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A look at next week... Grygla Ice Devils host a youth hockey day at the Brian W. Olson Memorial Arena

20 cow elk now wearing radio collars

The Minnesota Department of Natural Resources wrapped up its elk collaring project in northwestern Minnesota last week reaching its goal of capturing 20 adult female elk and fitting them with collars that can precisely track their locations.

Seventeen adult female elk were collared in Kittson County - fourteen in the Kittson Central group near Lancaster and three in the Caribou-Vita group along the Minnesota-Canada border. Three elk were also collared near Grygla, in Marshall County.

“Aerial capture of wildlife involves a lot of simultaneous moving parts and is by definition inherently dangerous,” said Lou Cornicelli, DNR wildlife research manager. “It went as smoothly as any capture project we’ve undertaken.” Cornicelli noted that flight weather was good, there were no mechanical or logistic issues on the ground or in the air, the capture crew found elk and processed them quickly and well within the handling protocols; all of which contributed to a successful operation that was completed in just three days.

Cornicelli credits the success of the project to the expertise of the capture crew contracted by DNR; the team of research and management professionals from the DNR, the Minnesota Zoo, the Fond du Lac Band of

Lake Superior Chippewa, and the landowners who provided property access to the team for capture.

During the capture effort near Grygla one elk was fatally injured and one elk was collared that appears to have recently suffered a gunshot wound, which was noticed when the animal was being worked up. All other elk appeared to be in good condition. Similar to data already collected on hunter-harvested elk, any elk that may die during the course of the study will be necropsied to better understand mortality factors and overall condition of the elk.

Prior to this project, research on Minnesota’s small elk herd has not been conducted. “The collaring effort is a first of its kind research project on free-ranging, wild elk of northwestern Minnesota. What we learn will help us develop a basic understanding of elk movements and habitat use by combining the volume of information from the radiocollars with field surveys that identify what habitats are important to elk”, said Gino D’Angelo, deer project leader.

The study is being conducted by researchers from the DNR and Minnesota State University-Mankato and will run through June 2018.

“Our goal is to improve understanding of the species and

ultimately develop management programs that benefit elk, their habitat, and increase public support both locally and statewide,” said D’Angelo.

The GPS collars will collect locations of the elk every 4 to 6 hours during most of the study. During key biological periods, such as when calves are born, locations of the elk will be taken every hour. The locations will be uploaded to satellites, and the researchers can track elk locations in near real-time via computer. The collars will also send a text message to researchers if the animal dies. The study runs through June 2018 and the collars are programmed to automatically drop off.

Current population goals for each herd were established in the 2009 elk management plan, which DNR developed with local landowner groups. The plan reflects a priority to increase landowner acceptance of elk.

The DNR is in the process of finalizing the 2016-2020 plan. A public input process was completed Jan. 22. The management plan will address population goals, landowner concerns about crop damage and opportunities to hunt and view elk.

For more information on Minnesota’s elk management, visit www.mndnr.gov/elk.



Kiwi Air, based out of Clarkston, Washington, captured this aerial view last week of 7 bulls at rest near Grygla.

One elk fatally injured near Grygla

DNR Farmland Deer Project Leader, Gino D’Angelo says, “The collaring effort was a huge success. It went all according to plan with the exception of one capture fatality. We knew that would be a risk, as it is with any animal capture; we did everything we could to minimize that. Animal chase times were

really short, less than three minutes - handling times were less than ten. The animal was a cow from the Grygla herd. The Kiwi Air crew deployed the net and the elk got tangled in such a way that it broke its neck. The helicopter wasn’t even down yet, nor had the crew even handled the animal yet.”

D’Angelo stated that area staff was sent in to remove the animal from the landscape, where it was transferred immediately to a diagnostic lab in the Twin Cities where it will have an autopsy and full disease workup.



To capture and collar the elk, Kiwi Air uses a net gun system in which a net is projected out and launched over the elk. The helicopter then lands, allowing crew members to quickly retrieve biological samples and collar the animal, after blindfolding it (to help reduce stress). The crew stated chase times of the herd are kept under 3 minutes with the animal handling itself taking under 10 minutes.



Of the 20 elk collared, 3 were from the Grygla herd. This aerial view of an elk, as it is about to be netted, was taken by a crew member of Kiwi Air. After being netted and collared, each cow has a kit the crew works them up with; each get an ear tag, along with blood and hair samples. The crew checks their measurements, body conditions, temperature and general health.



Pictured is Samantha Poirier, owner/operator of Kiwi Air. The crew of four specialize in wildlife capture all over the United States and performed the capture and collaring of 20 elk in NW Minnesota. Poirier says of her job, “It’s the best kind of experience you can have. You get to be on one of these animals, but then you get to release them back into their every day life. The projects we do are helping them and allowing their herds to be studied. Not everybody gets to be with wildlife like this.”

Elk survey results underscore importance of elk research

Fluctuations in the 2016 annual elk population survey illustrate one of the primary reasons wildlife researchers have begun placing GPS collars on elk in northwestern Minnesota and tracking their movements.

The Minnesota Department of Natural Resources’ aerial survey counts elk in three herds in the state’s elk range. This year’s survey results show large population swings in two of the three herds that might be caused by elk traveling into and out of Canada – and across the survey boundary.

“These survey results underscore the importance of upcoming research into elk movements,” said John Williams, the DNR’s northwest region wildlife manager. “The aerial survey is a snapshot in time. Tracking elk movements over a longer time period will provide information that will make our elk survey more effective and allow us to better manage elk.”

In total, survey spotters counted 83 elk in the state’s elk range in Kittson, Marshall and Roseau counties, down from 131 in the 2015 survey.

In the Grygla herd in Marshall County, spotters counted 21 elk, up slightly from the 18 counted last year and 20 counted in 2014. The

current population goal for the Grygla herd is 30-38.

“While the number of elk in the Grygla herd remains stable, its status is still of concern,” Williams said. “This herd hasn’t been hunted since 2012.”

In the Kittson-Central herd located near Lancaster in Kittson County, spotters counted 52 elk compared to 34 in 2015 and 37 in 2014. This year’s count remains above the current population goal of 20-30 animals.

In the Caribou-Vita herd (also known as the Cross Border herd or the International herd), spotters also counted 10 elk, down from 79 animals counted in 2015 and 51 in 2014. This is Minnesota’s largest herd, which migrates between northern Kittson County and Manitoba. The Caribou-Vita herd’s current population goal is 150-200 elk inhabiting both sides of the border.

“We continue to see the Caribou-Vita herd regularly travel between Minnesota and Canada,” said Williams. “We know these animals move back and forth across the border daily, and perhaps intermix with the Kittson-Central herd.”

Table 1. Comparison of elk observations between 2014 and 2016 for the Caribou, Lancaster, and Grygla herds.

	Lancaster			Caribou-Vita			Grygla		
	2014	2015	2016	2014	2015	2016	2014	2015	2016
Spike bull	3	2	6	10	5	0	2	3	2
Raghorn bull	7	8	2	5	9	4	1	5	5
Mature Bull	7	8	10	2	8	2	3	1	4
Total Bulls	17	18	18	17	22	6	6	9	11
Antlerless	20	16	34	34	57	4	14	9	10
Total Elk	37	34	52	51	79	10	20	18	21

Grygla/Gatzke Food Shelf March Campaign

It’s almost time for the 2016 Minnesota Food Share March Campaign for Hunger Awareness. The Grygla/Gatzke Food Shelf will again participate by requesting food & monetary donations during the month of March. The food shelf is eligible to receive funding from Minnesota Food Share based on the funding raised & the amount for food items donated (number of pounds).

The food shelf is run on individual donations & any grants that it may receive. They are able to buy food items through the North Country Food Bank at a reduced rate, but support is needed to keep this program going.

The Minnesota Food Share March Campaign has put together an exciting list of events by designating certain weeks to highlight the efforts by different community members.

The weeks, which run from Saturday to Friday are as follows:

February 27-March 4: Collect in the Classrooms (schools)

March 5-11: Cram the Cubicles (corporations and small businesses)

March 12-18: Kick-in at the Kitchens (food establishments)

March 19-25: Pack the Pews (congregations)

March 26-April 1: Stuff the Stores (grocers and other stores)

For the past two years, Grace Lutheran Church in Grygla has had a friendly competition between the north and south pews. Grocery bags are placed along the aisles for the donations. This year, other churches are invited to join in. Just weigh your food items (a bathroom scale will do) and the donations will be prorated according to attendance. Food

items can be brought to Sunday or Wednesday Lenten services. If your church is interested in participating, please contact Juanita Watne. The Pack the Pews competition will go through March.

Everyone is urged to consider making a donation to the Grygla/Gatzke Food Shelf during the month of March to take advantage of these grant programs. Food donations may be left at participating area churches or at the Grygla Co-op Store. Donations can be sent or given to Treasurer Lori Thompson, 222 South Evelyn, PO Box 105, Grygla, MN 56727.



CHURCH CALENDARS

GRYGLA LUTHERAN PARISH
Grace and Our Savior's, Grygla
Pastor Vicki Saude-Worthington
Wednesday:
5:30pm Lent Supper, 6pm Choir, 7pm Lent Service, 7:30pm Interfaith Bible Study
Thursday:
6pm OS Lent Supper, 7pm Worship
Sunday:
Grace: 10:30am Worship, 9:15 SS
Our Savior's: 9am Worship, 10:15am SS

GATZKE-THIEF LAKE LUTHERAN PARISH
United – Gatzke; Our Savior's – Thief Lake
Pastor Craig Bowyer
Wednesday Feb 24:
6pm supper at OS with 7pm service
Sunday:
United: 11am Worship, 10am SS
Our Savior's: 9am Worship

GOODRIDGE AREA LUTHERAN PARISH, ELCA
Bethany, Ekelund, Faith
Interim Pastor Phil Johnson
Wednesday, Feb 24:
6:30 Supper, 7pm Lent Services at Bethany
Sunday:
Bethany: 8:30 Worship, 9:45am SS
Ekelund: 9:45 Worship, 11am SS
Faith: 11am Worship, 9:45am SS

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

BETHESDA LUTHERAN CHURCH
Skime
Pastor Steve Bliss
Sunday:
9:30am Worship, No SS

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

CLEARWATER LUTHERAN PARISH
St. Petri – Grygla; Mt. Olive, Nazareth – Trail; Oak Park – Oklee
Pastor Jeff Merseith
Wednesday, Feb 24:
6pm supper w/ 7pm Lent Service at Nazareth, 7:30pm Bible Study
Thursday, Feb 25:
7pm St. Petri Lent Service, 7:30pm Bible Study
7pm Oak Park Ladies Aid
Saturday:
Mt. Olive 9am Worship, 10:15am SS
Sunday:
St. Petri: 8am Worship, 9:15am SS
Nazareth: 9:45am Worship w/ dinner to follow, 8:30am SS
Oak Park: 11am Worship, 9:45am SS

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

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Community Calendar

Wed | Feb 10
Senior Meals at Grain Bin Café 11am; Grygla Library 2-6pm

Thurs | Feb 11
Grygla Eagle office open 9am-3pm; BBB Tourney at NCTC or UMC (location TBD)

Fri | Feb 12
Senior Meals at Grain Bin Café 11am; Grygla Elementary Basketball 1:30-3:30pm; GBB Pigtail Game 7pm (Site/Opponent TBD)

Sat | Feb 13
5-6 grade boys & girls basketball tournament in Goodridge

Sun | Feb 14
Youth Hockey Dat at arena in Grygla 12pm

Mon | Feb 15
Leap Day; Senior Meals at Grain Bin Café 11am

School Lunch Menus

Grygla School Lunch Menu
Wednesday, February 24: Chicken Wraps, Lettuce, Cheese, Corn, Fresh Fruit
Thursday, February 25: Soup, Sandwiches, Carrots, Applesauce, Celery, Crackers
Friday, February 26: Enchilada or Cheese on a Bun, Green Bean Bake, Broccoli, Pineapple
Monday, February 29: Chicken Nuggets, Mashed Potatoes, Carrots, Peach
Tuesday, March 1: Italian Hoagie, Baked Beans, Carrots, Pear, Applesauce

Goodridge School Lunch Menu
Wednesday, February 24: Burrito w/ Lettuce & Cheese, Green Beans, Applesauce
Thursday, February 25: Turkey on Bun, Chicken Vegetable Soup w/ Crackers, Broccoli, Green Peppers, Carrots w/ Dip, Apples, Oranges
Friday, February 26: Shrimp Poppers, French Fries, Tossed Salad, Mixed Fruit
Monday, February 29: Chicken Patty on a Bun w/ Lettuce & Mayo, Corn, Peaches, Pears
Tuesday, March 1: Pepperoni Pizza, Corn, Peaches

Accepting Applications
The Marshall County Highway Department is currently accepting applications for the following full-time position.
General Maintenance Worker
Applications and job description are available at the Marshall County Highway Department website (<http://www.highway.co.marshall.mn.us/>) and at the Highway Department office, 447 So. Main, Warren, MN 56762. The closing date is March 12, 2016, at 4:30 p.m. Marshall County is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

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Grygla Alumni Basketball Tourney

All alumni from Grygla and Goodridge are invited to play in the alumni basketball tournament that is set for Saturday, March 5th, at the Grygla School. Registration begins at 9am with the games scheduled to begin around 10am. For more information, contact Mike Gast at GHS.

Notice of Election and Annual Meeting
Steenerson Township will hold its Annual Meeting and Election of Officers March 8, 2016 at the Steenerson Town Hall with election hours 5:00 til 8:00 pm.
Meeting at 5:00 pm.
Town Officers to be elected are:
Supervisor - 3 year term
Clerk - 2 year term
ATTENTION: In case of inclement weather, the meeting will be held on the following Tuesday, March 15th, 2016 at the same place and time.
Darlyne Roen
Steenerson Township Clerk

NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING AND ELECTION OF OFFICERS
Notice is hereby given to the qualified voters of Benville Township, County of Beltrami, State of Minnesota, that the Annual Election of Town Officers and Annual Town Meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 8, 2016. In case of inclement weather, the meeting and election will be postponed until the third Tuesday in March.
The Election Poll Hours will be open from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., at which time the voters will elect:
Supervisor
Clerk
The Annual Meeting will commence at 5:00 p.m. to conduct all necessary business predetermined by law.
The Annual Election and Meeting will be held at the following location:
Benville Town Hall
Marie L. Reid
Town Clerk,
Town of Benville
Dated: January 28, 2016

GRYGLA LIBRARY LINK

Written by: Karen Olufson
Hello Esteemed Readers! How has the reading world been treating you lately? Have you been able to get a lot of reading done? Hope you've found some terrific books to hang out with! (Smile!) I can always come up with some suggestions if you're having a struggle finding something you enjoy. Maybe to liven up things you should just try a different genre for a change. Thief River Falls Library has covered books you can make a date with this month. A little phrase hints at what's inside but you have to actually take the cover off to find out what the book is about! You won't know that until you get it home! (Smile!) It's an interesting way to try something you might not have otherwise tried.
Well, this week we'll go over some of the items we received in delivery last week. I hope you see something that excites you and you come into the library for it! We got a couple of interesting non-fiction books this time. Well, actually more than a couple, but I'm only going to name a couple. We have THE BELL TOWER: THE CASE OF JACK THE RIPPER FINALLY SOLVED ... IN SAN FRANCISCO by Robert Gray-smith and THE CHILDREN'S BLIZZARD by David Laskin. The second book is about the blizzard of 1888 on the Dakota Prairies. I think the title of the first book is self-explanatory. We also have some non-fiction for children. One book is called MINNESOTA'S HIDDEN ALPHABET by David LaRochelle. It's kind of a nature I SPY book where you look for the letters of the alphabet. We also have EYEWITNESS BOOKS: FARM by Ned Halley where one can learn about farming old and new. There are lots of nice photos in both books.
Now here's a book that sounds interesting: A SCUMBLE RIVER MYSTERY – MURDER OF A SWEET OLD LADY by Denise Swanson! That's one of the paperbacks we got in. Another paperback

is titled ONE WISH and is by Robyn Carr. We have a few paperbacks by her in the library. You might enjoy trying one.
We have a brand new movie this week: JURASSIC WORLD. We also have THE RIVER WILD with Meryl Streep, Kevin Bacon and David Strathairn. For children we got in WE ARE ... THE LAURIE BERKNER BAND featuring Brian Mueller and Susie Lampert.
In the book-on-CD category we have a book called THE OMNIVORE'S DILEMMA by Michael Pollan and read by Scott Brick and A CHANGE IN ALTITUDE by Anita Shreve and read by Anna Stone. Of course there are other books, too so please come and check them out.
For large print books we have THE UNLIKELY PILGRIMAGE OF HAROLD FRY by Rachel Joyce and a Christian fiction large print by Kim Vogel Sawyer called MY HEART REMEMBERS. In regular Christian fiction we have MY AMISH BOYFRIEND by Melody Carlson. We have a few other books by her, too and people seem to enjoy them so you might want to read one when you have a chance.
I don't usually do book suggestions on weeks when I tell you what's new in the library, but since I have a little extra space I will do one today. My suggestion is a book on CD called PLAY DEAD and it's by Harlan Coben. I thought it was a little slow getting started, but once I got into it I didn't want to stop listening! It was hard to shut the car off when I got home from where I was going because I wanted to hear the next part! (Smile!)
Well Dear Readers, I hope you've seen something here for you or your children that will make you want to come and visit the library. I'd love to see you. Hope you also have a good week for reading for yourself and to the little children in your life. Make it a safe and happy one! In the meantime, we'll see what next week brings. Until then ...

LETTER OF INTEREST

This letter was received by the Grygla Fire Department and is being shared with Grygla Eagle readers as it was thought to be of interest to you.
To the Grygla Fire Department,
This is in acknowledgement and appreciation for all you did for the Lorentzen family last week. I was fortunate enough to have been there for Keith's funeral and could sense the spirit of the strong brotherhood of your department.
Sad as it is losing Keith, the tribute to him was very heart-warming and joyous. I know in the past I have said, "Who would want to live in Grygla, MN?" Now I said, "Who wouldn't?" I can see what a rewarding and rich, full life Keith must have had there. He was such a great guy and so deserving of the best.
The enclosed check is in

support of the Firemen's Memorial* to be erected that was mentioned at the fish fry. Wish I could have added a couple of zeros to that amount for such a worthy tribute.
Thank you for adding to the great (even though sad) time I had in Grygla, MN – the town with a big heart!
Sincerely,
Marion Froemming
Minnetonka, MN
*A committee has recently been established and plans are underway for a firefighter memorial to be erected outside of the Grygla Fire Hall. A memorial fund has been started for those wishing to contribute. Checks can be made payable to Grygla Fire Department Memorial Fund and can be mailed to PO Box 136.

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Thank You
I just want thank all of Keith's friends, local businesses and the community of Grygla for all their kind support during this trying time. Keith was lucky to have you all and I'm so grateful for all of the support.
-Al Lorentzen

MINNIE TOWNSHIP NOTICE OF ELECTION AND ANNUAL MEETING
Minnie Township election of officers will be held at Minnie Town Hall 65964 Fourtown Road NW on March 8th, 2016 between 05:00 PM and 08:00 PM. Annual meeting will follow at 08:00 PM at the same location.
TOWN OFFICES TO BE ELECTED ARE:
SUPERVISOR FOR 3-YEAR TERM
CLERK FOR 2-YEAR TERM
MINNIE TOWNSHIP
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Cost: \$20
Registration: Call Hazel Thomas at the Grygla School (218-294-6155)
Registration Deadline: 3 PM 3-11-16

Looking TO RENT
A home in the Grygla/Goodridge area, preferably in the country. Looking to move in around May/June.
Please contact **Jeremy Burns** at 605-461-9420 or **Laurie Burns** at 605-461-9947.

Grygla Area Caucuses

If you are planning to vote Republican in the upcoming Presidential election this fall, please take the opportunity to attend the REPUBLICAN CAUCUSES.
The date is Tuesday, March 1st, at 7pm. The sites will be the Grygla Civic Building and Our Savior's Lutheran Church for northern Beltrami County.
Take part in your precinct discussions with your neighbors. Enter resolutions you and

your neighbors would like to see voted on at the county convention. Become a delegate or an alternate to the county convention. Take part in the presidential straw poll.
This year the straw poll will determine the number of delegates each presidential candidate receives at the Republican National Convention.
Enjoy the CAUCUSES!
Wayne Warne, Chairmen
Marshall County Republicans

WHAT A JOKE

Amazing and simple home remedies
Avoid cutting yourself when slicing vegetables by getting someone else to hold the vegetables while you chop.
Avoid arguments with the females about lifting the toilet seat by using the sink.
For high blood pressure sufferers – simply cut yourself and bleed for a few minutes, thus reducing the pressure on your veins. Remember to set a timer.
A mouse trap placed on top

of your alarm clock will prevent you from rolling over and going back to sleep after you hit the snooze button.
If you have a bad cough, take a large dose of laxatives; you'll be afraid to cough.
You need only two tools in the house: WD-40 and duct tape. If it doesn't move and should, use the WD-40. If it shouldn't move and does, use the duct tape.
If you can't fix it with a hammer, it's an electrical problem.

EXTENSION NEWS

Written by: James Stordahl

Crop Production Woes

As farmers prepare for the upcoming cropping season, many are struggling with a variety of concerns. First and foremost are crop prices, the current prices of most commodity remain below the cost of production. This is not a new problem, but coupled with other production concerns, it becomes a bit more complicated.

Perhaps the two most common cultural concerns are related to the production of the darling crop of the past decade or two, soybeans. Soybeans have become the crop of choice for many farmers for a variety of reasons, but foremost has been the reliability of production, and thus profits. If you track crop yields over a period of years, you'll see that soybean tends to provide a reliable yield with few quality discounts as compared to other crops. Both wheat and corn seem more vulnerable to weather incidents that can dramatically affect the crop yield or quality. Just ask any farmer about wheat quality discounts and get ready for an animated conversation with language colorful enough to make a sailor blush.

The next concern on farmer's minds is the alarming rate of increasing pests attacking the darling crop. Soybean cyst nematode is the sneaky one that slowly reduces yield without overly obvious symptoms. Not all soybean fields are infected with SCN, but every soybean producing county in our part of the State has now confirmed the presence of this new pest. If you don't have it yet, there's a chance it will become a problem.

The soybean cyst nematode is a microscopic worm that feeds on and within the roots of soybeans, dry beans and a handful of weeds. High levels of this parasitic worm can have a devastating effect on yield. SCN is difficult to detect because symptoms often mimic other common crop problems. Plants appear stunted and yellow so the problem is easily confused with wet soil conditions, iron chlorosis (IDC), or herbicide damage -- the three most common soybean yield thieves.

As of today, aside from a longer crop rotation, an easy fix to this problem is not evident.

If crop prices remain low, the only two options to growing a profit are increasing yields or reducing costs. Increasing yields is certainly an option that works well on paper, but Mother Nature has the final say on crop yield, so from a practical standpoint, that leaves reducing costs.

Most crop production costs

are rather inflexible while others may have some wiggle room, but how does one decide what to cut and what to include?

The next obstacle is herbicide resistant weeds. The vast majority of US farmers now have some level of glyphosate resistant weeds. Although this trend has been worse in the South, the problem has moved north so that it's now become a prominent problem in our area, and getting worse.

But there is help. If you would like some practical suggestions on how to deal with these problems and increase your profitability, join us for our annual East Polk County Crop Day on Monday, February 29th. The meeting will be held at the McIntosh Community Center beginning at 10 am. A noon meal will be provided compliments of Farmers Tri Coop, First National Bank of McIntosh, CHS -- Erskine and the Minnesota Wheat Growers.

Speakers for this event will include Dr Phil Glogoza, UM Agronomist who will address the pest issues in soybean and offer the latest research-based information on how to deal with SCN and resistant weeds. He will also touch on practical ways to edge your soybean yield upward.

Dwight Aakre is an NDSU Extension Farm Management Specialist and will present: "What can we do with tight operating margins? Don't make the situation worse by putting yield at risk."

Also, Minnesota Wheat Growers will provide an update on the results of region wide, large scale research project measuring the effect of nitrogen rates, plant growth regulators and seeding rates -- all of which will affect wheat profitability.

But wait, there's more! We will also have program updates from the new staff at the SWCD office, as well as NRCS programs. Both of these organizations have programs that may have a fit on your farm to solve soil concerns or programs that may provide profit alternatives -- such as CRP, which has very impressive rates now. Perhaps in these economic times, some of those acres may be better off in CRP?

Lastly, the East Polk County Crop Improvement Association will have their annual meeting.

Join us for an informative day, complete with a delicious noon meal, to learn how to improve your farm profitability in 2016.

For more information, contact me at 800-450-2465, 218-280-1129 or stordahl@umn.edu



Above, Pauline Sistad attended the afternoon class with some of her family members. Below is Vicki Worthington, Kandy Sundberg and Marshelle Benson. Classes were held in the back room of Diamond's Bar & Grill.

Because of its success, the committee is working on organizing another painting class geared towards families with children. Watch for more information!



Word of the Week

...enhancing vocabularies one Grygla Eagle at a time.

Autodidact

\aw-toh-DAHY-dakt, -dahy-DAKT\

Noun

A person who has learned a subject without the benefit of formal education; a self-taught person.

A Note from Principal Lunsetter's Desk

"Life isn't about finding yourself. Life is about creating yourself."

~ George Bernard Shaw

So many people try to find happiness for themselves in all the wrong places...they think that if they buy enough stuff, then they will be happy. There's never enough stuff. They think that traveling to distant places will make them happy. There's no place far enough away to get away from yourself. They think that if they buy fancy clothes, they will be happy. It's what's on the inside, not the outside, that counts. There is nothing wrong in having nice things. The trouble comes when we place a greater value on those things than on the people around us, and when we think there is something out there that will bring us happiness.

We have to find happiness within ourselves. We need to be thankful for the things we have and use our time and energy to help the people around us that need us. When we are able to do that, we create happiness within ourselves.

Representatives Fabian and Kiel: Small city transportation funding a priority in Republican Road and Bridge Act

Greater Minnesota priorities are on the agenda for the 2016 legislative session, and that includes important funding for roads and bridges in our area.

Last session, House Republicans put forth a \$7 billion, 10-year transportation plan that will improve transportation infrastructure across the state-- all without a harmful gas tax increase. In total, the Road and Bridge Act will help fix more than 15,000 lane miles and 320 bridges throughout Minnesota from Warroad to Worthington.

Northwest Minnesota towns have a number of much-needed transportation improvement projects, and rural roads in our small communities are a priority in the Road and Bridge Act. In addition to the \$12.5 million passed in 2015 for small city transportation funding, if our proposal becomes law, there will be more than \$27.5 million a year in additional funding for the small cities program. This

money comes from dollars already collected by state government through a rental car tax, and will fund repairs to roadways in cities with fewer than 5,000 people.

For the communities that we represent, that's more than \$1.2 million in the first year of implementation to fill potholes and fix local streets. We all know how harsh the winter weather can be in our part of the state, and this small city transportation funding is essential for the commuters, commerce and citizens who drive on our roads each and every day.

We look forward to passing legislation important to folks in Northwest Minnesota when session begins again on March 8th. We will work to make sure Greater Minnesota priorities continue to be well represented at the Capitol, and that includes transportation funding for our small cities in the Road and Bridge Act.

"The more that you read, the more things you will know. The more that you learn, the more places you'll go." ~ Dr. Seuss

Below: Little ones enjoyed 'I Love to Read' night at Grygla ECFE recently. Pictured is Scarlett Sundberg, daughter of Jake & Abby, relaxing with a good book, along with Kyla Nordvick flipping through the pages with her mom, Katie.



Centennial Fundraiser was a success



The Grygla Centennial Committee held a fundraiser over the weekend; folks could come and paint under the instruction of local artist, Betsy Saurdiff. Approximately \$750 was raised between the afternoon and evening classes, and about 50 painters attended.

Pictured above is the afternoon class; pictured below is the evening class.





GG 6th graders took home 2nd place at the Argyle basketball tournament over the weekend. Front row, L-R: Nick Groven, Nolan Anderson, Andrew Loken. Back row: Jordan Coan, Mason Laidley, Avery Moe, Tucker Verbout, Justin Thompson and Clayton Suchoski. The boys play in another basketball tournament this weekend in Goodridge; games start at 9am and are for GG 5-6 graders.



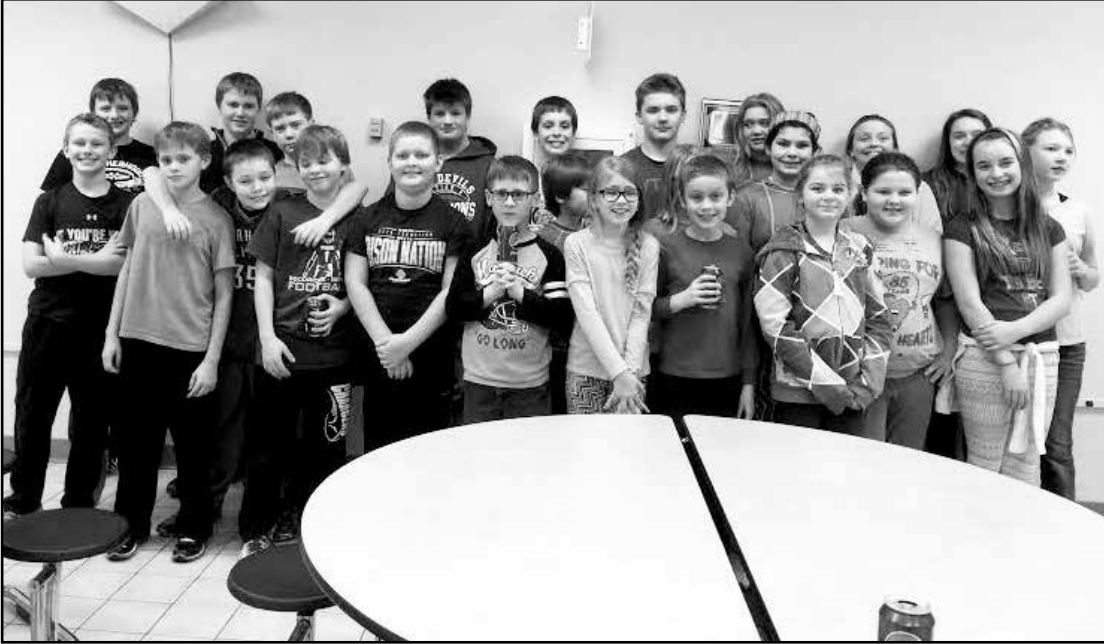
6th graders Clayton Suchoski (45), Nolan Anderson (20) and Tucker Verbout (30) went up against KCC in Argyle last Saturday.



The following Goodridge High School students participated in the BSU Honor Band on Saturday, January 30th, 2016, at Bemidji State University: Mariah Coan, Ashlyn Henrickson, Caleb Olson, Jeremy Wiskow, Instructor Lorrissa Skalsky.



The Grygla/Gatzke Go-Getters 4H club held a skating party last week. Kids attending, L-R: Kensley Brateng, Chey Mickelson, Riley Saurdiff, Gus Jones, Brody Saurdiff, Lewis Jones, Walter Jones and Lucy Mickelson.



The American Legion Auxiliary put on a pizza party last week for the Grygla School Patrol kids!



GG 5th graders took 1st place in the Argyle basketball tournament on Saturday, February 20th. L-R: Sidney Solberg, Kia Klein, Coach Jenny Jacobson, Emily Carlson, Ahna Stanley, Sadie Anderson, Caitlyn Jacobson, Kylie Delage, Hannah Wilebski, Coach Stacy Anderson, Payton Homme.

Grygla/Gatzke School Board Minutes

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

The board met on Wednesday, January 20, 2016, at 7:30pm. Chairperson of the board Nicolette Leach called the meeting to order at 7:03pm with Gary Polansky, Shaunna Olson, Karina Tinnes, Charisa Limesand, Jim Verbout, Principal Lunsetter and Superintendent Clow present.

After the Pledge of Allegiance, the agenda was approved as presented.

Reorganization of the board: Chairperson Leach called for nominations for chairperson. Shaunna Olson nominated Nicolette Leach for chairperson. There were no other nominations. Motion by Shaunna Olson that nominations cease and a unanimous ballot be cast for Nicolette Leach for chairperson, second by Karina Tinnes. Passed 5-0, Leach abstained. Chairperson Leach called for nominations for vice chairperson. Nicolette Leach nominated Gary Polansky for vice chairperson. There were no other nominations. Motion by Jim Verbout that nominations cease and a unanimous ballot be cast for Gary Polansky for vice chairperson, second by Shaunna Olson. Passed 5-0, Polansky abstained. Chairperson Leach called for nominations for treasurer. Gary Polansky nominated Shaunna Olson for treasurer. There were no other nominations. Motion by Gary Polansky that nominations cease and a unanimous ballot be cast for Shaunna Olson for treasurer, second by Karina Tinnes. Passed 5-0, Olson abstained. Chairperson Leach called for nominations for clerk. Gary Polansky nominated Karina Tinnes for clerk. There were no other nominations. Motion by Charisa Limesand that nominations cease and a unanimous ballot be cast for Karina Tinnes for clerk, second by Shaunna Olson. Passed 5-0, Tinnes abstained.

Committee Assignments: MSHSL Shaunna Olson; Sports Pairing Karina Tinnes; Legislative Action Gary Polansky; NWRIC Nicolette Leach; Certified Negotiations Jim Verbout/Karina Tinnes; Classified Negotiations Shaunna Olson/Charisa Limesand; Essential Negotiations Shaunna Olson/Gary Polansky; Administrative Negotiations Gary Polansky/Nicolette Leach; Safety Shaunna Olson; Staff Development Karina Tinnes; Policy Review Shaunna Olson/Charisa Limesand; Community Education Shaunna Olson; Buildings/Grounds Nicolette Leach/Karina Tinnes; Transportation Gary Polansky/Jim Verbout; Marshall County Collaborative Charisa Limesand.

Minutes of the 12-17-15 regular school board meeting were approved as printed, along with payment of the bills and wire payments.

Finance Report: Given by Galen Clow.
General Fund \$68,853.88
MSDLAF \$1,476,822.03
Food Service 5,707.31
Checking 16,704.91
Comm. Service 865.08
Scholarship 1250.00
Scholarship Trust 12,695.00
Total \$89,371.27
Total \$1,493,526.94

Student Report: Given by Dustin Nelson and Hailey Vad. On the last school day before Christmas, 7-12th graders played BINGO over the intercom. The robotics teams again performed very well, one team winning the tournament at NCTC in TRF on 1/9/16. Grygla hosted a "skills only" robotics event for 14 teams on Saturday, 1/16/16. Both robotics teams will be attending the state competition in St. Cloud on January 29-30, 2016. Knowledge bowl attended two meets so far, with two teams competing on 1/13/16 and one team on 1/20/16. McKayla Vad, Hailey Vad, Bailey Watne, and Gabe Arveson attended the Honor Band event in Fergus Falls on 1/16/16. Student Council will hold Spring Fling during the week of March 14-18, 2016; Spring Summit will be on 3/30/16. Student Council will also hold a blood drive with the firemen on 2/17/16. Alison Satre presented to a group of principals at the Student Council meeting on 1/13/16. School store members will be going to Clear Channel Radio to read ads. In girls basketball news, parents night was held on 1/14/16, and Shantel Verbout reached 1000 points! Parents night for boys basketball will be on 1/25/16 in Goodridge.

Teacher Report: Given by Travis Smith and Drew Kiono. Fourth-sixth grade intramural basketball started in January; games between the four teams have been going well. On 12/22/15, students in grades K-6 went to a movie, Alvin and the Chipmunks: The Road Chip, at the theater in TRF; thank you cards from second graders were passed around. There was no school on Monday, 1/18/16; however teachers attended sessions at the technology conference at Lincoln High School in TRF. The end of the second quarter is coming up this Friday, 1/22/16; students are eager to start a new homeroom class for second semester. Seniors are writing scholarship letters in English class right now.

Principal Report: Given by Principal Lunsetter. Basketball coaches are excited about the direction the teams are headed, and players are working hard. The possibility of starting an elementary football league was discussed:

area towns are starting teams, and the board liked the idea of putting a survey on the school website to gauge interest. The growing sport of trap shooting was also discussed: the sport, available to grades 6-12, is growing rapidly in Minnesota; deadlines for our school to participate are coming in March, so Principal Lunsetter will send a letter home to parents explaining the possibility and put a sign-up sheet in the office. The board inquired about how offering trap shooting might affect the district's insurance; Principal Lunsetter answered that it shouldn't because the school does not transport students, and volunteer coaches are insured through the shooting league. The technology conference for teachers on 1/18/16, was attended by over 600 area teachers. Work on the yearly calendar will begin soon, with Principal Lunsetter collaborating with the teachers. The first semester is ending now, with the second semester starting on Monday, 1/25/16. The new fire alarm system is now installed; the technicians spent four extra days troubleshooting because up to 50 percent of the old system wasn't functioning properly. The technician from Simplex Grinnell proposed working on updating our video camera system as well.

Superintendent Report: Given by Superintendent Clow. The bus report: a monthly summary of bus issues was available; bus #2 needed a new radiator, bus #3 had a fuel pump go out, along with a couple other minor issues. The following policies are up for review: 601, 602, 603, 604, 605, 607, 608, 609, 610, 611, 612.1, 613, 614, 615, 616, 618, 619, 620, 623 and 624. Nominations are being accepted for a school board representative to serve on the Northwest Regional Development Commission. The essential employees would like to negotiate. The district's three new credit cards, or PCards, have arrived and are activated; Superintendent Clow and Amy Holte, business manager, attended a webinar to get started. Of the three cards: Amy Holte's name is on one for district purchasing, Isaac Kvasager's name is on one for technology purchasing, and the Transportation Fuel card is for employees to sign out for trips in a school vehicle.

Other items: Evaluate all programs for reductions in the 2016-17 school year; Brooke Olson was approved for hire as the varsity volleyball coach; the board accepted the resignation of Hazel Thomas, student/personnel administrative assistant; \$400 was accepted from the Grygla/Gatzke Jaycees for vinyl basketball banners.

Meeting adjourned at 8:44pm.

Chargers Basketball results

BBB vs. WAO on Saturday, Feb. 13 at NCTC in TRF
Chargers 44, WAO 46

Stats: Stinar 14 points, 10 rebounds; Kriel 8 points, 7 rebounds; Walker 6 points, 5 rebounds; Brateng 6 points, 4 rebounds; Groven 5 points, 12 rebounds; Jelle 4 points; Wilebski 1 point, 1 rebound; Wiseth 1 rebound

Coaches Comments: This was a very important game for us. I felt we didn't rise to the challenge. We didn't do the things to win the game. We were not mentally strong. We are going to regroup and iron things out. I am still very optimistic with this team and I feel we will play well in the playoffs.

GBB vs. Stephen-Argyle on Monday, Feb. 15 in Argyle

Chargers 49, SAC 66
Stats: Alison Satre 2 rebounds; Ashley Moe 7 points, 3 rebounds; Ashlyn Henrickson 2 points, 5 rebounds; Brooke Anderson 2 points; Hannah Dietsch 12 points, 2 rebounds; Karlee Johnson 2 points, 1 rebound; Madison Bakken 8 points, 3 rebounds; Mariah Coan 6 points; Shantel Verbout 11 points, 2 rebounds.

Coaches Comments: Girls fought hard in this game. It was a fight the whole game. That was good experience for us because that is what playoffs will be like. We threw some different defenses at them, but

our weak side defense wasn't responding. Our man-to-man looked stronger in this game so we are happy with that. Offensively we shot 43% for 2's and 3's and we kept moving.

GBB vs. Fertile-Beltrami on Thursday, Feb. 18 in Goodridge

Chargers 56, FB 43
Coaches Comments: The girls pulled out a good win. They fought hard defensively. They were getting to their spot and keeping their eyes on their scorers. This was a team win. Every girl played very well. We are very proud of them. The team had 56 points, 12 assists, 10 offense rebounds, 23 defensive rebounds, 7 steals, and allowed 43 points.