

GRYGLA EAGLE

				
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A look at next week... Grygla Iron Chargers results from the 2016 VEX Robotics World Championship in Louisville, KY.

It's a small world after all



Let's set the stage, shall we? Back in 2013, Richard and Carol Engelstad were on vacation down south. Driving through Stonewall, Texas, they happened to pass by a church and noticed the words "Pastor Percy Smerek" on the sign. For anyone that remembers, Percy Smerek was a former Pastor in

Grygla many years ago, leading the congregation at Grace and Our Savior's Lutheran Churches from 1980-1993. Surprised and curious, the Engelstads stopped in to the church and, indeed, it was the church of Pastor Percy Smerek and his wife, Ada. But as luck would have it, the Smereks were out of town that particular day so Richard and Carol

traveled onward. Fast forward a few years, and finding themselves back in that area a couple of months ago, the Engelstads decided to try their luck again. They stopped by Trinity Lutheran Church in Stonewall. "We went to check and make sure they were still there and sure enough they were!" Carol laughed. The Smereks invited

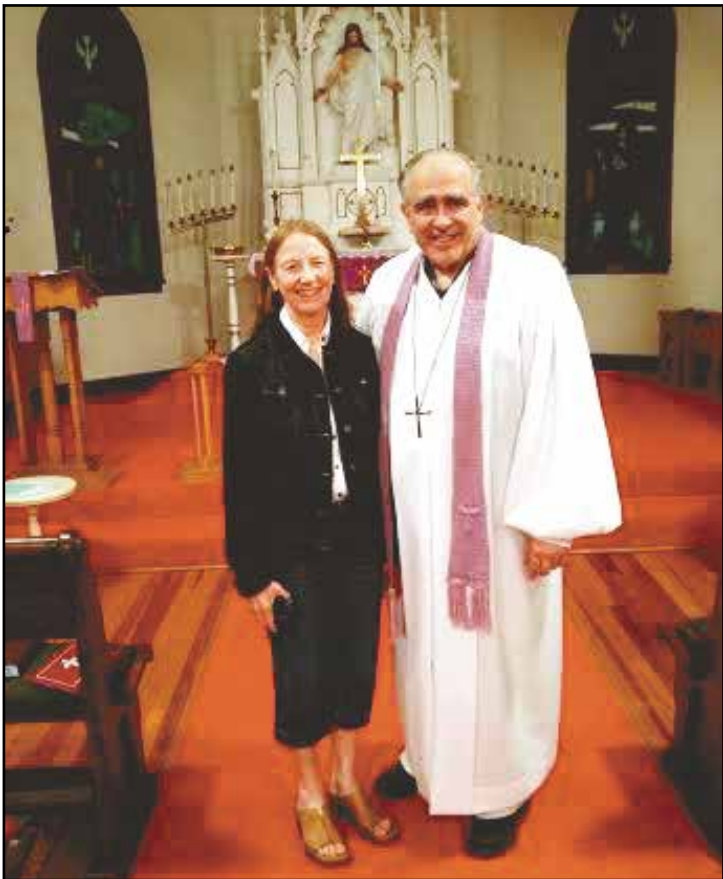
Richard and Carol over for supper that evening, and also invited them to attend their Thursday Lenten Service at Trinity Lutheran. "Ada sang in church when we were there. She sings just as good now as she did back then!" Carol added.

Since leaving Grygla, the road has taken the Smereks to a few different places, including Janesville, Wisconsin, and Des Moines, Iowa. For the last ten years, they have been living in Stonewall, Texas, with Pastor Percy leading the congregation at Trinity Lutheran Church, which is located in the midst of the LBJ State and National parks, across the Pedernales River from former President Johnson's ranch. In 1965, President Lyndon B. Johnson launched the first head start child development program across America. The first original head start building still stands today and is located next to Trinity Lutheran Church, where LBJ attended services occasionally.

Percy and Ada live in the parsonage a few days a week, but they have also built a home in Medina, about 30 minutes away from Stonewall. They spend a few days a week at their home in Medina, which is where their two daughters, Heidi and Linda, both live. Their son, Thor, lives in the Minneapolis, MN, area. Since leaving Grygla, the Smereks have also adopted a son, Chris, who is 21 years old.

Other folks might be able to catch up with Percy and Ada, too, as they are planning to possibly come back to Grygla for the 2017 Grygla Centennial celebration!

It really is a small world, isn't it?



For the last ten years, Pastor Percy Smerek has led the congregation at Trinity Lutheran Church in Stonewall, Texas. He is pictured with his wife, Ada.



Next to Trinity Lutheran Church, is the first original head start building that was started in 1965 by former President Lyndon B. Johnson. Trinity is located in the midst of LBJ State and National Parks, across the river from President Johnson's ranch.

Grygla Lion's Club holds Senior Recognition Night



The Grygla Lion's Club held their annual Senior Recognition Night last Wednesday, April 27th. The Grain Bin Café provided catering for Goodridge and Grygla Seniors and their families. After supper, the crowd moved to the Grygla School to listen to guest speaker, Stephanie Goetz, a former KVLV News Anchor. Goetz is a motivational speaker who encourages crowds of people or individuals to learn how to be resilient, build strength and take rewarding risks. She inspires crowds to take that next step, while being humble and grateful.



Grygla Lion's President, Jim Hest, addresses the crowd at the Senior Recognition Night last week.



Stephanie Goetz, guest speaker at the Lion's Senior Recognition Night, is pictured with Goodridge School Principal Becky Carlson, and Goodridge/Grygla Superintendent Galen Clow. Along with school staff, seniors and their parents, the public was also invited to attend the presentation by Goetz.



Goodridge and Grygla Seniors are pictured with Stephanie Goetz, former KVLV News Anchor. Goetz was the guest speaker at the Senior Recognition night last Wednesday.

CHURCH CALENDARS

GRYGLA LUTHERAN PARISH
Grace and Our Savior's, Grygla
Pastor Vicki Saude-Worthington
Wednesday:
6pm Choir, 8pm Interfaith Bible Study
Sunday:
9am Worship at Grace; 10:30am Worship at OS

GATZKE-THIEF LAKE LUTHERAN PARISH
United - Gatzke; Our Savior's - Thief Lake
Pastor Craig Bowyer
Sunday:
United: 9am Worship, 10am SS
Our Savior's: 11am Worship

GOODRIDGE AREA LUTHERAN PARISH, ELCA
Bethany, Ekelund, Faith
Interim Pastor Phil Johnson
Sunday:
Bethany: 8:30am Worship
Ekelund: 9:45am Worship
Faith: 11am Worship w/ 9:45 SS

THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITIES OF
St. Clement's - Grygla; St. Ann's - Goodridge
Fr. Adam Hamness
Sunday:
St. Clement's: 11:45am Worship, celebrating First Communion
St. Ann's: 10am Worship.

BETHESDA LUTHERAN CHURCH
Skime
Pastor Steve Bliss
Sunday:
9:30am Worship

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:
5-7pm Wed. School/Confirmation
Saturday:
Mt. Olive 9am Worship w/ 10:15am SS
Sunday:
St. Petri: 8am Worship w/ 9:15am SS
Nazareth: 9:45am Worship w/ 8:30am SS
Oak Park: 11am Worship w/ 9:45am SS

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

Annual Picnic at Grande

The Fourtown/Grygla Sportsman's Club will be holding their annual ditch cleaning and spring picnic this Saturday, May 7th, at Grande Corner. Ditch cleaning begins at

10am, followed by a ride and a cookout mid-afternoon. Attendees are invited to bring a potluck side dish; meat and beverages will be provided.

GG Chargers Track results

Tyler Stinar placed 1st in the 100-meter dash; Caleb Olson placed 3rd in the 200-meter dash on Thursday, April 28th,

at the Senior High Track Meet in Warroad. This Thursday, the team heads to Mahnomen for a track meet at 4pm.

American State Bank to have FSA Acreage Reporting Maps May 19

The Marshall County Farm Service Agency (FSA) has the 2016 Acreage reporting maps printed and ready for Producers to pick-up at the Marshall County Farm Service Agency office. Due to budget constraints the FSA County Office will not be mailing out maps to producers for acreage reporting. The County Office asks that farm operators stop by the Marshall County FSA Office and ask to pick up their 2016 acreage reporting maps.

If farm operators have made changes to the land they operate they are asked to inform the County Office of these changes prior to picking up their maps.

To better serve producers, Marshall County FSA has additionally arranged a map pick-up morning for producers at the following times and locations. Please stop by and ask for your maps at these locations if it is more convenient for you to do so.

- Monday, May 16 from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM at KodaBank in Stephen, MN.
- Tuesday May 17 from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM at Newfolden Co-op Oil CO.
- Thursday, May 19 from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM at American State Bank of Grygla

Once producers have completed planting they should complete their maps and then call the County Office to schedule their appointment for Acreage Reporting. A letter attached to the map explains how to complete the map and what information is needed on the map. This information will be the crop, variety, planting date and intended use.

Producers with questions about picking up their maps or acreage reporting requirements should contact their local FSA County Office or the Marshall County FSA Office at (218) 745-4251 ext. 2.

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WEDDING ANNOUNCEMENT



Mya Anderson, along with her grandparents Richard and Carol Engelstad, is happy to announce the marriage of her dad, Kevin Engelstad, who was united in marriage to Christie Hansen on April 2nd, 2016, at Sharon Lutheran Church in Grand Forks, ND, where the couple has also made their home.

Grygla Blood Drive results

A very successful blood drive was held in Grygla on April 20th. 48 people volunteered to donate blood and 37 were able to give. 4 people gave blood on the automated 2RBC machine which collects two units of red blood cells during the donation, so a total of 41 products were collected. 8 people volunteered for the first time. Communities like Grygla make a regional blood program work. People volunteer to donate when there has been a well organized campaign, informing the public of the need for blood. Ralph Rundell coordinated the blood drive. Others who assisted were: Sheldon Peterson,

Mildred Klamar, Nadine Wold, Ida Stanley & Grygla Student Council.

Community Calendar

Wed | May 4
Senior Meals at Grain Bin Café 11am; Scandinavian Program at the Grygla Community Center 12:30pm; Grygla Library open 2-6pm; Grygla Centennial Meeting at the Community Center 7pm

Thurs | May 5
Grygla Eagle office open 9am-3pm; Charger's Senior High Track Meet in Mahnomen 4pm; Grygla Lion's Club Ditch Cleaning 5pm

Fri | May 6
Earth Day; Senior Meals at Grain Bin Café 11am;

Sat | May 7
Fourtown/Grygla Sportsman's Club Annual Ditch Cleaning and Spring Picnic at Grande Corner; Goodridge High School Prom 7pm

Sun | May 8
Happy Mother's Day

Mon | May 9
Senior Meals at Grain Bin Café 11am; Grygla City Council meeting 7pm; Community Ed Essential Oils Class at GHS 7pm

Tues | May 10
Charger's Senior High Track Meet in Warren

School Lunch Menus

Grygla School Lunch Menu

Wednesday, May 4: Tacos w/ Lettuce, Cheese, Corn, Pears

Thursday, May 5: Italian Hoagies on a Bun, Baked Beans, Carrots, Pineapple

Friday, May 6: Hamburger on a Bun, French Fries, Broccoli, Mandarin Oranges

Monday, May 9: Hot Ham & Cheese on a Bun, Baked Potato, Peaches

Tuesday, May 10: Chicken Nuggets, Mashed Potatoes, Carrots, Fresh Fruit

Goodridge School Lunch Menu

Wednesday, May 4: Pork Chop Patty, California Blend Veggies, Fruit Salad

Thursday, May 5: Chili w/ Cheese and Crackers, Carrots, Celery & Broccoli w/ Dip, Cinnamon Roll, Apples

Friday, May 6: Chicken Patty on a Bun w/ Lettuce & Mayo, Broccoli w/ Cheese, Peaches, Pears

Monday, May 9: Hamburger Macaroni Casserole, Broccoli w/ Cheese, Peaches, Pears

Tuesday, May 10: Chicken Nuggets w/ Assorted Sauces, Corn, Mandarin Oranges

Minnie Township Notice

Minnie Township is taking bids for cemetery mowing of a two acre cemetery. Cemetery is located three miles north of Four Town Store. Cemetery is to be mowed every two weeks. Bid to include price per mowing. Weed whacking when necessary. Send bid to Ray Hendrickson, Minnie Township Clerk, 66298 Swedes Jackpine Road NW, Grygla, MN 56727.
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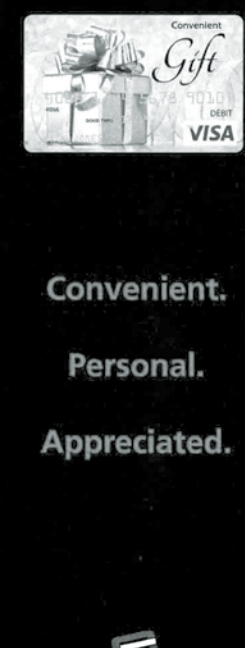
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Grygla 3rd and 4th graders made a trip into the Thief River Care Center last week. Throughout the year, the kids have been writing to various residents of TRCC. The kids were excited to spend the afternoon playing Bingo and visiting with their pen pals! Pictured are Blanche and Ray Bakken, formerly of Grygla, with their pen pals Russell Ryan and Ava Sorvig.



Grygla 3rd grader, Anna Sundberg, was a pen pal to Marge Polansky, formerly of Gatzke. Anna was very excited to go meet Marge in person and spend some time with her last week. Marge has been a pen pal to many kids at the Grygla School throughout the years; she also wrote back and forth to Chelsie Nelson this year, too! Chelsie is a Grygla 4th grader.

Goodridge High School

Senior Profiles



Benjiman Wilebski

Family: John and Sue Wilebski (Dad & Mom) and John and Hannah (Brother & Sister)

School activities involved in: Football, Basketball, Baseball, Student Council (President), National Honor Society, Art and Class President

Who was your favorite teacher in school and why? I'd have to say that my dad (Mr. Wilebski) and Mr. Kjohn have been some of my favorite teachers. Gym class has always been one of my favorite hours because I can let loose and just play a fun game. Then Kjohn keeps things interesting and he and I have some pretty good talks on current events that are going on, especially the presidential race. He has a good method of teaching and has taught me many things for the future.

If you could change one thing about your high school experience, what would it be? I don't think I would change

any part of my high school experience. I've been very happy with how things have went in school. If I could do one thing, maybe it would be to take in and appreciate all of the little things in school a little bit more.

One piece of advice for underclassmen: Take in your senior year and treasure the memories you have with your friends because eventually it's going to come to an end. Like Ferris Buehler said, "Life moves pretty fast. If you don't stop and look around once in a while, you could miss it."

List two pet peeves: People scratching dry skin or picking at scabs and people who sneeze or cough in their hands then don't go and wash them.

What would you sing at karaoke night?

Bon Jovi's Livin' On a Prayer because it's a classic. If you won a \$250,000 lottery, how would you use it? First, I would pay off student loan payments I'll have, build a very nice house, buy a house in Florida for my family so we can go there when it's cold, and with whatever left over money I have put it in my future children's college fund.

What are your future plans? Next year I am attending the University of North Dakota and plan on becoming a sports medicine physician/orthopedic surgeon. Along with that I hope to have a wife and a few kids later in life and live happily ever after.

Grygla High School

Senior Profiles



Ashley Lawrence

Family: Jeff & Jann Lawrence, Michael, Devin, Ellie, Billy, Garrett, Jeannette Kilpela

School activities involved in: None

Who was your favorite teacher and why? Robin Johnson; she helps out when I need it and she's very caring.

If you could change one thing about your high school experience, what would it be? Be in more activities

One piece of advice for underclassmen: Do your best to stay on track with your homework

List two pet peeves: None. What would you sing at karaoke night? Copperhead Road by Steve Earl

If you won a \$250,000 lottery, how would you use it? Put half of it away in a savings account and get a new house.

What are your future plans? I hope to go to college.



Jordan Hagen

Family: Vince, Heather, Kelsie

School activities involved in: Football, High Mileage

Who was your favorite teacher and why? Mr. Loe; he was cool.

If you could change one thing about your high school experience, what would it be? Not getting into stupid trouble.

One piece of advice for underclassmen: Don't be dumb and do your work.

List two pet peeves: People rambling about nothing and people asking so many questions

What would you sing at karaoke night? Picture by Kid Rock

If you won a \$250,000 lottery, how would you use it? Buy a lot of stuff until it was gone

What are your future plans? Work



Brittanie Jones

Family: Toni, Spencer, Darian, Chelsea, Aaron, Andy

School activities involved in: Drama

Who was your favorite teacher and why? Mrs. Wyatt; her sense of humor and teaching skills

If you could change one thing about your high school experience, what would it be? There was too much drama so less drama!

One piece of advice for underclassmen: Do your homework!

List two pet peeves: Lying and arrogance

What would you sing at karaoke night? Duet with Nikki - Wanna Be by Spice Girls

If you won a \$250,000 lottery, how would you use it? Not very wisely.

What are your future plans? Digi-Key, generals at Northland, English & Veterinarian degree's and pay off debt



Nikita Jo Waletzki

Family: James Waletzki, Brenda Waletzki, Daria

School activities involved in: Yearbook, Volleyball Manager, Mrs. Kucera's favorite student

Who was your favorite teacher and why? Mrs. Kucera; she is a great teacher, easy to get along with and I can trust her.

If you could change one thing about your high school experience, what would it be? Do my homework more wisely

One piece of advice for underclassmen: Stay up to date with homework and have fun.

List two pet peeves: Lying and two-faced people

What would you sing at karaoke night? Duet with Brittanie - Wanna Be by Spice Girls

If you won a \$250,000 lottery, how would you use it? Buy a car and impulse buy

What are your future plans? To work at Digi-Key, then go back to school when I figure out what I want to do, then get married and have kids.



Marisa Joy Newton

Family: Luther Newton, Lisa Newton, Luke Newton

School activities involved in: Football Manager, Volleyball, Basketball, Riverwatch, Envirothon, NHS, Drama, Peer Helpers, Student Council

Who was your favorite teacher and why? Mrs. Rindahl; she was always so nice to everyone. Even when she had you convinced you were going to prison for plagiarism as a 2nd grader.

If you could change one thing about your high school

experience, what would it be? To not procrastinate.

One piece of advice for underclassmen: Make sure to take every opportunity that comes your way. You never know when you'll get another like it.

List two pet peeves: When people break the pocket holder clips off of clicks pencils. I always throw them away. And also, when people don't rip the rough edge of their notebook paper off when they hand in papers.

What would you sing at karaoke night? You could probably catch me singing anything by JBiebes. I just love the Beibs.

If you won a \$250,000 lottery, how would you use it? I would use it to be a nice house. Or invest it and hopefully get more money back - whatever works.

What are your future plans? I plan on going to the University of Minnesota St. Paul in the fall to study veterinary medicine. Then hopefully sometime down the road starting my own large animal veterinary clinic.



Dustin Nelson

Family: Shannon, Audrya, Chelsie

School activities involved in: Robotics, NHS, Band, Choir

Who was your favorite teacher and why? Mrs. Rindahl; she sent home cuddles...everybody liked it.

If you could change one thing about your high school experience, what would it be? Nothing

One piece of advice for underclassmen: Don't give up

List two pet peeves: Complaining

What would you sing at karaoke night? Break up in a small town by Sam Hunt

If you won a \$250,000 lottery, how would you use it? Buy a Tesla, build a house on the home place

What are your future plans? Work at Digi-Key and go to Northland and take classes for ETAS - Electronics, Technology, Automated Systems



Samantha Kraulik

Family: Jocelyn Kraulik (mom), Ryan Kraulik (dad), Sarah Collins (sister), Nathan Kraulik (brother)

School activities involved in: Student Council, Community Service, Yearbook, Band, Choir

Who was your favorite teacher and why? Mr. Gast (5th grade); he's such a friendly person and I've always felt welcome to stop by his room to talk or get advice.

If you could change one thing about your high school experience, what would it be? I wouldn't allow stress to overwhelm me and I'd be more organized.

One piece of advice for underclassmen: Be involved... break out of your comfort zone.

List two pet peeves: Waiting and pen tapping

What would you sing at karaoke night? Don't Stop Believing by Journey

If you won a \$250,000 lottery, how would you use it? Pay for college tuition, then buy a house.

What are your future plans? I will be attending Alexandria Technical & Community College for Communication Art and Design. After that, I hope to start working in a larger city, settle down, get married and have a couple of kids.



Shantel May Verbout

Family: Jim & Brandi Verbout, Peyton (15), Tucker (12)

School activities involved in: Peer Helpers, River Watch, Class Officer, NHS, Basketball, Volleyball

Who was your favorite teacher and why? Mrs. Kucera because she always jokes around and still pushes you to do your best. She also understands and will listen to you.

If you could change one thing about your high school experience, what would it be? Not worry about other people so much and focus on myself and enjoying my last year.

One piece of advice for underclassmen: Don't wish it to be done, it goes by fast enough. Enjoy it while it lasts.

List two pet peeves: People interrupting when you're talking and being late for something or others being late.

What would you sing at karaoke night? Anything

If you won a \$250,000 lottery, how would you use it? Build a house and buy things for my house; spend it on pointless things once debt is paid.

What are your future plans? I will be attending Northland in the fall and be in the business program. This summer I plan to work at Machinewell.



Madison Bakken

Family: Scott Bakken and Casanda Bakken; siblings McKenzie (21) and Maci (14)

School activities involved in: Volleyball, Basketball, Student Council, Peer Helpers, NHS

Who was your favorite teacher and why? As much as I hate the work Mr. Kvasager gives us, he's my favorite teacher because he teaches you a lot, but you have fun doing it. (Most of the time!)

If you could change one thing about your high school experience, what would it be? To take a deep breath and just enjoy it rather than worrying about everything.

One piece of advice for underclassmen: Enjoy high school while you can; don't wish it away.

List two pet peeves: People chewing with their mouth open or being late.

What would you sing at karaoke night? You probably don't want to hear me sing.

If you won a \$250,000 lottery, how would you use it? To pay for college and then save the rest for later.

What are your future plans? I'm attending Northland in the fall to finish my liberal arts degree and then transferring to UND to become a Physical Therapist.

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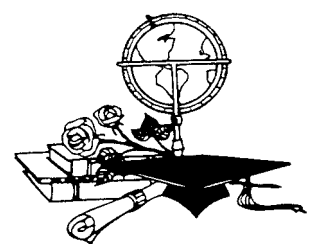
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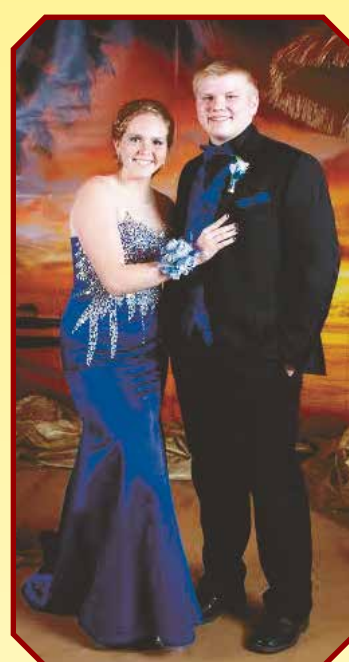
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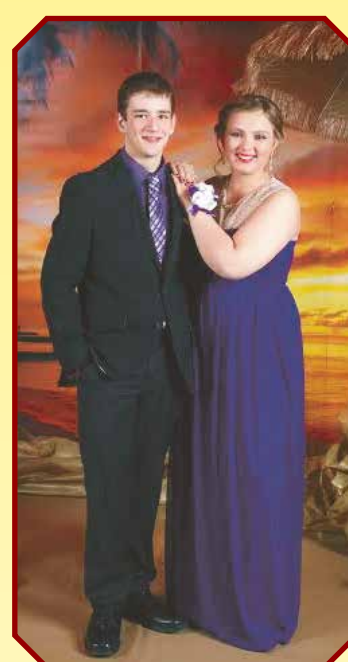
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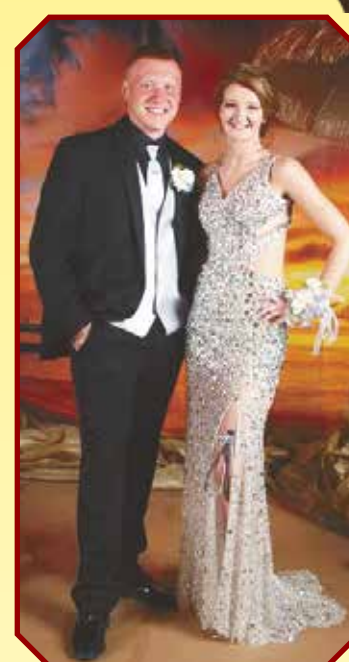
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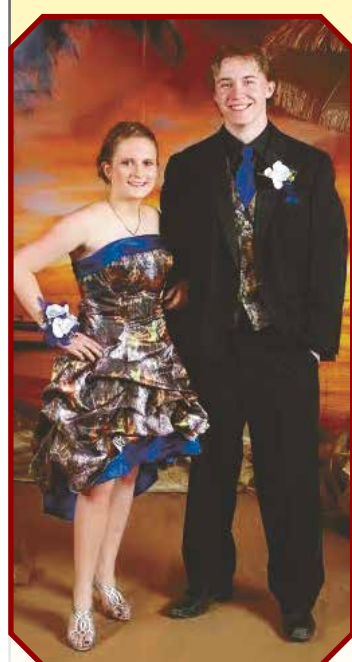
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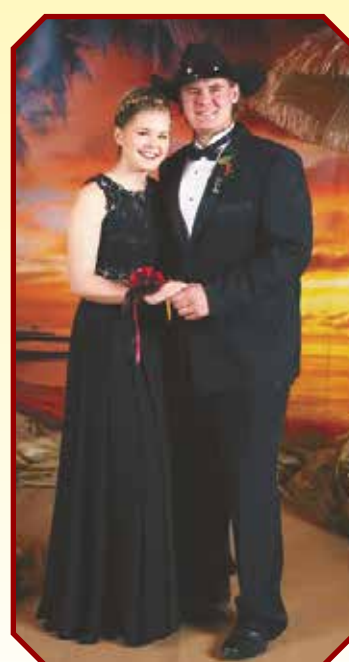
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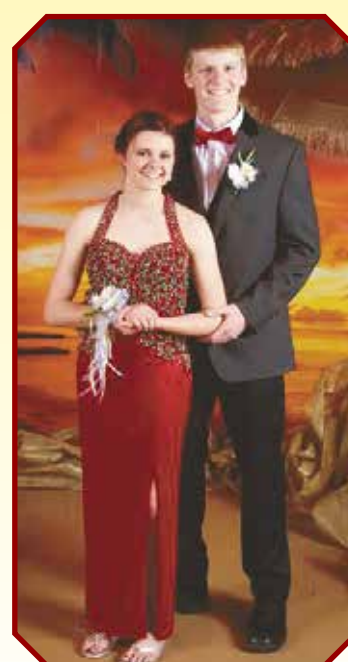
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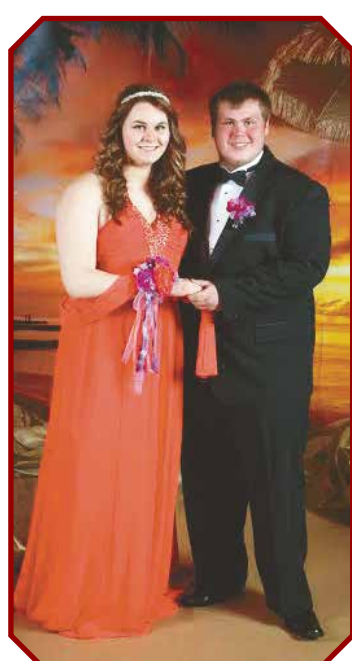
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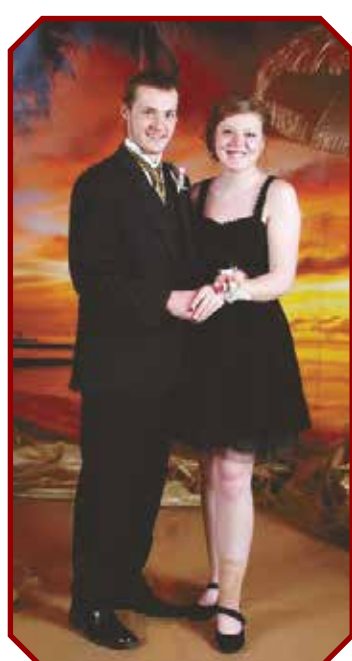
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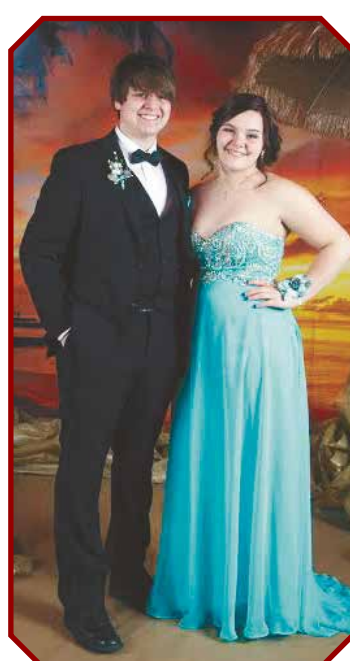
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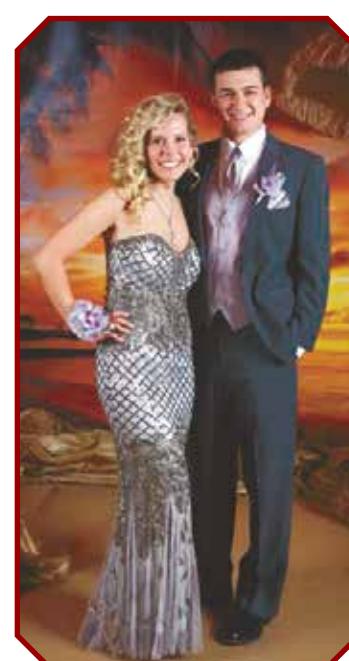
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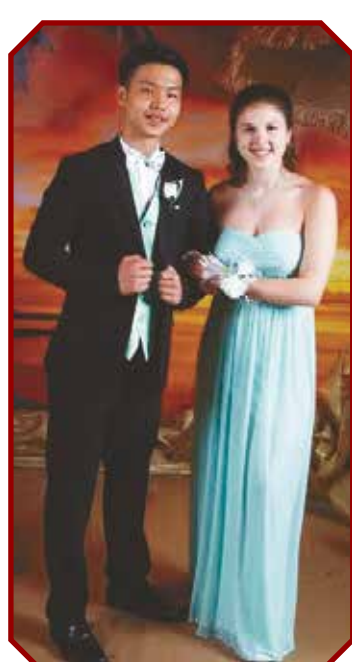
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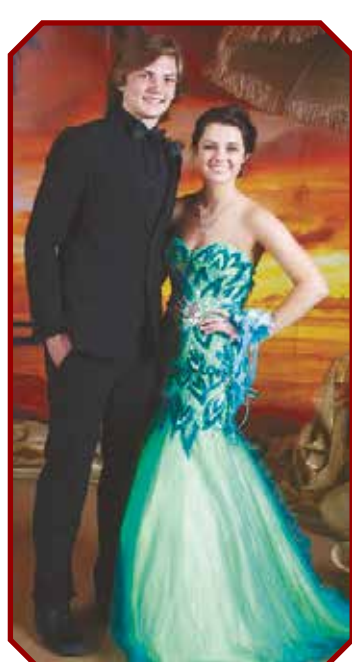
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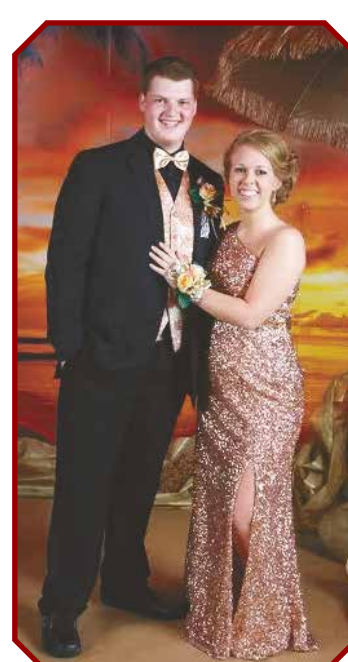
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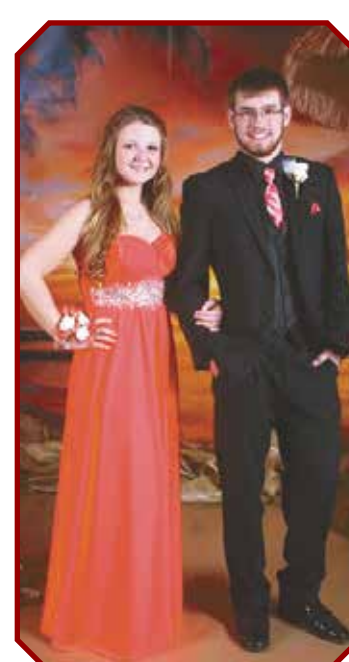
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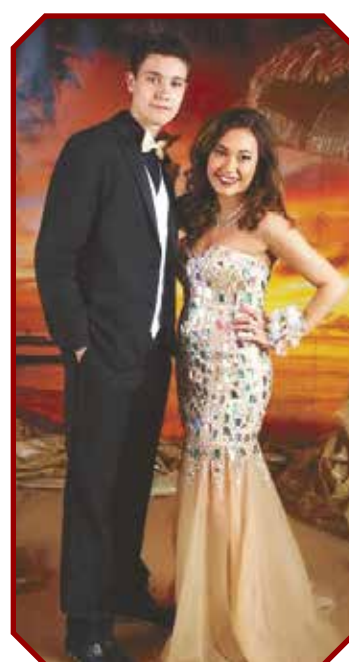
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*Jordan Herseeth escorted by
Breanna Vacura*



*Matt Aune escorted by
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*Samantha Kzaulik escorted by
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*Dustin Nelson escorted by
Alyssa Kasprick*



*Julianne Nordby escorted by
Jake Ahlbeck*