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A look at next week... Grygla Elementary School holds basketball night along with an ECFE supper/raffle!



It's SPRING FLING week at the Grygla High School! Students are participating in dress-up days all week and look forward to games, coronation and a school dance on Friday. Spring Fling Coronation will be held Friday afternoon at 2:40pm in the Grygla School gym. Candidates, from L-R, are: Gracie Lunsetter and Gabe Arveson (7th grade), Maci Bakken and Hudson McMillin (8th grade), Sarah Suchoski and Jaden Kiesow (9th grade), Taylor Berberich and Chris Lutrell (10th grade), Katrina Smith and Arman Duyar (11th grade), Danielle Olson and Willie Holthusen (12th grade).

Gene and Ann Peterson mark 75 years of marriage

Article courtesy of The Tribune/Written by Mavis Gonshorowski

The Middle River Record, February 28, 1941, reads...

"Miss Annie Wagner of Middle River and Eugene F. Peterson of Gatzke were united in the holy bonds of matrimony on Wednesday at the First Lutheran parsonage by Rev. G.T. Bergee."

The following week's issue stated...

"Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Peterson who were married here last week by Rev. Bergee will be giving a wedding dance at Gatzke Saturday evening. Music is being furnished by Ernie and his orchestra."

Friday, February 26, marked 75 years of marriage for Gene and Ann Peterson. They became residents of the LifeCare Greenbush Manor's Assisted Living unit on February 1. Gene was born to parents Arvid and Clara Peterson.

"I'll be 98 in June - I guess I'm an antique," he chuckled.

His father worked for the Great Northern Railroad for 43 years.

"Because of railroad seniority rights Dad moved around quite a bit," he said. "There were seven boys and four girls in the family. At one time we lived just west of Badger and I attended school there through ninth grade. We also lived in Shelly, Minn., and out in North Dakota."

Gene's grandfather lived on the site where Morris and Sharon Vacura now reside. His brother, Dale, lives "just down the road" from them.

Ninety-three year-old Ann Wagner came from a family of four boys and four girls, Ann being the youngest. When she was four years old her father passed away.

"Mom never remarried," Ann commented. "She and the kids continued to farm the land. Mom always had a big garden, and cows, sheep, and chickens like everyone else did. I remember Mom knitting socks from the sheep's wool that she carded. They were so warm; I still have some of them today. I went to a country school by Middle River through the eighth grade. Mom couldn't afford to send us to high school."

In earlier years Gene worked at the gas station in Gatzke and would walk on over to the local café for meals. It so happened there was this cute little waitress who caught his attention. After dating for about seven months the couple "tied the knot". Their attendants were Ann's brother,

John, and Gene's sister, Genevieve.

The bride was attired in a velvet maroon-colored dress; the groom in his best suit.

"I didn't pay a lot for my dress...probably about \$10," Ann said. "I was only making three or four dollars a week plus room and board."

Did they go on a honeymoon? "Yeah, to an old school house," Ann replied. "Gene lived there after his folks... that's as far as we got. We lived in it for six years."

Gene said that their only transportation back then was his old '29 Model A Ford and a horse and sled. "That was all we had."

Ann added, "Everybody was poor at that time. We did a lot of visiting back and forth - it's not like that now."

They witnessed the blizzard that hit Minnesota and North Dakota on Saturday, March 15, 1941. Fifty-five mph winds (with gusts reaching 85 mph in Grand Forks) brought blinding snow and huge seven-foot-high snow drifts across the states. A total of 151 people lost their lives.

Ann commented, "It was terrible - there was so much snow; we were blocked in for a week."

In 1941, on December 7, the United States entered into World War II.

Gene said that winter he and Ann picked cattails. "People would come with trucks and load them up; they were brought to Holt where they were sold."

The cattail leaves and fluff were stuffed into bedding and pillows, and during WWII were stuffed into life vests and seat cushions for tanks and airplanes.

The Peterson's 320-acre farm, located five miles east of Gatzke, consisted of milk cows, beef cattle, sheep and chickens. Crops raised were grass seed and oats, used mostly for feed.

"At one time," Ann remarked, "there were four or five farms on every section of land; now there is one farm on four or five sections."

"We went kind of slow," Gene said. "We never bought anything until we could pay for it."

To supplement the family's income, during the winter months Gene trapped fox, skunk, and occasionally a weasel.

Ann told about saving dimes prior to the birth of her first two children who were born at home.

"You know you're going to



have a baby in nine months so I began saving dimes and by the time the children were born I had saved up \$35 - enough money to pay the doctor bill. My mother was the midwife. At that time, new mothers had to stay in bed for nine days." The last four Peterson children were born in a hospital.

Their cowherd numbered 70 at the most. "We sold our cows a few years ago. It was at the time when one deer had tested positive for TB in the area and the DNR was afraid of the cattle getting it. The cows had to be tested every year and it caused a lot of stress on them. As soon as they saw strange

vehicles come into the yard and all of the extra noise that went with it, they would take off running to the farthest end of the pasture. To have them go through this year after year was just too hard on them so we decided to sell. They never tested positive for TB."

Two of Gene's brothers were employed with the Civilian Conservation Corp (CCC), a public work relief program that operated from 1933 to 1942 as a part of President Franklin D. Roosevelt's New Deal. They and three other brothers spent time in the U.S. military.

Because Gene was involved

in farming, which played a huge role in the war effort, he didn't have to go to the service.

"The slogan was 'Food Will Win the War'. Farmers were encouraged to produce lots of food. They say that's why the U.S. has done so well - because of the food produced."

In all of their years together, the couple borrowed money twice - once to buy their farm and to buy the Belarus tractor, the only brand new tractor Gene ever had.

As a homemaker, Ann always raised a big garden and canned a lot of the produce. She's made a number quilts and her love of flowers has surrounded the perimeter of the family home with colorful varieties of annual and perennials every year. Through the summer of 2014, Ann could be found on her riding lawn mower tending to the upkeep of the four or five-acre yard. Last summer she canned two crates of peaches and 50 pints of applesauce of which is a daily breakfast favorite of Gene's.

Gene has served as a member of the township board, school board and creamery board.

The Petersons are parents to six children: Myrna (Marv) Espe, South Range, Wisc.; Gary (Dena) of Greenbush; Dwight (Janis), Warren, Minn.; Maureen (Bob) Giffin, Thief River Falls, Minn.; Joni (Craig) Swenson, East Grand

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Members of the Peterson family are, back row, L-R: Gary, Myrna Espe, Dwight, and Maureen Giffin. Front row: Joni Swenson, Ann, Gene and Tami Comstock. (Article and photos courtesy of The Tribune/Written by Mavis Gonshorowski)

GG students to begin trapshooting

New this spring for Grygla and Goodridge high school students is trapshooting. Both schools are now members of the Minnesota State High School Clay Target League. There will be a Grygla Clay Target Team, that approximately 10 kids are signed up to be a part of, and a Goodridge Clay Target Team, which is made up of about a dozen kids so far.

The teams are not affiliated with either of the schools and no gun or ammo will be allowed on school property, although the schools have facilitated the development of the trapshooting teams.

There is one official practice week and then kids will start shooting in Thief River Falls weekly. A volunteer coach will be responsible for maintaining the team's scoring information, and parents will use their vehicles to transport kids to the shooting range in TRF. Teams will shoot for score once a week and will compete against conference opponents from throughout the state. Conferences are determined by size of the clay target team, and teams can shoot on the same night on two different ranges across the state. The season runs for 9 weeks beginning on April 4th.

The Grygla team has been sponsored by the Fourtown/Grygla Sportsman's Club and a donation in memory of Keith Lorentzen.

The Goodridge team has received donations from Jeff Arvidson Trucking in St. Cloud. Also, Rain Care Company is buying a gun safe for the Goodridge kids to keep their shotguns at the gun range.

Goodridge Elementary Fun Night

There is going to be a Goodridge Elementary Fun Night with dodgeball, a carnival and alumni basketball game this Friday, March 18th, at 6pm hosted by the Goodridge Post Prom.

Kindergarten will have relay races and 1st through 8th grades will be having a dodgeball game. This event is free to those players. In the small gym there will be a large bouncy house and carnival games.

Cost will be \$10.00 per child, \$25.00 per family, and covers unlimited games in the small gym. Tickets can also be purchases for \$1.00 each.

At approximately 7:30pm there will be an alumni basketball game. This event is open to all men/women/spouses of Goodridge/Grygla alumni. Registration will be \$5.00 to sign up that night - teams will be made up that evening depending on entries.

Chix host Palm Sunday brunch

Grygla's Relay for Life team, Chix from the Stix, will be hosting a brunch fundraiser this Sunday, March 20th, after the 9am Palm Sunday service at Grace Lutheran Church in Grygla. The brunch is a free will offering and all proceeds will go to the Marshall County Relay for Life/American Cancer Society.

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, 8pm Interfaith Bible Study
Thursday:
6pm OS Lent Supper, 7pm Worship
Sunday:
Grace: 9am Worship, 10:15 SS
Our Savior's: 10:30am Worship, 9:15am SS

GATZKE-THIEF LAKE LUTHERAN PARISH
United – Gatzke; Our Savior's – Thief Lake
Pastor Craig Bowyer
Wednesday:
6pm supper at UL with 7pm service
Sunday:
United: 9am Worship, 10am SS
Our Savior's: 11am Worship, 10:15am SS

GOODRIDGE AREA LUTHERAN PARISH, ELCA
Bethany, Ekelund, Faith Interim Pastor Phil Johnson
Wednesday:
6pm Supper & Bible Study, 7pm Lent Services at Bethany
Sunday:
Faith: 8:30 Worship, 9:45am SS
Bethany: 9:45 Worship, 10:30am SS
Ekelund: 11am Worship, 9:45am SS

THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITIES OF
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Fr. Adam Hammess
Sunday:
St. Clement's: 11:45am Worship
St. Ann's: 10am Worship.

BETHESDA LUTHERAN CHURCH
Skime
Pastor Steve Bliss
Sunday:
8am 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 Merseth
Wednesday:
6pm supper w/ 7pm Lent Service at Oak Park, 7:30pm Bible Study
Thursday
6:30pm St. Petri Lent Service, 7pm Bible Study
Saturday:
Mt. Olive 9am Worship, 10:15am SS
Sunday:
St. Petri: 8am Worship, 9:15am SS
Nazareth: 8:30am SS, 9:45am Worship
Oak Park: 11am Worship, 9:45am SS

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

Community Calendar

Wed | Mar 16
National Kick Butts Day; Senior Meals at Grain Bin Café 11am; Grygla Library 2-6pm

Thurs | Mar 17
St. Patrick's Day; Grygla Eagle office open 9am-3pm; ECFE supper/raffle beginning at 5:30pm; Grygla Elementary Basketball night 6:30pm; Grygla School Board meeting 7pm

Fri | Mar 18
Senior Meals at Grain Bin Café 11am; Grygla High School Spring Fling coronation 2:40pm; Goodridge Elementary Fun Night 6pm

Sat | Mar 19
Grygla/Gatzke Food Shelf open 8-10:30am; 'Quilt in a Day' Community Ed class at Grygla School 8:30-11:30am; Line Dancing Community Ed class at Grygla School 3-5pm

Sun | Mar 20
Palm Sunday; Spring begins; Chix from the Stix brunch fundraiser at Grace Lutheran Church 10am; Grygla/Gatzke Jaycees sponsor Easter Egg Hunt outside of Grygla School at 12pm

Mon | Mar 21
Senior Meals at Grain Bin Café 11am; Essential Oils Community Ed class at Grygla school 7pm

Tues | Mar 22
Grygla Centennial Committee meeting at the Community Center 7pm

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Forks, Minn., and Tami (Darryl) Comstock, Grygla, Minn. The family tree branches out to include 16 grandchildren and 27 great-grandchildren.

Both are avid book readers and Gene continues to keep daily tabs on the cattle and grain markets in the newspapers.

The Petersons commented about their new home at the Greenbush Manor...

"Well, we'd really prefer the farm but this is the next best place," said Gene. Ann added, "I really like it here. And, we've had a lot of company - one day we had four couples from Gatzke come to visit. There's hardly a day that someone doesn't stop by. All of the people here are nice; easy to get along with."

Congratulations to the Petersons on 75 years of marriage!

Easter Egg Hunt

The Grygla/Gatzke Jaycee's Club will be sponsoring an Easter Egg Hunt on Sunday, March 20th. Meet by the school park and begin hunting for eggs at the noon whistle. Kids ages 0-6th grade are welcome!

Community Education

Class: Quilt in a Day
Teachers: Lynette Jelle and Bim Smeby
Date: March 19th
Time: 8:30-11:30am
Location: Grygla School FACS room
Cost: \$10
Registration Due: March 11th
Bring your sewing machine and fabric and make a 'quilt in a day'. See the school website for fabric list and pictures.

Class: Essential Oils
Teacher: Kim Clevlen
Date: March 21, April 18, May 9
Time: 7-8:30pm
Location: Grygla School Library
Cost: \$10/night
Registration Due: Night of class
The March 21 class will cover what is available; April 18 will cover Toxin/Chemical Free Home; May 9 will go over DIY recipes.

Class: Facebook 101
Teachers: Shonda Jelle & Kristine Dougherty
Date: April 12
Time: 6:30-8pm
Location: Grygla School Library
Cost: \$10
Registration due: April 5
Learn to create a profile, post on your wall and others', share photos and more! This class is for beginners.

Class: Making Greeting Cards
Teacher: Kim Clevlen
Date: April 14, May 3
Time: 7-8:30pm
Location: Grygla School Commons
Cost: \$5/night
Registration due: Day of class
Class: Microsoft Excel & Microsoft Word
Teacher: Casanda Bakken
Date: April 20
Time: 6-8pm
Location: Grygla School Library
Cost: \$10
Registration due: April 13
Indicate on your registration which program you'd most like to learn about.

Registration forms are available at various businesses around Grygla. You can also register on the Community Ed page of the school website at www.grygla.k12.mn.us. Also, see the school website for updated Community Ed info! Make checks payable to Grygla School. Fees due by the date of class and may be paid at the class.

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GRYGLA LIBRARY LINK

By: Karen Olufson

Hello Fellow Readers! What worlds are you exploring in books these days? Are you visiting another country, galaxy or time? Books sure can take us places we would never be able to go under our own power. That's why it's fun to try books you wouldn't typically read, once in awhile ... you can have new experiences in new places and sometimes you find out you like them and want to read more about them! (Smile!) So ask your friends what they've been reading and try something they like for a change. It could open up something entirely new for you!

I've learned mountains of information from being able to read and from enjoying it! (Smile!) You can learn from small signs and encyclopedias and everything in-between. Of course a person has to be able to sort out what's true and what is false as one reads so one is not taken for a ride, but there's a lot of useful knowledge out there that only comes from reading! So ... if you haven't tried it, go stick your nose in a book for awhile. (Smile!) You'll be surprised at what you find out. Remember, there are books with lots of pictures out there, too, that expand and build on what's being read, so that might help those of you who aren't such avid readers. And you can use e-audio books or books on CD to read for you. So you can learn a lot by just listening, too! I just want to encourage you to give reading a try because it's such a building block to learning. That's why I constantly remind you to read to or with your children, too. It's essential for their future. Just visit the library once and perhaps a whole new world will be opened up to you!

Now perhaps I'll give you a little shocking information about books. Did you know that libraries occasionally have to throw books out?! Pretty scary, isn't it? Sometimes books just get entirely too old to be circulated anymore. Of course the library does everything they can to recycle books first. They might sell the books in a book-sale or donate them to a bookseller or even let another library have them. But what if the book is dog-eared, torn, watermarked or just simply w-a-a-a-y out of date? Some books just simply have to be dumped in the trash. I hope that isn't going to send you dumpster diving! It's not worth it for the books that get thrown away. Sadly, they're beyond hope.

My book suggestion for the week is another book on CD. Guess I've been doing a lot of traveling lately! Seems like the only way I get any reading done is in the car! (Smile!) Anyway, the book is DEFENDING JACOB by William Landay and read by Grover Gardner. I was totally unprepared for the end of the book. It was a real surprise. The book is about a 14 year old who gets booked for the murder of a classmate. Did he really do it? I'm not telling. I'd really like to know what you think about this book. It's different than any I've read for awhile. The CDs have to be cleaned now, but I might be able to get it for you in another form if you'd like to read it, or I can put it on hold for you if you'd like the book on CD.

Well Dear Readers, this week we get our March delivery of items, so there will be some new ones on the shelf for you to come and take a look at. I hope I will see you here between two and six in the afternoon on Wednesday. (Smile!) In the next column I'll list some of the new items we get in for those of you who don't have a chance to visit. In the meantime, I hope you can have some relaxing reading time and a safe and super week. We'll see what next week brings. Until then ...

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

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 the 28th day of March, 2016 at 1:00 p.m. For the election of two directors whose term expires. Also for the transaction of any other new/old business that may properly come before the meeting and a reading of the financials. A nomination box for 2 directors is at the Farmers Union Oil Company of Grygla, Minnesota.

A free noon meal will be served from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. to all attending. You must be present to win door prizes. Dividend checks will be passed out at the meeting. The meeting is very important and your presence is urgently requested.

Dated: 3-4-16

Mike Hanson, Secretary
Farmers Union Oil Company
Grygla, Minnesota



Last Thursday evening, the Goodridge School hosted a 'Night of the Stars' Talent Showcase. Sisters, Kansas and Kendra Jensen, performed an original song they wrote and composed, titled, 'It is what it is'. They also continued down the country path, giving a great performance of Tanya Tucker's 'Delta Dawn'.



Izabel Horning, Norah Philipp and Elliot Philipp closed out the talent show by giving a demonstration of their Tae Kwan Do skills! Pictured above are Norah and Izabel.

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Alec Kiesow performed in the talent show held in Goodridge last week. He took to the stage and sang 'Long Black Train' for the crowd!

PUBLIC HEARING 5 YEAR HIGHWAY CONSTRUCTION PROGRAM MARSHALL COUNTY

The Marshall County Board of Commissioners will hold a Public Hearing, March 22, 2016 at 5:30 p.m. at the Newfolden Community Center in Newfolden, MN for the purpose of discussing and receiving comments on the proposed 2016-2020 Road and Bridge Construction Program in Marshall County. All interested citizens, public officials and representatives of townships and cities are invited to attend and provide input.

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EXTENSION NEWS

By: James Stordahl

Frost Seeding Legumes

The past few years have left many pasture stands overgrazed with depleted root reserves. With little snow cover and dry soil conditions, it's possible that some plants will not survive the winter, leaving unproductive bare spots creating an ideal environment for germinating thistles.

One easy way to improve pastures, without complete renovation, is to frost seed legumes into the pasture during the early spring.

Frost seeding is a simple system of introducing a legume into an existing pasture to improve the forage quality. The concept is simple; you merely broadcast the seed on the ground in the spring. In Wisconsin, farmers report that frost seeding works 60 to 70 % of the time. Although that may not seem overly impressive, it may be worth the risk because it's simple and inexpensive, and in the long haul, it works.

While frost seeding is less expensive than using traditional planters, it is also riskier than seeding with a drill because there is less seed-soil contact. And, when it does work, the resulting stand may not be consistent across the pasture. This is one reason it's not generally recommended for improving established hay fields. But, if you have rocky pastures where conventional equipment cannot be used, frost seeding may be your only option to introduce a legume to the pasture.

The best time for frost seeding is early in the spring after the snow is gone but while the ground is still frozen or beginning to thaw. The freeze-thaw cycle creates tiny cracks on the soil surface allowing seeds to fall-in enabling the seed to be incorporated. Once the seed is in the moist soil environment, germination can occur. With the normal spring rains, a near idea environment is created for the seedlings to grow.

Chances for a good "catch" will be improved if the pasture residue has been removed to allow the seed to reach the soil surface. If your pastures had very little residue going into to winter, the following may not be necessary. But, if needed, this can be done by different methods:

- Frost seeding tends to be most successful if the pasture was heavily grazed last summer or fall which tends to suppress the existing grasses. It is best if grazing results in some soil showing -- not ideal if the area is prone to erosion.

- During legume seedling development, use short per-

ods of heavy grazing to reduce the shading of the seedlings by grasses. Light grazing allows livestock to select the legumes. Grazing periods longer than 5 days during establishment may harm the establishing legumes.

- Legumes tend to be more successful than grasses in frost seeding. Use a legume which has relatively inexpensive seed, with good seedling vigor, and with tolerance to your soil conditions. Good choices include red or white clover, or perhaps birdsfoot trefoil. Alfalfa is not recommended because it does not germinate at temperatures as low as the clovers. If you want to try a grass, plant Italian (annual) ryegrass at 8 to 10 lbs/acre and orchardgrass at 4 lbs/acre. Other grasses have been frost seeded with less success. But, grasses would establish well with a no-till drill.

Frost seeding on top of snow is not a good practice because rapid snow melting may cause the seed to be washed off the pasture. So wait until the snow is gone, but the ground is frozen enough to drive on without damaging the soil surface. The ideal window is on us right now, so if you are so inclined to try this practice, now is a good time to do so.

Seeding need not be a complicated process; indeed, this is the appeal of frost seeding. Seed can be distributed by a tractor-mounted or hand-held broadcast seeder or mixed with fertilizer and applied. In smaller areas, an ATV with a battery operated seeder will work very well. Although is not always necessary, any action to incorporate the seed, such as allowing livestock to walk across the seeded area, or light tillage, will generally increase stand establishment.

Frost seeding is not recommended for sandy soils because the freezing and thawing does not incorporate the seed. In those areas, a no-till drill would be a better choice, if soil conditions allow. Luckily, the Clearwater County SWCD office now has a new no-till drill available for rent, if this seeding method better fits your situation. They can be reached at 218-694-6584.

Lastly, before seeding any legumes, be sure to check the replant restrictions on herbicides applied within the past few years. Certain products, such as Milestone, will prevent legume reestablishment for some number of years.

For more information, contact me at 800-450-2465 or stordahl@umn.edu. Source: Dr. Dan Undersander, University of Wisconsin.

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

Psittacism

\SIT-uh-siz-uh m\

Noun - Mechanical, repetitive & meaningless speech.

Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP) application deadline coming up

The U.S. Department of Agriculture's Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS) announced that funds will be available this year through the Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP) and although applications are accepted all year, agricultural producers and private forest landowners should submit applications by March 31, 2016 to ensure they are considered for this year's funding. Applications received after that date will be considered for future funding.

"CSP offers an incentive for agricultural producers and private forest landowners who maintain a high level of conservation on their land and agree to adopt higher levels of stewardship," said Larry Voltz,

District Conservationist of NRCS in Bemidji. "By focusing on multiple resource concerns, producers can achieve a sustainable landscape and maintain or increase the productivity of their operation."

Through CSP, participants take additional conservation steps to improve the resource conditions on their land, including soil, air and habitat quality, water quality and quantity, and energy conservation. According to Voltz, CSP producers are conservation leaders, showing how science-based conservation and technological advancements can improve the environment and farming op-

CSP deadline...

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Agriculture Risk Coverage (ARC) Price Loss Coverage (PLC) enrollment contract signup has begun

The Marshall County FSA Office would like to inform producers that they may enroll into the 2016 ARC/PLC program by signing a contract CCC-861 or CCC-862. This is a required annual contract to be eligible for any payments earned under the ARC/PLC program. Signup began December 7th, 2015 and will continue to August 1, 2016. Producers are encouraged to take the time to sign the ARC/PLC contract for 2016 now during the early spring months. Producers coming in earlier will give FSA more time to make any changes that you

may have such as landowner changes, new land interest and operating plan changes. Please bring a copy of any new land leases you may have with your landowners.

To better serve producers the contract enrollment process is being conducted by appointment.

Producers with questions about the enrollment process or who wish to schedule an appointment should contact their local FSA County Office or the Marshall County FSA Office at (218) 745-4251 ext. 2.



The All-Conference performers for the Six Star Conference include, front row, L-R: Connor Sorenson (NF), Skyler Forst (BGMR), Blaine Kriel (GG), Brice Miller (WAO), Mason Olson (KCC). Back row, L-R: Cole Dahl (NF), Caleb Knutson (NF), Trent Jerome (KCC), Dylan Olsonawski (KCC), Chris McGlynn (SAC), Max Yutrzenka (SAC), Justin Yutrzenka (SAC), UMC Men's Basketball Coach Dan Weisse.

Kriel honored at Six Star Conference banquet

Representing the Goodridge/Grygla-Gatzke Charger's basketball team, and being honored at the Six Star Conference banquet was Blaine Kriel, who is a junior at Goodridge High School.

The Six Star Conference consists of Badger/Greenbush-Middle River, Goodridge/Grygla-Gatzke, Kittson County Central, Northern Freeze, Stephen-Argyle Central, and Warren-Alvarado-Oslo.

UMC Men's Basketball Coach Dan Weisse was the guest speaker at the Six Star Boys Basketball All-Conference banquet held recently at Melody's Cafe in Warren. Coach Weisse emphasized the value of maintaining strong character both on and off the basketball court and in life after high

school. Coach Weisse described what he and his coaching staff look for in recruits and how those same characteristics are highly sought after by future employers as well. He also challenged those in attendance to strive to be high achievers who are consistently positive.

Co-champions of the conference were Kittson County Central and the Northern Freeze. Chad Kujava of Kittson County Central was named Coach of the Year. Senior Cole Dahl of the Northern Freeze received the Jay Sorenson Memorial Scholarship Award.

Pictured right: Boy's Varsity Basketball Head Coach, Mike Gast, and Goodridge Junior, Blaine Kriel, at the Six Star Conference banquet that was held in Warren, Minn.



3 million visits = the new normal

By most indicators, Minnesota is a prosperous state. Our unemployment and poverty rates are among the lowest in the country and per capita income and home ownership are among the highest in the country. Yet many Minnesotans struggle to make ends meet.

For many households one car repair or one health emergency can throw their budget into turmoil. Households don't have much control over fixed monthly expenses like mortgage or rent or utility bills. When things get tight, one of the first budget items cut is food. Individuals and families turns to food shelves for help making it through the month.

Adults, children and seniors made 3,281,389 visits to food shelves in the state in 2015. Since the recession, reaching over 3 million food shelf visits in a year has become the new normal for the emergency food system. 2015 marks the 5th consecutive year with over 3 million visits.

Seniors (adults 65 years old and older) are the fastest growing group of food shelf users. From 2011 to 2015, the number of food shelf visits by seniors rose 23.7%.

Food shelf visits remain high across the state. If Minnesota food shelves were open 24/7, more than 6 people would visit a food shelf every minute.

Grygla Food Shelf campaign continues

The Grygla/Gatzke Food Shelf is participating in the Minnesota Food Share March Campaign. By doing so, they are eligible for matching funds based on the amount of funding and food donations they receive as compared to that raised by other food shelves.

Everyone is urged to consider making a donation to the Grygla/Gatzke Food Shelf during the month of March to take advantage of this grant program. Food donations may be left at participating area churches or at the Grygla Coop. Store.

Donations can be sent or given to the new treasurer of the food shelf: Lori Thompson, 222 Evelyn Avenue, PO Box 105, Grygla, MN 56727.

The food shelf is open this Sat. from 8-10:30am.



Participating in the Grygla Alumni Basketball Tournament on March 5th was, front row, L-R: Zach Waxvik, Tyler Schulz, Brock Olson, Dacotah Byklum, Kinzie Magner, Ethan Schulz.



L-R: Hunter McMillin, Zach Hogenson, Chris Kiesow, Dayle Larson, Keith Sparby, and Brandon Bakken formed a team for the Grygla Alumni Basketball Tournament.



Another team playing in the Grygla Alumni Basketball Tournament was L-R: Gastin Kriel, Anthony Gast, Brittney Gast. Back: Brady Olson, Briar Verbout, Tim Polansky, Jordan Brateng.

Important Information Regarding Property Assessments

This may affect your 2017 property taxes.

The Board of Appeal and Equalization for the following townships will meet at the set time, on the date established. The purpose of this meeting is to determine whether property in the jurisdiction has been properly valued and classified by the assessor. If you believe the value or classification of your property is incorrect, please contact your assessor's office to discuss your concerns. If you disagree with the valuation or classification after discussing it with your assessor, you may appear before the local board of appeal and equalization. The board will review your assessments and may make corrections as needed. Generally, you must appeal to the local board before appealing to the county board of appeal and equalization.

Township/City	Day	Date	Time	Location
Augsburg Township	Monday	April 4, 2016	4:30 p.m.	John & Denise Grandstrand Home in Stephen - 110 1st St
Rollis Township	Tuesday	April 5, 2016	9:00 a.m.	Town Hall
Veldt Township	Tuesday	April 5, 2016	10:30 a.m.	Reuben Engeevick Shop-Sec 8
Linsell Township	Tuesday	April 5, 2016	12:00 p.m.	Town Hall - Open Book
Big Woods Township	Wednesday	April 6, 2016	9:00 a.m.	Ken Johnson Shop - Sec 14
Oak Park Township	Wednesday	April 6, 2016	10:30 a.m.	Oslo Community Hall
Warrenton Township	Wednesday	April 6, 2016	2:30 p.m.	Robyn Johnson Shop - Sec 8
Vega Township	Wednesday	April 6, 2016	4:00 p.m.	Harlan Boman Home - Sec 1 Strip
East Valley Township	Thursday	April 7, 2016	9:00 a.m.	Virgil Erickson Home - Sec 18
Spruce Valley Township	Thursday	April 7, 2016	10:30 a.m.	Spruce Valley Community Center
Holt Township	Thursday	April 7, 2016	12:30 p.m.	Town Hall
Lincoln Township	Friday	April 8, 2016	9:00 a.m.	Strandquist Community Center
New Folden Township	Friday	April 8, 2016	10:30 a.m.	Newfolden Community Center
New Maine Township	Friday	April 8, 2016	1:00 p.m.	Town Hall
Como Township	Monday	April 11, 2016	9:00 a.m.	Hjalmer Hanson Home-Sec 36
Thief Lake Township	Monday	April 11, 2016	11:00 a.m.	Town Hall
Moose River Township	Monday	April 11, 2016	12:30 p.m.	ElRoy Aune Shop-Sec 16
Whiteford Township	Monday	April 11, 2016	2:00 p.m.	Jerome Berg Home-Sec 3
Eagle Point Township	Tuesday	April 12, 2016	9:00 a.m.	Mark Anderson Shop - Sec 36
Parker Township	Tuesday	April 12, 2016	10:30 a.m.	Clarence Peterson Shop - Sec 9
Bloomer Township	Tuesday	April 12, 2016	1:00 p.m.	Gayle Stoltman Shop - Sec 9
Viking Township	Wednesday	April 13, 2016	10:30 a.m.	Viking Town Hall
New Solum Township	Wednesday	April 13, 2016	5:30 p.m.	Town Hall - Open Book
Alma Township	Thursday	April 14, 2016	9:00 a.m.	Town Hall
Comstock Township	Thursday	April 14, 2016	10:30 a.m.	Town Hall
McCrea Township	Thursday	April 14, 2016	1:00 p.m.	Town Hall
Marsh Grove Township	Friday	April 15, 2016	10:00 a.m.	Town Hall
Wright Township	Monday	April 18, 2016	9:00 a.m.	Town Hall
Sinnott Township	Monday	April 18, 2016	10:30 a.m.	Gayle Field Home in Stephen - 306 3rd St
Tamarac Township	Monday	April 18, 2016	1:00 p.m.	Stephen Filtration Plant
Nelson Park Township	Tuesday	April 19, 2016	9:00 a.m.	Town Hall
Middle River Township	Tuesday	April 19, 2016	10:30 a.m.	Town Hall
Wanger Township	Tuesday	April 19, 2016	12:30 p.m.	Town Hall
Eckvoll Township	Wednesday	April 20, 2016	9:00 a.m.	Town Hall
Moylan Township	Wednesday	April 20, 2016	10:30 a.m.	Town Hall
Grand Plain Township	Wednesday	April 20, 2016	1:00 p.m.	Town Hall
Huntly Township	Monday	April 25, 2016	9:00 a.m.	Waage Shop-Sec 3
Cedar	Monday	April 25, 2016	10:30 a.m.	Town Hall
Agder Township	Tuesday	April 26, 2016	9:00 a.m.	Town Hall
Excel Township	Tuesday	April 26, 2016	10:30 a.m.	Steiner Community Hall
West Valley Township	Thursday	April 28, 2016	3:00 p.m.	Town Hall
Boxville Township	Wednesday	May 4, 2016	8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.	Open Book-County Courthouse
Donnelly Township	Wednesday	May 4, 2016	8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.	Open Book-County Courthouse
East Park Township	Wednesday	May 4, 2016	8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.	Open Book-County Courthouse
Foldahl Township	Wednesday	May 4, 2016	8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.	Open Book-County Courthouse
Fork Township	Wednesday	May 4, 2016	10:30 a.m.	Marshall County Courthouse
Espelle Township	Monday	May 9, 2016	3:00 p.m.	Town Hall
Valley Township	Monday	May 9, 2016	4:30 p.m.	Grygla Community Center

Given under my hand this 11th day of March, 2016

Jill Hall

Secretary of the Marshall County Association of Townships

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Reidar Kelstrup earns Eagle Scout award

(Submitted - Port Orchard, WA - March 7th)

After six years of active service and involvement, Reidar Kelstrup, of Boy Scout Troop 1536, chartered to the Harper Evangelical Free Church of Port Orchard, WA, obtained the highest rank the Boy Scouts of America have to offer. The final hurdle of many on his long journey was completing his Eagle Scout project where he refurbished the flower beds at John Sedgwick Junior High School, cleaning them and installing

memorials for two teachers—Miss Brigg and Nancy Halver-son—who had passed in their tenure of employment at the school.

Completion of the Eagle Scout rank involves this project, as well as earning twenty-one merit badges (which he has earned upwards of fifty), demonstration of leadership ability, and continuous involvement within the troop.

Having earned this prestigious honor places Reidar in the top five percent of all Boy

Scouts and joins him with the ranks of people like President Gerald Ford, Neil Armstrong, Mike Rowe, Steven Spielberg, former WA governor Gary Locke, and countless others. He is only the third boy in his troop to do so in the last five years. Reidar's Court of Honor takes place April 2, at 2pm at First Christian Church, 4885 SW Hoyde Rd, Port Orchard, WA. Reidar is the son of Edwin and Joanna Kelstrup, formerly of Grygla, Minn.



Grygla Elementary Intramural Basketball has wrapped up for the year. 4-6 graders have been playing every Friday from 1:30-3:30pm. The “Eagles” placed first; they were coached by Shantel Verbout. In the front is Chelsie Nelson and Russ Rian. Back, L-R: Emily Carlson, Tucker Verbout, Shantel Verbout, Walter Jones, Lewis Jones.

The Farmers Union Oil Company and Ag Division of Grygla would like to honor our area farmers during National Agriculture Month.

CSP deadline...

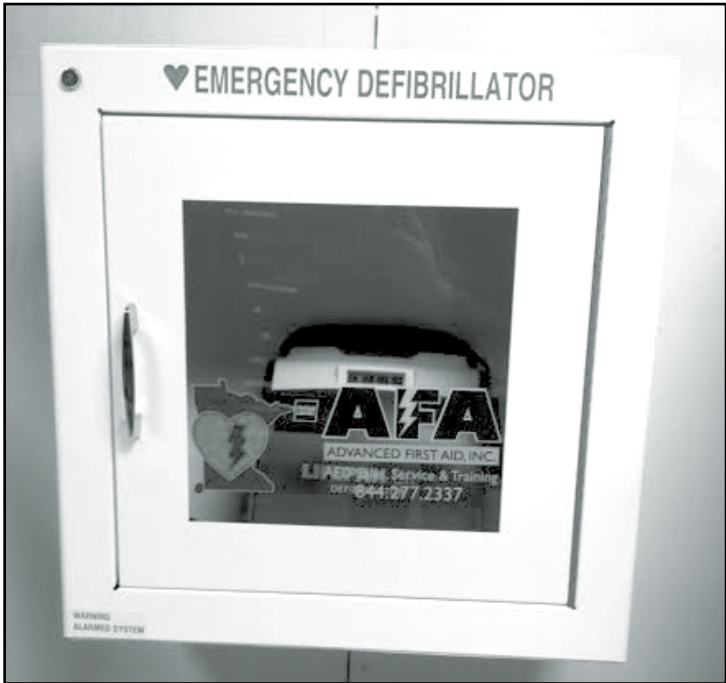
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erations at the same time.

CSP offers agricultural producers and private forest landowners a variety of options to meet conservation needs and address natural resource issues on their land through conservation activities. Conservation activities, which include practices and enhancements to practices, include planting cover crops, establishing pollinator habitat and brush management/control.

Applications should be submitted to the Beltrami County NRCS office at 3217 Bemidji Ave N, Bemidji. Although applications are accepted all year, farmers and forest landowners should submit applications by March 31, 2016, to ensure they are considered for this year's funding. Applicants will work with NRCS field staff to complete a resource inventory of their land, which will help determine the conservation performance for existing and new conservation activities.

The applicant's conservation performance will be used to determine eligibility, ranking, and payments.



Machinewell, Inc., of Grygla, recently received an Automatic External Defibrillator (AED) through a grant provided under the US Department of HHS - Health Resources Services Administration's Rural Access to Emergency Devices Grant Program. This AED is mounted on the east wall of the company's tool crib and is available for public use. (Valued at approximately \$2500)

An AED is a portable device that checks the heart rhythm and can send an electric shock to the heart to try to restore a normal rhythm. AEDs are used to treat sudden cardiac arrest (SCA). SCA is a condition in which the heart suddenly and unexpectedly stops beating.

Each defibrillator is equipped with instructions, but one should always call 911 if they are ever in a situation that requires the use of one.

Along with the Grygla Fire & Rescue department, and Machinewell, the Grygla School also has two AED's – one in the cafeteria and one in the big gym.



Placing 2nd in the Friday basketball games was the team called the “Lakers”. From L-R: Christian Loken, Sheldin Sundberg, Nolan Anderson, Ahna Stanley, Kearny Lietch, Riley Saurdiff and Coach Ty Jelle. (3rd and 4th place teams are pictured in the Canary section.)