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In this issue ... Grygla JCC's Santa Day is fun for the whole family!

There's no place like home for the holidays



We're spreading some holiday cheer this week by taking a peek at something truly magnificent. Well, the true magic comes next week when we show the finished product, but for now, let's take a little look-see.

The home of Shannon & Denise Ostby truly transforms around the holidays. For anyone who has been there, or is friends with Denise on social media, then you know just what holly, jolly Christmas spirit we're talking about. You'd agree that it feels like stepping right into a Hallmark Christmas movie or a home in Santa's village.

The wooden crates have gotten unloaded – the sleeves rolled up – and the decorating has begun. A brief interview with Denise is shared below, along with a few photos that were taken on Sunday and Monday as the transformation began. Christmas unfolds this week in the Ostby house - stay tuned for next week when we take a glimpse inside. It's the most wonderful time of the year!

Where do you store all those crates and how many do you have? "We keep them under the hay shed. I think there's 14 of them – we got the crates from Polaris."

How have you accumulated so many Christmas decorations over the years? "Either from family or buying. My mom and I also joined our stuff together once she moved in with us."

How long does it take you to decorate the whole house? "About a week! We do the entire house."

Where do you put all your other decorations? "At Christmas, we take everything off the walls in the house. Basically, everything goes out, even the towels. We unpack the Christmas crates and make a swap. All of our regular house stuff goes in the crates and we replace it with everything Christmas – even bed-



ding and pillows."

Do you always wait until right after Thanksgiving to decorate? "Yes, but one year during COVID, we decorated at hunting season. I said, 'Why shouldn't we be happy.' But otherwise, we usually always wait until after Thanksgiving. For many years, we would wait until after December 13th. That's Alex's birthday so when he was young I always wanted him to have his birthday separate from Christmas."

Who helps? "My mom and I do the inside – Shannon does the outside."

What is your favorite decoration to put up or display? "Well, usually it's a big wreath that my mom made me years ago. I also love a birch log centerpiece with holes carved into it for candles – I've used that for 15-18 years now. But this year, my favorite one is what Shannon did! (See picture below.) 'What an ass!' Denise laughed. 'That isn't him, but he called me and said his ladder fell. I sprinted (yes...ME!!) all the way out there! Thank God he couldn't get his video going!'"

What events will you host this year to show it off? "For the last 4-5 years, we've been hosting the Red Hat Society. They all come after the Grygla Elementary School Christmas program. Family celebrations, of course. And we're thinking about hosting a Girl's Christmas Party this year with games, potluck and a gift exchange."

How long have you been transforming your entire house into part of Santa's village? "We've been doing it since forever. Mom's been here 9 years now, so a lot of her Christmas stuff and my Christmas stuff got mixed together. We have a lot of nice things that we just enjoy putting up!"



Left: Marie Konickson stands next to two next Christmas decorations they have added to the house this year. Her sister picked these up at a store in St. Cloud. Right: Shannon pulled a dirty one on Denise - he was stringing lights, decided to hang a fake person up, kick the ladder over, and call Denise, claiming he was in a bind! See the interview above.



The Sharing Tree is set up at American State Bank in Grygla until December 7th.

Help spread some Christmas kindness

Marshall County Social Services is sponsoring the "Sharing Tree Project" once again this year. The project is asking community members to help spread some kindness this Christmas season by purchasing a gift for a child in Marshall County.

You still have time to buy, but the project deadline is coming fast; all gifts are due back to the tree locations by December 7th. If you would like to purchase a gift, visit one of the tree locations, the ornaments at these locations list specific sizes and gift ideas.

The 12 tree locations are American Federal Bank, Bremer Bank, Frandsen Bank & Trust, Silo Boutique and

Simply Boutique all in Warren; United Valley Bank in Argyle, KodaBank in Stephen; the Marshall County State Bank in Newfolden; Frandsen Bank & Trust in Oslo; Border State Bank and the Old Creamery in Middle River; and American State Bank of Grygla.

If you are unable to get to one of the tree locations, you can also call Marshall County Social Services at 218-745-5124 or email stacey.urbaniaak@co.marshall.mn.us to get the specific information.

Marshall County Social Services appreciates all the support throughout the county and wishes everyone a blessed season filled with kindness.

Peer Helpers call on community members

Dear community members, For the Grygla School Peer Helper's 4th Annual Christmas Fun Day, which will be held the afternoon of December 22nd, they will again be hosting a Christmas store along with other activities. The Peer Helpers believe this is a positive way to help students give back to their special family members. The store will offer new or slightly used items. For example, winter gloves, socks, small Christmas décor (or any season), playing cards, knick knacks, work gloves, coffee mugs, or anything else that could be used to be given to an adult figure in their life. Peer Helpers will assist the students with shopping, wrapping and card making.

They are asking staff members, along with community members, to donate any of

these items. Here is your chance to pass on any items you have been wanting to re-gift. The Peer Helpers are in need of around 250 items; these need to be to the school by DECEMBER 13th. Please drop your items off in Ms. Dallager's room or Mrs. Severt's room.

Remember that this is the season for giving; any small donation is greatly appreciated. It's not so much about WHAT the students give to their loved ones, it's the THOUGHT they put behind it that counts, and this is one way of teaching our students ways to be kind and think of others.

Lastly, if anyone is willing to donate wrapping paper, gift bags, name tags, or tissue paper for the wrapping of the gifts, that would also be appreciated.

Betts Pottery Studio Sale this week

Betts Pottery Studio Sale is coming up right in time for your holiday shopping. Enjoy refreshments, shop and watch Betsy Saurdiff work at the potter's wheel. The event is happening December 1st from 4-7pm, and again December 2nd from 9am-Noon. Betsy just finished these happy little MN ornaments that will also be available for purchase.

For samples of the locally-made pottery, check out Betts Pottery online at bettpottery.com.



• CHURCH CALENDARS

GRYGLA LUTHERAN PARISH
Grace and Our Savior's, Grygla
Vicar Marilyn Grafstrom
Recorded services will play on Garden Valley channel 36 on Wednesdays 7pm and Sundays 9am & 7pm.
Wednesday, Nov 30
11am Bible Study, 2:30pm Release Time, 3:30pm FFF Night, 6pm Grace Choir
Sunday, Dec 4
Grace: 9am Worship
OS: 9:30am SS, 10:30am Worship

GOODRIDGE AREA LUTHERAN PARISH, ELCA
Bethany, Ekelund, Faith
Pastor Kristin Dahlen Ostercamp
Wednesday, Nov 30
Release Time 12:15pm, Advent Worship at Faith
Sunday, Dec 4
Calendar N/A

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
Sundays
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 Merseth
Wednesday, Nov 30
Wednesday School 5-7pm; Vespers 6:30pm
Saturday, Dec 3
Mt. Olive: 9am Worship
Sunday, Dec 4
St. Petri: 8am Worship, 9:15am SS
Oak Park: 8:45am SS, 9:45am Worship, 1pm Ladies Aid Christmas Party
Nazareth: 10am SS, 11am Worship

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Community Calendar

Wed | Nov 30
Senior Meals at Grain Bin Café 11am; Living at Home program/Bingo at Grain Bin 11:30am; Grygla Library open 2-6pm; BBB practice Grygla/GBB practice Goodridge; Grygla Community VB League 7pm

Thurs | Dec 1
BBB AM practice in Goodridge grades 9-12/PM practice grades 7-12; GBB AM practice in Grygla grades 8-12; Betts Studio Sale 4-7pm; Chargers Sports Banquet at Goodridge Community Center 7:30pm

Fri | Dec 2
Betts Studio Sale 9am-12pm; Senior Meals at Grain Bin Café 11am; BBB at K/N; GBB in Grygla vs. Roseau

Sat | Dec 3
GBB 'C' Team Tourney in Roseau 9am

Sun | Dec 4
Our Savior's Advent Program/Supper 6pm

Mon | Dec 5
Senior Meals at Grain Bin Café 11am; BBB vs. RLC in Goodridge; GBB practice in Grygla

Tues | Dec 6
BBB practice in Grygla/GBB practice in Goodridge

Santa Day in Grygla

The Grygla JCC's have been busy planning a festive day for all to enjoy! On Sunday, December 11th, there will be a full afternoon and evening of holiday cheer. The fun begins at 2pm at the Grygla Community Center. The scheduled list of events is as follows:
2-3pm: Bingo
3-5pm: Chili feed & hot chocolate, kids crafts & coloring, Christmas movies, (S)elfie Station. New this year includes face painting and LEFSE HOT OFF THE GRILL at \$2.50/ piece.
3:30-5pm: Santa visits & Sleigh rides (to be determined)
The entire community is invited to come out and enjoy all of these festive activities. Cost: free-will donation.

Visit American State Bank

The holiday season is a great time to express appreciation to friends and customers. American State Bank of Grygla invites you in during the month of December to sign up for the Christmas drawings. We will be giving away wagons full of toys to one girl and one boy, along with a \$150 cash card to one adult. The drawing will be held at 3pm on Thursday, December 22nd. Christmas goodies will be served in the bank lobby the week of December 19-23; you can also pick up your 2023 calendar at this time!

Chargers Fall Sports Banquet

To recognize the hard work and achievements of our local student athletes, the GG Chargers Fall Sports Banquet is scheduled for Thursday, December 1st, 7:30pm, in the Goodridge Community Center. The banquet is being catered by the Goodridge Lion's Club and will consist of ham, mashed potatoes/gravy, corn, ice cream, coffee and milk. There is no charge for athletes, student managers, coaches and athletic directors. Cost of the banquet for all others will be \$10/plate for adults and \$5/plate for school-aged kids.



Mr. Gene Lunsetter and all of his high school band & choir students performed a wonderful concert last week. It was a great way to kick off the holiday season. Photos by Grygla Eagle Newspaper & Grygla School

GHS winter music program



HELP WANTED

The Marshall County Sheriff's Office is accepting applications for 1 full-time 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 \$22.46/hr. (2022). Marshall County also has a benefit package. Application deadline is December 8, 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
"Marshall County is an equal opportunity employer".

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Iron Chargers update

By Dustin Nelson, Robotics Advisor
We had our first tournament on Saturday, November 19th, in Fisher. We had some bumps but overall, we had a great day. 4149G finished qualifications in 2nd, 4149X finished in 4th, and 4149C finished in 22nd.
4149C did not make it into the tournament bracket so their day ended after qualifications. 4149G paired up with the 19th ranked team. They made it to the finals but came up short by 4 points.

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Community Education

Class: IDEAS WELCOME
Where: Grygla School
When: This school year
Time: Flexible
If you have any ideas, interests or classes you'd like to see offered through Community Ed., please call Jamie Lunsetter at the Grygla School at 294-6155. Community Ed funds are available to bring classes of interest to our community.

Living at Home program

This is for all Grygla-area Senior Citizens - there is a Living at Home program coming up next Wednesday, November 30th, at 11:30am at the Grain Bin Café. Come for interesting information, followed by free Bingo! For more information, phone (218) 874-2256.

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Only in Minnesota: a weekly feature in the Eagle

Everything you'll ever need to know about Minnesota from A To Z

Do you know your MN ABCs? While there are plenty of things to know about the Land of 10,000 Lakes, these 26 facts are the most important. They will give people all they need to start dreaming about visiting or living in our wonderful state and might even surprise a few residents!

Apples: Minnesota has some of the best apples, thanks to the University of Minnesota and their invention, the honey crisp apple. You can even pick them yourself, along with a wide variety of other fruits and vegetables at many local farms.

Boats: We have the highest rate of boats per capita in fact. There is one recreational boat for every six Minnesota residents.

Canoeing: We are also home to the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness, the most visited wilderness in the country, and the best place for canoe voyaging around.

Duck, Duck, Gray Duck: In MN, we play duck, duck, gray duck. Because gray ducks blend in way more than geese.

Eagles: You can find beautiful eagles almost anywhere in Minnesota, but particularly at the National Eagle Center in Wabasha.

Fortune 500s: The Twin Cities' suburbs are packed with fortune 500s that have produced some of the nation's favorite technology and products.

Golf: Beautiful golf courses are just the start. Minneapolis also has the highest rate of golfers per capita in the nation.

Hockey: We are the state of hockey and even host the National Pond Hockey Championship! Nobody loves the sport like we do.

Inventions: MN's inventors have been some of the best turning out products like water skis, the seatbelt, bundt cake, sandpaper, cake mix, grocery bags with handles, rollerblades, microwave popcorn, frozen pizza, post-its, staplers, malls, armored trucks, thermostats, pop-up toasters...we could go on and on.

Juicy Lucy: Another brilliant Minnesotan invention, these delicious, cheese-filled burgers are works of art.

Kindness: It's actually called Minnesota-nice. And

while everyone has an opinion on that phrase, it's very true that people in Minnesota are much kinder than in most other states.

Lakes: We have 13,136,357 acres of surface water area. more than the area of entire states of Hawaii and New Jersey combined.

Mall of America: We didn't just invent malls. We also have one large enough to hold 32 Boeing 747 airplanes.

North Shore: Our gorgeous North Shore is a famous destination for outdoor recreation and is beautiful year-round.

Outdoors: Minnesota is one of the most recreation-loving, family-oriented states. We don't just have lakes in our backyards, we use them!

Pop: We drink pop in MN. So don't call it soda.

Quarries: We have plenty of quarries for those who want to learn about MN's mining past. Some of them have even become epic swimming holes!

Rivers: 69,200 miles of rivers and streams can be found in MN. That would circle the equator 2 3/4 times.

State Fair: Our state fair is one of the most epic summer

events in the entire county with awesome food, animals, and entertainment. Plus, there are people sculpted out of butter.

Tots: Tater tots are never underestimated in Minnesota. They're particularly useful in the making of hotdish, another one of our favorite foods.

Up North: Up North, is where we go to get away for the weekend or the summer. It actually means any lake within the state with a cabin where we can relax and go fishing.

Vikings: Our beloved Vikings. Not just a football team, but also many of our ancestors. Skol!

Wildlife: Wildlife is abundant in MN. We actually have 3 times more white-tailed deer than college students.

X-Rays: Minnesota is home to the world-famous Mayo Clinic where plenty of medical breakthroughs have happened.

Youth: MN is the perfect place for kids, in fact, we're Kids Count's number one pick for child well-being.

Zoos: The Minnesota Zoo is amazing. Oh and, we also have a free one as well, The Como Zoo. You're welcome, parents.

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

Cucurbit

Kyoo-kur-bit

Noun

Any plant of the gourd family.

• SIMPLY DELICIOUS

By Kari Sundberg, Eagle Editor

Homemade Cinnamon Apple Chips

These baked Cinnamon Apple Chips are made with a few simple ingredients like McIntosh apples, cinnamon and sugar. They make a tasty snack your whole family will love.

This recipe calls for McIntosh (or Honeycrisp) because they are always naturally sweet and great for eating and baking. Don't worry about it if you don't own a dehydrator, these apple chips bake perfectly in the oven at a low temp.

Ingredients
4 cored and sliced McIntosh apples (1/8 to 1/4 inch thick)
2 teaspoons ground cinnamon
1 teaspoon granulated sugar (can be omitted)
Cooking spray
Instructions

Preheat oven to 200 degrees. Add the sliced apples to a large bowl; then coat the apples with the cinnamon and/or sugar. Spray a baking sheet with cooking spray or line one with parchment paper; then line the apples flat on the pan. (You may need to use two pans so that they are not overlapping). Bake 2-3 hours until the chips are dry yet still a bit soft. Allow to cool completely before placing them in an air tight container for up to 4 days.

*Depending on the thickness of your slices, these apple chips will be on the softer side.



Grygla High School Big Buck winners



Hunter Vad - 1st place



Rease Stratton - 2nd place



Lakylie Brobst - 3rd place (Photos by Grygla School)

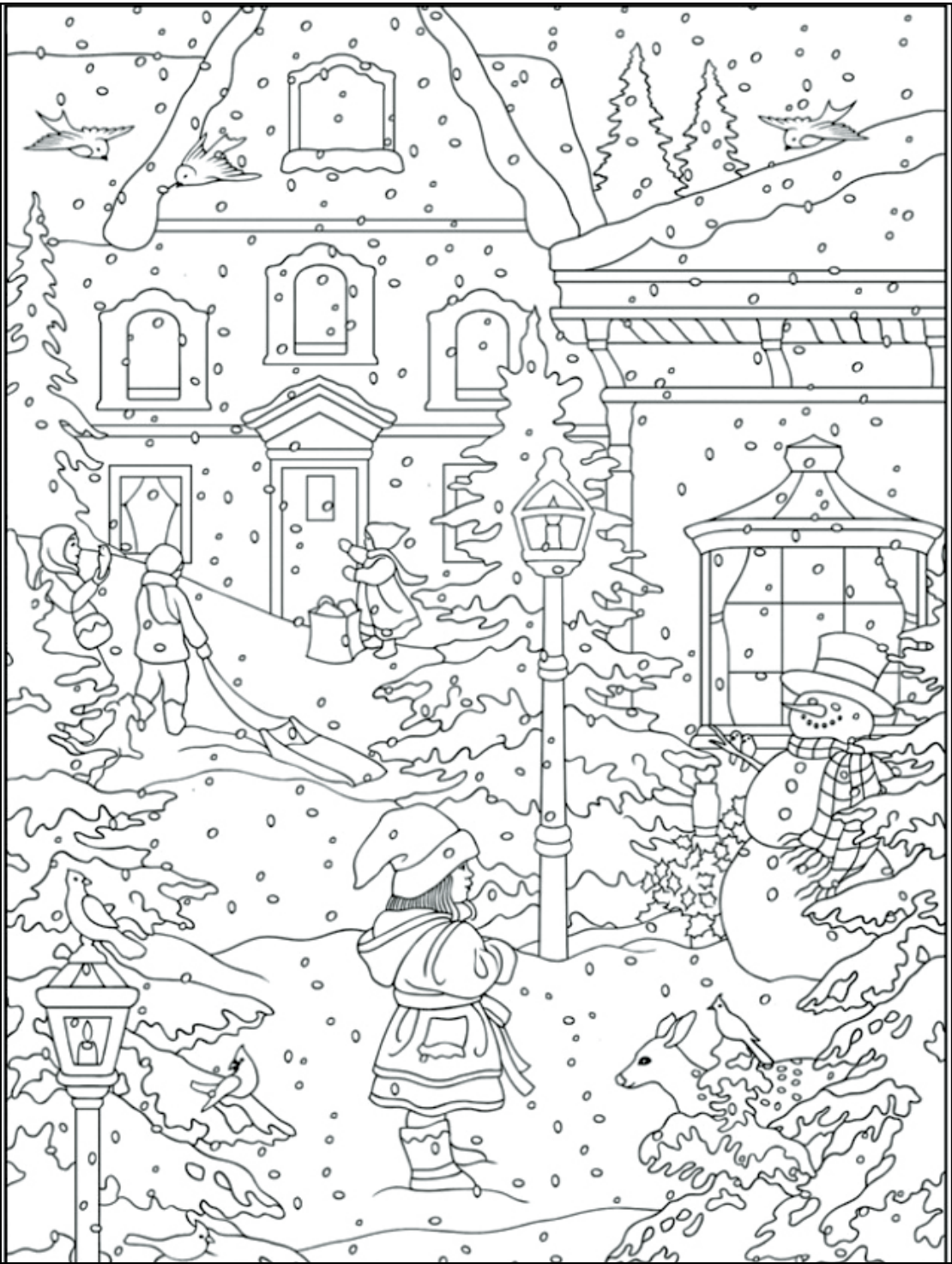
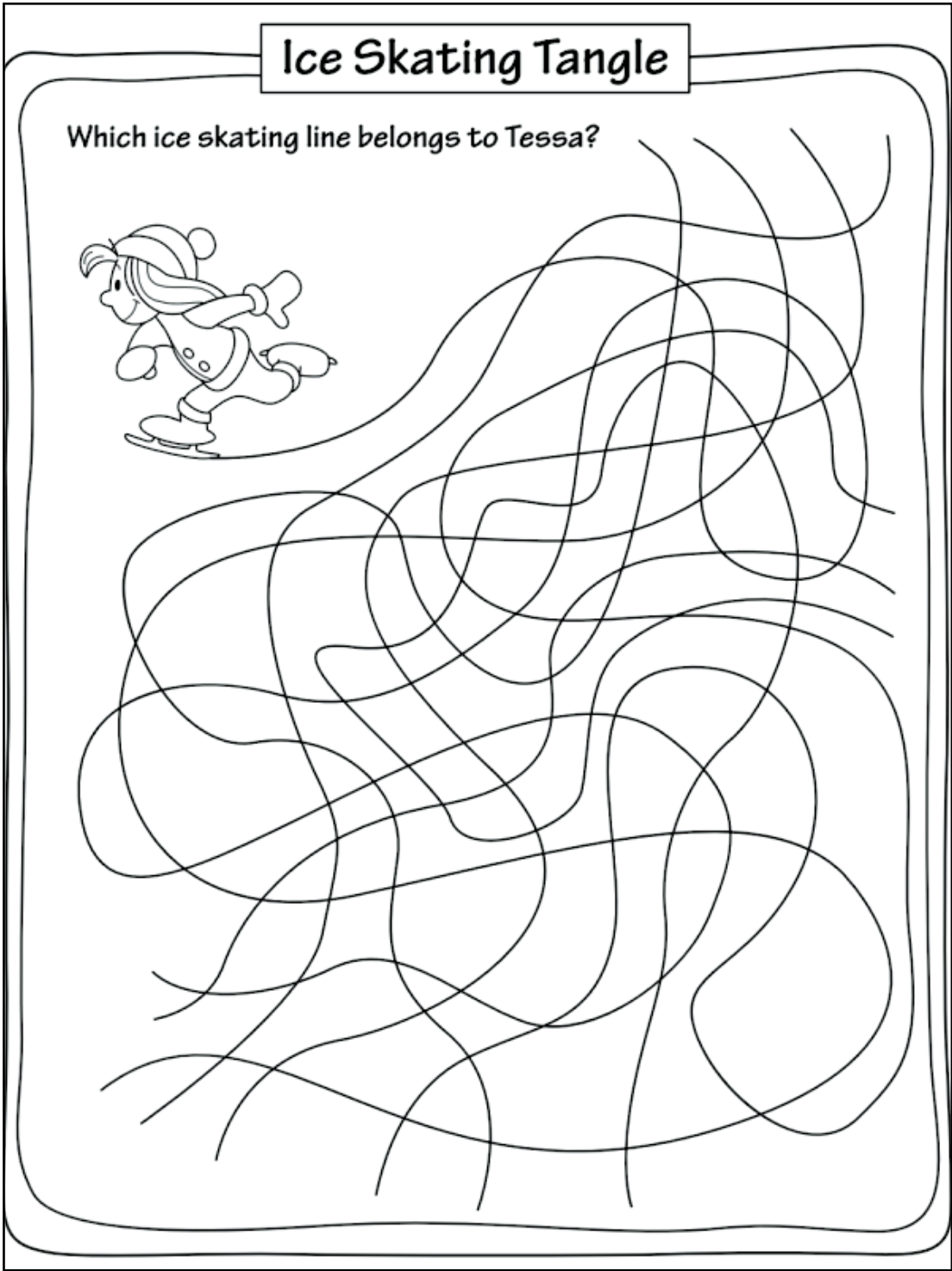
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Turkey Bingo was held in Grygla recently - put on by the Student Council members. It's always a hit with families and community members. Photo courtesy of Grygla School



The Grygla High School Robotics team competed in Fisher recently. They have another competition in Thief River Falls this Saturday, December 3rd. Read more about the team on page. 2. Front row, L-R: Matthew Brown, Henry Miller, Jordan Sheving, Andrew Englund, Taylor McManus, Ryelin Stanley. Back row: Chelsie Nelson, Dane Arveson, Reece Sundberg, Sheldin Sundberg and Anthony Englund. Photo courtesy of Audrya Nelson



Winter is SNOW MUCH FUN - especially for kids



A couple of weeks ago, we shared some fun Thanksgiving activity mats for the kids. The feedback was positive with many of you saying your youngsters enjoyed the addition to the paper that week! We appreciated the input and were glad the kids got use out of the Grygla Eagle that week, so we’re doing it again. Here’s another activity page for them to sit down with.

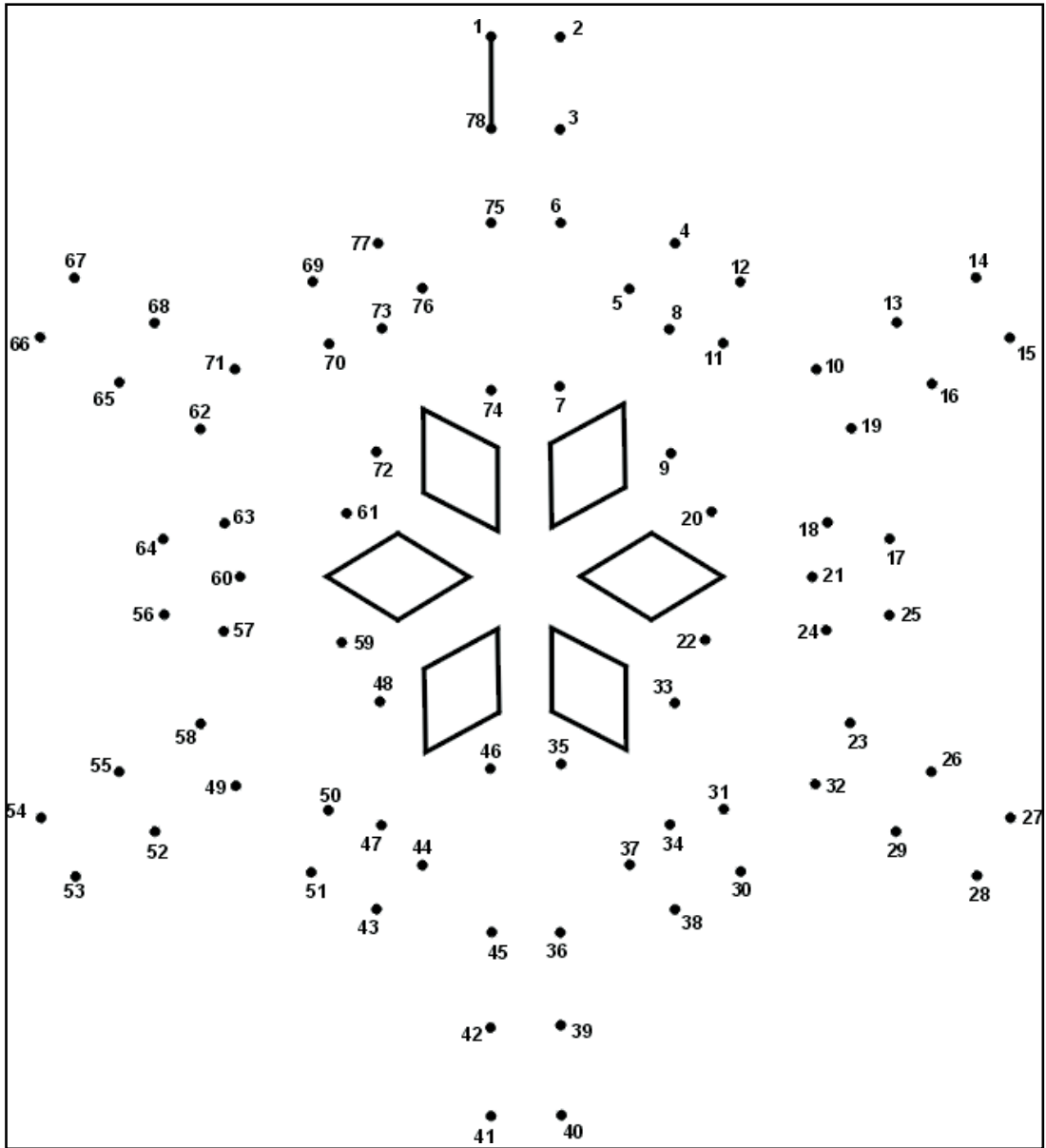


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HISTORY

- 1814: "THE TIMES" OF LONDON BECOMES THE FIRST NEWSPAPER TO BE PRODUCED ON A STEAM-POWERED PRINTING PRESS.
- 1960: MAURITANIA BECOMES INDEPENDENT OF FRANCE.
- 1990: MARGARET THATCHER RESIGNS AS THE LEADER OF THE CONSERVATIVE PARTY AND, THEREFORE, AS BRITISH PRIME MINISTER.



Winter Secret Message Puzzle

Decode and solve the secret winter message. Fill in the blanks with the letter that matches each picture from the box at the bottom of the page to reveal the winter phrase.

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= W = T = E = I