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Snow	Snow	Snow	Snow	Mostly Cloudy
H 33 L 29	H 31 L 19	H 23 L 11	H 15 L 3	H 9 L -5

In this issue ... Two high school students may be eligible to win an all-expenses paid trip to D.C.!



"Dear Santa, we can explain..."
Brielle Morey (center), daughter of Dylan and Shantel Morey, along with her twin cousins, Asher and Ayla Berg, children of Garth and Bailey Berg, fit perfectly on Santa's lap! *Photo courtesy of Grygla/Gatzke JCC's*



The Grygla/Gatzke JCC's Santa Day provided a lot of fun for everyone last Sunday! Great efforts went into festive decorating, Bingo games with prizes, face painting, a delicious chili feed, lefse hot off the grill and hot chocolate, kids coloring and movies, along with a special visit from Santa and Buddy the Elf. The holiday spirit was in the air! *Photos courtesy Grygla-Gatzke JCC's*



Here comes Santa Claus, here comes Santa Claus



"I just like to smile – smiling's my favorite!" – Buddy the Elf

Buddy the Elf (Jordan Hagen, JCC member) made another appearance at the Santa Day in Grygla last Sunday. He made sure little Kali was able to have a quick visit to Santa, too! Kali is the daughter of Jordan Hagen and Annie Fredericks. *Photo courtesy of Annie Fredericks*



Ben & Sierra Sundberg visited the (S)elfie Station set up at the Grygla Community Center last Sunday. Both are members of the JCC's. *Photo courtesy of Sierra Sundberg*



The Goodridge Lions and Lion Tamers also held their popular Santa Day over the weekend, complete with sleigh rides from the Paul & Ruby Sundberg family, pictured above. Kids enjoyed coloring contests, cookie decorating, crafts and lunch, in addition to the sleigh rides and visits with Mr. & Mrs. Claus. (More photos on page 2.)
Photo courtesy of Crystelle Philipp

Locals perform in Come Messiah King, a musical

Dawn Hanson, Goodridge, and Connie Moe, Grygla, are both taking part in an upcoming Christmas musical at Open Arms Christian Fellowship Church in Thief River Falls. Both ladies are singing in the choir.

Come Messiah King, a dramatic Christmas musical, will be presented at Open Arms Christian Fellowship, 401 St. Paul Avenue South, on three consecutive evenings: Friday, December 16, 7:00pm, Saturday, December 17, 7:00pm, and Sunday, December 18, at 4:00pm. The community is invited to attend. There is no admission charge; a freewill offering will be accepted. Refreshments will be served following the program.

Come Messiah King was composed by Randy Vader and Jay Rouse with drama by Rose Aspinall and orchestration by Camp Kirkland, Ric Domenico and Jay Rouse. Besides the catchy theme song, "Come Messiah King," song titles include "Yahweh Hear Our Pleas," "The Glorias of Christmas," "Gesu Bambino," "Ding Dong Merrily on High," "Joseph Good, Joseph True," "Child of Heaven," "The Kings Came Calling," "Cradle Worship" and "Star of the Morning."

The choir includes (in alphabetical order): LeRoy Aasland, Cindy Arlt, Kelly Dodson, Corie Erickson-Oliver, David Fish, Jill Hall, Dawn Hanson, Darcy Hestekind, Jake Huwe, Eunice Jahn, Connie Moe, Wanda Nelson, Sheryl Northup, Glenda Olson, Scott Pream, Ben Saylor, Jr, Dan Saylor, Marilyne Saylor, Marc Schimek, and Gary York. Choir director is Kari Lindemoen.

Dramatist, Rose Aspinall, brings a fresh new perspective to the retelling of the Christmas story in four short dramatic scenes by asking the question, "Have you ever wondered?" She then invites us to consider several different conversations, the first between friends and neighbors of Zechariah and Elizabeth - Benaiah (Carl Dahlberg) and Leah (Katie Lundeen) - when Zechariah arrives home mute from his

priestly duties. Next, Aspinall leads us in wondering if farmers in Nazareth whispered about a commotion at the home of Mary's parents when Joseph came to see them after discovering Mary's pregnancy. She introduces us to Eli (David Jahn) and Jacob (Joe Efta), who are concerned about their friend, Joseph. Eli's wife, Adah, (Michelle Christensen) is worried about Mary. Children in the scene are Elijah and Selah Jahn.

Aspinall continues, "Have you ever wondered if the conversation around the campfire was alive with dreams following that joyous rush from the stable in Bethlehem by the awestruck shepherds?" We then meet Mesha (DuWayne Schimek), Cyrus (Marc Schimek), and Noam (Kail Hagen) who excitedly recount the evening's events and ask each other, "What will happen now?" Finally, Aspinall invites us into the halls of Herod's court to wonder if the palace was abuzz following Herod's tirade. After learning that the Magi had left without stopping to inform him of the whereabouts of the little Jewish King, Herod is livid. Those around him tremble, including Archelaos (Scott Pream) who fears the reprisals that an unhappy Herod might inflict on his court, which includes Archelaos' young niece, Susanna (Lily Helm).

The cast also includes narrators, Jim and Jan Strandlie, who deliver powerful insights - sometimes prophetic, sometimes as recollections, sometimes reflecting voices of the people.

Drama coach is Marilyne Saylor, choir/drama manager, line prompter and decorator is Debbie Brothers and stage manager is Rolf Bredeson. Technical and structural set up for the choir is by Ben and Dan Saylor.

"After what has been a tough couple of years for everyone, the cast, choir and staff are looking forward to sharing Come Messiah King's beautiful message of hope with our community," notes Marilyne Saylor. For further information please call 218 689-3276.

Singers from several communities (including Connie Moe, Grygla, second from left, and Dawn Hanson, Goodridge, third from right) rehearse for performances of the dramatic Christmas musical, *Come Messiah King*.
Photo courtesy of Marilyne Saylor

Local snowmobile club updates

The Fourtown/Grygla Sportsman's Club is holding their Membership Supper on Saturday, January 7th, at the Grygla Community Center. Social hour begins at 5pm with the dinner at 6pm. To follow, will be door prizes at 7pm and a DJ starting at 8pm. Membership in the club is \$25/single, \$35 family.

Goodridge Trailblazers will be holding their Christmas ride on Saturday, January 7th. Everyone that would like to snowmobile that day will meet at the Goodridge Municipal Liquor Store around 3pm to ride to Fourtown and back. Supper will be served that night at 7pm back at the Liquor Store. Members can pay Mariah Kirkeide prior to the Christmas ride or that night. Membership in the club is \$25/single, \$30 family.

• 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, Dec 14
11am Bible Study, 2:30pm Release Time, 3:30pm FFF Night, 6pm Grace Choir, 6:30pm Confirmation, 8pm Grace Council
Saturday, Dec 17
OS Sunday School Christmas Program 7pm
Sunday, Dec 18
Grace: 9am Worship, 5:30pm Live Nativity
OS: No SS, 10:30am Worship

GOODRIDGE AREA LUTHERAN PARISH, ELCA
Bethany, Ekelund, Faith
Pastor Kristin Dahlen Ostercamp
Wednesday, Dec 14
Release Time 12:20pm
Sunday, Dec 18
Bethany: 9:30am Worship
Ekelund: 11am Worship
Faith: 4pm Sunday School Program

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, Dec 14
Wednesday School 5-7pm; Vespers 6:30pm
Saturday, Dec 17
Mt. Olive: 9am Worship
Sunday, Dec 18
St. Petri: 8am Worship
Nazareth: 11am Christmas Program/Dinner
Oak Park: 3:30pm Christmas Program/Dinner

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Community Calendar

Wed | Dec 14
Senior Meals at Grain Bin Café 11am w/ December Senior Birthday celebration; Grygla Library open 2-6pm; GBB practice Grygla/BBB practice Goodridge; Grygla VB League 7pm

Thurs | Dec 15
BBB at Goodridge vs. WAO with 7th starting at 3pm; Grygla School Board Meeting 7pm

Fri | Dec 16
Senior Meals at Grain Bin Café 11am; Goodridge High School Music Program 1:30pm; Grygla Elementary Christmas Program 2pm; GBB/BBB practice in Grygla; JH BBB vs. TRF in Goodridge (7th at 4:30pm, 8th at 5:30pm)

Sat | Dec 17
Grygla/Gatzke Food Shelf 8-10:30am

Sun | Dec 18
Grace Lutheran Church hosts Live Nativity 5:30pm

Mon | Dec 19
Senior Meals at Grain Bin Café 11am; GBB vs. LOW in Grygla

Tues | Dec 20
BBB at C/G; GBB at WAO

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Results from last week's StatePoint Crossword Puzzle.

The reason for the season



Live Nativity hosted by Grace Lutheran Church Sunday School - On Sunday, December 18th, Grace Lutheran Church Sunday School will present a Live Nativity on State Street in Grygla. This will be from 5:30-6pm with live animals! The Christmas event begins at The Hound's parking lot at 5:30pm and will walk east down State Street, ending at the Christmas tree at the Veterans Memorial Gazebo. Silent Night will be sang as the group walks down the street. Once at the tree, a short reading of the Christmas story will take place, along with singing Away in a Manger. The public is invited to walk with the group, meeting at The Hound's parking lot, or park along the street and watch the processional, or meet the group at the tree!



The Goodridge Lion & Lion Tamers held their annual Santa Day last weekend. Photos courtesy of Crystelle Philipp



"We wait and wait, and then Yahweh acts!" expounds Benaiah (Carl Dahlberg) to his wife, Leah (Chrysi Gibson) as they ponder the plight of their neighbor, Zechariah, who returned home from temple services unable to speak. There will be three performances of Come Messiah King: Friday, Dec. 16., 7:00 pm; Saturday, Dec. 17, 7:00 pm; Sunday, Dec. 18, 4 pm, at Open Arms Christian Fellowship. Two locals, Connie Moe and Dawn Hanson, are both singing in the choir during this performance. Photo courtesy of Marilyne Saylor



Music programs this Friday

Grygla School
Please join us on Friday, December 16th, for the elementary holiday program featuring the Head Start students, elementary band students and featured program "The Grumps of Ring-a-Ding town" performed by the kindergarten through 5th grade. Show time is 2pm!
Goodridge School
The Goodridge High School Music Concert has been moved to this Friday, December 16th, at 1:30pm. The 7-12 grade choir and band students will be performing for the public.

Left: Layken Kotrba, daughter of Jason & Sarah, is all smiles during her visit with Santa and Mrs. Claus in Goodridge last weekend. Maybe she got a peek at her name on the "Nice" list!! Photo courtesy of Sarah Kotrba

NOTICE TO BENVILLE RESIDENTS
Notice is hereby given to the qualified voters of Benville Township, County of Beltrami, State of Minnesota, that there are two positions open during the March election:
Supervisor
Treasurer
If interested, please submit an affidavit of candidacy with the town clerk between January 3rd and January 17th, 2023.
Marie L. Reid
Town Clerk, Town of Benville
Dated: December 6, 2022

FULL-TIME ADMINISTRATIVE FISCAL ASSISTANT
Quin County Community Health Services is looking for a full-time Administrative Fiscal Assistant. Duties include general office and fiscal management of several state and federal grants for the five county CHB.
* Review monthly activity report to ensure proper disbursements
* Report and monitor budgets of multiple state and federal grants, including monthly and quarterly invoices from local public health agencies
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• Must have excellent communication and computer application skills. Detail orientation is a must
• Works with the Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) Program
• Starting salary based on experience, benefit package including PERA provided
• Office located in Newfolden, this is an in-office position
Submit cover letter and resume to quinchs@wiktel.com or fax 218-874-7811. Call 218-874-7845 with any questions.
Position open until filled.

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, and a \$150 cash card to one adult. The drawing to be held at 3:00 pm on Thursday, December 22nd.

Christmas goodies will be served in the bank lobby the week of December 19-23; you can also pick up you 2023 calendar at this time!

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Only in Minnesota: a weekly feature in the Eagle

Sip a hot drink in a life-sized snow globe at this Minnesota resort this winter

In Minnesota, igloo dining is an increasingly-popular antidote to winter. No matter what the weather, you can sit outside and drink and dine in your own little bubble – or snow globe, as the case may be.

Grand View Lodge, a classic Minnesota lake resort, is a beloved year-round getaway in the North Star State. Start a new family tradition with fun, hassle-free holidays at Grand View Lodge. They offer holiday dinners minus the holiday mess. With the property becoming magical with lights and decorations, activities outside are endless!

The resort boasts an ideal Brainerd Lakes location, putting it within easy reach of all the outdoor activities the area has to offer. Grand Views's sprawling Gull Lake frontage helps to make the resort a perfect basecamp for all your winter adventures - whatever they may be.

CROSS COUNTRY SKIING & SNOWSHOEING

Enjoy skiing and snowshoeing and explore over 8 kilometers of groomed cross-country ski trails through The Pines Golf Course. Snowshoes and cross country skis are complimentary for guests.

ICE SKATING
Enjoy a fun-filled time on the ice at one of Grand View's Ice Rinks. With these locations on property, guests can enjoy figure skating, a friendly game of hockey, and broomball.

ICE FISHING
Enjoy Roy Lake's bite during the winter months. Rent one of the fish houses or bring your very own. Grand View also offers an Ice Fishing 101 activity with seasonal fishing hosts— enjoy a few hours on the lake in this family-friendly introduction to ice fishing!

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SKIING, SNOWBOARDING, TUBING

Grand View guests can receive a discount off tubing, skiing, snowboarding and rentals at the nearby Mount Ski Gull.

SNOWMOBILING
Bring your own snowmobile or rent one from Nisswa Adventure Rentals for a great time exploring the hundreds of miles of Minnesota snowmobile trails in the region. They have not only great sleds to rent for the ½ or full day, but also all the gear including helmets, bibs, jackets, boots, and gloves.

HORSE-DRAWN RIDES
A pair of Clydesdales will take you on a ride through the beauty of the property as you listen to the clip-clop of their hooves and the jingle of their harnesses. The ride lasts 10-15 minutes.

When you're back at the resort, though, you can relax and continue enjoying the area's natural beauty in one of Grand View's igloos.

The resort rents the igloos in two-hour time slots, and reservations can be made in advance. The igloos come with heaters and blankets, but you should dress for the weather, as they are not insulated.

Experience the heated igloos located right outside of the Northwood's Pub and on Freddy's patio at The Pines! Enjoy appetizers and drinks while taking in the winter wonderland. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

- \$50 rental fee to reserve an igloo for one 2-hour time slot.
- Max of 6 people per igloo.
- Heater in the igloo and blankets will be provided.
- Please dress warm and according to the elements. Winter coats and boots are suggested.
- Day-of food service can be ordered from pub menu (take-out style only).
- Beverage service is offered with buckets of beer, bottles of wine and server will stop by periodically.
- Feel free to bring your own games or ask your server about our game choices.
- No outside food or beverages allowed.
- Each igloo is sanitized and disinfected after each use.

Address: Grand View Lodge, 23521 Nokomis Ave, Nisswa, MN 56468, USA

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

Evanesce Ev-uh-nes
Verg - used without object

To disappear gradually; vanish; fade away.

GVT to sponsor
two students for a
youth tour in DC

GVT is happy to sponsor two students to attend the NTCA Foundation for Rural Service (FRS) Youth Tour. Two high school students, age 15, 16 or 17 at the time of the tour, and who receive services from Garden Valley Technologies may be eligible to win an all-expenses paid trip to Washington, D.C., for this FRS Youth Tour.

The FRS Youth Tour will be held May 31st – June 4th. The Youth Tour introduces the students to the telecommunications industry within a legislative context.

To learn more please visit our website <https://www.gvtel.com/ntca-youth-tour/> Essays are due by February 10.

Food shelf open early

The Grygla/Gatzke Food Shelf will be open one week early this month due to the

Christmas holiday. Open hours are this Saturday, December 17th, from 8-10:30am.

Lion's Club meeting

The Grygla Lion's Club will hold their December meeting on Wednesday, December 21st, at The Hound. Supper is on your own at 6pm with the actual meeting beginning at 6:30pm. The group will be discussing final plans for their

annual Christmas dinner that will be on December 23rd. The Grain Bin Café will be preparing the meal, but the club is looking for help delivering meals. Please let Wayne Warne know if you can volunteer some of your time this day.

• SIMPLY DELICIOUS



By Kari Sundberg, Eagle Editor

I thought this recipe sounded so cozy and perfect to make on Christmas morning.

- Vanilla Citrus Cider
- 8 cups apple cider (or apple juice)
 - ¼ cup packed brown sugar
 - ¼ cup thawed orange juice concentrate
 - 1/8 tsp salt
 - 3 cinnamon sticks

- 1 tsp. whole cloves
- ¼ tsp. vanilla extract
- Orange and/or apple slices, optional

Instructions:
In a large saucepan, combine everything and bring to a boil. Reduce heat, cover, and simmer for 1 hour, allowing flavors to blend. Stir in vanilla right before serving. Optional: Add in apple and orange slice to each cup.

If I were a gift...

Written (and left in their original forms) by the Grygla First graders

- I would be a phone. I would give it to Adalyn. By Domanic Nordby
- I would be a kitten. I would give it to Mom. By Auna Olson
- I would be a heart. I would give it to Mom. By Matthew Haack
- I would be a flower. I would give it to Mom. By Isabelle Saurdiff
- I would be a hockey stick. I

- would give it to Wyatt. By Major Nordvick
- I would be a toy crane and give it to Brayden. By Jeffrey Saurdiff
- I would be a water bottle. I would give it to my cousin Liam. By Adalyn Gieseke
- I would be a chicken. I would give it to my neighbor. By Maven Sistad
- I would be luv. I would give it to mi family. By Blakelee Brobst



Betsy Saurdiff, Grygla Librarian, was one of the celebrity readers for the Kindergarten class.



Mr. Smith's Kindergarten class is enjoying a line-up of guest readers. From parents of students, to Mr. Smith's sister, to the local librarian, celebrity readers are a hit with the kids. Photos courtesy of Grygla School



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