

# GRYGLA EAGLE

## NEWSPAPER

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A look at next week... Grygla Eagle Intern, Trystan Jelle, sits down with Grygla educators.

# “To a land where joys will never end, I’ll fly away...”

Bound for Alaska, Jim and Gloria Holte left this earth together on Monday, June 1st. The two passed away as a result of an airplane accident near Fort Nelson, British Columbia, Canada.

The Holtes retired from the spraying business in 2014; Holte Flying Service was in business for 32 years. Since retirement, the couple had been planning for their dream destination. Their son, Brian, who is also a pilot, says the pre-planning was plenty. Jim and Gloria had always wanted to go to Alaska, he said, and had everything prepared and in order in regards to their maps, flight & trip plans, customs, etc. The couple left their farm in Grygla, via their Cessna 182, on Wednesday morning, May 27th. With plans to visit relatives in Grande Prairie, Alberta, the small plane headed for Canada, crossing the border at the International Peace Garden in the state of North Dakota and the province of Manitoba.

In no rush, the Holtes spent the next five days catching up with various family members, departing Alberta the morning of June 1st. In accordance with their flight plans, they made their first fuel stop in Dawson Creek, British Columbia, but the Holtes failed to arrive at their next stop, farther north, in Watson Lake.

“Dad was in no hurry,” stated the Holte’s eldest son, Brian. “If the weather was bad, he would have never gone up,” he concluded. Brian is referring

to preliminary reports that state weather is believed to have been a factor, with heavy cloud cover obscuring visibility of the mountains, causing the Holte’s plane to crash.

The Joint Rescue Coordination Centre, in Victoria, received its first hits from the plane’s emergency locator transmitter around 12pm (Central Standard Time). Not seeing their plane on the radar, Canadian authorities contacted the Marshall County Sheriff’s Department, where Chief Deputy Jon Tinnes was able to confirm through family, that Jim & Gloria had departed Alberta the morning of June 1st. After searching throughout the day with two planes and a helicopter, the rescue crew finally spotted the wreckage around 7:30pm (CST) near Fort Nelson, B.C.

“We may never have the full answers,” suggested Bruce, who is the Holte’s middle son. “I guess at this point, we’re just finding comfort in the fact that they were together...they were doing exactly what they love to do and they left together.”

Jim and Gloria’s three sons, Brian, Bruce and Brad, welcomed the Grygla Eagle to the Holte farm, where time was spent on the front porch of the family’s home, remembering the special couple. Jim and Gloria were married on September 4, 1965 in Grygla; they would have celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary this fall. Always putting their family first, the couple took pride in attending as many family functions as they



*‘We’re in this together’*

*was the motto Jim and Gloria Holte lived by, says their son, Brad Holte. “They were just selfless people who, simply put, were in it together,” he smiled.*

possibly could. Most of the time, their mode of transportation was their airplane! They enjoyed watching their boys grow up and later marry, giving them 6 beautiful granddaughters. Their youngest son, Brad, shared that when it came to retirement, Jim and Gloria had one big priority – to follow their grandkids lives. “Our parents were great at evenly dividing their time. They’d attend as many of the girls’ programs

and events as they could, never thinking about the things they had to sacrifice or leave behind. They were more than willing and eager to be a part of our lives,” he offered.

Reflecting on their parent’s lives, the sons shared numerous fond memories of the two. Gloria had a passion for taking pictures; she especially loved taking family generation photos. Being strong in her faith, Gloria tried to live the best

life that she could and took away many life lessons from her bible studies. She was active in Women of Today, Ladies Aid, Red Hats, Lull-A-While Homemakers, MN Citizens Concerned for Life and a local Bible study group. She loved to travel, being right next to her husband’s side, and was proud to support Jim in any way that she could. She was nurturing and made their house into a home, they added.

Jim’s passion, in addition

to his family, was flying. In 1964, he enlisted into the United States Air Force, serving 6 years. In 1979, he became a licensed pilot, offering flight instruction and aerial application. Not only did Jim enjoy sharing his love of flying with others by teaching his son, Brian, to fly, he also enjoyed giving rides and helping those in need of medical transportation. In all, he had logged over 11,000 hours of total flight time. “Flying was a lifelong dream of mine,” Jim had told the Eagle in an interview last July 2014. His sons also made note of what a patient man he was, always being on board with new ideas they had throughout the years.

“Our dad also felt so rewarded when he could help others,” the three agreed. “He would drop everything to help someone who needed it. Not only would he fly someone down to Minneapolis or Rochester in need of medical help, but he’d also fly their family members down if needed. He never thought twice about helping someone in that way,” they added proudly.

The community of Grygla, in addition to Jim and Gloria’s family and friends, are mourning the sudden loss of the sincere and selfless couple. Funeral arrangements are currently pending, but it will be a joint service with the couple’s remains being laid to rest at the St. Petri Lutheran Church cemetery in rural Grygla. Per the family, in lieu of flowers, memorials can be sent to the American Cancer Society.



Jim and Gloria Holte passed away as the result of an airplane accident on June 1st, 2015, near Fort Nelson, British Columbia, Canada. Pictured above is the couple with their beloved dog, Buster. Also shown is a photo of the couple in 1964, one year before they were married.



Left to right: Brian, Bruce and Brad (Holte) sat down with the Grygla Eagle, on their parent’s porch, and reminisced about their mom and dad. “We’re finding comfort in the fact that they were doing what they loved and they left here together,” they said.



## “I’ll Fly Away” (gospel hymn)

Some bright morning when  
this life is over  
I’ll fly away  
To that home on God’s  
celestial shore  
I’ll fly away

(Chorus)  
I’ll fly away, oh glory  
I’ll fly away  
When I die hallelujah  
by and by  
I’ll fly away

Just a few more weary days  
and then  
I’ll fly away  
To a land where joys will  
never end  
I’ll fly away

The photo on the left was shared on the Grygla Eagle Facebook page by Beverly Pudolsky.

The photo is of Jim and Gloria with Jim’s cousin, Wayne Bekkerus. It was taken in Beaverlodge, Alberta when they made their stop to visit family.

Beverly added that when Jim and Gloria came to visit, “The days were spent visiting a lot of extended family, which was enjoyed immensely by everyone. Family may be far in geographic distance, but always close.”

CHURCH CALENDARS

GRYGLA LUTHERAN PARISH  
Grace and Our Savior's, Grygla  
Pastor Vicki Saude-Worthington  
Sunday:  
Grace: 9am Worship  
Our Savior's: 10:30am Worship

GATZKE-THIEF LAKE LUTHERAN PARISH  
United - Gatzke; Our Savior's - Thief Lake  
Pastor Craig Bowyer  
Wednesday:  
(Wednesday Worship for the Summer, no Sundays)  
United: 6:30pm  
Our Savior's: 8pm

GOODRIDGE AREA LUTHERAN PARISH, ELCA  
Bethany, Ekelund, Faith  
Pastor Robert W. Dahlen  
Sunday:  
Ekelund: 8:30am Worship  
Faith: 9:45am Worship  
Bethany: 11am Worship

THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITIES OF  
St. Clement's - Grygla; St. Ann's - Goodridge  
Fr. Rick Lambert  
Sunday:

St. Clement's: 8:30am Worship.  
St. Ann's: 10:30am Worship.

BETHESDA LUTHERAN CHURCH  
Skime  
Rev. Paul Koch  
Sunday:  
9:30am Worship

COMMUNITY BIBLE CHURCH  
Christian & Missionary Alliance of Grygla  
Pastor Clark Hjellev  
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 Joseph Abrahamson  
Saturday:  
8:30am Mt. Olive  
Sunday:  
St. Petri: 8am  
Oak Park: 9am  
Nazareth: 9am

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Our Saviors (Thief Lake) and United Lutheran (Gatzke) have decided to worship on Wednesdays instead of Sunday morning.  
United at 6:30 and Our Saviors at 8:00.  
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This schedule of Wed night and no Sunday worship will last through Aug.

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The Grygla Class of 1985 is having their 30th CLASS REUNION on Friday, June 12th at Diamond's in Grygla at 7pm.  
EVENING INCLUDES SUPPER AND SOCIAL HOUR.

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Thank-you to the anonymous donation, whoever you are, we are very grateful for your kindness!  
The generosity from all the donations given allowed the Garden Club to buy pots & plant flowers in town & the park. Thank you for supporting our efforts to add a little more sparkle, it shows we care about our community, and visitors.

GRYGLA LIBRARY LINK

By: Karen Olufson  
There isn't a library column to share for the week, so we'll share a couple of photos instead! Karen Olufson, Grygla's librarian, is pictured with Olivia Yager in the library last week. Many young kids are taking part in the summer reading program that encourages them to read for 30 minutes a day/5 days a week. The library is giving away some pretty great prizes for the contest, that include Amazon gift cards and Pennington County Fair Mega passes. At the library, kids have access to the iPad and computers to play games, along with a wide variety of books and movies. Of course adults are always welcome at the library, too. Pictured is Betty Ostby browsing for the perfect summer read! Services the library offers include: books, e-books, e-audio books, digital magazines, CDs, DVDs, public computers with internet access, and an iPad.



Word of the Week  
...enhancing vocabularies one Grygla Eagle at a time.  
flocinaucinihilipilification  
\flok-suh-naw-suh-nahy-hil-uh-pil-uh-fi-KEY-shuh n\  
(NOUN) Rare. The estimation of something as valueless (not commonly used in sentences, encountered mainly as an example of one of the longest words in the English language).

Ditch Meeting  
Monday, June 15th  
JD 11 at 9:30am  
JD 21 at 10am  
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YARD OF THE WEEK



The yard of the week goes out to Nikki Leach! At 216 Woodrow Street, in Grygla, her yard is neat and tidy with touches of color in all the right places. The garden shed in the back yard looks inviting enough to sit down with a book and a big glass of lemonade! (Yard of the week nominations can be sent to Trystan Jelle at grygla.eagle@gmail.com or by calling 218-294-6220. Yards must have a Grygla/Goodridge/Gatzke address.)



Ad deadline: Noon Friday

Community Calendar

Wed | June 10  
Grygla Youth Baseball game in Greenbush 9am (bus leaves Grygla at 7am); Senior Meals at Grain Bin Café 11am; Grygla Library open 2-6pm; June Senior Birthday Party at Grain Bin Café 2:30pm

Thurs | June 11  
Grygla Eagle office closed

Fri | June 12  
Grygla Youth Baseball game vs. Stephen in Goodridge 9am; Senior Meals at Grain Bin Café 11am

Sat | June 13

Sun | June 14  
Flag Day

Mon | June 15  
Youth Baseball game in Karlstad 9am (bus leaves Grygla at 7:30am); Senior Meals at Grain Bin Café 11am

Tues | June 16  
Old Time Dance at Yo-Hawn's 1-4pm; Grande Corner Softball 7pm

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Notice: A copy of the Consumer Confidence Report (Drinking Water Report) is available in the Grygla City Clerk's Office 294-6292, upon request, or on the city website www.grygla.govoffice2.com.

Grace Lutheran Church will conduct its Spring Cleaning on Sunday, June 14th at 7am.  
Coffee and rolls will be served afterwards.  
If you would like to clean an area at an alternative time, there will be a list hanging in the fellowship hall to check off.

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► EXTENSION NEWS

By: James Stordahl

**Leaf Drop on Ash Trees**  
The most common call over the past week was related to leaf drop on ash trees. In many cases, ash trees dropped nearly all of their leaves over a few windy days, reminiscent of a fall day. The most typical reason for this out-of-season leaf drop is due to a disease common to ash trees, and a few others.

Ash anthracnose is a type of fungal leaf spot. The disease is caused by a fungus that survives the winter on infected plant tissue. During the spring and summer when the weather is cool and wet, spores are produced on infected tissue. These spores are spread by wind and splashing rain to buds, shoots and expanding leaves where new infections occur.

Although we have had an unusually dry spring, cool wet weather at the wrong time can cause the infection. Plus, the disease was aggravated by two hard frosts that likely encouraged the process. As most ash trees owners know, this species tends to be the last tree to leaf out in the spring and the first to drop their leaves in the fall.

The most notable symptom is leaf spots with irregular shape that appear brownish in color. Infections early in the season may result in large necrotic (dead) areas, blotching, and/or distortion of leaves. Leaf infections later in the season result in discrete necrotic spots.

In most cases, anthracnose is most severe on the lower and inner portions of the tree where the humidity and moisture levels are higher. This helps distinguish it from wilt diseases and root problems where symptoms develop first in the top of the tree.

In most cases, anthracnose does not cause permanent damage to established trees. However, trees stressed by root restrictions, drought, heavy insect infestation or other maladies are much less tolerant of anthracnose and may show decreased vigor after only a single season of severe anthracnose defoliation.

Cultural control measures should include proper watering, mulching, and sanitation procedures. Raking leaves in the fall and pruning out dead or dying branches help reduce the number of new infections the following year.

Fertilizing stressed trees in the spring may also help boost tree vigor.

There are several fungicides labeled for control of anthracnose, but seldom offers effective control. Fungicides do not cure plant disease; they only protect new growth. Plus, they add an unnecessary health risk to the applicator.

For more information, contact me at 800-450-2465 or stordahl@umn.edu. Source: UM Horticulture.

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9. "The Fame Monster" Lady  
13. Soft single in baseball  
14. Go wrong  
15. Like Al Yankovic  
16. Goes with a dagger?  
17. \_\_\_\_ bum, found in mountains  
18. Pavlova and Karenina  
19. \*Bourbon \_\_\_\_ in New Orleans  
21. \*The Smithsonian, e.g.  
23. Questionnaire check box  
24. Table hill  
25. "\_\_\_\_ to the Bone"  
28. \*You spend it in Acapulco  
30. Manual calculator  
35. Shade of beige  
37. Grub  
39. "That is," Latin  
40. High or low cards  
41. Echo sounder  
43. Month of Purim  
44. Violent collision  
46. Spanish earthen pot  
47. Jesus' first guests?  
48. "Pollock" actor Ed  
50. Varieties  
52. Workout unit  
53. Leave at the altar  
55. Mama sheep  
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64. Lungful  
66. Liveliness  
68. Smart \_\_\_\_  
69. Old French coin  
70. Mideast V.I.P.  
71. Jamaican rub  
72. QB exclamation  
73. Schoolmarm's whip



Mrs. Saurdiff is pictured with her art students, next to their newly painted wall mural, that lines the ramp going up to the music room. "Be a part. Be involved." is the theme, with a photo for each extracurricular activity offered at GHS. Front row, L-R: Sam Kraulik and Alaina Monson. Back row, L-R: Kaity Olson, Ashley Moe, Alison Satre and Betsy Saurdiff.



Ashley Moe is pictured next to the "River Watch" mural she painted on the wall at the Grygla High School.



Samantha Kraulik is standing next to two of her paintings that are part of the new wall mural at GHS. Charger Volleyball & Yearbook are just two of many extracurricular activities students can be a part of while attending high school.

Grygla/Gatzke April School Board Minutes

The April Minutes were approved at the May School Board meeting and are included below for your reference.

Present: Gary Polansky, Shaunna Olson, Karina Tinnes, Charisa Limesand, Jim Verbout, Principal Lunsetter and Superintendent Clow.

Pledge of Allegiance was said and the following were approved: agenda as presented, last month's meeting minutes and the payment of the bills check #33324 through check #33375 and wire payments.

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| Finance Report:   |                |
| General Fund      | \$66,882.89    |
| MSDLAF            | \$1,302,704.50 |
| Food Service      | 41.38          |
| Checking          | 25,827.84      |
| Comm. Service     | 281.17         |
| Debt Service      | 0.00           |
| Scholarship       | 0.00           |
| Scholarship Trust | 0.00           |
| Total             | \$67,205.44    |
| Total             | \$1,328,532.34 |

**Student Report:** Given by Erin Monson and Cheyenne Irlbeck. The student council students recently returned from the State Convention in Becker, where they listened to speakers and networked with others. May 5, 2015, will be the staff appreciation breakfast. Elections for next year's student council members is coming up soon. The Robotics team is currently in Louisville, Kentucky, for the World Competition. There is a varsity track meet tomorrow, 4/17/15. The BSU choir will be performing in Goodridge tomorrow, 4/17/15, and choir students from Grygla will be attending. Prom is Saturday, the 25th of April, 2015. Seniors will be taking their class trip May 8-10, 2015. The law class will be traveling to TRF to tour the courthouse and jail. There are upcoming music concerts: 6-12 spring concert on 4/28/15 and elementary concert at 2:00 on 5/8/15. Lifetouch photos are rescheduled for 4/28/15. The high mileage students will be going to Brainerd to compete on 5/11/15. Senior economics students are participating in a stock market game.

**Teacher Report:** Given by Jean Schulz and Kerry Walton. Fourth graders are working on family trees and ancient civilization projects. The third grade class recently made animal dioramas. The third and fourth graders will be going to the TRF Care Center to visit pen pals on 4/28/15 and to Pioneer Farm and Village in Roseau on 5/13/15. The ECFE fundraiser at the elementary basketball night was a success; they raised about \$1600 and will be donating \$1000 to the Marshall County Early Initiative for the Dolly Parton Library books. The Grygla Education Association members are in the process of choosing a teacher of the year and friend of education.

**Principal Report:** Given by Principal Lunsetter. The daily schedule for 2015-16 was reviewed; there are not many changes made. Hiring a half-time special education teacher will allow Kerry Walton to teach in third grade full time, and some RTI (Response to Intervention) could be done by Renae Westbrock with the

open class period in the sixth grade teacher's schedule. The track update includes the first varsity meet tomorrow, 4/17/15, in Mahanomen at 4:00 PM. Spring testing has been going well so far; a Google Doc was created for teachers to sign up for testing times, and sixth, fourth, and third grade has partially completed their tests. The prom schedule, on 4/25/15 with 59 people signed up, includes: pictures at 3:30 PM, grand march at 6:00 PM, and meal at 7:30 PM. There will be a scholarship committee meeting on April 29, 2015, at 7:00 AM. The Robotics team went 1-2 today on their first day of competition in Louisville. The 2015-16 Interquest contract—six visits at \$315 each—was reviewed. The 2015 senior class graduates were reviewed. April 22, 2015, is the fourth quarter midterm. The board discussed replacing the member who accompanies the principal to transfer scholarship money from the scholarship account to the general checking account; Charisa Limesand will replace Lee Sundberg.

**Superintendent Report:** Given by Superintendent Clow. The bus log was reviewed: no problems lately with buses, the two new buses are getting many miles put on them and get better gas mileage than the big buses, and Jamie timed all the bus routes recently by driving them. Galen reviewed the new MDE method of the superintendent authorizing staff members to have access to certain areas of the MDE website. The two bids submitted for purchase of bus #8 (\$1720 and \$300) were reviewed. The 2015-16 health insurance bid was reviewed. The certified staff submitted a Notice of Desire to Negotiate

Also approved: 2015-16 Interquest contract, authorization of Galen Clow, Supt., as the Identified Official with Authority to authorize user access to MDE secure websites for the Grygla School District.

To board accepted the bid of \$1720.00 from Owen Hagen for bus #8. Also accepted the NWSC bid as carrier of 2015-16 health insurance, to continue the continuity of care with the open access network and no reduction in aggregate value.

The following students were approved for 2015 graduation, pending completion of graduate requirements: Michael Brobst, Zachary Dunrud, Jade Dimich, Jacinda Hasbrouck, Christopher Kiesow, Joshua Lake, William Landsrud, Hailey Loken, Dylan Morey, Courtney Olson, Chelsey Peters, Leah Schulz and Emilie Tykward.

The following donations were accepted: \$500.00 from GG Jaycees for Robotics World Competition 2015; \$1000.00 from Marvin Windows for Robotics World Competition 2015.

**Trustee Reports:** Nicolette Leach attended the NWRIC board meeting on 4/7/15. The Grygla Garden Club is looking into teaming up with the Grygla School to create and maintain a high tunnel garden; there are grants available for these types of gardens.

► SIMPLY DELICIOUS



This onion recipe was featured last year but is totally worth sharing again – especially since it's camping season!

Here are two tasty recipes to try that are simply delicious and sure to be a hit. First make a batch of **onion bombs** and follow them up with a little dessert – **caramel apple crunch!**

Onion bombs are simply homemade meatballs wrapped in onion layers (see picture), then wrapped in foil and thrown into the fire.



# ?Mystery Photo?

FYI: Last week’s mystery photo page 3 was Angie & Patti Rogers! No word on who the boy was...yet! Thanks for all the emails and calls; it was fun to hear how many people recognized the youngsters on the elephant!

## 105 kids join Goodridge’s Read Write Now program

The Goodridge School has 105 kids enrolled in the summer Read\*Write\*Now program. Coordinator, Connie Moe, said kids can still join if interested by getting in touch with the school. On Thursday, June 18th, from 6-8pm, there will be a picnic at the Goodridge School playground. You are asked to bring a sack lunch and lawn chairs. Along with the picnic, story time, craft time and creative time (sidewalk chalk drawings) will be taking place. Anyone en-

rolled in the Read\*Write\*Now program is welcome to attend with their families! There will be numerous events like this throughout the summer.

Often students lose reading skills over the summer – this program can help your child continue to practice reading skills and have fun sharing books with a reading partner! To complete the program, students are asked to read for 20 minutes a day for at least 20 days of each month over the summer.

## Chix to host Gazebo night in Grygla

The Chix from the Stix are planning to host an entertainment evening at the Gazebo in Grygla on Thursday, June 18th. The local Relay for Life team will be serving a free-will donation supper starting at 6:30pm, with fun entertainment for the entire family to follow. All proceeds will benefit

the American Cancer Society, Marshall County Relay for Life.

Relay captain, Karen Severts, promises a great variety of local talent sure to entertain! Grab your lawn chair and head to the Gazebo for a fun evening benefiting a great organization.

# Marshall County Relay for Life



Grygla’s Relay for Life team, Chix from the Stix, played a HUGE role in last Friday night’s Relay for Life event at the Marshall County Fairgrounds in Warren. County wide, a total of approximately \$62,000.00 was raised and will benefit the American Cancer Society! Of that amount, over \$10,000.00 was raised by the Chix from the Stix! This team is fighting cancer and their fight is being noticed. Team members present for the Relay event were: Back row, L-R: Jeanie Johnson, Maureen Monson, Karina Tinnes, Rachel Rychlock, Audrya Nelson, Carole Aune, Lisa Newton, Nadine Wold, Ava Sorvig, and Team Captain Karen Severts.

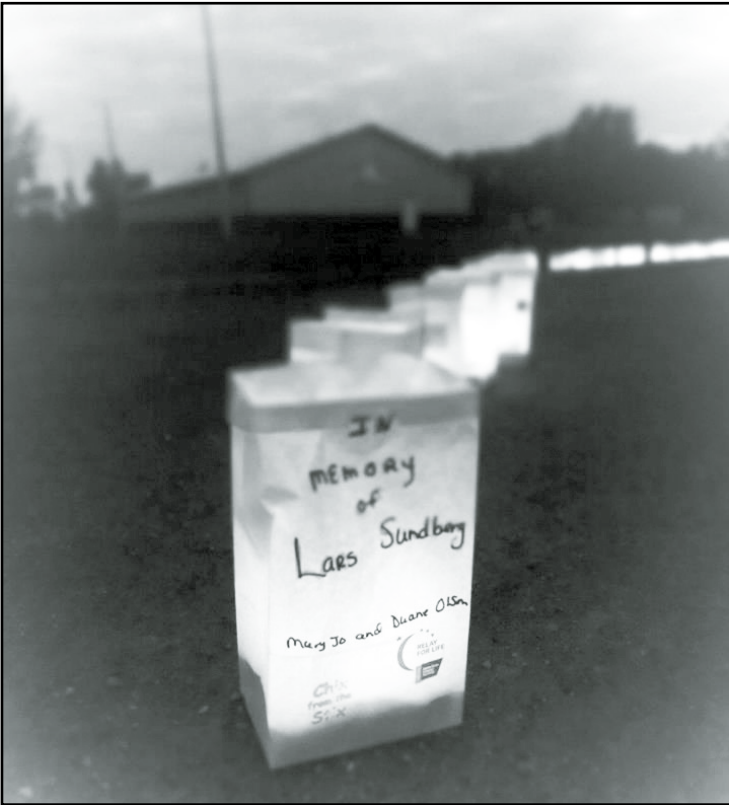
Front row, L-R: Nikki Leach, Lindsay Oslund, Elaine Rychlock, Missy Saurdiff, Renae Westbrook, Shaunna Olson, Courtney Olson, and Tausha Severts. Team members who weren’t able to make the event included: Hailea McMillin, Hazel Thomas, Jodi Schulz, Marisa Newton, Pastor Vicki Saude-Worthington, Ruth Anderson, Tonia Haack and Sharon Harris.



CHS Northwest Grain donated \$7500 company wide, plus 250 pounds of food to area food shelves. Grygla’s local food shelf received \$916.67. Donations are from area businesses and farmers. CHS NW Grain matches what is received through the Harvest for Hunger Campaign. Pictured is Ron Kiesow presenting the \$916.67 to Cheryl Sistas, Chairperson of the Grygla/Gatzke Food Shelf.



Taking part in the Survivor’s lap was two of the Chix from the Stix members, Shaunna Olson and Karen Severts, whose lives have both been affected by cancer.



Luminary bags lit the walking path until 2am. Team member, Elaine Rychlock, says, “I was very proud to take part in such a moving event. The Chix from the Stix did a great job representing Grygla. It was a very emotional, exhausting, yet rewarding evening. So many luminary bags lined the track on both sides. I tried to get a few pictures to share with the community that their loved ones are not forgotten.”

## Larger Bonding Bill unveiled ahead of special session

In his classic measured approach, Sen. LeRoy Stumpf (DFL-Plummer), Chair of the Senate Capital Investment Committee unveiled a bonding bill both legislative bodies have agreed to, ahead of the impending special session. From investments in transportation, an emphasis on immediate needs at state colleges and universities, flood relief and mitigation, and an effort to fix and build essential infrastructure like wastewater facilities and water pipelines, the 2015 Bonding Bill will create thousands of jobs and keep Minnesota cities and towns running smoothly.

The \$180 million bill is a combination of General Obligation (GO) bonds, Trunk Highway bonds which will be used to pay for the mandatory Highway 53 bridge project in Virginia, MN, and other types of state-backed bonds which total \$373.4 million. Stumpf said his initial goal was to take care of needed repairs and maintenance on critical infrastructure, this bill is a compromise on his earlier hopes for a larger bill. However, he says this bill takes an important step toward fixing the state’s most urgent projects.

“Bonding bills provide vital funding to maintain and improve the publicly-owned infrastructure of the state. Sometimes that means replacing roofs or constructing up-to-date wastewater infrastructure systems. Other times we give support to communities to help them recover from and prevent natural disasters. This bill addresses all of those needs,” said Stumpf.

Like the Governor, Senator Stump considers bonding bills as jobs bills that stimulate economic development, “Considering the state-wide need for capital investments, it was difficult to put together a bill so much smaller than what we were hoping for this year. I am, however, proud of this compro-

mise and what it will do for Minnesota,” said Stumpf.

The bill also invests heavily in rural Minnesota, helping small MnSCU campuses scattered across the state, \$1 million to the Greater Minnesota Business Development Program, and prioritizing transportation projects with a total of \$31 million in GO bonding and \$140 million in Trunk Highway bonds. Additionally, the \$8.5 million toward the Willmar Turkey Testing Lab is a commitment to the agriculture community and the research facilities that support finding cures for plant and animal diseases.

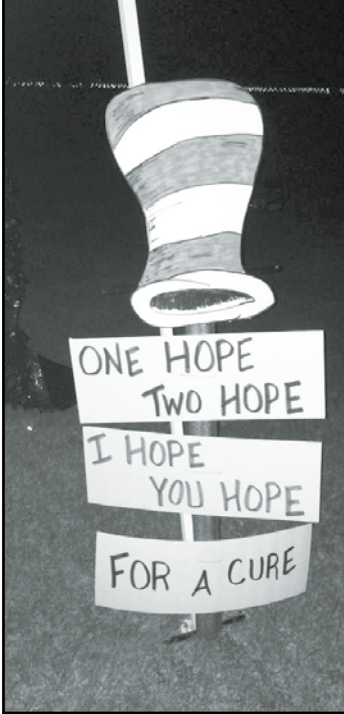
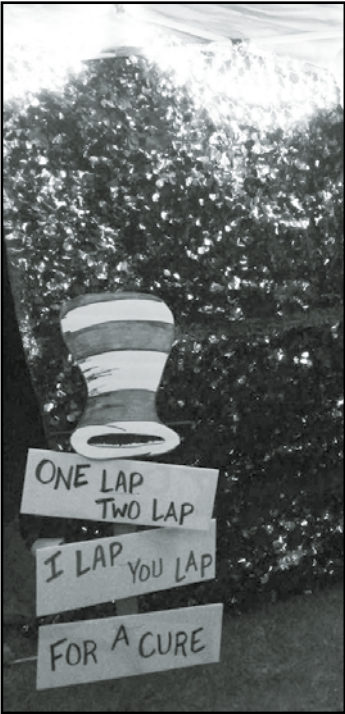
“This bill really emphasizes taking care of critical needs in our communities. We know that MnSCU campuses across the state really needed money to help fix and maintain their existing buildings, likewise we understood that local roads and bridges required attention, and that helped focus our bill into areas of great need across the state,” said Vice Chair of the Bonding Committee Sen. Bev Scalze (DFL- Little Canada).

A few highlights from the bill include:

- \$26.5 million to the University of Minnesota for the Willmar Poultry Testing Lab and a replacement of the veterinary isolation facility.
- \$31.9 million to the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities system.
- \$23.5 million to the Department of Natural Resources for flood hazard mitigation projects.
- \$171 million to the Department of Transportation (\$31 million in GO Bonds; \$140 million in Trunk Highway Bonds).
- \$29 million to the Public Facilities Authority for wastewater infrastructure and the Lewis and Clark Water Authority.
- \$10 million to the Minnesota Housing Finance Agency.



The Chix from the Stix had a Dr. Seuss themed campsite set up along the walking track.



At different hours of the night, there were themed laps, where teams were encouraged to dress up. The Chix from the Stix ‘Lollipop Princess’ was Maureen Monson!

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