



 Today Mostly Sunny H 62 L 41	 Thurs Cloudy H 69 L 49	 Fri Rain H 54 L 43	 Sat Showers H 50 L 34	 Sun Cloudy H 53 L 35
---	---	---	--	---



Coming next week: Local high school student shares her experience with Lupus as May is Lupus Awareness Month.

Backing the Bin



Kim & Terry Clevan in a recent picture at the Grain Bin. Photo courtesy of Jeff Mumm

By Kari Sundberg, Eagle Editor

If there's one thing small communities know how to do well, it's showing support for one of their own - no doubt about that.

The Grygla Community has suffered a great loss with the recent, unexpected passing of Terry Clevan. Terry and Kim Clevan are well-known around here and are friends to all, not only as the owners of the Grain Bin Café, but also as selfless, giving, humble and genuinely kind people.

Terry passed away suddenly on Wednesday, April 10th, while working at the Grain Bin Café. Members of the rescue department were on site when it happened, along with many community members. Life-saving efforts were administered immediately and tirelessly, but those great efforts were not

able to revive Terry.

This is a shocking and devastating loss for the Clevan family, along with the entire community. Please keep Kim (Terry's wife) and Carlton & Cory (their sons), along with their entire family in your thoughts and prayers.

As small towns do it best, the Grygla community has stepped up to the plate and has been knocking it out of the park every day in order to keep the Grain Bin Café open and running, and to show their support to the Clevens.

Michelle Kuznia, a Grygla resident, who waitresses at the Grain Bin Café, has been an incredible supporter of the café (and the entire community at that) before, during and after this tragedy. She has been essential to keeping the café up and running, along with the help of so many community

members - TOO MANY TO EVEN NAME! It has been truly inspiring to see.

With Terry's passing, and Kim taking essential time off, a huge volunteer staff has stepped in to back the Bin. Dozens of people showed up immediately to offer their help. Michelle said she doesn't even dare name all the people that have showed up for fear of leaving someone out but said dozens of people came and did deep cleaning, washing walls, ceilings and floors. Folks were doing maintenance work on the oven, dishwasher and changing lightbulbs. Numerous people have been coming in to help meal prep, plan menus and lunch specials, cook, waitress and just offer whatever help has been needed.

"It's been amazing," Michelle stated. "Just awesome."

The Grygla School has been sending over Peer Helpers and Student Council members to volunteer and work shifts where needed, as well. Two students go every hour and give their efforts without hesitation. They sweep, mop, waitress, change the garbages, wash dishes, and just do anything they are asked. Krystal Neuschwander and Kensley Brateng were two of those kids helping out the day of the newspaper interview. They both said they jumped at the chance to volunteer at the Grain Bin because it was important to them to help Kim and her family. "Kim has given all of us so much, we just wanted to give something back to her, especially with everything she is going through right now," Krystal explained.

Denise Ostby and Kass Nordby have been manning the kitchen during this time. The decision to help was an easy one for the both of them. Kass explained that she has known Kim her whole life. "I took piano lessons from her, she played at my wedding, Carlton was

in my class...they are just the kindest people out there and I wanted to help out any way I could," she said.

Right now, the Grain Bin Café is open Monday through Saturday from 8am-2pm. There are different lunch specials happening each day, along with Senior Meals still on the schedule for Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. Kim is planning to return to the café next week. During her absence, the café has been packed full of customers who have been showing their support in that way; all tips collected during this time will be going to Kim.

There is an upcoming event called "Backing the Bin" where you can support the Clevan family. Helping hands are giving back to the Grain Bin Café in Grygla on Wednesday, May 1st. A spaghetti meal will be served in the Grygla School Cafeteria from 4:30-7pm. This is a free will donation with all proceeds going to the Clevan family. There will also be a silent auction that night running from 4-8:30pm.

Kim and Terry have always been a great asset to the school and community for years. They have given so generously to so many; it's our time to step up and give back.

There will also be a silent auction from 4-8:30pm. If you would like to make a donation, please drop it off at the Grygla School. If you have any questions, please contact Shaunna Olson or Tausha Severts at 218-294-6155.

This is also the night of the High School Music Concert, which begins at 7:30pm. Stay and enjoy the music.

A bank account has been set up at American State Bank in Grygla for anyone who wishes to give a monetary donation. For more information, you can call the bank at 218-294-6111.



Northland Community & Technical College recently hosted a Spring Career Expo Day at the Aerospace campus in Thief River Falls. Machinewell, Inc. of Grygla was included in the event with Jake Ahlbeck and Jamie Dougherty representing the company. Both former Grygla graduates went through Machinewell's Tuition Program and have been working with them full-time since their college graduations. Photo courtesy of Machinewell, Inc.

Prom Grand March

This Saturday evening is the Grygla School Prom. The Grand March is open to the public and will begin at 6pm. The theme is "Under the Stars." The students have a fun night planned with their formal dinner taking place after the Grand March, which is catered by Legacy Events Center. The dance will be from 8-11pm with the After-Prom Party starting after that.

Next Saturday, May 4th, is the Goodridge School Prom. The Grand March will be at 7:30pm. The name is "Golden Rendezvous" and it's a 1920's Great Gatsby theme. Their banquet is catered by Smoke on Wheels, which will be a closed dinner just for the students and will take place after the Grand March. The dance and After-Prom Party will follow.

Grygla School Board approves March Minutes

Thursday, March 21, 2024, 6:00 p.m.

Chairperson of the board Jeremy Rychlock called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. with Jim Verbout, Andrew Oslund, Tera Nordby, Gretchen Smeby, Luke Nordvick, and Superintendent Gieseke. Teacher representative Tausha Severts and student representatives DaMontay Johnson and Colbie McManus were also present.

Pledge of Allegiance
Motion by Jim Verbout, second by Tera Nordby to approve the agenda as presented/amended. Passed. Minutes of the 2/15/24 regular school board meeting are approved as printed.

Motion by Gretchen Smeby, second by Luke Nordvick to approve payment of the bills check #40262 through check #40322, p-card payments and wire payments. Passed.

Finance Report:
Mr. Gieseke gave the financial report. Revenue is projected to be about \$3.6 million. Expenditures were not quite done.

Bills (Expenses/Revenue)	Fund:
General	\$154,589.74/\$302,674.52
Food	Service: \$6,282.21/\$22,262.32
Community	Service: \$1,663.51/\$2,705.06
Debt Service:	\$0/\$3,272.14
Trust:	\$2,450.00/\$0
Scholarship:	\$250/\$0
Student activity:	\$7,726.45/\$0
T o t a l :	\$172,961.91/\$330,914.04
MSDLAF/Checking	Balance: \$568,326.20

Student Report
Students had just finished their Spring Fling week. The dress up days were Monday, the first letter of your name day, Tuesday costume day, Wednesday 2000's day. This was a student favorite. Thursday career day, Friday class color day. Students participated in various activities and challenges to obtain points after all the fun. The top 3 winners were 3rd place freshmen, 2nd juniors and 1st seniors. Track and baseball are just

starting practice, golf will be starting soon. Northern Blast spring volleyball has already had their first tournament. Knowledge Bowl just held their last junior high tournament. Student council members were attending a summit in Bagley. Senior high students were attending an art show in Fosston to show off their work. ECFE Elementary basketball night was March 28th.

Teacher Report
March 8th school patrol went to TRF bowling. Seniors are finishing up scholarship writing. 6th grade will start counting tardies and having grade checks to get them ready for 7th grade. Charger Kindness Day is scheduled for 5/16. Evening with the Arts was scheduled for 4/5.

Dean of Students/ AD Report

Athletic Update: Track Schedule & football schedule is finalized. Volleyball schedule will be shortly. Mr. Loberg and Mr. Gieseke will be working on hiring a new head volleyball coach. March 25th was the winter sports banquet.

Superintendent Report
ECFE Playground conversion: the plan is to move the dumpsters and the ECFE shed to make room for an early childhood playground. The shed is owned by ECFE which they would sell. Looking to build something worth around 50k.

Other: Shaunna, Derek, and Tina are working on scholarships with students. Drivers Ed started Monday March 25th.

Motion by Andy Oslund, second by Tera Nordby to approve the sale of the Wood Planer to Devin Ruud for \$500. Motion by Gretchen Smeby, second by Jim Verbout to approve the sale of the School Bus to Joe Rubischko for \$1,001.00.

Motion by Andy Oslund, second by Tera Nordby to approve resignation of Katelyn Larson as Head Volleyball Head Coach. Passed. Motion by Tera Nordby, second by Gretchen



Pictured above are just a few of the MANY, MANY adult and student volunteers who have pitched in to help at the Grain Bin Cafe. L-R: Kass Nordby, Sherri Hagen, Denise Ostby, Krystal Neuschwander and Kensley Brateng. Photos by Grygla Eagle Newspaper

• CHURCH CALENDARS

GRYGLA LUTHERAN PARISH
Grace and Our Savior's, Grygla
Pastor Marilyn Grafstrom
Grace Live Stream will play on Garden Valley Channel 36 on Sundays 9am (9:30am last Sunday of the month).
Wednesday, April 24
11am Bible Study; 2:15pm Release Time; 3:30pm FFF Night; 6pm Grace Choir, 7pm Confirmation
Sunday, April 28
Grace: 9:30am Worship w/ Potluck to follow
OS: 10:30am Worship

GOODRIDGE AREA LUTHERAN PARISH, ELCA
Bethany, Ekelund, Faith
Wednesday, April 24
Confirmation
Sunday, April 28
Bethany: 8am Worship, 9am SS
Ekelund: 9:30am Worship, 10:30am SS
Faith: 10am SS, 11am Worship

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
9:30am Worship
11am YouTube Live Broadcast

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, April 24
Wed. School 5pm; 6:30pm Vespers
Saturday, April 27
Mt. Olive Worship 9am
Sunday, April 28
St. Petri: 8am Worship
Nazareth: 9:45am Worship
Oak Park: 10am SS, 11am Worship, 3:30pm Spring Circuit Lay Meeting

Please send calendars and church events to:
grygla.eagle@gmail.com

Monson Electric Services, Inc.
Grygla, MN

LICENSED - BONDED - INSURED

Residential - Commercial and Farm Wiring - Underground Trenching

Brad Monson • 294-6349

JOHNSON
Funeral Service, Inc.

Funeral Pre-planning Monuments

Thief River Falls • 218-681-4331
Red Lake Falls • 218-253-2128
Oklee • 218-796-5177

www.johnsonfuneralservice.com

The Marshall County Highway Department is currently accepting applications for the following FULL-TIME positions:

Mechanic (Warren Shop)

- This position is responsible for the management of all maintenance equipment including scheduling all maintenance work, scheduling major repair work with equipment manufacturers, keeping records of equipment operating hours and repair history. DOT Certification preferred, but able to obtain after hire date.
- Pay range is \$25.62-\$33.84, depending on experience.

Motor Grader Operator/General Maintenance Worker (Holt Shop)

- This position schedules and performs blading, snowplowing, and other minor roadside maintenance functions on route assigned. Responsible for reporting unsafe or insufficient conditions existing on roadways and bridges on assigned route.
- Pay range is \$23.69-\$30.91, depending on experience.

Applications and job descriptions are available on the Marshall County Website and at the Highway Department Office, 447 South Main Street, Warren, MN 56762.

A valid Class A Driver's License is required for each of these positions. Positions are open until filled.

Marshall County is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

Spring music concerts

'Tis the season for spring music concerts. Upcoming choir & band events include:
Goodridge High School Music Concert on Friday, April 26th, at 2pm.
Grygla High School Music

Concert on Wednesday, May 1st, at 7:30pm. The Grygla Elementary Music Concert will be on Friday, May 10th, at 2pm.
All are invited to attend and take in the great music.

Sportsman's Club picnic

This Saturday, April 27th, the Fourtown/Grygla Sportsman's Club will be holding their spring picnic at Grande Corner. The day will kick off at 10am with a ditch cleaning, fol-

lowed by the picnic. The main dish and beverages will be provided by the club; everyone is asked to please bring a side dish to share.

May Day baskets

The Grygla JCC's are taking orders for May Day baskets. The kids baskets are \$10 each and will include snacks and goodies. Baskets will be prepared by the club and can

be picked up at the Grygla General Store from April 29th to May 1st. To order a basket, contact Lindsay Oslund at 218-242-5671.

Community Calendar

Wed | April 24
Senior Meals at Grain Bin Café 11am; Grygla Library open 2-6pm; Baseball and Track practice; Grygla ECFE (farm theme) 5:30pm

Thurs | April 25
Chargers/NF Baseball in EGF; JH Track at Bagley; Varsity Track at LOW; Grygla Lion's Ditch Cleaning 4:30pm

Fri | April 26
Senior Meals at Grain Bin Café 11am; Varsity Track in TRF; Chargers/NF Baseball vs. West Marshall in Karlstad (JH in Stephen); Goodridge High School Music Concert 2pm

Sat | April 27
Fourtown/Grygla Sportsman's Club ditching cleaning and picnic at Grande 10am; Prom Grand March in Grygla 6pm

Sun | April 28
Grygla Trap League 12-3pm; Princess Ball (Father/Daughter Dance) at Grygla School 1:30-3pm

Mon | April 29
Senior Meals at Grain Bin Café 11am; JH Track in WAO

Tues | April 30
Varsity Track EGF/Crookston; Chargers/NF Baseball vs. LOW in Baudette

School Board Mins... Continued on page 2

Smeby to approve the resignation of Brenna Bakken as Student Council Advisor. Passed.
Motion by Andy Oslund, second by Jim Verbout to approve the maternity Leave of Katelyn Larson from March 1, 2024 to May 23, 2024. Passed.
Motion by Gretchen Smeby, second by Luke Nordick to approve the Senior Class Trip. Passed. Motion by Andy Oslund, second by Jim Verbout to approve the 6th Grade Class Trip. Passed.
Meeting Adjourned at 6:46 pm. Next Meeting is 4/18/24, 6:00 p.m.

School play

The Goodridge High School Drama Department presents "Twice Upon a Time" which will be performed on Wednesday, May 1st, and Thursday, May 2nd, at 7pm both evenings.

Father-Daughter dance

The Princess Ball/Father-Daughter dance is coming up this Sunday at the Grygla School from 1:30-3pm. All communities are welcome.
The event will start out with a Grand March where daughters are announced and walk down the aisle with their date. This portion is open to the public. A dance and activities will follow. Small goodie bags will be given to each of the girls in attendance. Please RSVP to Alisha Anderson at 218-280-2121 so the group can plan accordingly.

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.
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

Goodridge-Grygla Chargers Track

Results from the Indoor Varsity Track and Field Meet at the UND Performance Center, April 12th

Boys
4x200 Meter Relay-5th Place
Sawyer Jacobson
Shay Jacobson
Owen Larson
Kehan Nelson
4x800 Meter Relay-5th Place
Abe Miller
Eli Nelson
Braeden Nordby
Blake Stanley

Girls
60 Meter Dash
Brooklyn Kriel-8th Place
200 Meter Dash
Janessa Torgerson-8th Place

60 Meter Hurdles
Ashlyn Nelson-2nd Place
4x200 Meter Relay-7th Place
Brooklyn Kriel
Morgan Underdahl
Molly Cullen
Ashlyn Nelson
4x800 Meter Relay-3rd Place
Marissa Parnow
Sophia Beck
Makayla Erlandson
Nevaeh Kotrba
Varsity Indoor Track and Field Results from April 19th at the UND Performance Center
Boys
200 Meter Dash
Shay Jacobson-6th Place
4x200 Meter Relay-8th

Place
Sawyer Jacobson
Sebastian Groven
Shay Jacobson
DaMontay Johnson

Girls
60 Meter Dash
Janessa Torgerson-3rd Place
400 Meter Dash
Sophia Beck-7th Place
300 Meter Hurdles
Ashlyn Nelson-4th Place
4x200 Meter Relay-6th Place
Nevaeh Kotrba
Janessa Torgerson
Molly Cullen
Ashlyn Nelson
Long Jump
Nevaeh Kotrba-8th Place
New School Record



Congratulations to Nevaeh Kotrba for breaking the school record in the long jump, with a jump of 14' 4". Photo courtesy of GG Track

U.S.P.S. No. 002330

Grygla Eagle

Serving Eastern Marshall & Northern Beltrami Counties

Richard D. Richards - PUBLISHER
Kari Sundberg - EDITOR
Phone 294-6220

—SUBSCRIPTION RATES—
\$35 per year in the trade area (Grygla, Gatzke, Goodridge & Wannaska addresses)
\$45 per year outside of the area

PUBLISHER'S LIABILITY FOR ERROR:
The Publisher shall not be liable for slight changes or typographical errors that do not lessen the value of an advertisement. The Publisher's liability for other errors or omissions in connection with an advertisement is strictly limited to publication of the advertisement in any subsequent issue or the refund of any monies paid for the advertisement.

The "Grygla Eagle" is published weekly by Richards Publishing Co., Inc., Box 159, Gonvick, MN 56644. Periodical postage paid at Grygla, MN 56727.

POSTMASTER: Send address changes to: Grygla Eagle, PO Box 17, Grygla, MN 56727.

Ditch cleaning

The Grygla Lion's Club will be cleaning ditches on Thursday, April 25th, at 4:30 pm. Please meet at the 6-mile corner. Call or text Lynn Anderson at 218-689-5892 if you have any questions.



The Goodridge Lion's Consignment Sale and Smelt Fry was held last Saturday, which is a great day for all! WJ Auction, out of Gatzke, was one of the auctioneers on site (pictured above). Photos by Grygla Eagle Newspaper



Notice to our CD customers: Increased rate on our 18 month CD! 4.25% Interest Rate with a 4.32% Annual Percentage Yield.

Dreams Start Here

You're planning on buying a new home or saving for the future, we can provide the right products and services to get the job done.

We are a locally-owned independent bank and we're here to help you with all your financial needs. We invite you to contact us today.

ASB
AMERICAN STATE BANK

www.asbgrygla.com

201 Vance Ave. S.
Erskine, MN 56535

(218) 294-6111 • TOLL FREE (877) 814-9937
FAX (218) 294-6239

(218) 687-2865 • TOLL FREE (800) 434-7721
FAX (218) 687-2328

Class of 2024 – Senior Spotlight

Over the course of four weeks, we're going to be running a Senior Spotlight that features the Grygla and Goodridge Class of 2024 students. Grygla has 11 graduating seniors while Goodridge has 16. Eight will be featured weeks 1-3, with the remaining 3 seniors featured week 4.

Grygla High School Senior Profiles



Callie Loken
Who are your parents? Josh Loken and Megan & Rusty Billberg
Who has been your favorite teacher and why? Mr. Sundberg, because he is a very understanding and helpful teacher. Mrs. Bakken, because she is always there when you need someone to talk to.
Best way to waste time: Watching Tiktok
Who is the most influential person in your life, and why? My Grandma Shari Loken and my aunt Jacki Grindahl. They have been there for me for the biggest times of my life.
Best gift you ever received: My family and friends.
What's your biggest fear? Snakes.
What do you think is the best age and why? 16, you get your license and that first sense of freedom.
What do you think is really overrated? Wishing to grow older.
Favorite school-related memory: Getting called sassy-licious by Mrs. Taus every day.
What does the future look like for you? Attend U of M Crookston for a year and later transfer to Northland Tech for Nursing.



Christian Loken
Who are your parents? Josh

Loken and Megan & Rusty Billberg
Who has been your favorite teacher and why? Mr. Sundberg is a funny teacher and can also make the class enjoyable.
Best way to waste time: Procrastinate
Who is the most influential person in your life, and why? My sister Callie, I have spent the most time with her, but she has made a big impact on my life good or bad.
Best gift you ever received: A trip to AZ to meet my cousins and family.
What's your biggest fear? Re-tearing my knee.
What do you think is the best age and why? 8-13 You don't have any worries in life.
What do you think is overrated? Math with letters.
Favorite school-related memory: When Hunter drove through the schoolyard and accidentally got stuck.
What does the future look like for you? Hopefully good but I know I'll enjoy it.



Russell Rian
Who are your parents? Andrew and Justin Rian
Who has been your favorite teacher and why? Mr. Mickelson because he was super involved with the student body.
Best way to waste time: Facebook Marketplace
Who is the most influential person in your life, and why? My Dad. He has always looked out for me and helped me through life
Best gift you ever received: My first cow
What's your biggest fear? Snakes
What do you think is the best age and why? 16 because of the ability to drive.
What do you think is really overrated? Reading books
Favorite school-related memory: "The tunnelers"
What does the future look like for you? I will work at Cenex until a spot opens on the



Taylor McManus
Who are your parents? Heather McManus and Tim Halverson
Who has been your favorite teacher and why? Mr. Mickelson because he was a fun guy who let us get away with some stupid stuff.
Best way to waste time: Sleeping
Who is the most influential person in your life, and why? Myself. At the end of the day these are all my problems, and it comes down to what I choose to do about them.
Best gift you ever received: My first aquarium
What's your biggest fear? Bleeding to death.
What do you think is the best age and why? 21, you can finally go anywhere you want and buy anything you want instead of being an adult who still isn't allowed to do what they want.
What do you think is really overrated? Country music, every artist sounds the same and the theme of every song is either drinking, farming, or women.
Favorite school-related memory: In 4th grade we used to make Lego cars and aggressively demo them against each other.
What does the future look like for you? The future looks like a lot of work with little reward, to be honest.



Goodridge High School Senior Profiles



Chase Manderud
Who are your parents? Dale and Misty
Who has been your favorite teacher and why? Brandon Bakken because he's a good guy.
Best way to waste time: Hang out with friends.
Who is the most influential person in your life, and why? My parents - they've taught me a lot.
Best gift you ever received: Life
What's your biggest fear? Scary things
What do you think is the best age and why? 16 because I could drive.
What do you think is really overrated? School
Favorite school-related memory: Shop Class
What does the future look like for you? Hopefully rich



Emilea Johnson
Who are your parents? Brian and Tracy Johnson
Who has been your favorite teacher and why? I would say my pre-calculus instructor at Northland, as he always came to class with a smile on his face and was fun to talk to. In addition, he let me skip a test so I could watch the boys play at the Fargodome.
Best way to waste time: Reading, it is easy to get lost in a good book.
Who is the most influential person in your life, and why? My parents are the most influential people in my life, as they have continuously taught me what it means to be a hard worker and to be grateful for everything I have.
Best gift you ever received: A music box that I received from my grandparents on my 11th birthday.
What's your biggest fear? My biggest fear is insects.
What do you think is the best age and why? I would say 18, although it is challenging to leave home, it is the beginning of a lifetime of discovery and figuring out what you want your purpose to be.
What do you think is really

overrated? Stanley and Owala water bottles.
Favorite school-related memory: Going on the Close Up trip my junior year.
What does the future look like for you? This fall, I will be starting my next chapter at Iowa State University, in which I will be double majoring in psychology and political science.



Carson Rubischko
Who are your parents? Joe and Pam Rubischko
Who has been your favorite teacher and why? Mr. Bakken, he knows how to have fun.
Best way to waste time: Hang out with friends.
Who is the most influential person in your life, and why? My parents, they taught me how to work.
Best gift you ever received: Life!
What's your biggest fear? Growing up
What do you think is the best age and why? 10, there are no bad days - every day is fun.
What do you think is really overrated? Netflix
Favorite school-related memory: Hanging out with friends and sporting events.
What does the future look like for you? Working as a crop adjuster, farming!



Lily Beavis
Who are your parents? Sue Beavis; Leanne and Andy Beavis
Who has been your favorite teacher and why? It's got to be Mrs. Olson or Mrs. Halverson; I loved them both. Mrs. Olson helped me find my love for books and is always supportive of my artworks and book collections, plus she always listens when I tell her about my troubles. Mrs. Halverson was always an easy teacher to talk to, and so supportive. She helped me find new fun forms of art and helped me improve on others.
Best way to waste time: Too many ways. A few are reading, crafting/doing art, skating, watching a new show, and hanging out with friends/fam-

ily/pets.
Who is the most influential person in your life, and why? That would have to be my mom or grandma. My mom is a hardworking, caring mother, she always pushes me to do my best while also working to do her best for her family. My grandma is like my twin, and I hope to gain some of her qualities, she may not show it but she's also a hard worker, who helps not just family but friends. Though she doesn't have friends because they are all family to her.
Best gift you ever received: Either has to be something simple like my favorite coffee or a new book on a bad day or week or the fun holiday notes my friends would give me. They weren't grand notes multiple were just a page or two full of the line "I love my Lily". Those were always the best gifts, not because they were grand, but they were meaningful.

What's your biggest fear? It's a childish one so I'll say a more general one, I fear not being happy or making others happy in the future. I want to have a family but bring as much joy as I can to us all.
What do you think is the best age and why? That's got to be 4-8 years old, specifically for me though age 7. They are the best age because you aren't worried about life, school, or the future, you are just living care free. Your friends are basically anyone you meet, you can get away with a lot more, and hey the presents were incredible (at the time).
What do you think is really overrated? Social media and having to have 20 or more friends. Social media is nice and all for being able to communicate but we all know the troubles that come with it as well. I've been pressured by people saying I should have more friends, but my answer is why? I'd rather have 1 or 2 close friends than tons of friends who are just there when they want to be.
Favorite school-related memory: 7th grade Titanic movie. This will forever be a favorite memory; it was a time when we all were still close and had a bunch of fun. Not only did us girls who made it enjoy it, but it was fun for all who watched it.

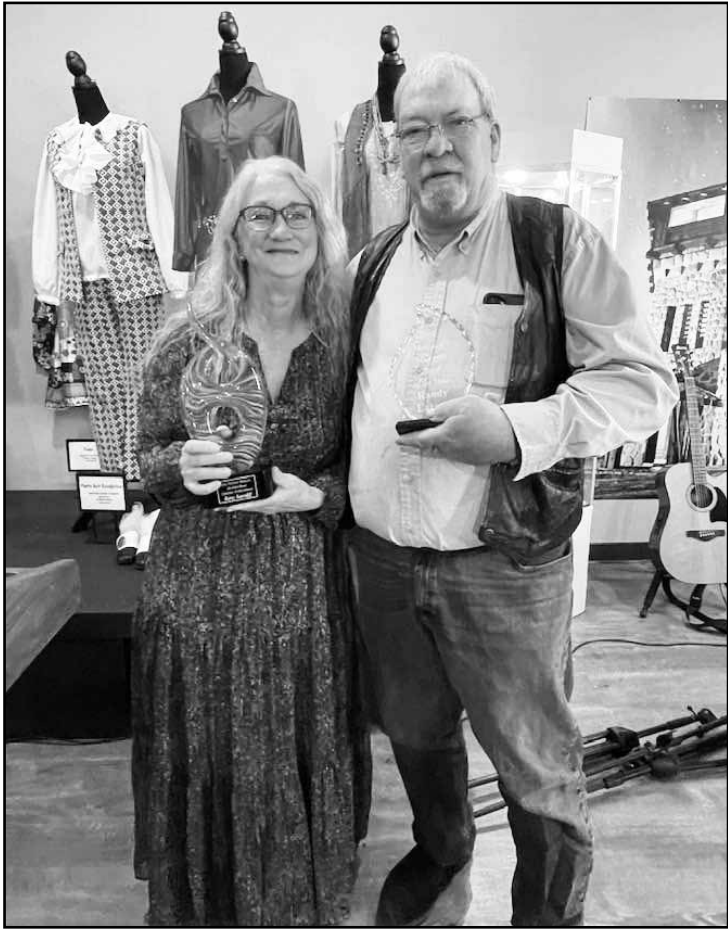
What does the future look like for you? I hope the future looks like going to U of M in the fall for pre-vet and eventually getting my small and large animal licenses to work here in the Goodridge area. Though I also want to travel, for fun and for vet. I want to work at different wildlife reservations all over, wolves, turtles, tigers, the lot. I also want to have a family that I can support. I'd love to continue to live at my childhood farm but a cabin in the mountains sounds pretty nice. One thing I know for sure is I'll have plenty of pets in the future.



Northern Blast volleyball has been competing throughout the spring. Above, the team hosted a scrimmage in Grygla last week against RLCC. Below, the 16's and 18's headed to Fargo for a tournament. Photos by Grygla Eagle Newspaper



The Northern Blast 18's team took 1st in their division last Sunday in Fargo. They are coached by Mercedes Coan. Photo by Grygla Eagle Newspaper



Saurdiff & Larson celebrated at artists banquet

Two locals have received NWMAC awards. The Northwest Minnesota Arts Council recently announced their “Of the Year” award winners. Three awards are given each year to recognize artists and arts advocates within the seven-county region who stand out in terms of artistry or volunteerism in the arts. Of the Year award winners were nominated by area residents.

Gatzke musician Randy Larson is Artist of the Year. Larson has played with many bands, including Back Behind the Barn Boys and Eagle Creek. He’s been a mentor to aspiring musicians in our region. This award can be given to any disciplined artist including visual, performing, or creative writing who are emerging or at a mid-way point in their artistic endeavors. It is a cash award of \$500 to use however they see fit.

Grygla potter Betsy Saurdiff will receive the NW Star Award. Artists can only receive the Northwest Star Award once, as a lifetime achievement award. This award is for \$5,000

and can be a wonderful gift to those who have chosen a hard career path related to artistic expression. Betsy is a retired German and Visual Arts teacher from the Grygla and Goodridge School Districts. She is a well-known potter in our region and sells her work out of her studio, Betts Pottery, and at art shows. She’s had solo shows in the NWMAC gallery and is a regular entrant and award winner in the annual NW Art Exhibit.

The awards banquet was held on Sunday, April 21st, in Lake Bronson at the Kittson County History Museum. The NW Art Exhibit was open for that day for viewing artwork. Along with the reception, light refreshments were served and music was provided. The exhibit and reception were open to the public and were free to attend.

Funding for Northwest Star and Northwest Artist of the Year comes from The McKnight Foundation. Funding for Northwest Arts Advocate of the Year comes from the Minnesota State Legislature.



The reception was held last Sunday in Lake Bronson. Photos courtesy of Justyne Klasen



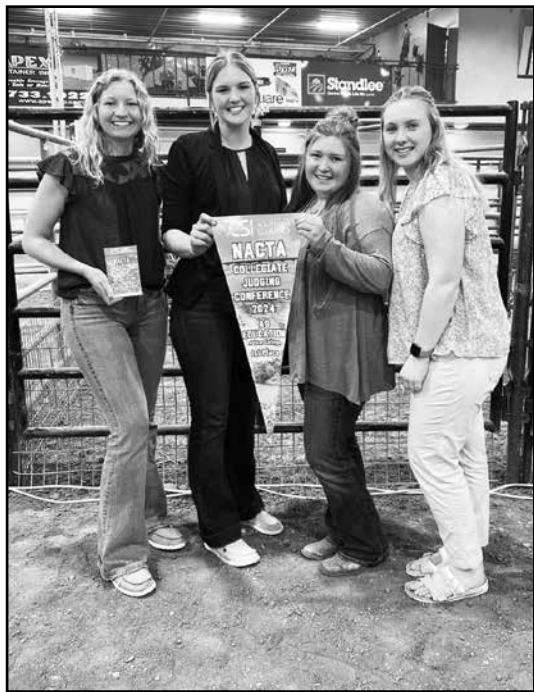
Grygla Honor Band



The following students attended Honor Band in Moorhead over the weekend with Mr. Gene Lunsetter, Grygla’s music teacher. L-R: Mariah Grindahl, Summer Ruud, Chloe Haugen, and Harper Severts. Photo courtesy of Grygla School



Larson & Lunsetter compete in Idaho



Katelyn Larson (top left picture, on the far right) and Gracie Lunsetter (top right picture, third from the left), both of Gatzke, competed with UMC at the North American Colleges and Teacher of Agriculture Judging Conference in Twin Falls, Idaho, this past week. Katelyn competed with the Ag Ed group, and they took 1st place. Gracie competed with the crops group. Overall, the University of Minnesota, Crookston, took the top place for the competition called “The Sweepstakes”. They did this by doing well in many competitions and having the most points over the 4 day competition for 2 and 4 year colleges and universities from all over the United States. Photos courtesy of Dawn Larson



Gracie Lunsetter (back row, third from the left) and Katelyn Larson (second row, far right) are pictured with their group in Idaho. Photos courtesy of Dawn Larson

**We Print
Everything
But Money!**

*Complete
Printing Services*

Grygla **294-6220**
Gonvick **487-5225**
McIntosh **563-3585**
Oklee **796-5181**

**Register now for the
University of Minnesota
Extension Cover Crop
Academy**

By Liz Stahl, Extension Educator

Register now to reserve your spot with the University of Minnesota Cover Crop Academy! This new, innovative program is a hybrid, year-long, statewide course designed for those who work with farmers including crop advisors, consultants, educators, agency personnel, agronomists, ag lenders, and personnel at non-profits, soil and water conservation districts (SWCD) and Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) offices.

This unique opportunity will take a deep dive into cover crops and will be tailored to Minnesota cropping systems and conditions. We will address the challenges and opportunities associated with using cover crops in Minnesota and attendees will be able to participate in research trials members develop to help address some of the unknowns around cover crops.

The academy will kick off with in-person meetings at the Research and Outreach Centers (ROC) in Lamberton, Waseca, and Crookston in June 2024 (attend the nearest site to you). You will visit cover crop research plots and learn about what is and is not working in your region. Topics will include developing a cover crop plan, weed management and cover crop termination best practices, soil fertility considerations, avoiding cash crop issues, and getting started with cover crops. Bi-monthly online webinars that dive deep into cover crop topics will follow. The Academy will wrap up in May 2025 with a final in-person session where you will be able to see results from trials you helped develop as an attendee.

All Academy attendees should leave with an expanded knowledge base and toolkit to help in cover crop implementation along with a peer network of cover crop advisors. CEUs will be applied for, primarily in the soil and water, nutrient management, and pest management categories.

There is only a nominal fee to participate in the UMN Extension Cover Crop Academy, thanks to our program sponsors. For more details and to register, go to <https://z.umn.edu/CCAcademy>. Register by June 1, 2024, to reserve your spot for one of three locations: Waseca, Crookston, or Lamberton. Registration is limited, and will be filled on a first-come, first-served basis. Note, all attendees are expected to participate in the entire program, and certificates of completion will be awarded at the final session.

This program is brought to you by University of Minnesota Extension, with support from the Minnesota Natural Resources Conservation Service and General Mills.