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Today	Thurs	Fri	Sat	Sun
Mostly Sunny	Tstorms	Partly Cloudy	Scatt. Tstorms	Scatt. Tstorms
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Wednesday, July 3, 2024 **WE'RE ONLINE www.tricocanary.com** **Vol. 48 Number 20**

Danny and Sandy Bragg, of Grygla, are pictured above with their family. Danny took a Virtual Honor Flight to Washington, D.C., on Saturday, June 1st, because he was unable to physically go due to his medical condition. The full story is below. Pictured above, L-R: Danny, Sandy, their children Paul and Jennifer, along with their grandchildren, Keegan, Kassandra and Brandon.

Construction on Hwy 89 near Grygla begins July 8

The Minnesota Department of Transportation announced construction on Highway 89 near Grygla begins July 8. The project includes resurfacing Highway 89 between Grygla and the Red Lake Nation boundary. Motorists will detour utilizing Marshall County Road 54 and Highway 1.

In addition to resurfacing, project elements include:

- Culvert replacements
- Sidewalk upgrades in Grygla

The contractor for the $5.2 million project is R.J. Zavoral and Sons, Inc.. The project is expected to be complete in mid-October, weather permitting. For more information as well as a detour map, visit the project website: www.mndot.gov/d2/projects/hwy89-grygla.

Project benefits and cost

Benefits of the project include a safer road, improved drainage, and a smoother and longer lasting driving surface.

Important reminders for motorists regarding work zone safety:

- Slow down when approaching every work zone, then navigate through with care and caution.
- Stay alert; work zones constantly change.
- Watch for workers and slow-moving equipment.
- Obey posted speed limits. Fine for a violation in a work zone is $300.
- Minimize distractions behind the wheel.
- Be patient; expect delays, especially during peak travel times.

Bragg goes on virtual Honor Flight to Washington, D.C.

Written by Kari Sundberg, Eagle Editor

On June 1st, six volunteers from the Veterans Honor Flight of ND/MN traveled to Grygla to take Danny Bragg on a very special trip…virtually.

Danny served in the Air Force from 1971-1975. Seven years ago, he applied to go on the Veterans Honor Flight of ND/MN, based out of Fargo, ND. The Veterans Honor Flight of ND/MN recognizes American Veterans for their service and sacrifices by flying them to Washington, D.C. to see their memorials at no cost.

As of June 1st, 2024, the Veterans Honor Flight of ND/MN has flown 2,191 WWII, Korean War and Vietnam War Veterans to Washington, D.C., including virtual flights, which is what Danny was a part of.

As mentioned, Danny applied for this special trip seven years ago. Last fall, he was one of the Veterans selected and was scheduled to go on the trip in October. However, Danny fell ill and wasn't able to join the group. After spending a lot of time in and out of hospitals over those next few months, Danny was diagnosed with Acute Myeloid Leukemia; he is currently under the care of hospice.

Danny was given the chance to join another group of Veterans for the 3 day/2 night trip to D.C. in May of 2024, but due to his diagnosis and declining health, he was unable to go.

That's where a group of volunteers from the Veterans Honor Flight of ND/MN stepped in. Six volunteers came to Grygla and brought the Honor Flight to Danny.

During the 8-minute virtual Honor Flight, Danny saw his memorials through oculus glasses. These glasses provide a 360° tour of the Veterans' memorials. Just like those who go on the trip, Danny also received a special jacket, shirt, dog tags and a cap. There was a welcome home, complete with signs, when his virtual tour ended, as well as mail call with singing of his service song. What is great about the virtual Honor Flight is his family was able to join him on this trip of a lifetime.

Danny C. Bragg, US Air Force, E-5

Danny grew up in Decatur, Indiana, and now calls Grygla, Minnesota, home. He volunteered for the Air Force in 1971 and remained active through 1975. When he finished basic training at Lackland AFB, Texas, Danny served in the 93rd OMS at Castle AFB in California, then finished at the Grand Forks AFB where he was a jet mechanic. While at Castle AFB, Danny was named 93rd Airman of the Base.

After his discharge, he was a civil mechanic for 28 years. Danny married Sandy in 1970. They are the proud parents of Paul and Jennifer and have been blessed with five amazing grandchildren.

Danny is a member of the American Legion Post 162.

History of the Honor Flight

The Honor Flight Network was cofounded by Earl Morse, the son of a Korean and Vietnam War Veteran, and Jeff Miller, a small business owner and son of a WWII Veteran.

Earl Morse, Physician Assistant and Retired Air Force Captain, worked in a Department of Veterans Affairs Clinic in Springfield, OH. After the National World War II Memorial was completed in 2004, he realized many of his WWII patients would not be able to travel to DC to visit their memorial.

Morse, himself a pilot, offered to fly two Veterans to D.C. In January 2005, he pitched the idea to about 300 private pilots at his local Air Force Aero Club. He proposed the pilots would pay for the flights and personally escort Veterans around the city. Eleven additional pilots volunteered.

By the end of the month, a board was formed, funds were raised and volunteers had joined. On May 21st, 2005, six small planes flew 12 Veterans to Washington, D.C., for the first Honor Flight. A combination of small planes and commercial flights were used to transport a total of 126 WWII Veterans that first year.

In late 2005, Jeff Miller, a dry-cleaning company owner in Hendersonville, NC, inspired by Morse, had a similar idea but on a larger scale – to charter entire commercial jets. Jeff, the son of a WWII Veteran and nephew of a B-24 pilot who died in the war, had been a charter member of the National World War II Memorial Foundation.

Miller was also concerned that local WWII Veterans would never visit their new memorial. So he formed HonorAir and began flying great numbers of WWII Veterans from Ashville Regional Airport using enormous chartered jets. By the end of 2006, HonorAir had flown more than 300 WWII Veterans to their memorial. His actions revolutionized the mass movement of these senior heroes to D.C. A national TV station compiled a documentary on Miller's fundraising efforts and followed Veterans on one of the trips to D.C.

In February 2007, Morse and Miller formed the Honor Flight Network. Byd 2018, there were 140 Honor Flight Network regional hubs across the United States. At the end of the 2017 flying season, the network had escorted over 200,000 Veterans to their memorials free of cost to them.

WDAY Honor Flight

In 2007, Tracy Briggs (Forum Communications/WDAY) watched the documentary from Miller's flight and was inspired to do the same. A committee led by Briggs was formed and four flights carried some 700 WWII heroes to D.C. from Fargo Hector International Airport in 2007-08. There would be no further flights again until 2015 when VA Nurse Jane Matejcek (President) formed a Board of Directors with original 2007 committee members Dave Rice and Tod Ganje and several new members.

Veterans Honor Flight of ND/MN

The Veterans Honor Flight of ND/MN (name changed in Spring 2018) comprised of 10 directors and countless volunteers has flown more than 2,100 Veterans to Washington, D.C. These trips would not be possible without fundraising efforts. The costs associated with an Honor Flight trip equals $270,000 total.

The breakdown includes $125,000 for chartered plane; $63,000 for 100 hotel rooms; $15,000 for coats, caps, duffle bags and shirts; $15,000 for tour buses and drivers; $52,000 for meals and snacks.

If anyone wants to mail in a donation, they are always accepted.

Veterans Honor Flight of ND/MN at PO Box 644 in West Fargo, ND 58078.

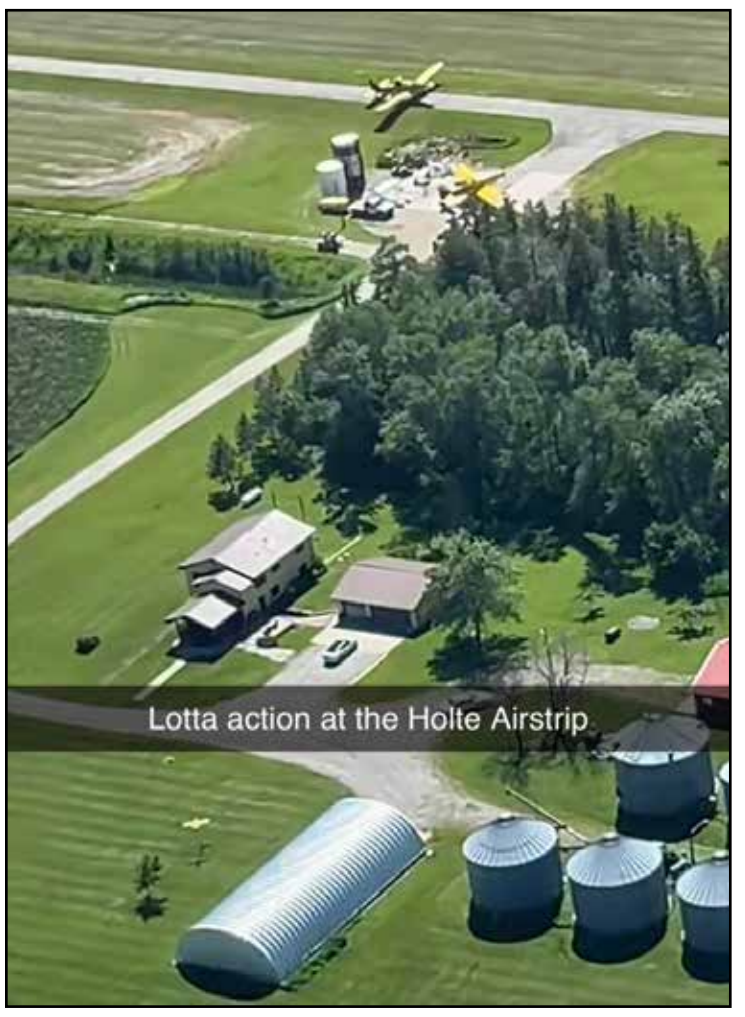
To contact the Veterans Honor Flight of ND/MN, email or phone is the easiest method. Email: veteranshonorflightofndmn@gmail.com or call 218-28HONOR.

You can also follow on social media at Veterans Honor Flight of ND/MN (Facebook) or @veteranshonorflightndmn (Twitter/X)

Veterans can apply for this special trip by visiting *https://veteranshonorflightofndmn.org/veterans-application*

Priority is given to WWII Veterans who haven't seen their memorial, followed by Korean War Veterans, Vietnam War Veterans, and terminally ill Veterans from all wars.

Danny Bragg served in the US Air Force from 1971-1975. He was awarded the 93rd Airman of the Base with the 93rd Squadron in 1972.



The picture above was taken by Aaron Peterson, owner/operator of Advantage Ag Air, which operates out of Warren and also the Holte Air Strip in Grygla. Aaron sent this picture from the sky above the Holte Airfield. You can see two more planes getting filled at the runway. It was a busy day with three planes spraying 11,000 acres in the area on Sunday.

AAA sprays 11,000 acres on Sunday

Well....actually that headline should have read 22,000! Advantage Ag Air not only sprayed 11,000 acres around the Grygla/Goodridge/Gatzke area on Sunday, but another 11,000 acres around the Warren area, too! Three planes were operating out of the Holte Airfield in Grygla, while 4 planes were operating out of Warren to get 22,000 acres of rice, canola, wheat and ryegrass sprayed with fungicide and insecticide.

More information is shared on the back page, along with a throwback article on Advantage Ag Air that was featured in June of 2018.

Blake Farder and Raymond Moe, two of Aaron's workers, put in a full shift on Sunday helping to fill the three planes as they flew in and out all day and night.

• 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, July 3
11am Bible Study; 6pm Grace Choir
Sunday, June 7
Grace: 9am Worship
OS: 10:30am Worship

GOODRIDGE AREA LUTHERAN PARISH, ELCA
Bethany, Ekelund, Faith
Sunday, July 7
Faith: 8:30am Worship
Bethany: 10am Worship
Ekelund: 7pm Worship

THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITIES OF
St. Clement's – Grygla; St. Ann's – Goodridge
Fr. Bryan Kujawa
Sundays:
St. Clement's: 10:15am Worship
St. Ann's: 12pm Worship

BETHESDA LUTHERAN CHURCH
Skime
Pastor Steve Bliss
Sundays
8am 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
Saturday, July 6
Mt. Olive Worship 9am
Sunday, July 7
St. Petri: 8am Worship
Nazareth: 9:45am Worship
Oak Park: 11am Worship

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Northwood Church Reunion, July 13

The Northwood Church Reunion is taking place on Saturday, July 13th, at 10:30am. A service will be held in the church with a potluck to follow. The first Northwood Church Reunion was held in 1997 and has been happening yearly ever since. It's a great place to get together with folks that are connected to the church and reminisce about past members and all the memories and connections created. All are welcome to attend.

School Board approves May Minutes

Detailed Agenda

Grygla School Board Meeting

Thursday, May 16, 2024, 6:00 p.m.

Chairperson of the board Jeremy Rychlock called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm with James Verbout, Tera Nordby, Andy Oslund, Gretchen Smeby, and superintendent Derek Gieseke present. Teacher Robin Johnson and students Jens Oslund and Seth Kazcor. Luke Nordvick was absent.

Pledge of Allegiance

Motion by Jim, second by Andy to approve the agenda as presented. Passed.

Minutes of the 4/11/24 working session and 4/18/24 regular school board meeting are approved as printed/amended.

Approve payment of bills:

Motion by Gretchen, second by Jeremy to approve payment of the bills check #40390 through check #40438, p-card payments and wire payments. Passed.

Student Report:

Jens, Seth: Everything going well, wrapping up the end of the year. Mumm just returned to the office, kid happy to have him back and putting smiles on faces. Sophomores went to lake Bronson for Envirothon.

May 10th- Elementary program

May 13-15- High mileage went to Brainerd - 3rd place

May 15th- 4th graders went to Klassens

May 16th- Charger Kindness

May 18th - Grygla Graduation

May 22nd - Last day of school

Finance Report:

Referendum Discussion with Ehlers. Matt Hammer- went over options for operating and

capital project, along with tax implications. Capital project levy is limitation specific, can be used on certain programs, where as the operating referendum goes into the general fund, Capital Project Levy-election, needs to be renewed.

1st option: Expiring Levy $138,000. Renewed -$156,000-$1165

Option 2: $1386; $200k / year

Option 3: $1625; revoke and replace; $219k/year

We will have to look and make sure that would be enough before finalizing. The more questions on a ballot, the less successful the pass tends to be. Board does not have authority to renew capital

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Community Calendar

Wed | July 3
Senior Meals at Grain Bin Café 11am; Grygla Library closed

Thurs | July 4
Independence Day

Fri | July 5
Senior Meals at Grain Bin Café 11am

Sat | July 6

Sun | July 7

Mon | July 8
Grygla Accel Weight Room 7-9am; Senior Meals at Grain Bin Café 11am; 9-12 grade BBB practice in Goodridge 6pm; 9-12 grade GBB practice in Grygla 6pm

Tues | July 9
Grygla Accel Weight Room 7-9am; Summer Rec Baseball at Middle River; Summer League Basketball in Grygla 6pm

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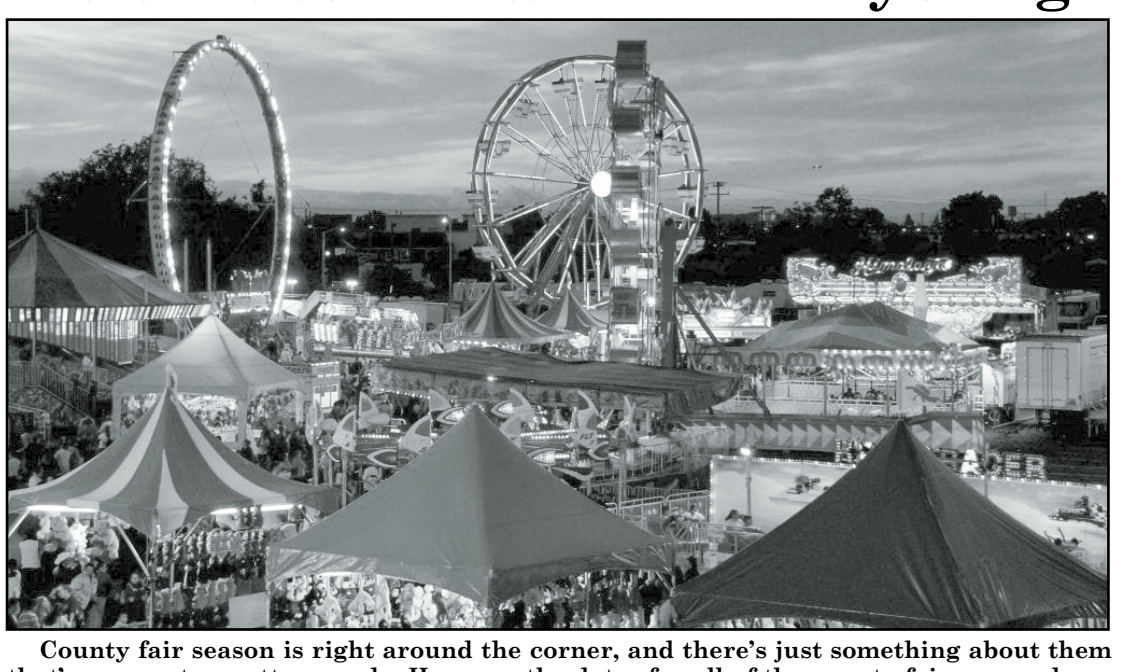
Fishing piers and shore fishing sites

Have you ever looked on the MN DNR website to see all the fishing piers and shore fishing sites available around the state?

The DNR cooperates with local units of government to install and maintain accessible fishing piers and shore fishing across all of Minnesota. Parking is generally located within 300 feet, with a hard surface path from the parking area to the pier. Public water access and fishing pier maps are available for most counties or by request from the DNR Information Center at 651-296-6157 or email info.dnr@state.mn.us You can view this interactive map online at https://www.dnr.state.mn.us/fishing_piers/index.html

Once on the website, clicking on the blue fishing pier pin or the green shore fishing site pin will give you the name and location of each place.

A ticket to fun and feelin' young



County fair season is right around the corner, and there's just something about them that's as sweet as cotton candy. Here are the dates for all of the county fairs around our area for you to enjoy: Polk County Fair (Fertile) is July 10-14, 2024; Pennington County Fair (TRF) is July 17-21; Roseau County Fair (Roseau) will run July 21-26; Marshall County Fair (Warren) runs July 24-28; Clearwater County Fair (Bagley) will be held July 31-August 4.

• LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Beth and I so enjoy the Eagle. Keep up the good work!! It's our lifeline to the world! Have a good day & enjoy life! You only get one!

Take care,

Billie & Beth Blankenfeld

Note from the editor

Thank you so much for your letter informing me how much you enjoy the Grygla Eagle. I don't usually publish these sorts of things, but just yesterday, I prayed that the newspaper was still serving its purpose. With the constant competition of social media, it's hard to remember the value of the little hometown newspaper sometimes. When I opened that letter, tears filled my eyes. It was just the sign and encouragement I asked for yesterday. You said, "It's our lifeline to the world."

Thank you.

For your kind words. For believing in the Grygla Eagle. And for taking the time to share that with me. It means more than you know.

Enjoy the summer and all the little moments that fill up your cup; I can tell you are pouring from a full one.

Love,

Kari Sundberg

Eagle Editor

Book picks for the long weekend

By Kari Sundberg, Eagle Editor

I wanted to share these two book picks with you since I'm sure a lot of you are either heading to the lake for the 4th, planning a little getaway, or just seeking some rest & relaxation at home. We're heading to lake country for the long weekend, so 1-2 books are essential items for me to pack. I'm super excited for the two I decided on and wanted to share them in case anyone else is looking for suggestions.

Both of these sound really great in their own way. The first one seems perfect if you're headed for some sun 'n' sand.

Just for the Summer by Abby Jimenez

Instant #1 New York Times bestseller and a Good Morning America Book Club Pick! "This witty, slow-burn rom-com is the ideal beach read." - Elle

Summary

Justin has a curse, and thanks to a Reddit thread, it's now all over the internet. Every woman he dates goes on to find their soul mate the second they break up. When a woman slides into his DMs with the same problem, they come up with a plan: They'll date each other and break up. Their curses will cancel each other's out, and they'll both go on to find the love of their lives. It's a bonkers idea… and it just might work.

Emma hadn't planned that her next assignment as a traveling nurse would be in Minnesota, but she and her best friend agree that dating Justin is too good of an opportunity to pass up, especially when they get to rent an adorable cottage on a private island on Lake Minnetonka.

It's supposed to be a quick fling, just for the summer. But when Emma's toxic mother shows up and Justin has to assume guardianship of his three siblings, they're suddenly navigating a lot more than they expected - including catching real feelings for each other. What if this time Fate has actually brought the perfect pair together?

My second book pick is All the Colors of the Dark by Chris Whitaker. If you're looking for a crime thriller that takes you on an emotional ride, this seems like the perfect pick.

Read with Jenna Book Club pick as featured on Today - this soaring thriller and epic love story "hits like a sledgehammer and is an absolute must-read novel." - Gillian Flynn, author of Gone Girl.

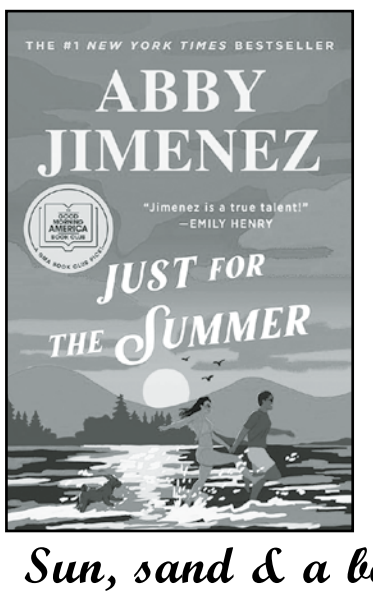
Summary

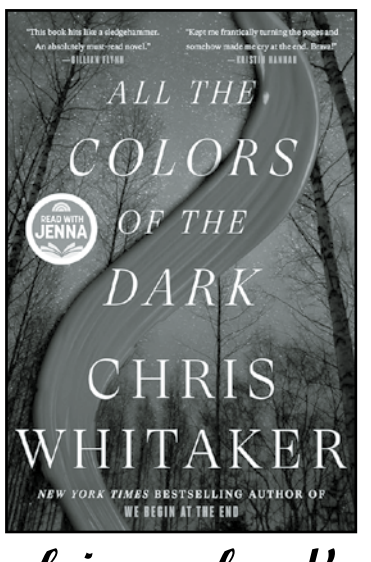
1975 is a time of change in America. The Vietnam War is ending. Muhammad Ali is fighting Joe Frazier. And in the smalltown of Monta Clare, Missouri, girls are disappearing.

When the daughter of a wealthy family is targeted, the most unlikely hero emerges—Patch, a local boy, who saves the girl, and, in doing so, leaves heartache in his wake.

Patch and those who love him soon discover that the line between triumph and tragedy has never been finer. And that their search for answers will lead them to truths that could mean losing one another.

A missing person mystery, a serial killer thriller, a love story, a unique twist on each, Chris Whitaker has written a novel about what lurks in the shadows of obsession and the blinding light of hope.





Sun, sand & a book in my hand!

GHS community meeting

August 1st is the next community meeting at the Grygla High School. Agenda items will include the upcoming referendum. Stay tuned for more information including the time.

Jasper's Theater trip

The Grygla Senior Citizens are taking a trip to Jasper's Theater in Park Rapids on August 21st. Please let Thelma Thomas know if you plan on attending so tickets can be ordered. The group will be meeting at the parking lot by the school the morning of the 21st, leaving at 9am on a school bus. Hope you can join in for a day of fun. Call Thelma at 218-452-1674.

Grygla Open

The Annual Grygla Open Golf Tournament will be held on Friday, August 2nd, at Oakcreast Golf Course in Roseau. $50/person with teams of 4. Meal and awards to follow golfing. Raffle prizes and a 50/50 drawing included! Contact Robbie Anderson to sign up at 218-684-1740.

Summer League Standings

Week 3 Standings

	W	L
Orange	5	1
Gray	4	2
Green	3	3
Blue	3	3
Purple	2	4
White	1	5

Week 3 Results

Gray 62
Kyle Klasen 21
Avery Moe 10
Green 46
Owen Larson 11
Spencer Coan 10

Orange 53
Trustin Wiseth 18
James Cardarelli 17
White 44
Ray Moe 13

Gray 64
Lewis Jones 13
Kyle Klasen 13
Nick Groven 10
White 54
David Jones 19
Hank Jones 15
Ray Moe 12

Purple 48
Steven Hanson 19
Tyler Schulz 12
Ethan Schulz 10
Blue 45
Jordan Coan 14
Brady Olson 10

Green 72
Spencer Coan 16
Owen Larson 13
Carson Rubischko 12
Purple 68
Tyler Schulz 25
Steven Hanson 21
Joe Stinson 11

Orange 68
Jesse McDougall 29
Brandon Stanley 13
Blue 54
Jordan Coan 23
Matt Busse 11

Games resume July 9.

Operation Dry Water anchors DNR safety, enforcement efforts during long holiday week

(Submitted) People across the state are gearing up for lots of time on the water in the days ahead and just after the Fourth of July holiday. As they do, Minnesota Department of Resources conservation officers and their public safety partners are reminding them to keep safety at the top of their list.

There are a variety of factors for boaters to keep in mind, including busy waterways, locally high water, and an increased law enforcement presence to keep everyone safe. The latter is part of Operation Dry Water, a nationwide campaign that runs July 4-6 to highlight the dangers of boating under the influence of alcohol or drugs and call attention to the heavy penalties associated with boating while intoxicated.

In Minnesota and across the nation, BWI is the leading contributing factor to boating accidents and fatalities. While many boaters do the right thing by leaving alcohol on shore, dozens of them are arrested for BWI each year in the days surrounding the Fourth of July.

"There's no gray area when it comes to boating under the influence: If you're caught, you will go to jail," said Lt. Eric Sullivan, the DNR Enforcement Division's Marine Unit supervisor. "Anyone who makes the choice to boat under the influence puts at risk the safety of everyone else on the water."

In Minnesota, which has particularly strong BWI laws, anyone convicted of drinking and driving – whether they're operating a boat, motor vehicle, or recreational vehicle – loses their privilege to operate any of them.

In addition to staying "dry" while on the water by avoiding drugs and alcohol, the DNR urges anyone who's on a boat to wear a life jacket. Oftentimes, boating accidents turn into fatalities because the people who fell overboard weren't wearing a life jacket.

Some of the state's waterways – rivers, in particular – have extremely high water as a result of recent rainfall. Boaters, paddlers, and others should stay off them until the water recedes. For more information on Operation Dry Water and boating safety, visit the Operation Dry Water website (operationdrywater.org) and the boating safety webpage of the DNR website (mndnr.gov/boatingsafety).

Operation Dry Water activities are sponsored by the National Association of Boating Law Administrators in partnership with the U.S. Coast Guard.

Here are two pictures of this year's Goodridge/Grygla Summer Rec teams. The top one is this year's Tee Ball crew! The bottom picture is the Small Fries team. Both teams are coached by David Lovly, of Goodridge. Action shots to come next week.

The 14U Blue JO Volleyball team had a great day in Greenbush on Tuesday, June 25, and dominated going 7-1 on the day and claimed the championship! JO's wrapped up for the summer with Grygla/Goodridge hosting a big tournament last Thursday and Friday. Team pictures and action shots to come next week!

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

Tautology — Taw-tol-uh-jee

Noun

Needless repetition of an idea.

School Board Mins...

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project levys. Only operating referendums. Capital project levy needs to be submitted in august to be on the November ballot.

Bills:

Expenses/Revenue

General Fund: 172,867.23/29,3570.48

Food Service: 5843.06/13,170.17

Community Service: 389/4,359

Trust: 0/4050

Student Activity: 13,986.95/3,049.20

Totals: 193,086.38/318,198.85

MSDLAF Checking Balance: 562,863.80

Some of the bigger bills: Vehicle repair $12K

Roseau Electric-Derek and Devin are talking about the electric demand, and what can be controlled, cut down, etc. Trying to get the demand charges down.

Motion by Tera, second by Jim to approve the 2024-25 School Budget.

Between the cuts discussed, the freezes from both groups, our deficit - $72,000

Food deficit of $49k for 2 years, will have to come out of our general fund this year.

General Fund Deficit-$23k

Debt Service-boiler-paid every year

Community Ed-deficit spending for 3 years-$24k -swimming lessons increased to $75 per child, adding t-ball in hopes to get more students involved.

Teacher Report:

Robin Johnson-Welcome Back Mr. Mumm. 4th finished River of Dreams

and launched their canoes. Completed Ancient Civilization: K-2 went to Klasens

Greenhouse on 5-16. Elem. concert-May 10th, High school band & Choir concert. Awards day May 15th. Read, Write, Math - already have 12-15 students signed up. 6th grade class trip to Duluth went well. Seniors went to SD. Charger Kindness-May 16th, went around cleaning up the community. Senior Breakfast May 17th. School store has new merch.

Dean of Students Report:

Athletic Update: Good to be back! "Thank you to Thomas for taking over the

scheduling and extra work" Schedule set for football and volleyball. Did grade

checks May 16th.

Superintendent Report:

Bus Log - Increase in mechanical costs for replacements to keep on hand and

general wear and tear.

Building Project -Cenex is working with Westmore(SP) on propane to get it fixed

and running properly.

Staff completed CPI training May 15th. School districts are moving to "completely hands off" in the future, will come down the line.

Motion by Andy, second by Gretchen to approve the MOU with Grygla/Gatzke Education Association on the contract freeze for the 2024-25 school year. Passed.

Motion by Jim, second by Tera to approve the MOU with Minnesota School Employees Association on the contract freeze for the 2024-25 school year. Passed.

Motion by Tera, second by Andy to approve membership to the MSHSL for the 2024-25 school year. Passed.

Motion by Gretchen, second by Tera to approve the hire of Brenna Bakken as the Head Coach of Goodridge/Grygla Volleyball. Passed.

Motion by Jim, second by Andy to approve the hire of Caitlyn Jacobson as the JV Coach of Goodridge/Grygla Volleyball. Passed.

Motion by Gretchen, second by Andy to approve the hire of Madison Paulson as the C/JH Coach of Goodridge/Grygla Volleyball. Passed.

Motion by Tera, second by Gretchen to approve the hire of Tiffany Anderson as the JH Coach of Goodridge/Grygla Volleyball. Passed.

Motion by Tera, second by Andy to approve the resignation of Jason Grandstrand as Summer Rec Coach. Passed.

Motion by Gretchen, second by Jim to approve the resignation of Andrew Sundberg as Summer Rec Coach. Passed.

Motion by Andy, second by Tera to approve the resignation of Katelyn Larson as Student Council Advisor. Passed.

Motion by Gretchen, second by Tera to approve Jeff Mumm as a Student Council Advisor. Passed.

Motion by Andy, second by Jim to approve certification of the following Seniors for graduation on May 18, 2024: Molly Cullen, Andrew Englund, Lewis Jones, Callie Loken, Christian Loken, Taylor McManus, Chelsie Nelson, Alicia Osse, Russell Rian, Blake Rychlock, Hunter Vad. Passed.

Motion by Jim, second by Gretchen to approve the following donations:

Bill Stanley, Scholarship, $500

Lions' Club, Scholarship, $800

Raincare Co., Scholarship, $400

Farmers Union, Scholarship, $1,000

Brian & Bonnie Stanley, Scholarship, $250

Grace WELCA, Scholarship, $100

Ruud Memorial, Scholarship, $500

Richard and Diane (Lovly) Saurdiff, Scholarship, $500

Meeting Adjourned at 8:15. Next Meeting is 6/27/24, 6:00 p.m.

• SIMPLY DELICIOUS

By Kari Sundberg, Eagle Editor

I haven't decided if these would make for a good app or a good breakfast item?! Nonetheless, they look simply delicious.

Rotel Cream Cheese Sausage Balls

1 lb. sausage (Jimmy Dean), uncooked

1 (8 oz) pkg cream cheese, soft

1 (10 oz) can Rotel

1 ¾ cups Bisquick baking mix

1 cup shredded cheddar cheese

Preheat oven to 400 degrees. In a large mixing bowl, combine the uncooked sausage, softened cream cheese and drained Rotel. Add the Bisquick baking mix and shredded cheese. Mix until combined. Shape the mixture into 1-inch balls and place them on a baking sheet. Bake for 20-25 minutes. Serve warm.

Arts and grants applications have upcoming deadline

Applications open July 1 for government entities and nonprofit organizations. Applications are being accepted from our seven county Minnesota service area including Kittson, Marshall, Norman, Pennington, Polk, Red Lake, and Roseau counties.

Nonprofits and government organizations can apply for one arts project at a time. Grants deadlines for these are July 31, October 31, and February 29. Grants are between $500 and $10,000. Funding sources for these grants are Clean Water, Land and Legacy funds and general allocation funds from the State of Minnesota.

Organizational arts activities funded through this very important grant opportunity includes festivals, community theatre projects, folk music entertainment, sponsorship of visual demonstrations, creative writing workshops and many other activities that improve the quality of life of people

in our communities.

There is a free grant writing session on July 17 at 11AM to help you write your grant application or answer any questions. You can attend via Zoom or at our office in Warren. You must RSVP to attend.

To learn more about grant programs and start an application visit www.NorthwestMinnesotaArtsCouncil.org. The grant application process is completely online and NWMAC's Director Mara Hanel can help walk you through the process of using the grants portal to get accustomed to it. Please contact her at director@NWArtsCouncil.org or call 218-745-8886.

Hometown friendly service is the goal of Advantage Ag Air

Aaron & Kaitlyn Peterson own Advantage Ag Air, which is based out of Warren and also operates out of Grygla. The below article is a throwback that was featured in June of 2018.

The following article is from the June 12th, 2018, issue of the Grygla Eagle Newspaper, which introduced the then "new-to-the-area" business, Advantage Ag Air. It's fun to look back on old stories, especially ones that are still relevant today, and Advantage Ag Air is still relevant and thriving! It's owned and operated by Aaron and Kaitlyn Peterson, based out of Warren, MN. Aaron still operates out of the Holte Airfield in Grygla. Last Sunday, he brought in two extra pilots to help clear the board as they had to get 11,000 acres of rice, canola, wheat and ryegrass sprayed around our area. The crew put on fungicide and insecticide. Next week, they'll start on edible beans and sugar beets, while still spraying wheat. While Aaron and the two other planes were spraying out of Grygla, he had four planes spraying out of Warren that same day, tackling another 11,000 acres over there.

Advantage Ag Air currently has six employees, including Aaron and Kaitlyn. They now offer ground spraying services, as well. The business has two John Deere 412R's for the pre emerge spraying.

Advantage Ag Air can be reached at 218-686-2846 or 218-745-7607.

Enjoy this throwback article below from 2018.

Hometown friendly service is the goal of Advantage Ag Air

Written by Kari Sundberg, Eagle Editor

June 12th, 2018

I remember a few years back when I did a story on Jimmy Holte and his aerial spray business. I drove into his yard and there was so much life and energy…just an excitement in the air; his spray plane was parked outside the open hanger, Gloria was outside smiling and tending to her flowers, ready to welcome me in, alongside a smiling Jimmy, who was so friendly and willing to share his story with me. Holte Flying Service was hometown friendly service; no doubt about that.

It's been 3 years since the beloved Grygla couple were killed in a plane crash on their way to Alaska. The accident happened in northern British Columbia on June 1st, 2015.

Since their passing, I've visited the Holte farm twice. The first time was a very emotional, somber drive in. I sat on the front porch with the Holte sons while they shared so many memories of their parents with me. It allowed me to write yet another story about Jim and Gloria, this one a lot harder to tell. In spite of their grief, though, the family was still so welcoming and friendly that day…qualities that carried over from their parents.

Last week, I visited the Holte farm again. Driving in, that same life and energy I remember from a few years ago, was back. The hanger was open, this time with a new plane being put away for the night. The farm was busy and operating, the grill was warming up for a cookout, and another plane was flying onto the home airstrip ready to call it a day! Everything Jimmy had hoped and planned for in his retirement has finally come to be - Advantage Ag Air is operating out of the farm and the planes are still flyin'!

The Holtes have got to be beaming up there…

Advantage Ag Air started in 2007 in Warren, Minnesota. Owner, Aaron Peterson, first learned the business from his dad, who aerial sprayed for 37 years. Owning his own plane and getting to know the Holtes through the business and numerous conventions, Aaron had visited the Holte farm a lot over the years. When Jim knew it was time to retire, he knew exactly what he wanted to do. He asked Aaron if he wanted to buy him out and spray out of Grygla. Aaron would eventually buy the plane, equipment and leftover inventory, take over the Grygla customers and operate out of the Holte farm, using the air strip and hanger. That all came to be in 2014.

A couple of years prior, in 2012, Aaron brought Riley Farder on board the aerial business. Riley, who also knew the Holtes for years, had known Aaron for quite some time. "He brought me in, showed me a shiny airplane and asked if I wanted to fly it," Riley laughed.

The pilots got down to business.

Currently, Riley is operating the Grygla side of things, living at the Holte farm and operating off the James & Gloria Holte Airfield, while Aaron is based out of Warren. Advantage Ag Air currently serves Northwest Minnesota, spraying for growers all around the region. When things slow down a bit up here, they even fly their planes out of state. "They are ramping up in Kansas on winter wheat, so we'll go down there and help out friends if they are swamped – usually the end of April, early May," said Riley.

Things are definitely not slow here now, however! There's a time and place for Advantage Ag Air, to which Aaron laughed and said every day is the best time and place! "There's nothing we can't do on a farm that any other piece of equipment on a farm can't do as far as application," the pilots agreed.

Last week, we all sat down on Tuesday evening after a very busy day. So busy, in fact, that a third plane was called in to help the guys with the dry work. The business prides itself on timeliness. They'll bring in as many airplanes as needed, saying they have a large network of trusted people in the business. 90% of the time, it's Aaron and Riley alone, but they never hesitate to bring in help get the job done. This particular day, Dan Geist, a pilot out of Crookston, flew in to help, as he has the same set up as Aaron and Riley. The crew was operating out of the Grygla airport as they say it's set up perfectly for dry work. The dry work couldn't be done without a specialized piece of equipment, which Advantage Ag Air has purchased, saying they are always willing to upgrade to necessary equipment. The new auger truck was parked at the Grygla airport and the hustle and bustle was a sight to be seen!

The crew was topdressing wheat for growers around Grygla that Tuesday, June 5th. With the Grygla air strip being wide open, it's safer to have multiple airplanes running at the same time. Let's look at the stats! At 100 pounds per acre, each plane can topdress 25 acres per load every 8-10 minutes at 66 feet wide. Which means about every 10 minutes the planes were flying in and out of the Grygla airport. As mentioned, it was a sight to be seen. One plane would leave, another would come in, drive up and park, get the hopper filled with the auger truck, give a thumbs up, a quick wave and off they'd fly! At one point in the day, all three planes were even on the same field! The trio communicates beforehand, setting their AB lines, and fly about power line high, keeping the speed of the planes at around 140 mph.

The loader truck on the ground has a scale on it to make sure each plane is properly loaded. Riley pointed out that they are very fortunate to have a good crew with them on the ground. They communicate all the numbers via hand signals and, "Without them," he says, "We couldn't do our job. The people on the ground make this business run."

The ground crew for Advantage Ag Air includes Blake Farder, Riley's nephew. Blake lives in Tabor and just graduated high school. He will be attending the U of M in Crookston this fall to become an Ag pilot, as well! Andrew Kilian, another member of the ground crew, is originally from South Africa, but currently lives in Argyle and helps out seasonally. Last, but not least, Lucian Tinnes, who will be a senior at Grygla High School this coming fall, is also a part of the ground crew for the aerial spray business. At the airport last week, he was all smiles amongst the noise and commotion, saying, "It's such a fun job with these guys!"

When the guys aren't busy doing dry work, it's a lot of herbicide application. This side of the business is operated out of the Holte Airfield as there are two different loading sites there.

As for the airplanes themselves, you'll notice the birds in the sky are yellow and blue; they come standard that way. Riley flies an Air Tractor 502XP while Aaron's is a 502B. Jimmy's was a 301, which was smaller than what Advantage Ag Air currently operates, thus it was traded off in the winter of 2014.

When reflecting on their time with Jim, both Aaron and Riley said they received flight instruction from him, including biannual flight reviews. Aaron also received his tailwheel endorsement from Jim. Riley shared, "Jim was one of the first people I met in this industry. Meeting him and Gloria and seeing what wonderful people they were, and the wonderful life they led together, it's the type of life most people strive for."

This is the sign that stands out at the Holte Airfield.

Two more programs coming to the library

The Grygla Library has had some fun activities on the schedule this summer as part of its summer reading program. Last week, a play was performed for a nice crowd; *Country Mouse & City Mouse* provided for a lot of audience interaction and laughs. The next program on the calendar is scheduled for the last Wednesday in July. Check it out below!

July schedule

July 3rd: Closed

July 10th: Open 2-6pm with an Alka Seltzer Rocket "take and make" project.

July 17th: Open from 2-6pm.

July 24th: Open 2-6pm with a Wax Resist Tissue Art "take and make" project.

July 31st: Open 2-6pm with a program at 4:30pm - Northern Tropics Animals will be on site! Learn about reptiles and their amazing designs, individual personalities and incredible uniqueness.

August schedule

August 7th: Open 2-6pm with a program called MN Lumberjack, Legends & Lore, scheduled for 2pm.

August 14th: Open 2-6pm with a Plate Maze "take and make" project.

August 21st: Open 2-6pm.

August 28th: Open 2-6pm with a Coffee Filter Butterflies "take and make" project.

The Grygla Library is open every Wednesday from 2-6pm, but will be closed on Wednesday, July 3rd. See the summer schedule below that includes all of the activities and programs Betsy has scheduled.

Country Mouse & City Mouse **was the name of the play last week in Grygla. The next program, Northern Tropic Animals, is coming on July 31st.** ***Photos by Grygla Eagle Newspaper***

Attendance has been great at the library programs, thus far! The programs are enjoyable for all ages and are free to attend.