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In this issue: Grygla Lion's Club holds eyeglasses collection.



The Grygla Merchant Customer Appreciation Breakfast was held last Saturday. Pictured are just a few of the many merchant members that were busy working the breakfast that morning. L-R: Andy Oslund with Grygla Seed, Bryan Grove with American State Bank, Tera Nordby with American State Agency and Bryan Dougherty with Machinewell, Inc. Photos by Grygla Eagle Newspaper

Grygla Merchants serve the community

We know that the Grygla Merchants serve their community, but last Saturday it was in the literal sense! They served up a delicious breakfast to a really nice crowd this year. The free pancakes and sausage were served in appreciation to all of their customers. The Grygla Merchants include: American State Agency, American State Bank, Grygla Farmers Union & Ag, Fountown-Grygla Sportsman's Club, Fountown/Little Willy's, Garden Valley Technologies, Grain Bin Café, Grygla General Store, Grygla Eagle Newspaper, Grygla-Gatzke JCC's, Grygla Seed, Grygla Trailer Court, Holthusen Construction, K-Star Ag Services, Legend Seeds, Lion's Club of Grygla, Machinewell Inc., Monson Electric, Northern Ag Incorporated, Northwest Grain Elevator, Saurdiff Trucking, Stanley Farms, The Hound Pub & Dining and TRF Radio.



Pursuit ends in intentional crash

Press Release submitted by Chris Muller, Public Information Officer, Beltrami County Sheriff's Office

A 52 year old Grygla man was arrested after a pursuit and intentionally crashing into a Bemidji Police Department squad car. At 1:13AM March 16, 2024, a Beltrami County Sheriff's Office Deputy and a Blackduck Police Officer were on patrol in the City of Blackduck when they observed a vehicle stopped at an intersection. The vehicle remained stationary despite no opposing traffic. The deputy then observed the vehicle proceed and signaled a turn but failed to execute the turn. Additional driving behavior was observed and a traffic stop was initiated. The vehicle accelerated at a high rate of speed and proceeded south on US Highway 71. The pursuit reached speeds of 100mph as the suspect approached Hines. The vehicle turned east on Hines Rd and the deputy was attempting to perform a pursuit intervention technique when the vehicle entered the ditch and proceeded back to Highway 71. A Minnesota State Trooper and another Beltrami County Deputy successfully deployed tire deflation devices.

Bemidji Police Officers were at Farley Drive and Highway 71 when the suspect vehicle intentionally attempted to hit one of the squad cars. The officer was able to maneuver his squad to avoid a head on collision but was subsequently struck on the driver's rear side of the squad. The suspect vehicle became disabled at the tree line. Deputies and officers attempted to apprehend the suspect, but he resisted arrest and was sprayed to gain compliance.

The suspect was identified as Jason Moe, age 52, of Grygla. Moe was arrested with charges pending for fleeing in a motor vehicle, first degree assault use of deadly force on a peace officer, second degree driving while impaired and obstruction with force. Moe was transported to the Bemidji Sanford Medical Center and later medically cleared and taken into custody. No other injuries were reported. The Beltrami County Sheriff's Office was assisted by the Blackduck Police Department, Bemidji Police Department, Minnesota State Patrol and Bemidji Ambulance Service.

-By Sheriff Jason Riggs

March Campaign continues

Submitted by Cheryl Sistad, Chairman, Grygla/Gatzke Food Shelf

The donations are slowly trickling in as the Minnesota Food Share March Campaign for Hunger Awareness continues. The Grygla/Gatzke Food Shelf is participating in this fundraising campaign as we will be eligible to receive funding pro-rated compared to other Minnesota campaign participants. The fundraiser will continue through Saturday, April 6th.

This is our big fundraiser of the year as the ability to generate some matching funds makes it all the more worthwhile. Monetary donations may be sent to our treasurer, Lori Thompson, 222 Evelyn Avenue, P. O. Box 105, Grygla, MN 56727. There will be a grocery basket at the Grygla General Store where you can leave your food donations.

Minnesotans made 7,551,147 visits to food shelves in 2023. This is 1.8 million more visits than in 2022. It is the third consecutive year for record high visits. Hunger Solutions has been tracking food shelf visits since 2002 and never before have we seen food shelf visits increase so dramatically over just a few years.

There are few things contributing to these record increases year after year:

Food price inflation – We've all felt the pain of increasing grocery prices in our personal lives and many of you have seen how those prices impact your food shelf's orders. Food prices have risen so much that a basket of groceries that cost \$100 in December 2019 now costs around \$125. Many of us can absorb a one-time \$25 increase, but absorbing that increase week after week, month after month for years, means more people are turning to their local food shelf for help.

The loss of pandemic benefits – pandemic relief programs largely ended in 2022 and early 2023. The last bid pandemic benefit we lost was the Emergency SNAP allotments. The last E-SNAP payment was in March 2023. By April 2023 Minnesotans on SNAP saw a monthly loss of about \$100 per person on average. To fill that gap, SNAP participants rely more and more on food shelves for help.

The Grygla/Gatzke Food Shelf will be open this Saturday, March 23 from 8:00 to 10:30 a.m.

Grygla City Council approves February Minutes

The March meeting of the City Council was held at the Grygla Civic Building on Monday, March 11th. Council members approved the February minutes, which are included below. Official minutes are taken by Grygla City Clerk and re-capped by Eagle Editor. For the full version, including receipts & disbursements, visit www.grygla.govoffice2.com

The regular meeting on February 12th was called to order at 7pm at the Civic Building by Mayor Devin Ruud with the following council members present: Gavin Nordby, Dustin Nelson, Karla Byklum, and Dave Dunrud. Absent: None. Also present was Rose Aune.

Council approved minutes, along with receipts, disbursements, checking, savings & total balances for that month. The payment of all bills was

also approved with the switch of Thief River Glass to \$628. Other items included:

ARENA WATER HEATER
Sundberg Plumbing & Heating installed the new water heater. There was a donation from the Fountown/Grygla Sportsman's Club so far. The school will also be helping with the cost.

FLOOD PUMP
The wrong pump was sent. It's been returned and the new one will arrive soon.

COMMUNITY CENTER
Nordby is waiting to hear back on how much it will cost to have Concrete Design redo the flooring.

WELLHEAD PROTECTION
There is nothing new to re-

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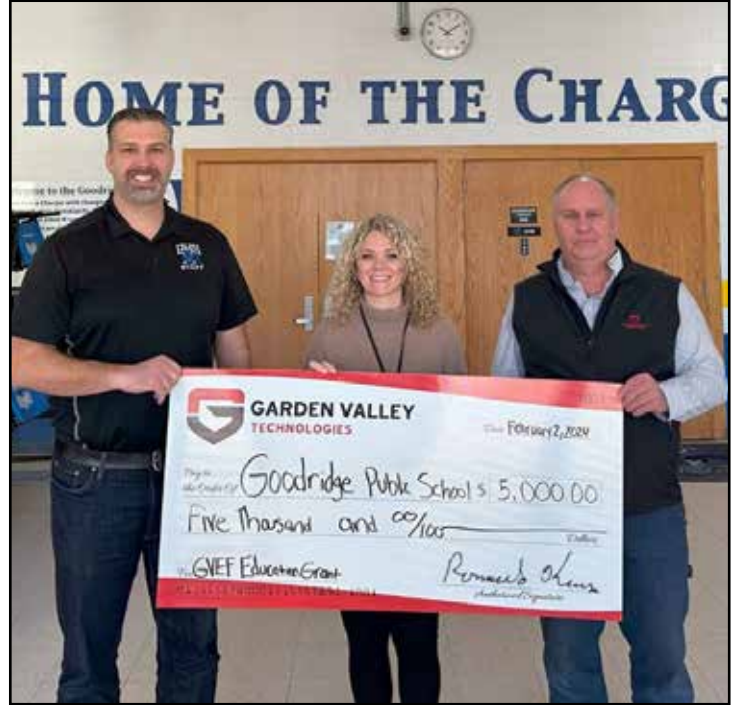
One of the best things about going to a community breakfast is all the talk about farmin' with the locals, young and old! Pictured on the left, Jett Anderson inquired about an old calf of his that went to the W.J. Hereford farm; he was wondering if it was still named Whipped Cream. On the right, Wally and Karol Byklum didn't have to worry about making breakfast! They enjoyed the hearty spread provided by the Grygla Merchants. Photos by Grygla Eagle Newspaper

GVEF awards \$5,000 grants to local schools

The Garden Valley Education Foundation (GVEF) has presented \$5,000 technology grants to 10 local schools, including: Bagley, Goodridge, Fertile-Beltrami, Clearbrook-Gonvick, Grygla, Lincoln High School, RLCC, Warren-Alvarado-Oslo, Red Lake Falls and Win-E-Mac.

The grants are intended to be used for the purchase of any technology related service or product the district feels would best suit their needs.

Each of the 10 schools submitted a written request for grant funds which included what the grant would be used for and how it is related to a technology need. "We were excited to see how many schools wanted to take part in the grant process," explained Timothy Brinkman, CEO/General Manager of GVT. "Between these grants, our Esports sponsorship, and our Local Channel partnerships with the schools, it's a great opportunity to be involved in the educational experience of our local students."



• CHURCH CALENDARS

GRYGLA LUTHERAN PARISH
Grace and Our Savior's, Grygla
Pastor Marilyn Grafstrom
Recorded services will play on Garden Valley channel 36 on Wednesdays 7pm and Sundays 9am & 7pm.
Wednesday, March 20
11am Bible Study; 2:15pm Release Time; 3:30pm FFF Night; 5:30pm Lent Supper; 6pm Grace Choir, 7pm Lent Worship at Grace
Thursday, March 21
9am Grace Quilting; 7pm OS Lent Worship
Sunday, March 24
Grace: 9am Worship
OS: 9:30am SS, 10:30am Worship

St. Ann's: 10am Worship

BETHESDA LUTHERAN CHURCH
Skime
Pastor Steve Bliss
Sunday, March 24
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, March 20
Wed. School 5pm; 6pm meal at OP, 7pm OP Lent, Vespers
Thursday, March 21
St. Petri 6:30pm
Saturday, March 23
Mt. Olive Worship 9am
Palm Sunday, March 24
Nazareth: 9:45am Worship w/ 8:45am SS
Oak Park: 11am Worship

GOODRIDGE AREA LUTHERAN PARISH, ELCA
Bethany, Ekelund, Faith
Wednesday, March 20
6pm Meal with 7pm Lent Worship at Ekelund
Sunday, March 24
Ekelund: 8am Worship, 9am SS
Faith: 9:30am Worship, 11am SS
Bethany: 10am SS, 11am Worship
Monday, March 25
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 Worship

CHILDREN/ADULT MENTAL HEALTH/ DISABILITY SOCIAL WORKER POSITION
Marshall County Social Services is accepting applications for a Children/Adult Mental Health/Disability Social Worker position. A Degree from an accredited four-year college with a major in Social Work, or a closely related field is required. Minnesota Merit System certification is necessary. Salary range is \$27.37 to \$37.13 depending on experience. Please send your resume to 208 Colvin Avenue, Warren, MN 56762 AND complete an application online at <http://agency.governmentjobs.com/mnmeritsystem/default.cfm>. Any questions, please call 218-745-5124. Marshall County is an Equal Opportunity Employer. Deadline to apply is 4-5-24. G1-3C

SUMMER HELP NEEDED
The Marshall County Highway Department is currently accepting applications for:
• **Part-Time Summer Help**
o The duties include roadside and road surface maintenance, surveying/construction assistance, and ditch spraying assistance
o Starting wage is \$17.37 per hour
• **Part-Time Summer Roadside Mowing**
o The duties include roadside mowing county-wide and routine maintenance on equipment
o Starting wage is \$19.90 per hour [\$19.19 + \$0.71 hazard pay]
Applications are available at the Marshall County Highway Department, 447 S. Main, Warren, MN 56762 – and on our county website www.co.marshall.mn.us. Closing date: **April 12th, 2024**. Must be 18 or older and have a current driver's license to apply. Marshall County is an Equal Opportunity Employer. G1-3C

Weatherization Position
Northwest Community Action is accepting applications for an opening in our Weatherization Department in Badger. Position would be responsible for assessing energy efficiency, health/safety conditions, and home improvement opportunities in Roseau, Kittson, Lake of the Woods and Marshall Counties. Preferred candidate would have experience in carpentry, home rehabilitation, heating systems or related fields.
This is a full-time, full year position with benefits including health insurance, life insurance, and retirement with a 4% employer match.
For more information, contact Jason Gohman, Weatherization Director Northwest Community Action, Inc. PO Box 67, Badger, MN 56714 218-528-3258 or jgohman@nwcaa.org. Position open until filled. NWCA is an equal opportunity employer. G1-2C

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Community Calendar

Wed | March 20
Senior Meals at Grain Bin Café 11am; Grygla Library open 2-6pm

Thurs | March 21
Grygla Lion's Meeting at Grain Bin Café 6:30pm; Grygla School Board meeting 7pm

Fri | March 22
Senior Meals at Grain Bin Café 11am

Sat | March 23
Grygla/Gatzke Food Shelf open 8-10:30am; Fourtown/Grygla Sportsman's Club Fun Run; Goodridge Lion Tamers Spring Opener at the Hall from 7pm-12am

Sun | March 24

Mon | March 25
Senior Meals at Grain Bin Café 11am; Charger's Winter Sports Banquet at Grygla Community Center 6:30pm

Tues | March 26
Grygla School PT Conferences 4-8pm

Spring music concerts

Make note of these musical performances! The Grygla High School will be holding their Spring Music Concert on Wednesday, May 1st, at 7:30pm. The Grygla Elementary will be holding theirs on Friday, May 10th, at 2pm. Everyone encouraged and welcome to attend.

Winter Sports Banquet

The Chargers Winter Sports Banquet will be on Monday, March 25th, at 6:30pm, at the Grygla Community Center. This is open to winter sports athletes, student managers, coaches, athletic directors, parents and families.
The banquet is being catered by the Grygla Lions Club.

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NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING OF THE STOCKHOLDERS OF THE FARMERS UNION OIL COMPANY OF GRYGLA, MN

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the annual meeting of the stockholders of Farmers Union Oil Company of Grygla, Minnesota will be held at the Community Center in Grygla, Minnesota on Monday the 25th day of March, 2024 at 9:00 AM. Business will include the election of two (2) directors whose terms expire, the transaction of any other new/old business that may properly come before the meeting and a presentation of the financial reports.
Rolls and coffee will be served starting at 8:30 AM, and drawings will be held for door prizes. The meeting is very important and your presence is requested.
Dated: 3-6-2024

Michael Hanson, Secretary
FARMERS UNION OIL COMPANY
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Recruitment Round-Up for Grygla Head Start 2024-2025



The Head Start Staff in Grygla, L-R: Chelsea Stanley, Janna Sistad, Susie Olson and Brittany Sletten. Photo courtesy of Janna Sistad

Head Start is for children birth to five years old (after September 1st, not eligible for Kindergarten). Children birth to two years are Early Head Start and have home visits, with an Early Head Start teacher. Children ages 3-5 attend Head Start in the classroom at the Grygla School Monday through Thursday each week.

If you are interested in either of these Head Start options, there will be a Recruitment Round-Up held on Tuesday, April 2nd, from 4-7pm and Friday, April 5th, from 8am-12pm by appointment.

Head Start staff gets a list of area children from the Grygla School census. They will be making calls in the upcoming weeks to inquire if you'd like to set up a time during the Round-Up to fill out an application. If you do not receive a phone call, are not on the school census, or are new to the community and are interested in this program, please call Janna Sistad, Grygla Head Start teacher, to set up a time to fill out the required paperwork. (218-242-2720)

Foot Care clinic scheduled in Grygla
North Valley Public Health will hold a Foot Care and Blood Pressure Clinic in Grygla on Thursday, March 28th, at 9:30am. Contact North Valley Public Health at 218-745-5154. Please call to sign up. Sign-up sheets are required so that the clinics can be staffed accordingly.

Please arrive 15 minutes prior to your appointment time. The North Valley Public Health staff will soak feet and trim nails. The fee is \$20.

Grygla School spring schedule

The Grygla School said it best: "Let the spring madness begin!" As always this is a very busy time of year. Here is a list of what's on the Grygla School Schedule for the rest of the school year.

This list will be updated and changed based on weather, transportation, availability of bus drivers and officials, and all the other craziness that comes with the spring.

If you have any questions, please contact the teacher/advisor in charge of the activity, or the school office at 218-294-6155.

Monday, March 18th: Track Practice Begins (Weight Room)
Friday, March 22nd: End of 3rd Quarter
Monday, March 25th: Winter Sports Banquet in Grygla 6:30
Tuesday, March 26th: Instrumental Ensembles in Warroad
Tuesday, March 26th: Conferences 4:00-8:00
Wednesday, March 27th: Art Festival in Fosston
Wednesday, March 27th: Spring Summit in Clearbrook - Student Council
Thursday, March 28th: Elem. Basketball Night/ECFE Fundraiser
Friday, March 29th: No School-Easter Break
Sunday, March 31st: Trap Practice Week 1
Monday, April 1st: No School-Easter Break
Tuesday, April 2nd: Conferences 4:00-8:00
Friday, April 5th: Evening with the Arts
Sunday, April 7th: Trap Practice Week 2
Monday, April 8th: Baseball vs. Win-E-Mac
Tuesday, April 9th: Baseball at Fertile Beltrami
Tuesday, April 9th: Vocal Ensembles at Roseau
Wednesday, April 10th: ECFE @ 5:30pm

Friday, April 12: Track Indoor UND V
Saturday, April 13th 1st/2nd Year Honor Band Festival at Moorhead
Sunday, April 14th: Trap Reserve Week
Monday, April 15th: Baseball vs. UH/NCE
Monday, April 15th: Grygla Blood Drive
Tuesday, April 16th: Baseball vs. KCC
Wednesday, April 17th: Media Production Class at BSU
Thursday, April 18th: Baseball vs. Red Lake Co.
Thursday, April 18th: Track Bagley V
Friday, April 19th: Baseball at TRF
Friday, April 19th: Track Indoor UND V
Sunday, April 21: Trap Competition Week 1
Tuesday, April 23rd: Baseball vs. BGMR
Wednesday, April 24th: ECFE @ 5:30
Thursday, April 25th: Baseball at Sacred Heart EGF
Thursday, April 25th: Track LOW V
Thursday, April 25th: Track Bagley JH
Friday, April 26th: Baseball vs. West Marshall
Friday, April 26th: Kindergarten to Circus
Friday, April 26th: Track TRF-Twilight V
Saturday, April 27th: Prom
Sunday, April 28th: Trap Competition Week 2
Monday, April 29th: Track WAO JH
Tuesday, April 30th: Baseball at LOW
Tuesday, April 30th: Track EGF V
Wednesday, May 1st: Envoirothron for 10th grade
Wednesday, May 1st: High School Music Concert @ 7:30 pm
Thursday, May 2nd: Baseball vs. Ada-Borup-West
Thursday, May 2nd: Track

EGF JH
Friday, May 3rd: Baseball at KCC
Friday, May 3rd: EGF Conference Meet V at 1pm
Friday, May 3rd: Senior Class Trip Weekend
Sunday, May 5th: Trap Competition Week 3
Tuesday, May 7th: Baseball at West Marshall
Monday, May 6th-8th, 2024: 6th Grade Class Trip
Wednesday, May 8th: Senior Lions Supper TBD
Thursday, May 9th: Baseball vs. Mahnomen-Waubun
Thursday, May 9th: Track TRF JH
Friday, May 10th: Elementary Music Concert 2:00
Friday, May 10th: Track WAO V
Sunday, May 12th: Trap Competition Week 4
Monday, May 13th: High Mileage @ Brainerd
Monday, May 13: Track Roseau V
Tuesday, May 14th: High Mileage @ Brainerd
Tuesday, May 14th: Track Roseau JH
Wednesday, May 15th: ECFE 5:30-6:30
Thursday, May 16th: Baseball at BGMR
Thursday, May 16th: Track Ada V
Friday, May 17th: Track TRF V
Saturday, May 18th: Graduation 1:00
Sunday, May 19th: Trap Competition Week 5
Monday, May 20th: Baseball at Fosston
Monday, May 20th: Track LOW JH
Tuesday, May 21st: Pre-school Graduation @ 5:00
Wednesday, May 22nd: LAST DAY OF SCHOOL
Thursday, May 23rd: Track LOW Sub Section V
Monday, June 10th: Trap Shooting Championship Alexandria, MN

Wednesday, March 20, 2024

Only in Minnesota: a weekly feature in the Eagle

The magical Wizard of Oz themed festival in Minnesota you don't want to miss

Everyone loves The Wizard of Oz, but the movie holds an even more special place in the hearts of many Minnesotans. Why? Because Judy Garland — the actress who played Dorothy — was born in Grand Rapids. Though the family left when Judy was just four years old, her short tenure in Minnesota is still remembered to this day. Each year, the Judy Garland Museum hosts a Wizard of Oz Festival that, for any fan of Oz, is a must-see event. Check it out:

The Wizard of Oz Festival is held each year in Grand Rapids, Minnesota, at the Judy Garland Museum. This year it is scheduled to be held June 20-22, 2024. You can visit www.judygarlandmuseum.com for more information that includes a detailed schedule of events for each day.

The museum is located at 2727 S Pokegama Ave., Grand Rapids, MN 55744.

Though it is centered on the

museum, the whole community participates, from the museum to the local bookstore. It's a great chance to see memorabilia from both Judy Garland's life and from the movie. The festival is also a chance to dress up in your favorite character's costume — or just enjoy others' costumes.

There are showings of The Wizard of Oz as well as other Judy Garland movies. Other activities include a costumed 5K run, carriage rides, a costume contest, and much more. Little ones will love visiting "Dorothy's Farm" to pet cute baby farm animals. Live performances are a common part of the festivities, too. All in all, this summertime festival is full of fun! Visit this year for small-town charm, friendly faces, and plenty of Oz-themed fun.

What is the Judy Garland Museum

The museum centers around the small, white clapboard house that Ethel and Francis "Frank" Gumm brought their newborn daughter Frances Ethel home to in 1922. Known

primarily as "Baby," Frances joined older sisters, Mary and Dorothy. Thirteen years later, "Baby" adopted the pseudonym Judy Garland.

The Gumm family moved to Grand Rapids in 1914 and into this house in 1919. When the Gumm family lived there, the house sat at 436 Hoffman Avenue, right on Grand Rapids' main drag (today's Highway 2). In 1938, hoping to construct a hotel or otherwise profit from the desirable location, the then owners of the home moved the increasingly outdated house. Today, the 1890s house sits in the middle of Grand Rapids' commercial district, right across from the Home Depot. It's a little odd to find a Victorian era house tucked amid box stores!

The Judy Garland Museum's location

To reach the Judy Garland Museum, drive south out of downtown Grand Rapids, cross the Mississippi River, and continue two miles through a tangle of stores and franchise restaurants. Eventually, the white

clapboard house pops up on the west side of South Pokegama Avenue right next to a large beige building that looks more like a farming store than a museum. This building houses most of the Judy Garland Museum exhibits, a gift shop, offices, and a second museum — the Children's Discovery Museum.

The space keeps the two museums very separate.

Judy did harbor a sweet spot for Grand Rapids. When she returned for a hometown visit in 1938, she was quoted as saying, "It's a swell state, Minnesota. I'm proud it's my home, and I know a few hundred thousand of us who feel the same way." Later in life, she would say, "Basically, I am still Judy Garland, a plain American girl from Grand Rapids, Minnesota, who's had a lot of good breaks, a few tough breaks, and who loves you with all her heart for your kindness in understanding that I am nothing more, nothing less."



Eagles Scratches

New ice finishing machine gives arena smooth surface

Maintenance at the Grygla Arena was improved recently with the addition of a Zamboni.

The Zamboni is an ice finishing machine which cleans and scrapes off ice shavings, coats the ice with warm water, fills in all the cracks, and gives the ice a smooth finish - all in one operation.

The used Zamboni was previously owned by the Warroad Hockey Association. It was purchased by the Grygla-

Gatzke Jaycees recently when the Warroad Hockey supporters bought new equipment.

The Zamboni will not only cut down on maintenance at the arena, it will also create a better skating surface.

The local Jaycees are now making plans to enclose an area in the front part of the arena walkway (east side) to create a room for storing the Zamboni.



Skating aids have been donated to the city of Grygla for use in the Grygla Arena. The metal aids were donated by Jim and Tami Sparby in memory of their son, Josh, who passed away two years ago. The skating aids are intended for young skaters who need assistance in learning to skate. When not in use they will be folded together and left on a rack in the warming room of the arena. Pictured, with Grygla maintenance worker Carter Torgerson are Geoffrey Larson, Heath Neuschwander, Sara Bray, Kallie Sparby, Courtney Neuschwander, Dustin Neuschwander, Adam Sparby and Shawn Klamar.

Going back to 1994

Let's turn the calendars back to 1994! Here are just a few Eagle scratches from that year. These are always fun to look at so we'll share more next week, too!



Members of the Grygla Volunteer Fire Department: (left to right) (back row) Wes Sandsmark, Shorty Wilkens, Ray Ruud, Wayne Verbout, Dave Dunrud, Greg Jelle; (middle) Don Rindahl, Lynn Anderson, Paul Nordby, Bob Thompson, Carter Torgerson, Mark Loberg; (front) Wally Sistad, Vern Johnson, Mike McKeever, Steve Olson, Wren Hagen.

Word of the Week

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

Yestreen

Adverb

Ye-streen

During yesterday evening.

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port at this time.

WATER TOWER

There is nothing new to report at this time.

SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL

Rose & Ruud met with the school and Tim Finseth from NWRDC about the Safe Routes to School grant. They're working on getting letters of support from the school, city, Lions, Fire Dept, and some community members.

CITY WEBSITE

The website is switched over to the new version. There are still some updates on data on the site.

STOP SIGNS

Ruud talked to County Hwy Engineer, Lon Aune, about replacing the stop sign at intersection of County Road 54 and Highway 89 with a lighted sign. He said the county wouldn't be able to do that, but the state might be able to do that when they do the work on the highway this summer. The city

might be able to replace it with a solar-lit stop sign. Rose will inquire about prices on that. The tree has been removed by the stop sign on Woodrow and Main intersection on SW side.

GARBAGE BAG RATES

Nordby made a motion, seconded by Nelson, to increase the cost per roll of garbage bags to \$13.50. Motion was carried unanimously.

MARSHALL COUNTY HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN

Dunrud made a motion, seconded by Byklum, to approve the resolution for Marshall County Hazard Mitigation Plan. Motion was carried unanimously.

REGIONAL SAFETY TRAINING

The League of MN Cities sent the Regional Safety Training cost increase.

SAFETY & LOSS MEETING

Rose and Ruud will be attending the LMC Safety & Loss meeting in Mahanomen on March 26th.

SIMPLY DELICIOUS

By Kari Sundberg, Eagle Editor

Baked Potato Soup

This Baked Potato Soup has a thick and creamy broth that's loaded with bacon and chives, cheddar cheese, sour cream, and smooth potatoes. It's a really filling dish and so easy to make.

Ingredients

4 large russet potatoes, equal to 2 lbs.

¾ teaspoon salt

6 slices bacon

1 large yellow onion

3 cloves garlic, minced

2 Tablespoon butter

¼ cup flour

3 ½ cups chicken broth

2 cups half and half

¾ cup sour cream

½ teaspoon pepper

2 cups shredded cheddar cheese

1/8 cup chives, finely diced

Instructions

Cut the bacon into 1-inch squares with kitchen shears. Cook in a large pot over low heat. Remove and set aside once crisp. Leave 2 Tablespoons of drippings in the pot.

While the bacon cooks, peel the potatoes and cut them into 1-inch cubes. Add to a stock pot and cover the potatoes with 1 inch of water. Add the salt and boil gently for 20 minutes or until very fork tender. Drain, then gently mash. Set aside.

Add the diced onion to the pot with the bacon drippings and cook until softened, about 5 minutes.

Add garlic and butter and

cook 1 more minute.

Whisk in flour, use a silicone spatula to stir as the flour cooks for 1 full minute to remove the raw flour taste.

Add the chicken broth. Use a silicone spatula to loosen any bacon remnants from the bottom of the pot, this will add flavor.

Slowly add the half and half. Bring to a boil, then reduce to a simmer.

Stir in the potatoes, then mix in the sour cream, and pepper.

Remove from heat. If desired, blend with an immersion blender or transfer it to a blender in batches.

Gradually sprinkle with shredded cheese and stir until combined. Make sure the base of the soup isn't too hot or the cheese won't melt creamy and smooth. The soup will continue to thicken as it sits.

Garnish with chives and bacon, serve.



Strategic Farming: Let's talk crops

Maximizing fertilizer ROI

Dry conditions and the winter that wasn't is accelerating nutrient management decisions. Should farmers be applying fertilizer now?

"If phosphorus, potassium or lime didn't get applied last fall, this could be a good time to get that done," according to Dr. Dan Kaiser, University of Minnesota Extension nutrient management specialist. Without any rainfall, however, the fertilizer will just sit on the soil surface. Since it needs time to dissolve, there is some risk of loss before that occurs.

Farmers could also consider applying anhydrous ammonia. Nitrification inhibitors (NIs) could help prevent nitrogen loss, particularly in south central Minnesota. As we get closer to planting, the advantage of applying anhydrous with an NI decreases.

What about urea? "The thought of applying urea right now concerns me," states Kaiser, "even if it was applied with a urease inhibitor." The lifespan of a urease inhibitor spans roughly two weeks, so the potential for volatility losses would significantly increase as the inhibitor degraded. In addition, there might be enough moisture for the urea to start dissolving in the dry conditions, but it might not be enough to incorporate it. Because the loss potential is so high, an early application of urea is not recommended. Anhydrous ammonia would make more sense at this point and would be a safer bet for an early application.

"Crop producers might also consider taking preplant nitrate soil tests (PPNT) this spring before planting and any nitrogen applications," states Jeff Vetsch, researcher at the University of Minnesota Southern Research and Outreach

Center. This soil test measures residual nitrogen and can help determine how much fertilizer nitrogen is needed for this year's crop. "However, I would wait until April to take the samples, if I could, in case there are leaching events between now and then," he adds. The PPNT is recommended in western Minnesota, due to its drier climate. In south-central, southeastern and east-central Minnesota, the PPNT is recommended if conditions favor residual N, such as a history of manure, corn or low levels of precipitation.

Potassium has a dynamic nutrient cycle, much like nitrogen, with soil test levels fluctuating as much as 100 ppm over the growing season. If there's moisture, water moving through the residue will leach some of the potassium out, but that differs by crop. In drier years, the amount of K that is leached out of crop residue is reduced and soil test K values can also decline. However, Kaiser predicts that we'll see some recovery with wetter years. The bottom line is to trust your soil test results and try to sample at the same time to minimize the effects of seasonal variability.

Nutrient cycles are complex and managing them to optimize production and minimize environmental impacts is key. "In the final analysis, it comes down to whether there are enough nutrients for the crop to optimize yield," concludes Kaiser.

For more information from University of Minnesota Extension, visit extension.umn.edu/crop-production.

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Goodridge School to host some basketball fun

The 2nd Annual Seniors vs. Parents game, along with elementary basketball games will be taking place on Friday, April 12th, at the Goodridge School. It's sure to be a fun night with a lot of ballin' on the schedule!

Games begin at 3:45pm with the Kindergarten class and work their way up to the main event at 7pm, which is the Goodridge/Grygla Seniors vs. Parents.

Concessions will be available with a pulled pork meal. There will also be 50/50 and a silent auction. Various contests will be held in the small gym that evening including a 3-point contest, Free Throw contest and a Lightning contest – all of which will cost \$1 per entry.

Goodridge K-3rd games
3:45pm: Goodridge Kindergarten
4pm: Goodridge 1st grade
4:15pm: Goodridge 2nd grade
4:30pm: Goodridge 3rd grade

Goodridge/Grygla 4th-7th grade games
4:45pm: GG 4th grade girls
5pm: GG 4th grade boys
5:15pm: GG 5th grade girls
5:30pm: GG 5th grade boys
5:45pm: GG 6th grade girls
6pm: GG 6th grade boys
6:15pm: GG 7th grade girls vs. GG 7th grade boys
7pm: GG Seniors vs. Parents

Eyeglasses collection



The Grygla Lion's are doing an eyeglasses (including readers) collection through March. There are collection boxes at the Grygla School, Grain Bin Café, Grygla General Store and American State Bank. Please no cases, pouches, or bags. Contact Lon Englund with any questions (218-459-3396).

6th Annual Fun Run this weekend

The Fourn town/Grygla Sportsman's Club will be hosting their 6th Annual Fun Run this Saturday, March 23rd, at 6pm at Fourn town. \$20/entry fee (includes meal). All proceeds will go towards new playground equipment at Grande Corner, which is estimated at \$35,000. Currently, the club has raised \$2,250 from previous fun runs. They are looking into REA and ConCon grants to help cover the cost.

Elementary basketball/ECFE fundraiser

The Grygla School ECFE will once again be holding their BBQ fundraiser supper on the same night as Elementary Basketball Night which is set for Thursday, March 28th, from 5:30-7pm. The ECFE Fundraiser supper allows them to pay for their programming for the year, as well as fund our area's share of the Dolly Parton's Imagination Library, which provides age-appropriate books for our youngest Chargers at no cost to families.

In conjunction with the supper, there will be a raffle as well; tickets will be \$1/each. If your business or organization, family or any individuals would like to donate an item or a basket for the raffle, or make a monetary donation to the ECFE program, please contact the Grygla School at 294-6155.

Elementary basketball games will be played all evening with a schedule to come. Please come in the gym lobby entrance.

Results from last week's SP puzzle

ROTC		AMY		HIP
OPAL	EPEE		AFIRE	
BAKU	CRAG		SOFIA	
HATCHING		KRIS		
	COOLS	SEW		
MASHIE		TOWARDS		
ATM	LYMPHS	RARE		
CRABS	ERA	ADDAX		
EIRE	MEOWED	IKE		
RATATAT		XERXES		
	TRY	KAPPA		
COLA	VACATION			
AZTEC	IRON	SAID		
RAISE	CORD	ETNA		
MRS	EON	SHAY		



High Honors for the GG Chargers basketball team

Congratulations to our boys basketball team members as they were honored on Sunday at the North Star Conference Banquet at The Dell Steakhouse in Argyle. Grygla Seniors Lewis Jones and Blake Rychlock were named All-Conference. Lewis Jones was also named the Conference Most Outstanding Player and was the recipient of the Jay Sorenson Memorial Scholarship. Andrew Sundberg, Head Coach for the Chargers, was named Coach of the Year. *Photos courtesy of Grygla School*



L-R: Head Coach Andrew Sundberg, Assistant Coach Brady Olson, Grygla Seniors Lewis Jones and Blake Rychlock, Assistant Coach Cole Halvorson.



Lewis Jones with Jay Sorenson Family members.

Northern Blast Volleyball



These Charger Volleyball players are participating in Northern Blast Volleyball this spring where they travel to tournaments around Fargo-Moorhead. The 18's team is pictured above. They received 1st place in the Bronze Division over the weekend. They are coached by Mercedes Coach. Below is the 16's team. They placed 4th in the Silver Division last Sunday. They are coached by Caitlyn Jacobson. *Photos courtesy of Deanna Coan and Crystelle Philipp*

