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Wednesday, January 25, 2023

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In this issue ... Grygla School Board votes on May 19, 2023, graduation date.

Jacobson sets new record for Goodridge & Grygla



Congratulations to Caitlyn Jacobson who is now the All-Time Scoring Record Holder for Goodridge and Grygla! Only needing 3 points in the game last Friday night in Goodridge, Caitlyn set a new school record with most career points between both schools! The previous record holder between both schools was held by Goodridge Superintendent/Athletic Director, a Grygla native, Tomas Loberg with 1,474. Loberg has held this record for 17 years. He was able to pass the torch last Friday night by presenting Caitlyn with the game ball. (Tra Alderete was the previous record holder for the Goodridge school with 1,409 points which was set in 2014.) Congratulations on this big accomplishment, Caitlyn! Above photo courtesy of Goodridge School; Photo on the right by Grygla Eagle Newspaper



Caitlyn celebrated with her coach and teammates, along with family, friends and community members after the game against KCC last Friday night! L-R: Morgan Underdahl, Anna Sundberg, Ashlyn Nelson, Chesney Salo, Sadie Anderson, Caitlyn Jacobson, Kylie Delage, Molly Cullen, Brooklynn Kriel, Mimi Johnson, and Coach Elroy Johnsrud. Photo by Grygla Eagle Newspaper

Chargers over Bearcats

The GBB team hosted KCC in Goodridge last Friday night, January 20th. The final score of 51-48 was a win for Goodridge/Grygla.

"This game was close from start to finish. Our posts had a good game on defense. They have a couple girls that are bigger than us, but our girls keep fighting in the paint. We played really sloppy in the first half but settled into the game in the second half and played better. There was a big accom-

plishment tonight also. Caitlyn Jacobson got us on the board with a 3 right away. With that 3, she became the all-time leading scorer in Goodridge-Grygla history. Congrats to her, and it was well deserved," commented Head Coach Elroy Johnsrud.

Stats: Brooklynn Kriel- 2 points; Morgan Underdahl- 8 points, 7 reb.; Chesney Salo- 5 points; Caitlyn Jacobson- 24 points, 12 reb.; Sadie Anderson- 8 points; Kylie Delage- 5 points, 6 reb.



Two more wins for BBB

Last week, the boys basketball team played two home games on the court in Goodridge, both wins going to the Chargers.

Tuesday, January 17th, in Goodridge
Chargers 93, Red Lake 91

Stats: Blake Rychlock (25 pts, 10 reb), Matt Busse (16 pts, 8 reb, 3 asst), Spencer Coan (12 pts), Carson Rubischko (5 pts, 7 reb), Lewis Jones (35 pts, 10 reb, 10 asst), Elliot Philipp (5 reb), Russell Rian (3 reb)

Coach's comments: We had an entertaining barnburner vs the extremely high powered Red Lake team. I thought we played very well and held a 8-12 point lead for most of the game. In the second half, King-

bird went crazy and brought the Warriors back. They tied up the game on a 3 point play with 5 seconds left. We called a timeout and we smartly passed the ball up the court quickly and Carson got fouled with .3 seconds left on a 3 pointer. After getting iced, Carson nailed 2 out of the 3 free throws for the win. Lewis had a huge game with a triple double, but most impressively made 18-18 free throws. It was a great team win for the Chargers!

Thursday, January 19th, in Goodridge
Chargers 71, Win-E-Mac 64

Stats: Blake Rychlock (20 pts, 6 reb), Matt Busse (14 pts, 5 reb), Spencer Coan (3 reb, 4 asst), Carson Rubischko (7 pts,

5 reb), Lewis Jones (29 pts, 9 reb, 7 asst), Russell Rian (1 pt, 4 reb)

Coach's comments: This was another good win against a dangerous opponent. The Patriots have one of the better players in the area in Courneya and he had a night getting 40 points. We executed well offensively and had a double digit lead well into the second half. But the Patriots came back and took a 3 point lead. Matt made a couple of huge 3s and Carson made 2 huge winning plays in the last couple of minutes to ice the win for the Chargers. I'm really proud of the boys for battling shorthanded and coming out with 2 huge wins against tough opponents this week!"



Shay Jacobson with the layup against Win-E-Mac in the 7th grade game last week. More BBB action shots on the back page. Photos by Grygla Eagle Newspaper



Garden Club Spring Luncheon

Plans are in the works for a Grygla Garden Club Spring Luncheon. Saturday, March 18th, at The Hound Pub & Dining. Registration is at 11:30am with a soup/sandwich lunch to follow at noon. The guest speaker at the event is Heidi Hughes from Agassiz Audubon

in Warren; the topic is Pollinator Gardening. Cost for the luncheon is \$15/person.

The Grygla Garden Club works to beautify the city of Grygla. Gardeners of all levels of expertise are welcome to join. Photo courtesy of Garden Club FB page

GGG mugs available at The Bull Pen

The Grygla School store, The Bull Pen, announced last week that they would be selling mugs created by Willow Larson with Ivory & Sage. The three unique designs for Grygla, Goodridge, and Gatzke towns sold out in no time! They can only be purchased at The Bull Pen (and eventually later on through Willow's website ivoryandsage.net). The artwork for each mug is shown below.

Willow Larson is from Fertile, MN, and is just 15 years old. She created her own Midwest mug business called Ivory & Sage.

The school store ordered

35 of each mug with all being quickly claimed and purchased. However, more have already been ordered and will hopefully be here by the end of the week. The word on the street is there might also be a Fourtown mug being added! The cost is \$22 each. Please contact Brenna Dallager at the Grygla School (218-294-6155) for more information or follow The Bull Pen on Facebook to stay up to date.

Along with the Midwest mugs, The Bull Pen also sells a variety of clothing, accessories, blankets and hats. Community members are welcome to go in and shop the Charger gear.



• 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, Jan 25
3:30pm FFF Night
Thursday, Jan 26
9am Grace Quilting
Sunday, January 29
Grace: 10:30am Worship
OS: 9am Worship, No SS

GOODRIDGE AREA LUTHERAN PARISH, ELCA
Bethany, Ekelund, Faith
Wednesday, Jan 25
Release time 12:20pm
Sunday, Jan 29
Faith: 8am Worship, 9am SS
Bethany: 9:30am Worship, 10:30am SS
Ekelund: 10am SS, 11am Wor-ship, Annual Meeting to follow
Monday, Jan 30
Faith Quilting 9am-2pm

THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITIES OF
St. Clement's - Grygla; St. Ann's - Goodridge
Fr. Bryan Kujawa
Sundays:
St. Clement's: 11:45am Wor-ship
St. Ann's: 10am Worship

BETHESDA LUTHERAN CHURCH
Skime
Pastor Steve Bliss
Sundays
8am 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, Jan 25
Wed. School 5-7pm; Vespers 6:30pm; LYS 7pm
Saturday, Jan 28
Mt. Olive: 9am Worship
Sunday, Jan 29
St. Petri: 8am Worship, 9:15am SS
Nazareth: 8:45am SS, 9:45am Worship
Oak Park: 10am SS, 11am Worship w/ Annual meeting & meal to follow

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Community Calendar

Wed | Jan 11
Senior Meals at Grain Bin Café 11am; Grygla Library open 2-6pm; GBB/BBB practice 4-6pm

Thurs | Jan 12
Grygla Foot Care Clinic at Grygla Community Center 9:30am; GBB vs. WAO in Goodridge; BBB practice 4-6:30

Fri | Jan 13
Senior Meals at Grain Bin Café 11am; GBB vs. KCC at Lancaster; BBB vs. BGMR in Grygla

Sat | Jan 14
Elementary Snowflake League Tournament (Girls in Grygla; Boys in Goodridge)

Sun | Jan 15

Mon | Jan 16
Senior Meals at Grain Bin Café 11am; BBB in Grygla vs. Northern Freeze (Parent's Night); GBB practice 4-6:30

Tues | Jan 17
GBB at LOW; BBB practice 4-6:30

Position available:
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with other duties assigned. Please contact
Derek Gieseke or Jamie Lunsetter for details.
218-294-6155. Deadline to apply is Wednesday, February 1st.

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It's ice skating season

SKATING RINK RULES

- No Alcoholic Beverages
- No use of Tobacco
- No Unauthorized Access To Arena Except For Skating Rec.

- No Profane Language
- No Hockey Playing During Open Skating

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PLEASE KEEP ARENA CLEAN. PUT TRASH IN CANS City of Grygla

The arena in Grygla is open for the season and you're invited to make use of the wonderful facility that's available to all. During the day, Grygla's PE classes will be held at the arena from now through February. However, make note of all the other available times you can hit the ice. (Hopefully not literally!)

HELP WANTED: ELIGIBILITY WORKER

Marshall County Social Services is in search of a full time Eligibility Worker. Must have the ability to organize, make decisions, remain objective, and rapidly process detailed information accurately. Computer skills and relating to people are essential. Salary range \$23.08 to \$31.05 per hour. Potential hybrid-telework possible after probation. Will require being eligible for Minnesota Merit System. Send Resume to Lisa at Marshall County Social Services, 208 E Colvin Avenue, Warren MN AND register by completing an application at <http://agency.governmentjobs.com/mnmeritsystem/default.cfm> Deadline to apply is 02/03/23.

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3	1	5	6	2	8	4	7	9

Results from last week's Sudoku puzzle.

Grygla School Board approves December Meeting Minutes

December 15, 2022, 7:00 a.m., Grygla Staff Room
Chairperson of the board Jeremy Rychlock called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm with James Verbout, Tera Nordby, Luke Nordvick, Clinton Brobst, Gretchen Smeby, Principal Gieseke and Superintendent Jamie Lunsetter present.
Pledge of Allegiance
Motion by James Verbout, second by Jeremy Rychlock to approve the agenda as presented/amended. Passed 6-0. Minutes of the 11/17/22 regular school board meeting are approved as printed/amended.
Approve payment of bills: Motion by Gretchen Smeby, second by Tera Nordby to approve payment of the bills check #39300 through check #39367, p-card payments and wire payments. Passed 6-0.
Finance Report: General Fund \$197,489.92 (Food Service \$9731.36; Community Service \$136.54; Student Activity \$14,224.30) = Total \$221,582.12. MSD/LAF/Checking \$1,092,612.09
Student Report Given by Kia Klein and Ahna Stanley. The Senior class is planning their senior trip to the Wisconsin Dells from May 12-15. They have booked an Air B&B and are looking at ideas for a new fundraiser, possibly a community breakfast.
Teacher Report Given by Tausha Severts. The elementary music concert will be held December 16 at 2:00. The Christmas Tea will be held on December 21. Peer Helper Christmas day will be on December 22. The 6th grade holiday play will be at 10:30 on December 22. Kristin Kaml has been visiting the 4th and 5th grade to teach lessons on nutrition. The elementary movie day will be December 23, as well as the fun day for the high school.
Principal Report Given by Mr. Gieseke. Mr. Gieseke attended the school safety seminar in Waite Park 3 weeks ago. There were several good safety measures that Mr. Gieseke will be considering in the coming months.
Superintendent Report: Athletic Update-Boys and Girls Basketball is in full swing. Bus Log-No major issues. Building Project-Very close to completion. The new system is functioning much better than the previous system.
Motion by Gretchen Smeby, second by Jeremy Rychlock to approve the **2022-23 Spring Graduation Date of May 19, 2023, at 3:00 p.m.** Passed 6-0. Motion by James Verbout, second by Tera Nordby to approve the final 2022 Pay 2023 tax levy at maximum, \$456,214.26. Passed 6-0. Motion by Jeremy Rychlock, second by Gretchen Smeby to approve the World's Best Workforce summary and conclusions. Passed 6-0.
Trustee Reports: None given.
Meeting Adjourned at 8:02. Next Meeting is 1/19/22, 7:00 p.m.

Grygla Elementary Intramurals

Grygla Elementary Intramurals are underway for students in grades 4-6. Games are held every Friday from 1-3pm and will continue through mid-March. The games are open for parents, grandparents, and community members to come watch.
January 27
1pm: Red-Eye Tigers vs. Swish-Kabobs; 1:30pm: Ball Stars vs. Big Blue; 2pm: Swish-Kabobs vs. Ball Stars; 2:30pm: Red-Eye Tigers vs. Big Blue

Mental Health Awareness Night

The Chargers BBB team will head to TRF on Monday, February 6th, to play the Prowlers on their home court. That evening, Community Strong is hosting "GAME ON - MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS NIGHT." The hope is to raise awareness of mental health within the overall community, especially for student athletes. Community resources for mental health and suicide prevention will be available on site that evening.

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Only in Minnesota: a weekly feature in the Eagle

Folks used to flock to this tiny Minnesota town to experience its healing mineral waters

Mineral springs in Minnesota drew many to the small city of Owatonna at the end of the 19th century – all thanks to a legend about a Native American “princess” that is, quite likely, untrue. The site is now the city’s Mineral Springs Park.

The city of Owatonna purports to be named for a Native “princess,” the daughter of Chief Wabena, who came to the area after hearing about the healing properties of a spring.

The spring is said to have been called “Minnewaucan,” or “healing waters,” in the Dakota language - a name ascribed to several other springs in southern Minnesota.

Owatonna is said to have been cured of an illness after drinking from the waters of the spring, which emerges from the bank of what is now Maple Creek at Mineral Springs Park. Most likely, however, the name “Owatonna” probably refers to the Dakota name for the main river in the area - “Ouitunya” - which was in use for hundreds of years before colonizers arrived.

Capitalizing on (if not having invented) this legend, profiteers turned the area into a resort in the late 19th century, attracting visitors from across the region. Water from the spring was declared similar to that of the “Vichy Spring” in France, and the Owatonna Mineral Springs Company bottled it and sold it across the country.

The commercial ventures lasted for about a quarter of a century before folding. Today, some of the infrastructure is still in evidence.

The city started buying up land along the creek in 1877

and has added several parcels since. In the 1970s, a local donor had a man-made waterfall built in the park. Today, the park is home to a playground, disc golf course, and hiking trails. There is also a large monument containing an 1854 essay attributed to Chief Seattle that recognizes the land’s native heritage.

Despite the dubious nature of the legend surrounding the park and its namesake spring, today it is a beautiful place to visit and for reflection as you hike, sit and gaze upon Maple Creek, or enjoy a cool sip of water from the spring.



Arts grants funding available

Applications are open for Project Grants for nonprofit arts organizations, communities, schools, and other nonprofit organizations from our seven county Minnesota service area including Kittson, Marshall, Norman, Pennington, Polk, Red Lake, and Roseau counties.

Nonprofits and government organizations can apply for one arts project at a time. Upcoming grants deadlines for these are March 1. Grants are between \$500 and \$10,000. Funding sources for these grants are Clean Water, Land and Legacy funds and general allocation funds from the State of Minnesota.

Organizational arts activities funded through these 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. This is a great way to bring arts experiences to your community.

We are offering a grant writing workshop online or in person to assist you with your application. You are welcome to come to our office in Warren for the workshop or to work on your grants in our new setting. RSVPs are required for grant writing sessions – please email director@nwartscouncil.org.

The session will be held Tuesday, February 14 at 11:00 am. You can also set up a time to work one-on-one with our director on the grant writing process.

Schools in our seven-county region can also apply now for an Artist Residency grant of \$2,600 plus an additional \$400 if the residency needs supplies. Our teaching artist roster is a great resource to view artists available to teach in our area and is available on our website at www.NorthwestMinnesotaArtsCouncil.org under the artists tab. Another resource to view artists available to enhance curriculum is COMPAS.

Schools can initially apply for one residency. Then based on remaining funding, can request up to three additional residencies into spring and summer. Funding for residency activities comes from the Clean Water, Land and Legacy Amendment in Minnesota.

Also available on a first come-first served basis are Quick Turn-around Grants for \$500. These grants are awarded to performing artists, visual artists, media artists, and creative writing artists from our seven county Minnesota service area including Kittson, Marshall, Norman, Pennington, Polk, Red Lake, and Roseau counties.

To learn more about these grant programs and start an application visit www.NorthwestMinnesotaArtsCouncil.org. The grant application process is completely online and NWMAC’s Director Mara Hanel can help walk you through the process of using the grants portal to get accustomed to it. Please contact her at director@NWAartsCouncil.org or call 218-745-8886.

Goodridge Snofest 2023



Goodridge High School held their Snofest last week with Coronation taking place Friday afternoon. The 9th grade class was crowned King & Queen. The Snofest Court was made up of the following students: 7th grade candidates Ellie Nelson & Waylon Jones; 8th grade candidates Norah Philipp & Karson Nerhus; 9th grade Queen Mica Schultz & King Trustin Wiseth; 10th grade candidates Morgan Coan & Johnny Murphy; 11th grade candidates Kennedy Panek & Chase Manderud; 12th grade candidates Caitlyn Jacobson & Jordon Johnson; 9th grade ushers MaKayla Erlandson & Carter Horgeshimer. Photo courtesy of Crystelle Philipp

NWMAC Call for Entries

The Northwest Minnesota Arts Council is pleased to announce their latest “Call for Entries” for the 2023 Annual Art Exhibit. The deadline to submit your artwork is February 28, 2023!

This year, the annual Art Exhibit will be in Middle River at the Legacy Center in March and April. Adult artwork will be dropped off starting on Monday, March 6 and student artwork later that month. Detailed information will be announced soon on our website.

Artists and creatives from our 7 county- service region are invited to enter into this art exhibit and will be competing for \$2,300 in cash awards. Artists must reside in Kittson, Marshall, Norman, Polk, Pennington, Roseau, or Red Lake counties to be eligible.

Both adults and students are encouraged to enter. Exhibit cash award winners will be chosen while the exhibit is on display by a qualified juror. They will be recognized and receive their check at the Artist Reception at the Middle River Legacy Center on Sunday, April 30. Artists are welcome to have their work in the exhibit available for sale.

See <https://northwestminnesotaartscouncil.org/nwmnartsexhibit-apply> for more information, including the exhibit entry rules and directions. If you would like the application mailed to you, please contact our office 218-745-8886 or director@nwartscouncil.org. The application must be submitted no later than February 28, 2023.

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

Trachle

Verb

Trah-khuhl

An exhausting effort, especially walking or working.

• SIMPLY DELICIOUS



By Kari Sundberg, Eagle Editor

These soft Cinnamon Roll Cookies are a dream come true. Take some cinnamon roll filling, swirl it into some Snickerdoodle dough, dunk it in more cinnamon-sugar, then die and go to heaven. This recipe is easy and so delicious.

- Ingredients
- For the filling
- 6 tablespoons salted butter softened
 - 3/4 cup brown sugar packed
 - 1 & 1/2 tablespoons cinnamon
- For the dough
- 1 cup salted butter 2 sticks
 - 1 and 2/3 cup granulated sugar
 - 2 large eggs
 - 2 teaspoons vanilla extract
 - 3 and 1/2 cups all-purpose flour spooned and leveled
 - 1 teaspoon baking soda
 - 3/4 teaspoon kosher salt
 - 1 and 1/2 teaspoons cream of tartar
- For rolling
- 1/3 cup granulated sugar
 - 1 and 1/2 tablespoons cinnamon
- Instructions

Make the filling first. In a large bowl or stand mixer, add 6 tablespoons softened butter. Beat well until it is creamy and smooth. Add 3/4 cup packed brown sugar and 1 and 1/2 tablespoons cinnamon. Beat well, scraping sides down, until completely smooth.

Line a baking sheet or large platter with parchment paper or a silicone mat. Clear out space in your freezer, if possible.

Use a spoon to create small balls of filling, about the size of a marble. Line them up on the prepared pan, you should have quite a few (see photo). Place in the freezer if you can fit it in. Freeze for 20 minutes until hardened. If you only have room in the fridge, you will have to wait about an hour or two until they are firm.



Preheat the oven to 350 degrees and prepare a couple more baking sheets with parchment paper.

Make the dough. In the same large bowl or stand mixer (no need to wash it), beat 1 cup butter for a couple minutes until smooth, scraping the sides and bottom a few times in between.

Add 1 and 2/3 cup white sugar. Beat for 2 minutes, taking

the time to scrape the bottom and sides of the bowl in between. Your butter and sugar should be light and fluffy with no chunks at all.

Add 2 eggs and 2 teaspoons vanilla. Beat well, scraping the sides and bottom of the bowl.

Add 3 and 1/2 cups flour but don't mix it in yet.

Stir in 1 teaspoon baking soda, 3/4 teaspoon kosher salt, and 1 and 1/2 teaspoons cream of tartar into the flour. Gently beat the flour mixture into the butter mixture. Don't overdo it. Just a few seconds until everything is combined. Over mixing = tough cookies.

Mix in. Once your small balls of cinnamon filling are frozen and firm, you can add them to the dough. Do not use a stand mixer or hand mixer. Instead, fold them in with a wooden spoon or a spatula.

Use a large cookie scoop or a spoon to shape the dough. You want dough balls that are about 2 inches across.

Roll the cookies. In a small bowl, add 1/3 cup sugar and 1 and 1/2 tablespoons cinnamon. Stir together. Roll the shaped cookies in the cinnamon-sugar to coat.

Place cookie dough balls on the prepared baking sheet with about 2 inches in between them. I can fit 12 cookies on an 11x17 baking sheet. But as you can see from the photos, they kind of run into each other. You can fix this with the spooning technique. (Photo below)

Bake the cookies at 350 for about 11-12 minutes. These cookies are not going to look done when you take them out of the oven because the cinnamon filling will stay shiny. You might think these cookies are going to flatten out and crisp up and fail, but never fear, we have a plan:

Shape the cookies. Immediately after taking the cookies out of the oven (like seriously, within 30-60 seconds before the edges crisp), use a couple spoons to push the edges of the cookies toward their centers. Shape them back into the circle that they were meant to be. They have spread out too much and are running into each other and will collapse into pancake cookies with too-crispy-edges and no textured height in the middle. Scrape up all that oozing cinnamon sugar goodness and pack it into the edge of the cookies, pushing the cookies in on themselves. This makes the cookies thicker, chewier, and solves the problem of the cinnamon filling spreading everywhere.

Let the cookies set up on the pan for at least 5 minutes.



Make sure to swing by The Bull Pen - the Grygla School Store - and shop for some new Charger apparel!

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University of Minnesota Extension shares: Let’s Talk Crops

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Session talks cover crops and insect pests
Submitted by: Angie Pelletier, apeltier@umn.edu, (218) 281-8692

On January 18, 2023, Bruce Potter, University of Minnesota Extension IPM specialist and Dr. Anthony Hanson, UMN Extension IPM educator joined UMN Extension crops educator Ryan Miller for the second episode of the 2023 Strategic Farming: Let’s talk crops! webinars in the series. Questions submitted in advance by people registering for the 2023 Strategic Farming: Let’s Talk Crops! sessions indicated that several were interested in learning more about how adding a cover crop to the larger cropping system can impact insect pests in the cash crop.

True armyworms (TAW) were an issue for some people’s cash crops in 2022 that had seeded a rye cover crop in fall 2021. Like other migratory pests that are unable to survive the tough Minnesota winter, armyworm moths travel north with weather systems each spring from where they spend their winters in the southern US. It is difficult to predict where TAW moths will drop out of the storms that bring them north. According to Potter, “armyworms are attracted to rye, and the denser and taller the better.” The larvae feed on live grasses. “If moths lay their eggs on a rye cover crop, the resulting larvae will look for another grass plant to feed

on when the rye is terminated”. according to Hanson. Although soybeans are as likely to suffer significant armyworm feeding injury, corn crops grown in fields with a rye cover crop are at particular risk. Corn fields with heavy grass weed pressure is also vulnerable. While rare in MN, fall armyworms arrive later in the growing season than TAW and can lay their eggs in a newly planted rye cover crop, injuring seedlings and both armyworm species can move into corn from lodged grasses in field borders. “You are adding a little bit more variability and less predictability to the system. You can manage these things, but it is going to require some scouting,” says Potter. Timely termination of your rye cover crop and scouting your cash crop for armyworm feeding injury and larvae are two important practices for managing armyworms.

For those that missed this session, it is now available to view on YouTube at https://youtu.be/_R9Hbb7M5lA. For more information and to register to attend other weekly session through the end of March, visit z.umn.edu/strategic-farming.

Session talks corn rootworms
There are two corn rootworms that affect corn roots in Minnesota, northern corn rootworm (NCR) and the western corn rootworm (WCR). Eggs are laid in cracks in the soil, where they spend the win-

ter, emerging as larvae in the spring to feed on corn roots. “When rootworms feed, they injure corn roots which negatively impacts water and nutrient uptake, lodging and yield,” says Hanson. Although a rare phenomenon, when present in high numbers, adult rootworms can cause severe feeding injury on corn silks which can both negatively impact pollination and increase the risk of ear mold diseases. Continuous corn fields, fields with high beetle populations, many continuous corn fields in the area, fields with early or late silking corn (including volunteer corn) and using the same management tactic repeatedly are at greater risk of building damaging population densities and sustaining significant rootworm injury.

In sharing the nodal root injury ratings scale when sharing research results, Bruce Potter explained, “Those node injury scales are based on a percentage of nodal roots (usually node 5 through 7) pruned to within an inch and a half of the plant. The scale goes from 0 to 3, and 0 means that none of the roots at those nodes were pruned, a 3 means that 100% of the roots at all three nodes were pruned. Any time you start to see a quarter of a node pruned, you can start to see lost yield potential.”

NCR tends to be more mobile and its eggs more cold-tolerant than WCR, and recently there has been some indications that NCR population densities in northwest Minnesota may be increasing. NCR, which are the predominant species in northern MN corn fields, are also important because of a growth habit called “extended diapause” in which some populations have developed a preference for laying their eggs in soybean crops only for their larvae to hatch the following

spring into fields that have been planted to corn – essentially crop rotation-resistant rootworms. WCR populations have not yet been documented to undergo extended diapause in Minnesota. Western corn rootworms have a long (or should we say infamous) history since the 1950’s of evolving to resist many of the management tactics we used to combat them, from resistance to multiple insecticide active ingredients to rotation resistance (in the eastern corn belt). After generations of battling this pest, when Bt hybrids specific to rootworm were first released for widespread sale in 2005 there were high hopes for effective management. When resistance to specific Bt-proteins began to be identified in 2009, a mere 6 years after their release, managing rootworms again became a bit more complicated. Resistance to individual rootworm-specific Bt traits has been documented in both NCR and WCR populations. Consequently, knowing a bit about your field’s corn rootworm population (maybe through being a part of the UMN Extension yellow sticky trap corn rootworm monitoring network) can aid in hybrid selection as one seeks to plant hybrids with Bt traits, and/or apply an in-furrow insecticide, or rotate the field out of corn to manage rootworms. With new RNAi trait hybrids entering the marketplace, there is some concern that rootworms resistant to both Bt and RNAi will soon follow. To slow the speed of resistance development in rootworms to RNAi, it is not recommended to deploy these hybrids in fields with very high rootworm population densities and Bt effectiveness has declined, as rootworm populations would then just be exposed to a single management tactic, under which resistance

is more likely to occur. For those that missed this session, it is now available to view on YouTube at https://youtu.be/_R9Hbb7M5lA. For more information and to register to attend other weekly session through the end of March, visit z.umn.edu/strategic-farming. Session talks European corn borer
In recent years, UMN Extension entomologists, specialists and educators have conducted a European corn borer survey in Minnesota, continuing a tradition that began in 1963 by the Minnesota Department of Agriculture. This survey serves multiple purposes, including improving our understanding of: 1) whether ECB Bt traits are still effective, 2) how Bt hybrids affect ECB population dynamics in fields planted to hybrids with and without ECB Bt traits, 3) the footprint of different ECB biotypes (univoltine=single generation per year; bivoltine=two generations per year; or a combination). Briefly, 10 plants in each of two corn fields sampled randomly and two fields that are known to be growing nonBt corn per county are surveyed for ECB feeding injury; those plants with injury are dissected to count the number of larvae and measure tunnel length, which is related to yield loss. ECB population densities hit a peak of nearly 400 borers per 100 plants surveyed in 1995, the year before genetically modified hybrids expressing a Bt protein specific to ECB were available to plant. On average fewer than 2 borers per 100 plants have been found in the survey since that time. Says Hanson, “In 1995, you’re looking at more than 300 larvae per one hundred plants surveyed in southern Minnesota. As the surveys continued into recent years it was hard

to find borers across the state, oftentimes just one or two per field.” While there is no substitution for scouting one’s own corn fields for ECB injury symptoms, by and large the recent results of these surveys point to several conclusions: 1) overall the Bt trait is resulting in area-wide suppression of ECB populations even in fields not planted to Bt corn, 2) the ECB Bt trait is still effective against ECB larvae. Scouting is recommended for those that plant non-Bt corn, as there is a narrow window between when larvae emerge from their eggs and when they begin boring into the stalk, where insecticides can no longer reach the larvae. Scouting of Bt fields is also recommended to quickly identify any Bt trait failures. ECB populations that have evolved resistance to the ECB Bt trait have been identified in eastern Canada, making scouting for resistance management important. In addition to ECB feeding injury and larvae, UMN Extension personnel are also examining corn plants for both signs of the tar spot fungus, a pathogen capable of causing significant yield losses in Minnesota corn, and stalk rot. For those that missed this session, it is now available to view on YouTube at https://youtu.be/_R9Hbb7M5lA. For more information and to register to attend other weekly session through the end of March, visit z.umn.edu/strategic-farming. For more news from U of M Extension, visit www.extension.umn.edu/news or contact Extension Communications at extnews@umn.edu. University of Minnesota Extension is an equal opportunity educator and employer.



Above: Goodridge Sophomore Brennen Parnow in the C game against the Win-E-Mac Patriots last week. Photo by Grygla Eagle Newspaper



#25 Elliot Philipp against a Red Lake opponent last week. It was a great win against the Warriors, 93-91!



The Chargers 7th grade line-up on the court, L-R: Gus Jones, Shay Jacobson, Cooper Aune, Waylon Jones, and Connor Hjelle. The 7th grade team beat the Patriots last Thursday in Goodridge. Photo by Grygla Eagle Newspaper



#23 Lewis Jones & #1 Blake Rychlock against the Patriots. GG beat Win-E-Mac 71-64 last Thursday! Photos by Grygla Eagle Newspaper



Carson Rubischko (left) and Blake Rychlock (above) on offense against Red Lake last week. Photos by Grygla Eagle Newspaper



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