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Rubischko Farms named 2024 Outstanding Conservationist



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Rubischko Farms in Goodridge is Pennington SWCD's 2024 Outstanding Conservationist.

Joe Rubischko currently farms with his three sons and brother Andy, raising 700 Angus cross cattle. Joe has been certified by the Minnesota Agricultural Water Quality Certification Program since 2016. He farms 2,600 acres, including 1,200 acres of pasture that is rotationally grazed, utilizing previous and current grazing plans. These plans include installation of water tanks, heavy use area protection (HUAP), and perimeter and interior fence. By rotationally grazing, pastures receive adequate rest to improve forage production, manure is more evenly distributed throughout the pasture, soil health is improved, and the cruising season is maximized.

Joe recently completed a nutrient management plan, manure management plan, and an assessment of his operation. With technical assistance, Joe decided to close his current open lots and

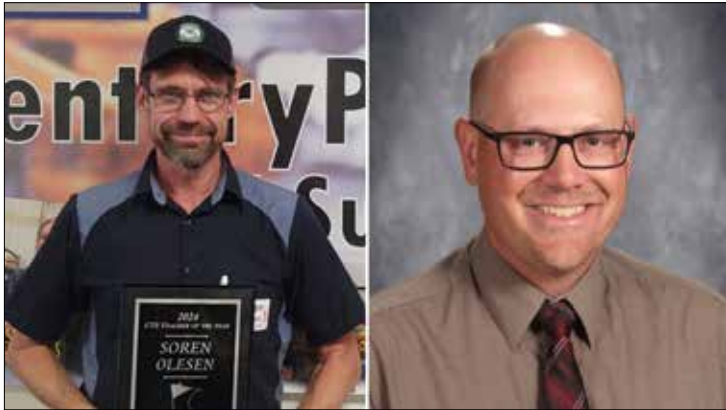
construct HUAP's, manure storage facilities, and over two acres of vegetative treatment areas which reduce the risk of groundwater contamination, better manage and treat surface water runoff, and reduce the need for winter application of manure.

Rubischko Farms utilizes GPS targeted spraying, plant tissue testing, and nitrogen management to eliminate overapplication and reduce their environmental impact. In 2023, approximately 100 acres of sorghum cover crop was planted to suppress weeds, reduce compaction, and improve soil health. Additionally, two grade stabilization structures were installed to reduce edge-of-field erosion.

Pennington SWCD is proud to have Rubischko Farms as their Outstanding Conservationists for their work to protect and improve our natural resources. Rubischko Farms was recognized at the Minnesota Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts Annual Convention and will be honored at the Pennington SWCD Annual Banquet in April.



Grygla teacher among MN Teacher of the Year Semifinalists



Published by Lakeland News, February 26, 2025

Two local teachers – one from Grygla and the other from Roseau – are among the semifinalists named for the 2025 Minnesota Teacher of the Year award.

Making the cut are Andrew Sundberg (top right) from Grygla Public School and Soren Olesen (top left) from Roseau High School. An initial field of 142 candidates was narrowed

to 31 today.

A panel will review the semifinalists' portfolios again, along with semifinalists video submissions, in mid-March. The panel will then select about 10 finalists on May 4th.

Candidates for the award include teachers working in pre-kindergarten through 12th grade, early childhood family education, and adult basic education from public or private schools.

Newton is Outreach Coordinator for Pennington SWCD

Published in the Pennington Soil & Water Conservation District Winter Newsletter

Marisa Newton, daughter of Lisa Erickson, Grygla, and Luther Netwon, Red Lake Falls, joined the Pennington SWCD last May as the Outreach Coordinator, taking over youth and adult education event coordination, social media management, and other administrative

office tasks.

Originally from Grygla, Marisa moved to St. Paul, MN, where she spent 7 of the past 8 years working in events, childcare, and customer service while attending the University of Minnesota. In her free time, Marisa loves attending concerts, kayaking, and nurturing her growing collection of plants. She is thrilled to be back home.

40 years of reffing

Paul Nordby and Lynn Anderson were recognized mid-court at the boys basketball home game in Grygla last week on Tuesday, February 25th. Both men have put in 40-plus years of officiating basketball games at both schools. Upon presentation of their plaques, they were thanked for their tireless effort to ensure the game goes on, for each team being treated fairly, for being the backbone to the Charger basketball program, for their energy and patience, and for

taking the time to learn all the rules and making tough calls even when they don't go for the Chargers. These two have maintained a high level of sportsmanship and integrity, and our community is so proud of them.

To make it even more special, Paul and Lynn were presented with their plaques by their grandsons, Landon Nordby and Brody Saurdiff, both of whom play on the Charger basketball team.



Grygla-Goodridge Senior Basketball players, L-R: Gavin Aune, Lorenzo Cavallaro, Brody Saurdiff, Davi Barros and Payton Dougherty. Pictured top right, Gavin Aune on defense against the Greyhounds.



Senior boys celebrated on Senior Night

It was the Senior Boys' turn to be showered with love and recognition at Senior Night last week. The boys' basketball team wrapped up their regular season game on Tuesday, February 25th, with another heartwarming Senior Night celebration taking place. The boys hosted Fosston on the home court in Grygla that evening, though they ended up losing by just four points in OT. (Fosston 57, GG 53)

Prior to tipoff, the five senior boys were honored and celebrated for their hard work and dedication to the team over the years. Brody Saurdiff, Gavin Aune, Payton Dougherty, Davi Barros and

Lorenzo Cavallaro will all be missed, but for now, they've got another game for sure, taking place on Monday, March 3rd. The GG Chargers BBB team earned the 8th Seed in the West Sub-Section and will host BGMR in Grygla at 7pm for Round 1 of the Section 8A Tournament. They are heading into this game with a 7-19 record. The results of that game will not be known by press-time, but if the boys win that game, please make note that they will then play on Thursday, March 6th, at UMC in Crookston vs. RLC for Round 2 of the playoffs.

Local students to attend Young Author's Conference

Northwest Service Cooperative is hosting a Young Authors Conference next week on March 12th for area students in grades 5-8. This event will be held at Northland Community and Technical College in Thief River Falls from 9am-2pm.

The Young Authors Conference is designed to encourage and inspire young writers, promoting student enthusiasm and competence in written communication. Through interaction with established authors, poets, playwrights, storytellers, illustrators, journalists and teachers of writing, students discover and explore their writing talents and potential. This year students will be able to attend 3 different sessions throughout the day, participate in a book fair and an autograph session with au-

thors and illustrators.

The YAC has 456 students registered from 23 area schools and five home schools.

Below is the list of presenters, along with their sessions. The Young Author's Conference includes local presenter Kari Sundberg.

Kari Sundberg will be leading the session titled, "Write It, Feel It: The Power of Your Pen. "Unlock the power of words in this exciting gratitude journaling workshop. Through fun prompts, creative writing exercises, and journaling techniques, kids will learn how putting their thoughts into words can brighten their day and inspire positivity. This session is perfect for young writers who want to discover how journaling can boost happiness, develop creativity and improve

writing skills.

Kari Sundberg is the editor and writer for the Grygla Eagle Newspaper and also does freelance writing for various publications around the state of Minnesota. She graduated from the University of Minnesota Crookston with a Bachelor of Science in Communications and English. She says, "My passion is writing. It's such a great outlet and allows for so much freedom. Whether it's journalism, fiction, nonfiction, or poetry, I find it all very healing and a great way to connect."

Jessica Lundeen: Illustration Techniques

Kari Sundberg: Write It, Feel It: The Power of Your Pen

Deb Hoven: Keep Your Light on and Write

Steve Maanum: Blending Wildlife Photography with Na-

ture Writing

Deb Mercier: Choose Your Path

Bill Durbin: Viewpoint: Finding Your Voice

Destiny Walker: The Self-Publishing Journey

Rowan Pope: Heros and Villians

Clarrisa Odin: The Art of Superhero Creation

Bly Pope: Writing a Movie Scene

Roxane Salonen: The Watchful Bird Gets the Worm: How Observing Nature Can Feed Our Stories

Saphire Brown: The Art of Song Writing

Susan Hawkinson: Riddles, Chants, Tongue Twisters

Bob Gasch: There's a Skunk in my Tent



• CHURCH CALENDARS

GRYGLA LUTHERAN PARISH
Grace and Our Savior's, Grygla
Grace Live Stream will play on Garden Valley Channel 36 on Sundays 9am (9:30am last Sunday of the month).
Wednesday, Mar 5
Ash Wednesday
11am Bible Study, 2:15pm Release Time, 3:30 FFF Night, 7pm Ash Wed. Service
Thursday, Mar 6
9am-12pm Grace Quilting
Sunday, Mar 9
Grace: 9am Worship
OS: 10:30am Worship

GOODRIDGE AREA LUTHERAN PARISH, ELCA
Bethany, Ekelund, Faith
Wednesday, Mar 5
Ash Wednesday 7pm Service at Ekelund
Sunday, Mar 9
Faith: 8am Worship, 9:30 SS
Bethany: 9:30am Worship, 10:30 SS
Ekelund: 10am SS, 11am Worship
Monday, Mar 10
Faith Mission Monday - Quilting 9am-2pm, Ekelund
WELCA 1:30pm

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: Worship time N/A

BETHESDA LUTHERAN CHURCH Skime
Pastor Steve Bliss
Wednesday, Mar 5
Ash Wednesday Worship 7pm
Sunday, Mar 9
8:30am Worship

UNITED LUTHERAN PARISH Gatzke
Pastor Tim Lundeen
Wednesday, Mar 5
Ash Wed. Worship 5pm, no supper
Sundays
8:30am Worship
Monday, Mar 10
Ladies Aid 1pm

CLEARWATER LUTHERAN PARISH
St. Petri - Grygla; Mt. Olive, Nazareth - Trail; Oak Park - Oklee
Pastor Jeffrey Merseth
Ash Wednesday, Mar 5
5-6pm Wed. School, 7pm Worship Service at OP
Sunday, Mar 9
Oak Park: 8:45 SS, 9:45 Worship
St. Petri/Nazareth: 9:45am Live stream

Community Calendar

Wed | Mar 5

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

Thurs | Mar 6

TBD BBB Section 8A Round 2 game at UMC

Fri | Mar 7

Senior Meals at Grain Bin Café 11am

Sat | Mar 8

Community Bible Church Rummage Sale 9am-2pm; TBD BBB Section 8A Quarterfinals at REA

Sun | Mar 9

Daylight Saving Time

Mon | Mar 10

Senior Meals at Grain Bin Café 11am

NOTICE SPRUCE GROVE TOWNSHIP

Spruce Grove Township Annual Meeting Tuesday, March 11th, 2025 at 6pm Grande Corner

Rummage Sale this Saturday

End of winter clearance rummage sale at the Community Bible Church, 302 S Main St. Grygla, on Saturday, March 8th, from 9am-2pm. Sponsored by the Women's Alliance

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Upcoming community meals

Grygla Merchant's Breakfast
The Grygla Merchant's will be serving their free customer appreciation breakfast on Saturday, March 22nd, from 8-11am at the Grygla Community Center. Everyone is invited to go fill up on pancakes and sausage.
Spring Opener
The Goodridge Lion Tamers "Spring Opener" is set for Saturday, March 29th, at the

Lion's Hall. Refreshments and Hors d'oeuvres from 7pm-12am. Tickets are being sold for \$30. Ticket holder must be 21 or over. Need not be present to win.
Firemen's Supper
GOOD GRAVY! Literally. Those Grygla Firemen sure know how to do it. Along with the gravy, you'll get mashed potatoes, roast beef, ham, coleslaw and corn. The annual supper will be on Sunday, April

6, from 4-7pm at the Grygla Community Center. This year's cost has not been set yet – watch for more information to come.
Grygla Lion's Smelt Fry
The Grygla Lion's Smelt Fry is happening on Saturday, April 12th, from 4-8pm at the Grygla Community Center - ALL YOU CAN EAT! In addition to smelt, your meal ticket also gets you baked potatoes, baked beans, coleslaw and dinner rolls.
Goodridge Lion's Smelt Fry
The 43rd Annual Goodridge Lion's Consignment Auction Sale and Smelt Fry will be held on Saturday, April 26th. The Auction begins at 9am with the Smelt Fry starting around 4:30pm. More details to come when the date gets closer.

NOTICE STEENERSON TOWNSHIP

Notice is hereby given to qualified voters of Steenerson Township that the Annual Town Meeting and Election of Officers will be held Tuesday, March 11th 2025 at the Steenerson Town Hall at 5:00 p.m. Voters will Elect:
1 - Supervisor 3 year term
1 - Treasurer 2 year term
In case of Inclement weather the meeting will be held the following Tuesday, same time, same place.
Darlyne Roen, Clerk

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NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING AND ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Notice is hereby given to the qualified voters of Benville Township, County of Beltrami, State of Minnesota, that the Annual Election of Town Officers and Annual Town Meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 11, 2025.
In case of inclement weather, the meeting and election will be postponed until the third Tuesday in March.
The Election Poll Hours will be open from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., at which time the voters will elect:
Supervisor
Treasurer
The Annual Meeting will commence at 5:00 p.m. to conduct all necessary business predetermined by law.
The Annual Election and Meeting will be held at the following location: **Benville Town Hall**
Marie L. Reid
Town Clerk, Town of Benville

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OFFICIAL NOTICE OF THE MCAT ANNUAL MEETING

Marshall County Association of Townships will hold its Annual Meeting Saturday, March 22, 2025 at the Newfolden Community Center, Newfolden, MN. Registration starts at 8:00 AM, the meeting at 9:00 AM. In case of inclement weather, it will be held April 5, 2025, same time and place.
Election of a director from District 1 and from District 5 will be conducted. All business and resolutions properly presented will be considered.
Legislators, county commissioners and officials, and MAT representatives are invited.
Dated February 28, 2025
Jill K. Hall, Secretary/Treasurer

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SEALED BIDS

Grygla Public School is accepting sealed bids for a roofing project that includes the Big Gym and connected Lobby.
Bids will be accepted until the Grounds and Maintenance Committee meeting scheduled for March 11th at 1:30. This meeting is open to the public. The winning bid will be approved at the Regular School Board meeting on March 13th. Please Contact Derek Gieseke or Devin Ruud at 218-294-6155 with questions. Grygla Public School reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids submitted.

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4-H summer camps

Here are just a few 4-H camps offered this summer. Fore more information, along with some photos of the camps, please visit the Grygla Go-Getters 2.0 Facebook page.
4-H Outdoor Adventures Camp in Lake Bronson — August 2nd-6th, 2025
Northeast 4-H Camp at Deep Portage (Outdoor Ed, Overnight) — July 16th-18th, 2025
4-H Junior Camp at Faith Haven — June 12th & 13th, 2025
YELLOW - Youth Exploring Leadership and Learning Opportunities (leadership, overnight, campus) — June 10th-13th, 2025
4-H Camp at Sand Hill Lake — June 3rd-5th, 2025
Most information for each camp is on 4HOnline.com. Sign into your family account and click on events. You can register for these camps on your 4HOnline account, as well. Each 4H kid wanting to attend a camp will receive \$100 OR 75% (whichever is less) of their camp fee paid for by the Grygla Go-Getters 4H Club.

NOTICE HAMRE TOWNSHIP

Hamre Township Annual Meeting will be held at Our Savior's Lutheran Church on March 11th, 2025, at 4:00 p.m.
Up for election will be Supervisor and Treasurer

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Goodridge High School Class of 1970 Reunion

The Goodridge High School Class of 1970 will be holding a reunion on Friday, March 7th, at 6:00 PM at The Hound in Grygla. For those unfamiliar with The Hound, it's located in the former Steak Knife and Yo-Hawn's building.
Gary Anderson, who served as class president during the 1970 senior year, took the lead in organizing the event. He is eager to see as many classmates as possible come togeth-

er for an evening of reminiscing and celebration. He hopes this reunion will be a special occasion for all who can attend. The supper plans will include each person ordering off the menu on their own.
Please call or text RaeAnn Pittman at 218-689-1284 to RSVP.
Please also note that there will be no formal invitations sent out, so all are encouraged to spread the word and attend.

Youth Hockey Day plans

There will be a Youth Hockey Day open to all ages on Saturday, March 15th, from 1-5pm. There will be games, drills and fun for everyone! This will take place at the Brian W. Olson Memorial Arena in Grygla. Please contact Robbie Anderson (218-684-1740)

or Nick Olson (218-689-0830 for more details.
The Grygla Ice Devils are hosting this Youth Hockey Day. The local hockey team will also be selling Bingo cards at The Hound that night, which is hosted by the Grygla Lion's Club and begins at 6:30pm.

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Grygla students enjoy their time working under the instruction of local potter, Betsy Saurdiff. L-R: Addison Severts, Allie Sundberg, Emma Sundberg and Lakylie Brobst. This activity is made possible in part by a grant provided by the Northwest Minnesota Arts Council with funds appropriated by the Minnesota State Legislature from the Clean Water, Land and Legacy Amendment.

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Wednesday, March 5, 2025

What’s important is what we do from this day forward

• THROWBACK TO JULY 2018

This article was originally published on July 18th, 2018. It was recently brought to my attention by a faithful Grygla Eagle reader and subscriber who remembered this particular story and mentioned its intended message about having no regrets.

It is with a heavy heart to say that since this story was written, Judith Kotrba is no longer with us. She passed away four years ago on March 8th, 2021, with her loving family by her side.

Written by Kari Sundberg, Eagle Editor

Last Saturday was the Northwood Church picnic up by Moose River. In all honesty, I've never been able to make it to this annual gathering before. Every summer, the picnic is held on a Saturday for the young and old to come together and remember the church and its congregation members from years past. There's special music, a little speaking and a potluck lunch. So, I was expecting the average church picnic... on a really hot Saturday...but what I wasn't expecting was to be moved to tears that morning.

But that's what happened. When I walked into the church, it's almost like I hit the "pause" button on my busy life, sat down in the pew, and received a special message that I was meant to be a part of.

I was expecting the church to be stifling hot; it wasn't. It was cool, the shades were pulled (with old lace curtains adorning the top), the white and light blue contrast with the old hardwood floors was lovely, the vase of wildflowers reminded me that I was in an old country church nestled in the woods, and every pew was full of the past and present. I snuck in next to my great aunt and uncle, Dickie and Judy Miller, and waited for the program to begin.

Normally, Judith Kotrba, who grew up along Moose River and attended the church until it closed in the 60's, organizes the program and greets the crowd, shares some stories and so on. Judith still worked very hard on the picnic, as I will be sharing her words below, but she had to take a step back this year. Recently she underwent surgery for a brain tumor, but she was determined to make it to the picnic, regardless. There she sat in the front row of her old church, weak, yet content and happy to be "home." After the Staie's gospel/slough grass music filled the air, the congregation sang "Old Rugged Cross" with Pastor Vicki Worthington accompanying on the old pump organ. Next on the agenda would have been Judith speaking to the group, instead she had written her portion of the program and asked Pastor Vicki to read it. This is the portion of the program that gets personal to the people in the pews – past members who have left us are remembered. Not only did Judith give a great tribute that day, with her own health on her mind, she also delivered an inspiring message to all of us. For some of us, it brought tears to our eyes and

really touched our hearts. With her permission, I'm sharing Judith's message with you below.

Judith's words, Saturday, July 14th, 2018

Welcome to another Northwood picnic and thank you all for coming. We have Byron & Peggy Staie, from Viking, bringing us their special music. First of all, I want to give my thanks to Jean Foss for all the work cleaning the church, taking care of the church yard and flowers. To Bonnie Nelson for once again doing the potatoes. My niece Marilyn (from Iowa) for her help. To David Lee for the great tasting chicken he once again furnished. To my sister-in-law, Carol Lee, for the Norwegian Cake she made to celebrate Otto's 1st year in his second century. A special thank you to my husband, Duane, for all his help getting things done as he knew this picnic meant so much to me. Anyone else that lent a helping hand, we thank you.

Now, the part that's always hard for me – acknowledging the ones we have lost since last year's picnic.

July 2017: The Foss family had yet another loss. Their baby sister, Kathy. Kathy was born after I was married and gone, so I didn't know her that well. I was at the farm one Halloween when Gordon brought the kids trick or treating. They were so proud of her, such a pretty little girl. At her dad's funeral, I remember telling her she looked so much like her aunts, Esther & Adaline. She said, "Thank you! That's a real compliment. They were such pretty ladies." I said, "It was meant as such."

Also in July 2017, we lost Larry & Mayvonne Vigen – just six days apart. I went to school with Larry from 3rd grade to graduating high school together. We were friends all those years. Mayvonne I knew since she was born. A beautiful baby she was, who grew into a beautiful woman, inside and out, who became a wife, mother and grandmother. They loved coming to the picnic and missed only a couple of them because of family reunions. Mayvonne's Grandpa Anderson helped build this humble little church.

Mayvonne & Larry both looked forward to retiring and enjoying that little granddaughter of theirs. Larry already did look forward to meeting her at the bus when she would come for pre-school. They would have breakfast together! Mayvonne was looking forward to the same, plus babysitting. The last time I talked to her, she had been doctoring for a bad cough, which turned out to be more than that and was too far gone. Misdiagnosis for both of them.

Also, we lost Karen Johnson in 2018. She was another beautiful lady inside and out, such a kind, gentle person. I often wished I could be more like her. Another misdiagnosis. Such a loss.

Then, in August of 2017, our family lost our brother Ralph in a stupid farm accident that shouldn't have happened. When he would do things by himself, alone out here, I would

call them "stupid stunts" and then I would chew him out for not asking for help! Duane would tell me, "He's doing what he wants to do to prove to you he can be alone. He's telling you what you want to hear when he says he's feeling really good." Which was true, when I think about it now.

Ralph was no paragon of virtue. Well, none of us are, but I think of how proud he was of the farm where he spent his life and how he kept that up. When Kenneth was unable to help anymore, Ralph did it by himself, along with keeping this church yard immaculate and vacuuming the church (as there was always an abundance of flies). He did every one's lots, it didn't matter if there was 1 buried on a plot or 5+, he did them all without expecting pay. They used their own equipment, their own gas, and of course all the time involved. One time, they had a breakdown when he and Kenneth were still doing it. It cost \$250 for the part. I told him to take it from the church fund. He said, "No." Keith called him and told him the same. Finally, he did. That was the only time they took compensation. I'd tell him to pay themselves out of the church fund. He would always tell me, "Someday I won't be able to do it, so leave the money in there so there will be enough to pay someone. I don't want the church yard left unattended."

Well, I would call that a virtue.

When Ralph fell and got hurt last summer, I told him that in the fall, I was coming out to eliminate some of the work around there. I told him, "When you do something stupid, I'm the one who gets the fall out." I told him to let the cemetery go and do your own yard. Let people see what it will look like if it's not taken care of, if no one wants to help. Oh, but someone did want to help. When he told me the church yard was done and the farm. I chewed him out... or started to. He told me Pastor Vicki's husband hauled his mower out and helped with the church and the farmyards! I asked, "Did you pay him?" He said, "Tim wouldn't take any pay." When I called Tim to pay him, he said, "Ralph needed help. My mother always told us boys if someone needs help, you do it without expecting pay."

What a virtue. Bless you Tim!

Ralph and I talked almost every day. Very seldom a day without talking. He knew I was checking on him and if he didn't answer my message, I would call Jean Foss and she would go over and make sure he was OK. If a couple days went by because I was busy outside, he would call me and say, "What's going on, I haven't heard from you for a couple days." I'd say, "Gee, you found out the phone works both ways." That was the tight side of Ralph!

We would talk about politics (didn't always agree). We talked about regrets (we all have some). He talked about his and I told him some of mine. I even told him about our dad and some of his regrets. I came to the nursing home; Dad was

in his wheelchair facing the window. His shoulders were shaking. I watched for a few seconds then went over and put my hand on his shoulder and asked him what was wrong. And he said he had so many regrets. I told him we all have regrets – should have/could have, but didn't – we can't change the past, we can learn from it. What's important is what we do from this day forward.

Another time towards the end, my dad's voice was very weak. I spent the day with him, gave him a haircut and shave, washed his hair (he had beautiful wavy hair when he couldn't plaster it flat to his head), and took him outside. Later, when I had to leave, the girls put him in his bed, put his music on and I said goodbye. I took my little pail (I always brought soft water for his hair) and my bag with all my hair clippers, etc. I got down the hallway and heard my name called. I stopped, heard it again, very loud, and realized it was coming from Dad's room. I set my pail and bag down and ran back to his room thinking he may have fallen out of bed. He was crying. When I asked what was wrong, he said, "I just wanted you to know...life would be hell on earth without you."

Wow. Coming from my dad! And that was one of the last things he ever told me. When I told that to Ralph, he got very quiet. I think he was glad to hear those stories. My dad could be a hard nose sometimes. Once again, we all have regrets (it's just part of life), but the past is the past and we can't change it. The present is the present. The future is not ours. We can make plans for the future, but it doesn't mean they will materialize. We only have this moment!

Ralph is missed. Especially by me because I spent so much time with him. Bless his memory and also the memory of Larry, Mayvonne, Kathy and Karen.

The program ended with the following vocal selection by Judith Kotrba, sang by Pastor Vicki Worthington.

Only This Moment is Mine (song by Daniel O'Donnell)

There's so many things we'd change if we lived our lives again. So many things we would and would not do. All the past mistakes we've made and the price that we have paid, oh, how we'd live if we could start anew.

Chorus: But there's no going back and we can't change the past or turn back the hands of time. Yesterday is history, tomorrow is a mystery, and I know that only this moment is mine.

There are things we'd never try and tears we'd never cry if we had known the hill was far too steep. We'd have never tumbled down or fallen in and drowned if we had known the river was so deep.

Chorus
So it's best if we forget the things we now regret, for we cannot go back and change the past. Let us use those old mistakes, a better life to make, and tomorrow we may find that dream at last.

Chorus

Word of the Week

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

Chichi

/shee-shee/

adjective

elegant, trendy or pretentious.



“Be Exceptional” at Grygla School

The Grygla School has started a new program where students will receive the “Be Exceptional” award. When teachers see a student going above and beyond, they show high character, the ability to inspire people around them, have integrity, are generous and empathetic, go out of their way to make someone else's day better and have passion, creativity and strong work ethic, etc. that can be witnessed, they may be selected for the “Be Exceptional” award. The first winner was awarded last week with the award going to Grygla Sophomore Jordan Scheving. He was selected by Mr. Olson.

Mr. Olson said, “I chose Jordan for the “Be Exceptional” award because he is always willing to sacrifice his own time to help out around the school. Without hesitation, and without being asked, he has recently helped clean up PE equipment at the end of the hour each day before heading to the locker

room. He has also helped with setting up the gym on game days. Thanks, Jordan!”

GHS added, “Thanks for being an outstanding student, Jordan. What you do does not go unnoticed by your teachers, the staff in Grygla and your classmates. Keep being exceptional and a leader in our school. There's a reason why you're receiving this award.”

When students are selected, they will drop a chip into a prize drop board full of fun items donated by local community businesses, clubs and supporters. Each item is valued anywhere from \$5-\$20 and consists of things like gift cards, snacks, cash, recess/homework passes, backpacks, water bottles, blankets, golf balls, hammock, merchant bucks, portable speaker and more.

All items will display who they were donated by so our local supporters can get a little recognition towards this great cause, too.



Grygla students enjoy their time working under the instruction of local potter, Betsy Saurdiff. Pictured is Haedynn Boutain. This activity is made possible in part by a grant provided by the Northwest Minnesota Arts Council with funds appropriated by the Minnesota State Legislature from the Clean Water, Land and Legacy Amendment.



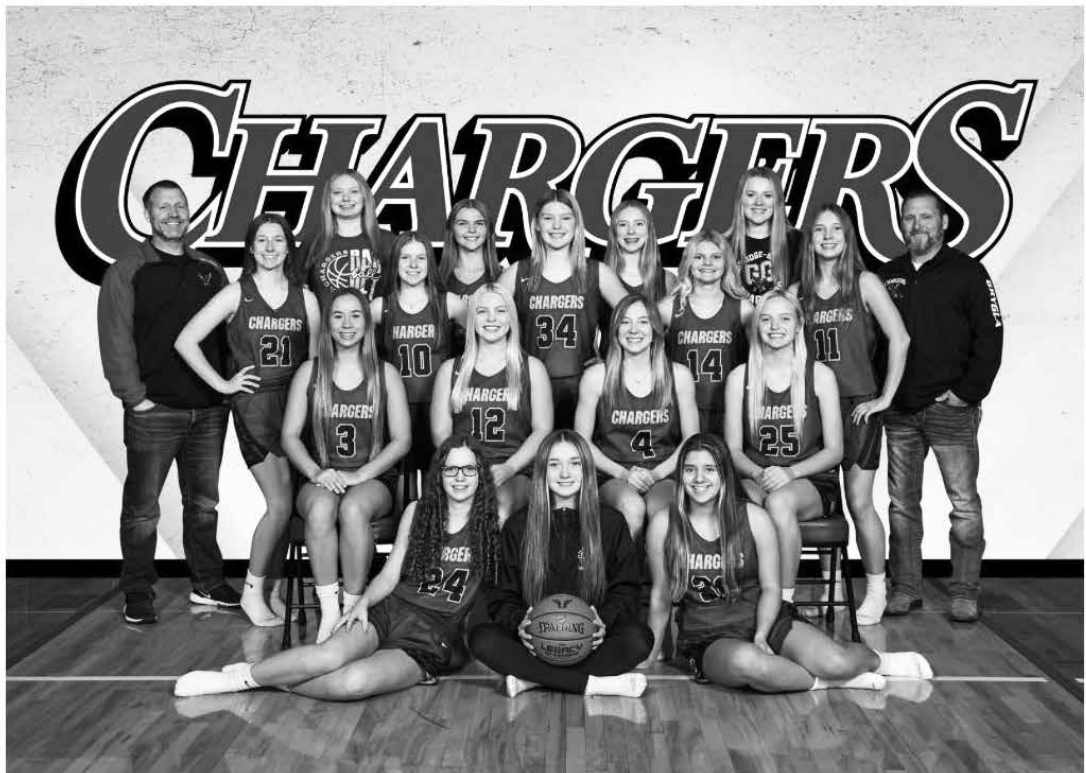
The Northwood Church holds its annual picnic every July. It begins with a nice program, usually some music and then a potluck picnic. The old church is located 10 miles north of Grygla and 3 miles east at 44796 Moose River Rd NW.



Lots of history is hung on this wall at the Northwood Church.



Charger girls end season with a record of 10-15



Congratulations
ON A GREAT SEASON!
We love our Chargers!

GBB on Monday, Feb. 24th in Oklee vs. RLCC
Chargers win the Pigtail game!

GG 50, RLCC 42
Chesney Salo- 14 points; Anna Sundberg- 10 points; Nevaeh Kotrba- 8 points; Mylee Sjulestad- 8 points; Brooklynn Kriel- 6 points; Ashlyn Nelson- 4 points

Coach's comments: The girls came out and got off to a hot start tonight. We made some shots and made some stops.

I thought our defense played well all night holding RLCC below their average points per game. The girls did a good job of attacking the basket when the 3's weren't falling.

Charger girls advance to the GBB Section 8A Round 1 Playoffs at NCTC vs. KCC. It was a tough game against the Bearcats and the Chargers ended up losing that game. No stats/score available. However, GHS took some time to thank all the athletes, managers,

and coaches for all the hard work and a great season, along with the parents and fans for their support. A special thanks went out to the senior girls, Anna, Ashlyn, Brooklynn, and Chesney, for all their contributions to the program and for being great role models for all the younger athletes. Charger Nation is proud of you! Best of luck in the future to the seniors!



Action shots from the round 2 game at NCTC vs. the KCC Bearcats last week.



The four action shots here are from the high-energy, exciting Pigtail game in Oklee last week!



Boys fall short in OT

Coach Andrew Sundberg commented, "We finished up the regular season in Grygla with Senior Night. It was nice to recognize Gavin, Payton, Brody, Lorenzo and Davi for all their contributions to our team! They will be missed next year. It was a really fun game against the Greyhounds. We jumped out to a nice lead, but after the first few minutes the game was always tight. I was very pleased with our defense in this game. We had some chances to pull away and win it, but we didn't take advantage of our opportunities. Brody and Lorenzo made some big shots, and Gavin was a beast on the boards. Now we move onto the playoffs, and we hope to play our best basketball!"

The GG Chargers BBB team earned the 8th Seed in the West Sub-Section and will host BGMR in Grygla at 7pm

for Round 1 of the Section 8A Tournament. They are heading into this game with a 7-19 record. The results of that game will not be known by press-time, but if the boys win that game, please make note that they will then play on Thursday, March 6th, at UMC in Crookston vs. RLC for Round 2 of the playoffs.

Stats from Tuesday, Feb. 25th, in Grygla vs. Fosston

Fosston 57, Chargers 53 (OT)

Stats - Shay Jacobson (13 pts, 3 reb, 8 steals, 3 blocks), Sawyer Jacobson (4 pts, 2 reb, 2 asst), Payton Dougherty (3 pts), Brody Saurdiff (8 pts, 2 reb), Evan Rubischko (2 reb, 2 asst), Landon Nordby (6 pts, 2 reb), Trustin Wiseth (1 pt, 5 reb), Lorenzo Cavallaro (9 pts, 7 reb), Gavin Aune (4 pts, 12 reb), Davi Barros (2 reb, 2 asst), Gus Jones (5 pts, 2 reb)



School spirit ignited at pepfest



Goodridge School held a Pep Fest for the student athletes and student body prior to the playoff game at Northland last week vs. KCC!