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In this issue ... Eagle scratches from the past!



Fall Fest GHS All-Staff Reunion

Attention all Grygla staff members (former and current)! There will be a Fall Fest All-Staff Reunion held during the Grygla Fall Festival on August 26th, 2023. The event will start after the parade (the parade starts at 10:30am). A light lunch will be provided. This event is sponsored by the Grygla Education Association and the Grygla/Gatzke School. Please contact Travis Smith (218-280-3154 or tsmith@grygla.k12.mn.us) or Jamie Lunsetter at (218-294-6155 or jlunsetter@grygla.k12.mn.us) to RSVP by August 1st. The school looks forward to bringing together the faces of the past and present!



Agassiz National Wildlife Refuge seeks public review and input

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service is seeking public review and comments regarding a draft environmental assessment for continuing aerial herbicide application at Agassiz National Wildlife Refuge. The refuge has historically implemented aerial herbicide application as part of integrated pest management efforts. The draft environmental assessment is available for public review and comment from June 30th through July 20th, 2023. Electronic versions will be made available online at <https://www.fws.gov/refuge/agassiz/>. Upon request, paper copies of the document will be sent via U.S. mail. Please call (218)-449-4115 to request a

paper copy. Please let us know if you need the documents in an alternative format. Any comments, concerns, suggestions, or other feedback will be included if substantive response is required. The mission of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service is working with others to conserve, protect, and enhance fish, wildlife, plants, and their habitats for the continuing benefit of the American people. We are both a leader and trusted partner in fish and wildlife conservation, known for our scientific excellence, stewardship of lands and natural resources, dedicated professionals, and commitment to public service.



Grygla School Board approves May Minutes

Grygla School Board Meeting Minutes from Thursday, May 18, 2023, 7:00 p.m.

Chairperson of the board Jeremy Rychlock called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm with James Verbout, Tera Nordby, Luke Nordvick, Andrew Oslund, Gretchen Smeby, Principal Gieseke and Superintendent Jamie Lunsetter present.

Pledge of Allegiance. Motion by James Verbout, second by Andrew Oslund to approve the agenda as presented/amended. Passed 6-0. Minutes of the 4/20/23 regular school board meeting are approved as printed/amended. Approve payment of bills: Motion by Gretchen Smeby, second by Luke Nordvick to approve payment of the bills check #39644 through check #39706, p-card payments and wire payments. Passed 6-0.

Finance Report: General Fund was \$182,069.24. (Food Service \$6,589.84; Community Service \$585.18; Construction \$25,000.00; Student Activity \$3,331.46. Total of General Fund now \$217,575.72. MSDLAF/Checking total \$1,181,713.07.

Student Report: None Given.

Teacher Report: Given by Mrs. Severts. A retirement potluck will be held for Wayne and Marcie on May 22nd. This will also be the elementary track and field day. The sub-section track meet will be on May 25, and the sub-section baseball tournament will begin on May 30. The high mileage competition went very well. The 4th graders completed their River of Dreams Project. The 3rd grade took a trip to the Pennington County Humane Society. The 6th graders performed their Gingerbread Man play at Evening with the Arts, along with the one act play. Charger Kindness Day was May 16th. Twelve students will be taking part in summer school this year. The Senior class trip went very well, as they traveled to the Wisconsin Dells. Awards day will be May 24th, with dismissal for the summer at 10:30.

Principal Report: Given

by Mr. Gieseke. The Senior trip went extremely well. The scholarship committee met recently to decide on recipients for the class of 2023. ECFE fun night and benefit were a huge success on May 2nd. Evening with the Arts featured vocal solos, plays, and woodworking projects. The Peer Helpers, Mrs. Severts and Ms. Dallager organized a successful Charger Kindness Day. Awards day and last student day are on May 24th. Summer School will begin soon, and Swimming lessons will be late July/early August.

Superintendent Report: Athletic Update- Track and baseball tournaments are coming up. Blake and Brett Rychlock had a very successful golf season in our co-op with Roseau.

Building Project- The final walkthrough will be in June Other- Security discussion/Ed Monk follow-up.

Motion by Jeremy Rychlock, second by Tera Nordby to approve the Read Well By Third Grade report. Passed 6-0. Motion by James Verbout, second by Tera Nordby to approve membership to the MSHSL for the 2023-24 school year. Passed 6-0.

Motion by Andrew Oslund, second by Gretchen Smeby to approve certification of the following Seniors for graduation on May 19, 2023: Tre Alten, Dane Arveson, Anthony Englund, Jackson Grossman, Kiaunna Klein, Morgan Larson, Chloe Osse, Nevaeh Schaffer, Ahna Stanley, Reece Sundberg, Sheldin Sundberg, Kaylor Torgerson Passed 6-0.

Motion by Jeremy Rychlock to approve the following donations for scholarships: Machinewell \$2000; Lions' Club \$500; Rain Care Co. \$400; Farmers Union \$1,000; Todd & Deb Stanley \$250. Passed 6-0.

Trustee Reports: Options for days/times for future graduations were discussed. Meeting closed for Negotiations.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:27. Next Meeting is 6/22/23, 7:00 p.m.



Grace and Our Savior's Lutheran Church youth gathered with Vicar Marilyn Grafstrom at the pit last week where a lot of swimming and grilling fun was had! Photos courtesy of Ruth Anderson



• CHURCH CALENDARS

GRYGLA LUTHERAN PARISH
8am Worship

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, June 28
11am Bible Study
Sunday, July 2
9am Worship at Grace
10:30am Worship at OS

GOODRIDGE AREA LUTHERAN PARISH, ELCA
Bethany, Ekelund, Faith
Sunday, July 2
Calendar N/A

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

BETHESDA LUTHERAN CHURCH
Skime
Pastor Steve Bliss
Sundays

UNITED LUTHERAN PARISH
Gatzke
Pastor Tim Lundeen
Sundays
8:30am Worship
No Ladies Aid June, July, Aug

CLEARWATER LUTHERAN PARISH
St. Petri - Grygla; Mt. Olive, Nazareth - Trail; Oak Park - Oklee
Pastor Jeff Merseeth
Saturday, July 1
Mt. Olive: 9am Worship
Sunday, July 2
St. Petri: 8am Worship
Oak Park: 9:45am Worship
Nazareth: 11am Worship

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Summer League Standings

Week 2 Standings		
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Gray	4	0
Orange	3	1
Red	2	2
Purple	1	3
Green	1	3
Blue	1	3

Week 2 Results		
Orange 63		
Jack Manning 27		
Purple 59		
Jordan Coan 17		
Steven Hanson 13		
Owen Larson 11		

Gray 58
Lewis Jones 14
Caitlyn Jacobson 12
David Jones 11
Blue 50
Tyler Schulz 17
Vivian Coan 11
Brandon Bakken 10

Red 64
Gerald Melin 17
Matt Hanson 16
Green 59
Matt Busse 12
Blake Nerhus 11

Gray 59
Lewis Jones 30
Purple 57
Jordan Coan 19
Steven Hanson 13
Owen Larson 10

Orange 73
Jack Manning 21
Sheldin Sundberg 14
Brady Olson 10
James Cardarelli 10
Green 55
Matt Busse 16

Blue 59
Tyler Schulz 18
Jake Olson 14
Landon Nordby 11
Red 58
Andrew Holte 18
Gerald Melin 13

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Minutes/Agendas avail.

GENERAL NOTICE OF ROADSIDE DITCH SPRAYING ALONG COUNTY ROADS

Beltrami County will be performing roadside vegetation control along Beltrami County Highways starting June 5th . We will be spraying for Spotted Knapweed, Thistle, Tansy, Wild Parsnip, and brush. The following roads within Northwood township will be sprayed: Hagen, Whitewolf, Morel and Wapiiti. The following roads within Big Grass township will be sprayed: Powderhorn, Phentom and Pine Island. County roads 700, 701, 702, 703, 704, 705, 706, 707, 709 and 710 will be sprayed also. We are putting out this notice because you may have property adjacent to the roadside scheduled for treatment. Selective herbicides will be used that control the brush and noxious weeds but allow the grass to grow. All herbicides have been fully tested and are approved by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the Minnesota Department of Agriculture. If you do not want spraying adjacent to your property you **MUST** place "DO NOT SPRAY" signs at the beginning and end of your segment. If you have any questions or concerns, please call the Beltrami County Highway Department at 218-333-8173.

MN Master Naturalist Volunteer Training

Do you enjoy learning about the natural world? If so, consider becoming a Minnesota Master Naturalist volunteer!

The Minnesota Master Naturalist program is hosting a training beginning July 13. There will be a morning time slot and an evening.

Master Naturalist volunteers complete a 40-hour hands-on course with expert instructors and fellow learners - studying natural history, environmental interpretation and conservation stewardship. Final certification comes with the completion of 40 hours of volunteer service. The program offers three courses that correspond to Minnesota's three major ecosystems - entitled 'Big Woods, Big Rivers', 'Prairies and Potholes' and 'North Woods, Great Lakes'.

This class will cover the natural and cultural history of the 'Prairies and Potholes' Region. We will provide an in-depth overview of the Prairie Ecosystem. Through the class, participants will develop their ability to observe nature and will learn tools to improve these skills. In addition, participants will improve their communication skills by sharing knowledge with other participants and working on a group project.

The classes will be held Thursdays from July 13th to September 21. You can choose the morning class that runs from 9:30 to 11 a.m. or the evening class which runs from 6 p.m. until 8:30 p.m. There will be one REQUIRED field trip day at Lac qui Parle Area, September 8 OR 9, (you can choose) during the course.

For more info and to register on-line go to <https://www.minnesotamasternaturalist.org/courses/>. Or call Julie Larson at 320-589-1711 Ext. 2120.

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Rummage sale items being accepted

During the Grygla Fall Fest this year, the Grygla High School Student Council will be hosting a free-will donation rummage sale in the Grygla High School Gymnasium on Saturday, August 26th, from 9am-12pm. Admission to get into the rummage sale will be \$2. Funds are being raised for bathroom caddies that will be in each bathroom this upcoming school year. The caddies will contain personal hygiene products that will be free for students to take/use.

All rummage sale items will be FREE WILL unless otherwise marked. ALL proceeds will go to the student council. (You will not receive money for donated items.)

Donations will be accepted starting Monday, June 19th. Donations must be approved by Brenna Dallager or Katelyn Larson. Please send an email about the items you would like to donate and provide pictures to get approval. bdallager@grygla.k12.mn.us or klarson@grygla.k12.mn.us

The following donations will be accepted: clothing, shoes, home decor, baby items, small appliances, toys, new beauty items, tools, jewelry, vintage items, etc. We are open to other items as well, please reach out if there is anything else you have in mind.

Furniture items will be accepted however they will be limited due to storage room. Big furniture items can be brought to the school on Friday, August 25th, after arranging a drop off time with Brenna or Katelyn.

Clothing must be hardy worn, freshly washed, and in good shape with no rips or stains. Please only donate items in boxes, baskets, reusable bags, or totes. No garbage bags, please.

Highway Department VEHICLE SALE

The Marshall County Highway Department has the following vehicles for sale via SEALED BID:

- 1996 Ford Model F700-Gas Spray Truck (#511)
- 1990 Chevrolet Scottsdale Pickup ½ Ton (#640)
- 1990 Chevrolet Scottsdale Pickup ½ Ton (#641)
- 1994 Ford F-250 4x2 Pickup (#642)
- 1994 Ford Ranger 4x2 (#643)
- 1997 Ford F-150 Pickup (#645)

Sealed bids will be accepted until 12:00 PM on Friday July 7th, 2023. Please send bids to the Highway Department's main office: 447 S Main St. Warren, MN 56762. On envelope, please write "sealed bid." Bids will be opened and read publicly at the Highway Department main office on July 7th, 2023 at 2:00 PM. Vehicles are sold AS IS. Marshall County reserves the right to accept/reject any and all bids. Successful bidders will have up to 14 days to make payment and arrange to pick up awarded items.

Bid Forms are available online: https://www.co.marshall.mn.us/departments/highway_department/index.php

Vehicles can be viewed at the Holt Shop - 12658 280th St. NE Newfolden, MN 56738.

Any questions, please call the Holt Shop 218-449-3045.

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NOW HIRING FULL-TIME

The Marshall County Highway Department is currently accepting applications for the following full-time positions:

Motor Grader Operator/General Maintenance Worker for the Stephen, MN shop location

Applications and a job description are available on the Marshall County website (https://www.co.marshall.mn.us/departments/highway_department/index.php). Pay range is set by the County Board, depending on experience, from \$21.92 to \$28.92 per hour. ACDL is required. This position is open until filled. Marshall County is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

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Northwood Church Reunion

The annual Northwood Church Reunion is taking place on Saturday, July 8th. A service will be held in the church at 11am with a potluck to follow, along with musical entertainment provided by Cathy Erickson. The first Northwood Church Reunion was held in 1997 and has been happening yearly ever since. It's a great place to get together with folks that are connected to the church and reminisce about past members and all the memories and connections created. All are welcome to attend.

Food Shelf volunteers needed

Written by Cheryl Sistad, Chairman

I have been working at the Grygla-Gatzke Food Shelf since 2010 and it has been a wonderful and rewarding experience. However, due to health issues, I find I cannot continue working at the same level I have in the past.

What is needed is to add more names to our volunteer list to help with our food shelf distribution. This would be on a Saturday, once a month, from 8am to 10:30am. You would not have to commit to every month, just to be on a list to help if needed.

For more information, please call me at 218-294-6223 or 218-684-4707.

The next date the food shelf will be open is Saturday, July 22nd, from 8-10:30am.

Arts grants applications have upcoming deadline for organizations

Applications are open for government entities and non-profit organizations. Applications are being accepted 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. Grants deadlines for these are July 31, October 31, and February 29. 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 this very important grant opportunity includes festivals, community theatre projects, folk music entertainment, sponsorship of

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Emergency Food Assistance Program eligibility

The following people are eligible for The Emergency Food Assistance Program (TEFAP) USDA Annual Eligibility is included eligible to receive TEFAP commodity food:

- MN Resident
- Household income is 300% or less of the Federal Poverty Guidelines (see table below)
- If you receive or participate

Program eligibility... Continued on back

Summer League Schedule

July 4
No games played the week of the 4th.

July 11
6:15pm: BG Purple vs. Red, SG Green vs. Blue, Refs Orange & Gray
7pm: BG Orange vs. Gray, SG Green vs. Red, Refs Purple & Blue
7:45pm: BG Purple vs. Orange, SG Blue vs. Gray, Refs Green & Red

Wednesday, June 28, 2023

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Only in Minnesota: a weekly feature in the Eagle

The abandoned former drug store in Minnesota with ties to Bob Dylan

In Dinkytown, Minnesota (a Minneapolis neighborhood), the second story of a former drug store was the famous location of Bob Dylan's first apartment in Minneapolis. But after a redevelopment and three failed businesses since 1998, the former pharmacy now sits empty.

Robert Zimmerman (Bob Dylan) was born in Duluth in 1941 and lived there until he was six years old. His family

then moved to Hibbing where Zimmerman attended school. He graduated from Hibbing High School in 1959. In September of 1959, Zimmerman moved to Minneapolis to attend the University of Minnesota. There, he landed in the Bohemian Dinkytown neighborhood, which is adjacent to the U.

While in Dinkytown, he rented an apartment above Gray's Campus Drugs on the corner of 14th Avenue SE and 4th Street SE. Zimmerman began his "big city" performing career at a coffee house just

up the block called 10 O'Clock Scholar, or simply "The Scholar." It was around this time that Zimmerman began introducing himself as Bob Dylan.

By January 1961, Dylan had dropped out of the U and relocated to Greenwich Village in New York, but he continued to maintain ties with Minneapolis. His 1975 album Blood on the Tracks was recorded in Minnesota.

In 1998, a developer bought the building that houses Gray's Campus Drug and Dylan's apartment. It became a res-

taurant and music venue first known as the Loring Pasta Bar, then simply The Loring, when it ditched the restaurant end of the business and became an event venue. Both eventually failed. The space was ultimately revived again as a restaurant concept called Gray's. By 2022, that, too, had shuttered. The building now sits vacant and has residents wondering what will move in next.

To this day, Dylan's legacy is still a source of pride and celebration in Dinkytown.

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

Debouch Dih-boosh
Verb

To come forth; emerge.

• SIMPLY DELICIOUS

By Kari Sundberg, Eagle Editor

Chickpea Salad
Chickpea Salad loaded with crisp cucumbers, juicy tomatoes, creamy avocado, feta cheese and chickpeas or garbanzo beans. Fresh, healthy and protein packed!

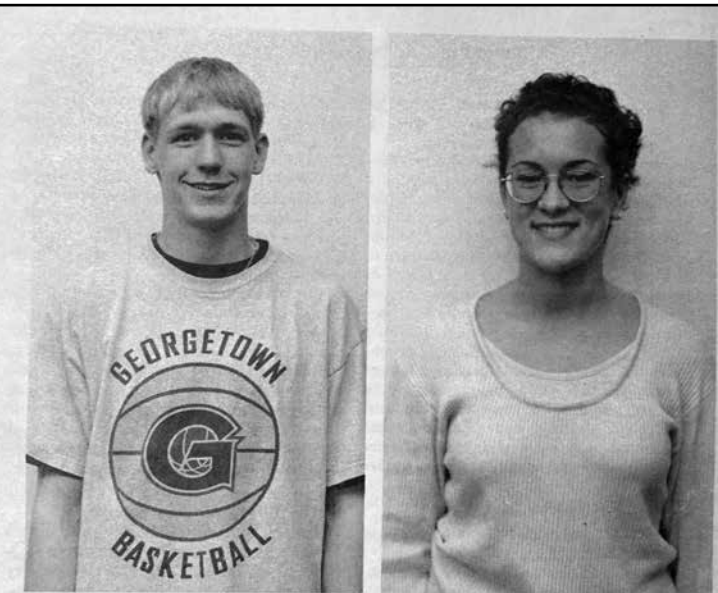
- Ingredients
- 3 Tbsp extra virgin olive oil
 - 3 Tbsp lemon juice, from 1 large lemon
 - 1 garlic clove, minced
 - 1/2 tsp sea salt
 - 1/8 tsp black pepper
 - 1 1/2 cups cherry tomatoes, halved
 - 1 cucumber, halved and sliced
 - 15 oz chickpeas, or garbanzo beans, drained, rinsed
 - 1/2 medium red onion, thinly sliced
 - 1 avocado, sliced
 - 1/4 cup cilantro, chopped
 - 4 oz feta cheese, diced
- Instructions

Combine the dressing ingredients in a small bowl: olive oil, lemon juice, garlic, salt and pepper, and whisk to combine (or shake them together in a small mason jar).

Combine remaining chickpea salad ingredients in a salad bowl, add dressing to taste, and toss to coat.



1999 Throwbacks



Alex Holte Jennifer Sundberg

Girls State and Boys State
local representatives chosen



Sue Schuler, who resigned her position on the school board when she accepted employment in another state, was honored by school board members recently at a retirement party. School board member presented her with plaque for her many years of service. From left are: Gary Polansky, Lee Sundberg, Shirley Holte, Sue, Lowell Smeby and Nikki McMillin.



Below is an article taken from the front page of the June 24th, 1999, issue of the Grygla Eagle. After 20 years of ownership, Muriel Larson had just sold the Gatzke Store to Donavon & Laura Dahl.



Gatzke sees signs of change while tradition goes on strong

by Holly Nordvick

Area residents and visitors have new as well as old reasons to shop at Gatzke Store.

After twenty years of ownership, Muriel Larson sold the store to Donavon and Laura Dahl who live 3 miles west of Gatzke.

Laura said she plans to work at the store in the summer and continue her job at the Roseau High School, teaching family life science, during the school year. Donavon will take over the store in the winter and spring when not busy on the farm. They also plan to hire someone for times they are both busy.

With the change in ownership come other changes as well. The first sign of change hangs in place of the old Gatzke Grocery sign and reads, Gatzke Country Store.

"It's good to have new owners with new ideas," Muriel said. "I was burned out."

The Dahls had plenty of new ideas and spent time painting, decorating and remodeling the store before reopening on June 17.

As well as contracting local businesses for the work Laura gives a lot of credit to their extended family. "I would like to thank our families for all their help," she said.

The store received a new roof, a fresh coat of paint inside the store and new counter tops. A snack bar and craft section was added. The Dahls also hope to instal 1 unleaded gas pump by hunting season.

The new and improved Gatzke Country Store offers the customer many new reasons to stop by. But with the changes remain a strong sense of tradition.

According to Muriel, the store was started by Christ Engelstad in the early 1990's. The first store was operated out of the Engelstad home for about five years until it was moved to it's present location. Since then Clifford Engelstad, Curtis Thompson, Eunice Severts, Raymond Morrissey, Ingeborg Loven and finally, Muriel Larson owned and operated the store. In 1983 another move was made, just a few feet from the second building.

By that time the building was in poor shape and the Larsons decided to build the store that stands today.

"I don't know how it even hung together," Muriel said.

In fact, the building was so cold in the winter Muriel had to wear snow boots and long underwear to keep warm.

"I didn't dare wash the floor in the winter because it would freeze and people would slip and fall," Muriel said.

Wether it was one of the old buildings or the new building, the store has been an important part of Gatzke for nearly a hundred years. It has been open through good times when Gatzke boasted 2 stores, a bank, a school, a creamery, a gas station, a cafe and "1 or 2 beer joints." It has also been open through hard times when all those businesses closed down.

The most recent business to close down in Gatzke was the cafe. Since then the store has become the gathering place of many local residents.

"You need somewhere to gather and visit and have a cup of coffee. That's just a part of small towns," Muriel said.

The Dahls understand this and didn't plan to throw out the old ideas when they brought in the new. The coffee pot sits in a prominent place in the snack bar. They plan to continue the tradition of a Gatzke Country Store calendar for customers. A strong sense of history is retained by the display of early calendars on the wall near the freezers. And Muriel can still be seen around once in a while.

Laura says Muriel has been a big help in the transition of changing owners.

"It's really been wonderful," she said. And what does Muriel plan to do?

"I'm trying to catch up on 20 years of neglect at home," Muriel said. "I miss the people. Other than that it feels good."

Laura agrees that the best part about the job is the people.

"It's like a big family almost," she said.

So come on over to Gatzke and join the family. The store will be open Monday-Saturday, 8:00-5:30 and some Sundays by announcement. The faces behind the counter may be different but the coffee is hot just like always.



Pictured inside the Gatzke Country Store are Laura and Donavon Dahl and children Hilary and Morgan. Photo by Holly Nordvick

Joint ditch meeting in Grygla Wednesday

The local ditch authorities for JD # 11 and JD # 21 (Mud River and Moose River) will meet at the Grygla community center Wednesday, July 30 to discuss the legal issue of going to court to force the DNR to pay ditch assessments that have been delinquent since 1993.

Governor Jess Ventura line-item vetoed \$232,000 worth of funding for ditch assessments in the Omnibus Agriculture and Environment finance bill. The funding would have paid for the ditch assessments that the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) owes Beltrami, Roseau, and Marshall Counties.

That decision puts the counties back where they started before mediation sessions with the DNR earlier this year.

At the mediation sessions, it had been proposed that the amount of delinquency be reduced, a re-determination of benefits be done, and money appropriated by the State Legislature to help pay the bill.

But, without the legislative appropria-

tion, the counties have no choice but to scrap the entire agreement. With ditch funds already in the red, the counties cannot afford to do a redetermination of benefits. In fact, they can't afford to do any ditch repair until the delinquent assessments have been paid.

Ditch assessments in question are those on Con-Con lands in Beltrami, Marshall and Roseau counties. Beltrami County, with the largest amount of Con-Con lands, has \$455,416 listed in the DNR delinquent accounts (including penalties and interest). Ditch assessments have not been paid on Con-Con lands in the three counties since 1992.

According to information from Marshall County Commissioner DelRay Larson, the counties have decided to retain Twin Cities attorney Mark Hanson to work on the issue. Hanson will petition for a declaratory judgment from the courts to determine whether or not the DNR is obligated to pay the assessments.

Program eligibility... Continued from page 2

in any of the following programs:
MFIP (MN Family Investment Program)
Child Care Assitane, GA (General Assistance)
SNAP (Supplemental Nutritional Assistance Program)
NAPS (Nutritional Assistance Program for Seniors)
WIC (Women, Infants, and Children

Head Start
Section 8
Public Housing
Energy Assitance
Weatherization
Income Eligibility (Displayed as family size/annual income)
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Two/\$43,741-59,160
Three/\$59,161-74,580
Four/\$74,581-90,000
Five/\$90,001-105,420
Six/\$105,421-120,840
Seven/\$120,841-136,260
Eight/\$136,261-151,680

Grygla Library summer programs

The Grygla Library is located in the Community Center and is open every Wednesday from 2-6pm. Librarian Betsy Saurdiff has some fun stuff planned as part of the Summer Reading Program, which includes programs that are open to the public – all ages!
With the Summer Reading Program for the kids, they just have to visit the library when it's open and they get a prize each time they use the library. Crafts are set up the 3rd Wednesday of the month. Monthly contests will end on the last Wednesday of each month. And programs are open

to the public – all ages!
For July, the craft will be Zentangles. The contest will be a Scavenger Hunt, due July 26th for a prize. The program will be Making Minnesota, which is held on July 12th at 3pm. Everyone welcome for the program!
For August, the craft will be Painting Rocks. The contest will be a Personal Reading Goal, due August 30th for a prize. The program will be Wild Things Zoo Attraction, which is held August 9th at 2pm at the Grygla Community Center. All are welcome for that also!

Garden Club tour

There is a Garden Club tour happening this Friday, put together by the Grygla Garden Club. Members will meet this Friday, June 30th, at 3pm at the home of Gwen Blaine.

Stops after that include Stacy Englund, Margie Coan and Joni Anderson. If anyone is interested in attending, they can get in touch with Joni and potentially car pool.

Sidewalk Chalk Contest happening during Fall Festival

New for Fall Fest 2023! A Sidewalk Chalk Contest – bring out your creative side and have some fun! This is for all ages beginning on Friday, August 25th, and ending on Saturday the 26th at 4pm.
1st place prize for 0-17 years old, along with 1st place prize

for 18 and above. Art can be done on the sidewalks on the east, west and south sides of Main Street. There will be an entry box at the JCC Beer Garden with slips to fill out. Artists can use up to 2 sidewalk squares. Must supply your own chalk.

A ticket to fun and feelin' young



County fair season is right around the corner, and there's just something about them that's as sweet as cotton candy. Here are the dates for all of the county fairs around our area for you to enjoy:
Polk County Fair (Fertile) is July 5-9, 2023; Pennington County Fair (TRF) is July 12-16; Roseau County Fair (Roseau) will run July 16-21; Marshall County Fair (Warren) runs July 19-23; Clearwater County Fair (Bagley) will be held August 2-6.



JV boys win Championship game

Congrats to the Chargers JV BBB team for taking the JV Championship in Walker last week! Photo courtesy of Grygla School



**JULY 29
2023**

7th Annual

FREEDOM FEST

AT THE GOODRIDGE VETERANS MEMORIAL PARK

7th Annual Freedom Fest brings in new events

The ever-popular Freedom Festival will be on Saturday, July 29th, at the Goodridge Veterans Memorial Park.
With an 11am parade, numerous vendors set up, featured artists on display and free entertainment under the band shell all day, the event is sure to be another hit with young and old alike. Consider checking it out with some of the top picks back on the schedule, along with plenty of new additions added to the day.
Funded in part by the Northwest Minnesota Arts Council and local sponsors, the hard work of many has resulted in a day-long event filled with music, art and activities for all ages.
The official poster and event line-up can be viewed on the Freedom Festival Facebook page. However, here are some of the events being planned:
Top Guns Sand VB & Freedom Run
This year, in coordination with the Freedom Run, a Top Guns Sand Volleyball tournament will be taking place. Both events happen Friday, July 28th. Top Guns Sand VB will start at 6pm; the Freedom Run will take off at 7pm. Details can be found on the event Facebook page.
All proceeds from shirt sales will go to Mission22. Our purpose with the FreedomRun & Top Guns Volleyball Tournament is to help end Veteran Suicide by bringing awareness to the issue and raising funds for Mission 22 efforts. Mission 22 is a non-profit who combats the ever-rising veteran suicide

rate by raising awareness and providing treatment to veterans suffering from Post-Traumatic Stress, Traumatic Brain Injury and other issues they may be facing.
Food Trucks
A variety of food trucks will be set up in Goodridge on Saturday, July 29th. A few of them are Smoke on Wheels BBQ, Baker Street, Snowie of Warren, Goodridge Muni Beer Garden and Cow Creek Bakery & Market.
Vendors in the Park
Many vendors are scheduled to be set up on Saturday, July 29th, from 10am-4pm. Vendors will be set up in the Veteran's Park or on the street by the park.
Vendors Wanted
Space still available at the Goodridge Veterans Memorial Freedom Festival. Calling all Minnesota Crafters, Farmer's Market, Artists and Vendors!
Vendors must provide their own tables, canopies, tents, etc. Operating hours are from 10am-4pm with setup starting at 8:30am. Vendors must stay in place until 4pm. Please mail your \$20 registration form to Berny Vraa at 18767 370th Ave NE in Goodridge, MN, 56725. Or to Trudy Hyland at 33501 130th St. in Goodridge, MN, 56725.
Veterans Honored
As a token of appreciation, the Red White & Blue Quilts from Thief River Falls will present 8 area veterans with handmade quilts at the 7th Annual Freedom Festival on July 29th, 2023. Veterans honored this year are Lynn Anderson,

Jody (Adams) Bolen, Billy Feragan, Ernie Feragan, Jerry Fergan, Julie Feragan, Roger Hovet and Erica (Marquis) Nelson.
Featured Artists
What a great line up of featured artists this year! Debbie Aune is a talented watercolor artist and will be returning to the festival as a featured artist. Iron artist, Al Belleveau, will be back as one of our favorite featured artists that is amazing with kids and teaches the techniques of welding by creating their own masterpieces. Another favorite of the festival is talented face painter, Kathy Bauck with her amazing face and body painting. Back by popular demand is caricaturist, Trevour with his amazing talent in drawing your caricature! Taylor Allstot is a featured artist this year who specializes in creating hand wood burned pieces. She enjoys making original designs with a rustic vibe. Jodi's Country Side Creations is a mother and daughter duo. Jodi specializes in jewelry, crocheting, and needlepoint while daughter Chelsey makes all the resin creations as well as their new line of clothing for children and adults. Stop by these talented featured artists booths at Freedom Fest.
Activities for Kids
The kids are sure to stay busy with all the fun geared towards them. Not only will there be a mechanical bull, but a quad bungee, inflatable archery, metal welding, bounce house, caricaturist, face painter and an Olson Gravel Nickel, Quarter & Dollar Dig.

Free Music
Get your dancing shoes ready as there's music throughout the entire afternoon until 9:30pm in the Veteran's Memorial Park Band Shell.
Blind Joe (who competed on The Voice) will be performing at the Freedom Festival. With his quick-witted sense of humor, original country music, and energetic stage presence, Blind Joe is sure to entertain you. He performs from 2-3:30pm.
100 Proof band will also be performing country blended with Classic Rock covers and some more mixed in. They end the night with a 3-hour show from 6:30-9:30pm.
Emcee & singer Eric Mickelson is coming back to the 7th Annual Freedom Festival. Make sure to get a seat under the big tent by the band shell as he kicks off the show at 12pm.
Tami Lee and The Northern Lights will be performing again this year from 3:30-6:30pm, singing classic and current country.
Class Reunion
The Goodridge High School class of 1976 will be celebrating their 47th class reunion at the 7th annual Freedom Festival in the Veteran's Park on Saturday, July 29th.
There will also be a Cornhole Tournament that day at 5pm. An event poster is shared here to the right.
Also, at 7:15pm, under the Band Shell, will be a Live Auction and Raffle Drawing.
All of this PLUS MORE at the Annual Freedom Festival at the Goodridge Veterans Memorial Park.



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GOODRIDGE FREEDOM FEST

CORNHOLE TOURNAMENT

JULY 29TH, 2023

SAME DAY REGISTRATION

\$20 PER TEAM
AGES 12 & UP

CASH PRIZE FOR WINNING TEAM

REGISTER: 4:30PM
BAGS FLY: 5:00PM

FOR QUESTIONS CONTACT: JASON SALO OR BRENT ANDERSON