything to do with what the site ... we just use their services ... so I suppose you could complain to us if you don't like it, but there's not much we can do about it for you! (Smile!)

I was just wondering today, if you know that your library has more than books, DVDs, CDs and computers. We also have displays of brochures and other things that might interest you. Last week I got some new Consumer Information Catalogs in for winter-spring of 2016. The catalog has a list of free and low cost information from the federal government in it. It has things about education, nutrition, employment, health, housing, money and travel. You might find some information you've been looking for. We also have a Visit Minnesota History map from the Minnesota Historical Society which has historical sites in Minnesota on it. Another interesting publication we have

is the Minnesota Grown Directory for 2015 – 2016. It has information on farmer's markets, berry patches, wineries, locally raised meats, Christmas trees and more in it ... all located in Minnesota! Of course we also have lots and lots of book-marks! Please peruse our collection and feel free to take as many as you can use or share. Just in case you're wondering we also have a couple dictionaries, telephone books (although they're not current) and a descriptive word finder. The bigger libraries have other reference books, too. I'm just trying to let you know that you might find things other than just the books you expect at the library! (Smile!) We are a resource for lots of information so try us out sometime!

My book suggestion for this week is another book on CD. The book is BONES NEVER LIE by Kathy Reichs. I'm sorry, but I don't remember the reader and I don't have the case here to read it off from. It's kind of a mystery and a thriller. It's really fast paced and keeps your attention. Each chapter finishes with something that makes you want to read the next one! That's the kind of book I like, but then it also makes it hard to put down! (Smile!)

Well Dear Readers, it looks like we've reached the end of another column. I really hope you're considering a visit to the library. Libraries have SO much to offer and the wonderful thing is that usually if they don't have what you want they can help you get it from another library ... whether that be books or information. I highly recommend it, but then I may be a little partial! (Smile!) In the meantime, I hope you have a wonderful and very safe week. I also hope you can enjoy some reading time alone and also with the little children in your life. We'll see what next week brings. Until then ...



Grygla 6th grader, Avery Moe, goes up against Bagley's center during last weekend's elementary games in Grygla. Also pictured is Jesse Westbrook who was a volunteer ref.

Community Education

Class: Beginner Quilting
Instructors: Lynette Jelle & Bim Smeby
Date: February 6th from 8:30-11:30am
Location: Grygla School FACS room
Registration due: January 29th

This class will cover quilting basics: fabric & color choices, rotary cutting, ironing and piecing. Sewing machines, rotary cutters and mats will be available or you can bring your own.

Grygla Community Education Registration forms are available at local businesses or the Grygla School. You can also register on the Community Ed page of the school website www.grygla.k12.mn.us. Make checks payable to the Grygla School. Fees may be paid the night of the class.

For more information call 218-294-6155 or email aholte@grygla.k12.mn.us

If you have any ideas about any classes you'd like to see, please contact Amy Holte.

School Lunch Menus

Grygla School Lunch Menu

Wednesday, January 27: Pizza, Orange, Tossed Salad, Green Beans

Thursday, January 28: Hamburger on a Bun, Pineapple, Corn, French Fries

Friday, January 29: Chili, Crackers, Applesauce, Carrots
 Monday, February 1: Menu not yet available

Tuesday, February 2: Menu not yet available

Goodridge School Lunch Menu

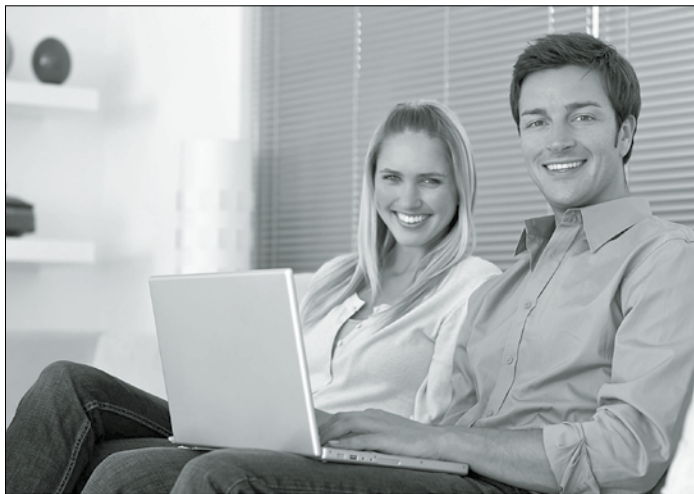
Wednesday, January 27: Pork Chop Patty, Mashed Potatoes & Gravy, California Blend Veggies, Fruit Salad

Thursday, January 28: Chili w/ Cheese & Crackers, Broccoli, Carrots, Celery, Cinnamon Roll, Apples

Friday, January 29: Polish Sausage on a Bun, Smiley Fries, Corn, Apples, Oranges

Monday, February 1: Hamburger Patty on a Bun w/ Top-pings, French Fries, Apples.

Tuesday, February 2: Hamburger Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Steamed Carrots.



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Goodridge and Grygla hosted Elementary Basketball tournaments last weekend. Pictured above is the Charger's 4th grade team, who played in Goodridge. Even from the bench these teammates worked together and cheered one another on. L-R: Ava Sorvig, Carter Johnsrud, Addi Severts, Anna Sundberg and MiMi Johnson.



Pictured left is one of the volunteer coaches, Darrin Arveson. He was coaching the 5th grade boys team who won by 2 points against Bagley. Darrin's son, Dane, pictured far left, is a part of the youth Charger's basketball team.

► EXTENSION NEWS

Written by: James Stordahl

Fairy rings
Over the years, there have been many theories as to the cause of the mysterious lawn disorders known as fairy rings. The two previously leading theories include small pixie-like humanoids flitting about casting spells on your lawn, probably after you had done something bad to a neighbor. The other leading theory was alien spacecraft landings left unusual rings in your lawn, probably from the flux capacitor. I can say with some level of certainty, both of these theories are not true. At least I'm pretty sure...

Actually, in all truth, fairy rings are not nearly that exotic or exciting. In reality, they are caused by a number of fungi that produce peculiar patterns in home lawns. Fairy rings typically appear and consist of a dark green ring or arc with an inner ring of dead brown grass. The size of the ring can range from a few inches to more than 50 feet in diameter (hence the spacecraft theory). Following irrigation or rain, mushrooms often suddenly appear within the rings.

Fairy ring fungi live on dead organic matter in the soil and thatch layer. Fairy rings expand radially outward until the food supply is used up, the soil becomes too wet, or better-adapted organisms surpass the ability of the fungi to survive. The ring and surrounding area can be broken into three zones, although all three zones may not be visible on the surface.

As the fairy ring fungus expands and enters new soil or thatch, an outer zone of stimulation forms. In this area, excessive nutrients are released as the fungus decomposes organic debris. Grass growth is stimulated, resulting in a ring of luxuriant green grass. Inside the zone of stimulation, a zone of dead or dying (brown) grass may be present. In this area, a high concentration of thread-like structures (mycelia) composing the body of the fungus can often be seen upon close examination of the thatch and soil. The mycelia prevent water movement into the area, weakening or killing the grass.

A third zone may be present in some rings. This is another zone of stimulation, inside the zone of dead, brown grass. As the fungus leaves this area or dies, additional nutrients are released allowing for luxuriant green grass.

To prevent fairy rings, properly water, fertilize, and dethatch lawns. Fairy rings are

most common on sandy soils that are low in water and fertility. Thick thatch layers also contribute to this problem. Eradication of fairy ring fungi is difficult and often impractical. Most homeowners prefer to mask the problem, rather than eradicate it.

You have a few options.
Replace the Infected Soil. The sod and underlying soil, in a band about one foot beyond the ring, could be excavated to a depth of one foot, depending on the extent of the ring. Discard the infested soil, being careful not to spill any on the healthy lawn. Add clean, sterilized soil in the hole and reseed. Granted, this option seems pretty extreme, unless it involves a very small area.

Perhaps a more practical solution is to try masking the symptoms. This can be done in different ways.

Removal of Mushrooms. If mushrooms are the only evidence of fairy rings, remove them by picking or raking and destroy. Give your neighbor kid a golf club and tell them to practice their golf swing on the mushrooms.

Fertilizing may be the easiest option. The dark green rings will be more obvious in nutrient deficient soils. Conduct a soil test and apply recommended levels of fertilizer. Do not over fertilize, as this will cause additional problems. If everything looks a darker green, you simply won't notice the nutrient rich area of the fairy ring.

Special Watering. Reduce the water repelling nature of the ring by watering the area with a root-watering wand. Punch holes at least every foot in the yellowing or dying area and pump large amounts of water into the ground to a depth of 10-24 inches. Repeat frequently. Application of a surfactant (wetting agent) to the area may also increase soil permeability and help to lessen symptoms.

Soil Aeration may help to some degree. Reduce symptom severity by increasing water penetration and accelerating thatch decomposition.

Of course, if you don't believe the fungi theory, you can always sprinkle your lawn with FairyGuard (at midnight on the eve of a full moon) and continue to wear the tinfoil helmets. Just in case...

For more information, contact me at 800-450-2465 or stordahl@umn.edu Source: Cynthia Ash provided the more credible portions of this article.

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

Presenteeism

\prez-uh-n-TEE-iz-uh m\

Noun

The practice of coming to work despite illness, injury, anxiety, etc., resulting in reduced productivity.

► SIMPLY DELICIOUS

Pepperoni Pizza Football Cheese Ball

This is a super easy snack to make and a total showstopper! Make this for your next game day celebration and watch the crowd go wild!

Ingredients
16 oz cream cheese, softened

1 tsp Italian seasoning

8 oz finely shredded mozzarella cheese

½ cup shredded Parmesan cheese

2 5 oz bags mini pepperoni slices, divided

3 green onions, thinly sliced

½ cup chopped bacon

1 4 oz jar diced pimientos, drained and patted dry

Instructions

Beat the cream cheese until light and fluffy. Beat in the Italian seasoning, mozzarella cheese and Parmesan cheese. Mix in half of the pepperoni slices, green onions, bacon and pimientos. Line a small bowl with plastic wrap. Spoon cheese mixture into bowl. Press mixture into bowl so that it takes on the shape of the bowl. Use the ends of the plastic

wrap to wrap up the cheeseball firmly. Transfer the wrapped cheese ball to a cutting board and use your hands to shape it into a football. Refrigerate for at least 2 hours and up to 48 hours. Remove the cheese ball from the fridge and cover with remaining pepperoni, pressing gently to adhere. (Finish off the football look with some mozzarella cheese for the laces.)

Serve with pretzels, bread sticks, crackers or veggies.



Goodridge Elementary Students, Hannah Lovly (above) and Chesney Salo (below) in the game against CG Bears last Saturday in Goodridge. GG Chargers are part of the Snowflake Conference, which travels to area towns to play.



Grygla/Gatzke School Board Minutes

The Grygla/Gatzke School Board approved their December minutes at this month's meeting. They are being included for your reference.

The board met on Thursday, December 17th, 2015, at 7pm. Chairperson of the board Nicolette Leach called the meeting to order at 7:03pm with Gary Polansky, Shaunna Olson, Karina Tinnis, Charisa Limesand, Jim Verbout, Principal Lunsetter and Superintendent Clow present.

After the Pledge of Allegiance, the following items were approved: Agenda as presented, November Minutes, Payment of the bills, along with wire payments.

Finance Report:
General Fund \$83,830.53
MSDLAF \$1,453,105.73
Food Service 4,406.07
Checking 42,284.76
Comm. Service 104.47
Scholarship 0.00
Scholarship Trust 0.00
Total \$88,341.07
Total \$1,495,390.49

Student Report: Given by Erin Monson. At the NCTC Holiday Tournaments: BBB finished in seventh place, and GBB finished in seventh place. Boys basketball plays at Grygla against the Northern Freeze tomorrow, 12/18/15. The third double header in Grygla of the season will be Monday, 12/21/15, against Lake of the Woods. Senior high FACS will serve the annual Christmas Tea from 2-4 p.m. on 12/18/15. Also on 12/18/15 is the elementary program at 2:00 p.m.; accompanying the elementary students will be the senior high guitar class students. The junior high and senior high band and choir concert was held on 12/7/15. Senior art students are working on Christmas ads for the newspaper. Community art students are creating locker tags again this year. Student council will be having an ugly sweater contest next Wednesday, 12/23/15, with prizes awarded by the school store. Student council also helped at the recent blood drive on 12/2/15, by making bars and working at the drive. The 3-point contest will be held at halftime of basketball games again this year, with Gatorade as prizes. Peer helpers will be selling candy grams for 75 cents each or 2/\$1.00. Peer helpers have also been meeting with their assigned buddies. The next Robotics tournament will be 1/9/16; the teams have done very well at the first two tournaments—winning many awards. The decals are now on the new trailer (paid for by letterpersons), and the wood shop class has treated the wood on the inside of it. The Salo Signs order should be arriving before Christmas.

Teacher Report: Given by Mike Gast. Elementary teachers are looking into new math curriculum and will probably be deciding and ordering this spring; it was asked by the board if online curriculum will be considered, and Principal Lunsetter answered that it's probably not feasible at this time since the elementary is not currently 1-to-1 with technology. The third and fourth

graders began writing to their pen pals at the TRF Care Center. Tomorrow, 12/18/15, is the elementary program, with Santa visiting afterwards. On Tuesday, 12/22/15, the elementary students will leave at 11:30 a.m. to see a movie at the theater in TRF. There are 28 boys playing basketball in grades 9-12 and 14 in grades 7-8, and Coach Gast is very optimistic about the rest of the season after a slow start.

Principal Report: Given by Principal Lunsetter. Students in grades 2-12 took the NWEA tests recently; some classes tested in the labs, and others tested in their classrooms on the Chromebooks. A couple teachers commented that it was more convenient and students seemed more at ease testing in their classrooms. The girls basketball team currently has a 2-4 record, and the boys basketball team has a 1-7 record. The third double header in Grygla will be Monday, 12/21/15, and both Principal Lunsetter and Shaunna Olson indicated that the double headers seem to go well. Steve Stark, from Dakota Assemblies, presented to K-12 last week about the history of the Red River Valley; students really seemed to enjoy his combination of speech and drawing. Seniors will tour Machinewell on 12/22/15. Christmas break will be from 12:45 on 12/23/15, through 1/4/16. The new fire alarm system will be installed during Christmas break; most of the work will be done by Brad, Greg, and Drew Monson, along with Wayne Thomas. The World's Best Workforce document, submitted 11/30/15, was available for the board to view. The football program is considering a two-year option to trade in 20 older helmets (per year) and purchase new ones; this would be a higher cost upfront but save money in the coming years.

Superintendent Report: Given by Superintendent Clow. The bus report: a monthly summary of bus issues was passed around; there were just a few minor repairs. Region 1 Joint Powers Board ballots and the MREA ballot were handed out. Two community education classes were held recently: holiday crafts and Christmas cookie baking. More updates to MSBA policies will happen in January. Classified negotiations: the classified staff met last night, 12/16/15.

The board set the 2015 pay 2016 tax levy at \$271,131.47. The following donations were accepted:

\$100.00 from Stanley Farms for high mileage motor donation
\$200.00 from Grygla Lions for elementary Halloween party
\$25.00 from Six Star Basketball Conference in memory of Beckett Gast
\$45.00 from Yo Hawn's for ECFE/ECI of Marshall County
\$20.00 from Yo Hawn's for elementary Halloween party
Meeting adjourned at 7:33pm. Next mtg. time/date: 1-21-16, 7pm.

A Note from Principal Lunsetter's Desk

"Life is really simple, but we insist on making it complicated."

~ Confucius

We are always looking for the next thing...the next thing to do, next place to go, next thing to buy, etc... Life is busier for us today than it has been for any people at any time in history and we have access to way too much information. Just about all of the atrocities that we read about in the newspaper and watch on the news are caused by two things: greed and jealousy. When we quit wanting what others have and start to be thankful for what we have, we work on our problems and not somebody else's. When we continue to fix our own issues, life becomes simpler and less complicated and we are able to enjoy life and all of the awesome experiences and people that fill it up!



Jordan Johnson and Thor Henrickson, Goodridge 5th grade students, participate in the Snowflake Basketball League. They played two games in Grygla last weekend against Bagley and Fertile/Beltrami.

Arts Legacy grants of up to \$10,000 and Arts Project grants of up to \$3,000 have a February 1 deadline

Grant money is available through the Northwest Minnesota Arts Council in this 3rd round of grant applications. Grants are awarded to nonprofit arts organizations, communities, schools individuals and other nonprofit organizations. Applications are being accepted from seven counties in the Minnesota service area including Kittson, Marshall, Norman, Pennington, Polk, Red Lake and Roseau counties.

The Arts Legacy Grants is a main category for funding artistic activity within the seven county service region. Funding for the grants comes from the Minnesota State Legislature through the Arts and

Cultural Heritage Fund of the Clean Water, Land and Legacy Amendment. A maximum of \$10,000.00 can be requested. Applicants must provide cash match and it is recommended that it be between 25% -50% although some projects may be approved with as little as 10% cash match if they are innovative and fit a unique need.

An example of Arts Legacy Grants in action comes from the city of Newfolden, Mn. In 2014, they applied for a grant to commission a bronze sculpture by artist Nick Legeros of Minneapolis in the likeness of a former community Mayor, Fire Chief and Businessman, Stan Holmass. The bronze sculpture

is now firmly ensconced at the Stan Holmass Memorial Park. Northwest Minnesota Arts Council is pleased to be able to help communities like this honor their past while giving joy to the present.

Arts Project Grants are used primarily for small budget arts projects and the sponsorship of performances of touring companies and artists. These grants are a maximum of \$3,000.00 with a required cash match. This grant programs have substantially less reporting requirements than Legacy grants.

Applications funded through these two very important grant opportunities include festivals,

community theatre projects, folk music entertainment, sponsorship of visual demonstrations, creative writing workshops and many other activities that improve the quality of life of people in our communities. Arts Legacy grants and Arts Project grants have annual deadlines of August 1, November 1, and February 1 each year.

Also available on a first come-first served basis are Artist Residency Grants for area School Districts. Grants of \$2100.00 are awarded to sponsor artists working with children usually in a traditional weeklong residency but it can also be a different format that

serves your school or summer program. An extra \$400.00 may be requested for art residencies that need supplies. Schools are strongly urged to use a COMPAS roster artist because they have been professionally trained in working in schools. Local artists that are sponsored need to provide lesson plans and show their professionalism in a classroom setting.

To learn more about these grant programs and start an application, visit www.NorthwestMinnesotaArtsCouncil.org, click on the Current Grants Forms under the Grants Tab. The grant application process is completely online and

NWMAC's, Executive Director Mara Hanel can walk you through the process of using the grants process to help you get accustomed to it. There are also informative step-by-step video's posted to our website to help you further.

Funding for these programs comes primarily from the Minnesota State Legislature. Northwest Minnesota Arts Council is one of eleven regional arts councils in the state. All eleven arts councils work together with their fiscal agent, the Minnesota State Arts Board to provide arts services, staffing, and grants.

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Charger action shots

from the double header in Goodridge last Thursday against CG Bears



USDA expands microloans to help farmers purchase farmland and improve property

Agriculture Deputy Secretary Krysta Harden today announced that the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) will begin offering farm ownership microloans, creating a new financing avenue for farmers to buy and improve property. These microloans will be especially helpful to beginning or underserved farmers, U.S. veterans looking for a career in farming, and those who have small and mid-sized farming operations.

“Many producers, especially new and underserved farmers, tell us that access to land is one of the biggest challenges they face in establishing and growing their own farming operation,” said Harden. “USDA is making it easier for new farmers to hit the ground running and get access to the land that they need to establish their farms or improve their property.”

The microloan program, which celebrates its third anniversary this week, has been hugely successful, providing more than 16,800 low-interest loans, totaling over \$373 million to producers across the country. Microloans have helped farmers and ranchers

with operating costs, such as feed, fertilizer, tools, fencing, equipment, and living expenses since 2013. Seventy percent of loans have gone to new farmers.

Now, microloans will be available to also help with farm land and building purchases, and soil and water conservation improvements. FSA designed the expanded program to simplify the application process, expand eligibility requirements and expedite smaller real estate loans to help farmers strengthen their operations. Microloans provide up to \$50,000 to qualified producers, and can be issued to the applicant directly from the USDA Farm Service Agency (FSA).

This microloan announcement is another USDA resource for America’s farmers and ranchers to utilize, especially as new and beginning farmers and ranchers look for the assistance they need to get started. To learn more about the FSA microloan program visit www.fsa.usda.gov/microloans, or contact your local FSA office. To find your nearest office location, please visit <http://offices.usda.gov>.

Chargers varsity teams lose in Warroad

Last week, Tuesday the 19th, the Chargers basketball teams headed up to Warroad for a double header. Both the boy’s and girl’s varsity teams lost with the GBB score 48-60 and the BBB score 53-59.

Girl’s stats: Ashlyn Henrickson 3 pts, 3 rbs; Brooke Anderson 8 pts, 2 rbs; Brooke Limesand 2 pts; Hannah Dietsch 7 pts, 7 rbs; Madison Bakken 9 pts, 8 rbs; Mariah Coan 6 pts, 2 rbs; Shantel Verbout 13 pts, 7 rbs.

Coaches Comments: We came out sloppy in this game, and couldn’t seem to recover. We were missing Ashley Moe who came down with the flu before warmups, but I think that Ashlyn and Brooke did a good job stepping in for her. Warroad was a good team. They

shot 47% and we shot 23 %. That is not like us, and I know we will do better next game. We shot better as a team from the free throw line. As a coach I could’ve made few different calls.

Boy’s stats: Dylan Walker 15 pts, 10 rbs; Austin Brateng 10 pts, 6 rbs; Tyler Stinar 10 pts, 14 rbs; Ty Jelle 9 pts, 6 rbs; Blaine Kriel 5 pts, 10 rbs; Ben Groven 4 pts, 1 rb; Benji Wilebski 5 rbs.

Coaches Comments: We played hard and didn’t give up. We had our chances to win the game. We hurt ourselves with poor shooting and turnovers. We need to knock down our shots and make our free throws. The effort was there and I’m proud of the kids for that.

Double Header against the Bears in Goodridge

The Charger’s had another double header last week in Goodridge against the Clearbrook/Gonvick Bears. The game was played on Thursday evening, January 21st. The girl’s varsity team lost 42-60 and the boy’s varsity team got the win by 9 with a final score of 69-60.

Of the boy’s game, Head Coach Mike Gast says, “It was a great win for us. We had to battle hard for the whole game. We shot much better tonight and that was a big key in our victory. I’m very happy for the players.”

Stats: Blaine Kriel 24 pts, 9 rbs; Dylan Walker 13 pts, 6 rbs; Austin Brateng 13 pts, 3 rbs; Tyler Stinar 8 pts, 2 rbs; Ty Jelle 4 pts; Ben Groven 4 pts; Jesse Wiseth 2 pts; Benji Wilebski 1 pt.

Of the girl’s game, Head Coach Elroy Johnsrud said, “Clearbrook-Gonvick was a very physical team. We couldn’t match their physicality. Defensively we held them to 28% shooting, but they also got 71 shots up, and got 20 offensive rebounds. Hard to win when we give them that many second and third chance points. Ashlyn Henrickson had a good game with 15 points and 6 rebounds. She shot well making 56% of her shots.”

Stats: Ashlyn Henrickson 15 pts, 6 rbs; Hannah Dietsch 11 pts, 7 rbs; Mariah Coan 7 pts, 4 rbs; Brooke Anderson 2 rbs; Brooke Limesand 1 rb; Carlye Kiesow 1 rb; Karlee Johnson 1 rb; Madison Bakken 3 rbs; Shantel Verbout 9 pts, 5 rbs.