

# Grygla Eagle

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In this issue... The ‘Safe Routes to School’ sidewalk and lighting project has begun in Grygla - see page 3 for more information!

## Northwood Church holds annual picnic

Written by: Carlye Kiesow, Eagle Intern

On Saturday, July 9th, the Northwood Church hosted its 18th year of having a picnic, including entertainment. This year, the program portion had a variety of singers and speakers. It was also a special day for Otto Hagen, former member of the church, as he was celebrating his 99th birthday. A special song was sang in Norwegian for

him by his grandchildren.

This picnic was all made possible by Judith Kotrba. Her brother, Harlem Lee, started hosting this for the first time in 1997. From there, it was hosted again in the year 2000 and has continued every year since!

Following the program is a potluck picnic for everyone to enjoy and visit with old friends. The picnic isn't the only thing that has been hosted at this

church, multiple Christmas programs have also been held there. The Northwood Church has received many restorations over the past years and is kept in tip-top shape. Though not many members of the original congregation are still living, the picnic gets a great turn out every year. They hope to keep this an ongoing tradition and hope to get more people to attend and enjoy!



Lois Anderson and Lois Peterson provided multiple songs to keep the crowd entertained at last Saturday's picnic at the Northwood Church.



Left: In honor of his 99th birthday, Otto Hagen's grandchildren and great-grandchildren sang him a song during the program portion of the Northwood Church picnic that was held last Saturday by Moose River. Right: As part of the Northwood Church picnic, a program preceded the potluck lunch, which involved Carol Lee reading a poem about war veterans.



## YARD OF THE WEEK

The best thing about an outdoor living space is it reflects one's personality and their taste - it's easy to see the Ruuds have perfected that. At 36512 350th Ave NE, Gatzke, congratulations goes out to Delray and Vicki Ruud for being selected as 'Yard of the Week.' Well-designed landscapes and garden areas add to the atmosphere and ambience of the Ruud's outdoor living spaces. Multiple sitting areas around their yard, that are designed beautifully, are perfect for entertaining or simply relaxing while enjoying the view!



## Motel 89 gives tours at grand opening

Since purchasing the business on July 1st, 2015, Shawn and Stacie Meyer have made many updates and improvements to Motel 89. Community members were treated to tours, refreshments, door prizes and conversation at the motel's grand opening Sunday afternoon.

From 10am-2pm, a steady stream of area residents came through the motel doors. Upon entering, guests were able to view the newly remodeled common room, which is open to motel guests daily from 8am-10pm. The common room holds a living area with TV, kitchen with vending machines, coffee, microwave and a bathroom facility. The newly remodeled laundry area is off the common room, but it isn't available for guest use, however, Stacie says she will do guest laundry for \$5/load.

Over the course of the year, a lot of smaller updates, like painting, have taken place. It wasn't until February of 2016 that the major construction started at the motel. The old Marshall County Soil & Water Conservation office space was being used as a bunk room full of cots. It has now been renovated into a 4-bedroom apartment complete with a full kitchen and living space.

Motel 89 has five single rooms available, all of which have been improved and updated with new TVs. One double room is available, along with

## 'Drift North' with Allison Kangas

Written by: Carlye Kiesow, Eagle Intern

Allison Kangas is a busy woman; not only does she take care of her two kids, Cooper and Charlie, she also owns and runs her very own little hometown business in the comfort of her rural Goodridge home.

Making Minnesota inspired signs and clothing, Allison spends most of her days creating and brainstorming for her business. She does all the sign making herself in her garage. She cuts the wood to the size she needs, stains the wood, then carefully paints the design on. The last step, she air nails a frame on the signs she feels are needed.

She has many different Minnesota inspired signs, along with signs of all sayings and colors. To be a lucky owner of her handmade signs you can purchase one (or two) in shops around the area including The Red Poppy in Fosston, Simply in Warren, K&J Treasures in Thief River Falls, Up North Treasures in Greenbush, and Hickory Backroads in Gonvick. Make sure to stop by those locations and check out her beautiful handmade work. Make sure to look for her tag "Wheat and Beans" when out shopping as that's the name of her hometown business.

Not only is Allison busy year round making signs for those stores, but she has recently started her very own clothing line. When she was younger, Allison and her friends would spend hours together dreaming about starting their very own clothing line. It has truly been a dream come true for Allison making and selling her own brand. Her first design for the clothing line was grey shirts with "Drift North" screen-printed on them. She creates all of the designs herself and has Universal Screenprint, out of Thief River Falls, print the design on her shirts. She would love to learn to screen-print her own shirts one day but all in good time.

She is still continuing to sell her original "Drift North" shirt but has branched out and has started to print "Drift North" on tank tops, sweatshirts, and different colored t-shirts. You can purchase the shirts and signs on her online Etsy store. Etsy is an online store where everything is handmade. It really gets the product out there and available to anyone.

If you happen to follow Allison on social media she conveniently does pre-order sales on Facebook through her business page, "Wheat & Beans". Allison has created two new tank top designs that will be for sale shortly, which are available for preview, also on her Facebook page. One tank top will be printed with the idea of loving to travel; across the front



the word "Wanderlust" will be written on it. Wanderlust is defined as the strong desire to travel. It doesn't stop there, she is also coming out with a new design that is Minnesota inspired, so you will have to be sure to keep an eye out for it on all her social media platforms when it becomes available for purchase.

Allison likes to keep her customers involved and interested. She recently just finished a photo challenge over the 4th of July weekend with the winning picture receiving a free "Drift North" shirt. All one had to do was take a picture in their "Drift North" gear and post it to social media. Women came up with all sorts of tag lines that made it fun and extremely hard for Allison to pick a winner.

She doesn't stop at just making signs and expanding her clothing line; Allison also has a vintage camper that she is slowly repurposing and would love to one day take on the road

and sell her products. It is important to Allison to show women that it's okay to start their own business; don't be afraid!

Do It Yourself (DIY) parties at her home is the future goal with getting women into the creative mind and making their own products. So check Facebook, Instagram and Etsy for new updates about her current and new products. Also, keep your eye open in the community for anyone wearing a "Drift North" shirt and know that they are created in our own community. Allison is thankful for the community as they have supported her business and helped her advertise by word of mouth. She has started to keep stock on hand, also, with all the orders she receives.

To keep up to date with Allison, follow her on Instagram - @wheatbeans, like her page on Facebook- Wheat & Beans, and search her Etsy shop - WheatBeans.



One of Allison's newer designs, the Wanderlust tee, is now available on Etsy, which is an online store that sells handmade products. Allison, her husband, and their two children live in rural Goodridge, where she runs her hometown business.



Shawn & Stacie Meyer, Owners. (More pics on page 2)

## 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 TBA  
Wednesday night services will be held at United at 7pm and Our Savior's at 7:30pm for the month of July.

**GOODRIDGE AREA LUTHERAN PARISH, ELCA**  
Bethany, Ekelund, Faith Interim Pastor Phil Johnson  
**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. Adam Hamness  
**Sunday:**  
St. Clement's: 11:45am Worship  
St. Ann's: 10am Worship.

**BETHESDA LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
Skime  
Pastor Steve Bliss  
**Sunday:**  
8am 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 Merseeth  
**Saturday:**  
Mt. Olive 9am Worship  
**Sunday:**  
St. Petri: 8am Worship  
Nazareth: 9:45am Worship  
Oak Park: 11am Worship

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

## 25th Annual Grygla Open

The 25th Annual Grygla Open is scheduled for Friday, July 22nd, at Oakcrest Golf Course in Roseau. Registration begins at 8:15am with tee off starting at 9am.

Sign up individually or sign up your team of four to Lynn Anderson (689-5892) or Bob Thompson (689-1374) by this Friday, July 15th.

## NOTICE TO RESIDENTS OF MARSHALL COUNTY TOWNSHIPS

### Holding November Election of Officers

The period for filing Affidavits of Candidacy for township office begins on Tuesday, August 2, 2016 and ends at 5:00 pm Tuesday, August 16, 2016, for the township election November 8, 2016. The offices open are Supervisor A, Clerk, and any unexpired term. Filing shall be with the township clerk at a reasonable hour. The filing fee is \$2.00.  
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Marshall County Assn. of Townships  
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## Swimming lessons to start

Swimming lessons will soon be starting for area Grygla kids. Lessons will be held the weeks of July 25-29 and August 1-5 in Fosston. The bus will leave the Grygla School at 12:15pm and will return back at approximately 4:45pm.

## Motel 89 Grand Opening



One of the updated single rooms at Motel 89.



In addition to inside changes, the outside of the motel has also gotten a makeover with new landscaping.



The kitchen portion of the common room contains vending machines and is open to guests from 8am-10pm.



Another view of the common room at Motel 89's grand opening last Sunday afternoon.



One of the updated bathrooms at Motel 89 in Grygla.



Motel 89 also offers tanning packages to the public.

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## Schedule of Events

Wednesday - Sunday

July 20 - July 24, 2016

Warren, MN

**Wednesday, July 20**  
Parade - 6:00 p.m., Downtown Warren  
Midway Opens - Todd Armstrong Shows

**Thursday, July 21**  
- KID'S DAY -  
Bruce Elseth/Paul Tandberg and Friends  
12:00-3:00 p.m., Vonasek Stage  
Tim Kivihaio - Balloon Art/Face Painting  
- 3:00-5:00 p.m., Vonasek Stage  
Four Wheel Drive - 4:00-8:00 p.m.

**Friday, July 22**  
- SENIOR DAY -  
Tami Lee - 12:00-1:00 p.m.  
Senior Citizens Music & Program -  
1:30 p.m., with music by Carol Donarski-  
Michalek & Todd Ethier  
Tami Lee - 2:30-4:00 p.m.  
4-H Program/Emerging Leader &  
Century Farm Awards - 4:30 p.m.  
Robbie Vee - 6:00-10:00 p.m.  
Vintage Car Show - 6:00 p.m.  
Mini Horse Show - 6:30 p.m., Horse Arena

**Grandstand Event**  
Advanced tickets \$30/Person, available at  
Kezar's Music, TRF and Marshall County  
Extension Office, Warren.

• Back Behind the Barn Boys - 6:00 p.m.  
• Blackhawk - 8:00 p.m.

**Saturday, July 23**  
- FAMILY DAY -  
ATV Safety Certification Training - 9:00 a.m.,  
Vonasek Stage  
Beef Cookoff - 9:00 a.m., By Bear Garden  
Island Time Drum Band - 2:00-4:00 p.m.,  
By Grandstand  
Wild Rice Mounted Shooting - 10:00 a.m.,  
Rusty Gate Arena  
Kids Games in the Park - 11 a.m., Holiday Park  
Talent Contest Practice - 12:00-1:00 p.m.,  
Vonasek Stage  
Driving & Draft Horse Show - 12:30 p.m.,  
Horse Arena  
Spirit Band - 1:00 p.m.  
Tae Kwon Do Demos - 1:00 p.m., Vonasek  
Stage  
Talent Contest - 2:00-4:00 p.m., Vonasek  
Stage  
Tae Kwon Do Demos - 4:00 p.m., Vonasek  
Stage  
Spirit Band - 4:00 p.m., Vonasek Stage  
Fall Creek - 6:00 p.m., Vonasek Stage  
Mounted Posse Horse Show - 6:30 p.m.,  
Horse Arena  
Blind Joe - 8:30 p.m., Vonasek Stage

**Grandstand Event**  
Advanced tickets \$30/Person, available at  
Kezar's Music, TRF and Marshall County  
Extension Office, Warren.

• Back Behind the Barn Boys - 6:00 p.m.  
• Collin Raye - 8:00 p.m.  
• Full Tilt - 10:00 p.m. - Free  
• Fireworks - Dusk - Free

**Sunday, July 24**  
Church Service - 9:00 a.m., Vonasek Stage,  
Interdenominational Service  
Open Horse Show - 10 a.m., Main Horse Arena  
Cathy Erickson - 10:30 a.m., Vonasek Stage  
Wild Rice Mounted Shooting - 10:30 a.m.,  
Rusty Gate Arena  
Pig Bingo/Livestock Auction - 12:00 p.m.,  
Barn Area  
Kids Pedal Pull - 12:00 p.m., Behind 4-H Building  
Woodpicks/Popple Ridge Pickers/  
Overtones - 12:00-6:00 p.m.

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Rivarado - John's Service & Repair  
Argyle - Johnson Oil & Convenience, United Valley Bank  
Newfolden - Xpress Mart, Sethre's Store  
Middle River - Young's Store  
Viking - Viking Diner & Antiques  
Thief River Falls - Petro Pumper  
East Grand Forks - Frandsen Bank & Trust

**Carnival Hours:**  
Wednesday: 9-Close  
Thursday: 4-Close  
Friday: Noon-Close  
Saturday: Noon-Close  
Sunday: 1-6 p.m.

**Commercial Exhibit Hours:**  
Wednesday: 6-10 p.m.  
Thursday: Noon-10 p.m.  
Friday & Saturday: Noon-10 p.m.  
Sunday: Noon-5 p.m.

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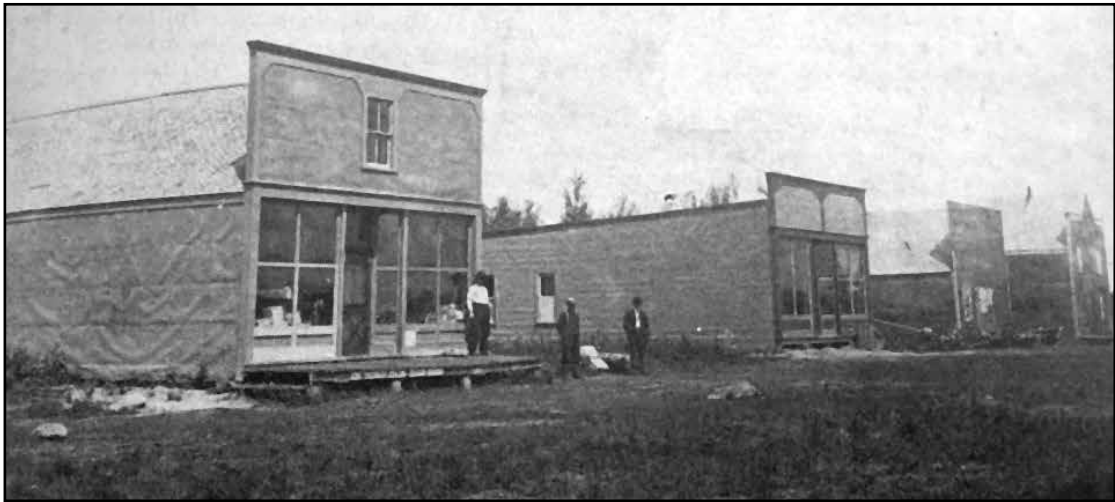
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# Looking back to the early 1900's



An early photo of Main Street Grygla (possibly 1904) looking towards the northwest. The building on the left would be the corner of Main Street and Highway 89.

## How Grygla got its name

*Taken from Grygla's 75-year History Book*

*Written by: Joy Nordby*  
Research into the mysterious character for whom Grygla was named leaves a considerable amount of doubt as to which of several versions is the closest to the truth. Marshall County records, along with records at the Minnesota Historical Society, give no clue as to why the founding fathers chose the name "Grygla".

According to records in the Minnesota Book of Post Offices, the Grygla post office was established April 30th, 1898. A Thief River Falls newspaper, dating back to 1898, made some mention of the Grygla settlement, indicating that the name had already been established at that time.

In 1910, an article printed in the Thief River Falls Times gives a colorful account of a person by the name of Frank Grygla, for whom they say Grygla was named. According to this account, Frank Grygla was known as the "Father of the Polish National Alliance" and "Commissioner of the Alliance for Minnesota and Nebraska." Frank Grygla was reported to have come from an ancient and noble family in Poland, his father being Count Gryglazewski. Frank Grygla fought in the Polish Revolution of 1863, was left for dead on the battlefield with

seven wounds, captured by the Russians, and transported to Siberia. The account says he escaped from Siberia, walked 14,000 miles and eventually ended up in the United States where he entered trade in Minneapolis and became known in politics. Serving as president of the Polish National Alliance, Frank Grygla was reported to have been instrumental in raising funds to assist Polish refugees in acquiring farms in the U.S. The story goes on to say that Mr. Grygla had established a Polish colony near Stephen and proposed in 1910 to settle a colony of 200 families around Grygla, the town which took his name.

The flaw in this story is that it was written 12 years after the town of Grygla had been named, which really doesn't explain what Mr. Grygla was doing here in 1898. We should also note that the colony he had proposed to establish in 1910 never materialized.

There are several other accounts written about the name Grygla.

The Marshall County History book, under Florian (Wright Township) gives this account: "Florian was originally named Stanislawo after Stanislog Gryglazewski, a land agent from Chicago. But being difficult to pronounce, the post office was operated under the

name of the pastor, Father Florian Maruszewski. The village of Grygla, located in extreme Marshal County, where he tried to establish a Polish colony, is named after land agent Gryglazewski.

Several other accounts have also been written, but most seem to agree that Mr. Grygla came from a noble Polish blood. In one story, it was reported that the founders of Grygla had planned to name the post office in the village Williams, after the Williamson family, one of the first to settle in the area. Discovering that there was already a town named Williams in Minnesota, they decided to use the name of the U.S. Postal inspector, Mr. Gryglavitch, son of a Polish count, who had signed his name to the document establishing the Grygla post office.

Another account has been written claiming that Mr. Gryglaski (spelled as such), son of a Polish Count, was a surveyor for the Great Northern Railroad, and still another account claims that Mr. Grygla was an engineer and surveyor for the huge draining system in northern Minnesota.

Perhaps by the time Grygla celebrates its 100th birthday in 2017, the pieces of this puzzle can be put together.



The Maney Hotel, built in 1907, began with a charge of \$0.25 a night and increased their prices as the economic condition improved.



Main Street in Grygla before the 1917 fire. The first four buildings from the left (south to north) were destroyed in the fire. The Citizen State Bank, north of the Willard Hotel (on the same corner where the American State Bank is now located) was saved through citizen efforts.

## Early Settlement of Grygla

*Taken from Grygla's 75-year History Book*

*Written by: Lillian Sundberg*  
The Homestead Act was passed by the U.S. Congress in 1862. This stated everyone over the age of 21 years of age was entitled to file on 160 acres of land and to claim that land if certain requirements were met. Only one permit to file was allowed for any one person. Land could not be filed on or in an area already set aside as a Reservation for Indians.

Therefore, in 1889, a treaty was signed with the Red Lake Indian Reservation stating that they cede part of the Red Lake Indian Reservation, in return for annuities and other considerations, for a large part of land west and north of Red Lake. This then opened up the area for homesteading.

Survey crews came in and charted the newly opened land into 40 acre lots. Four forties were called a quarter, which is ¼ of a section. A section is one mile long and one mile wide. Each quarter of land had to be filed on, in person, at a land office in Crookston. "Providing up" meant the settler had completed his part of the homestead requirements.

The first white men in the area were the Giltshvdt brothers who came by canoes into southern Minnesota. They were fur trappers who arrived in 1893. They traveled from Thief Lake to Moose River and on to Rapid River where they set up camps. They lived on moose and bear meat. Beaver meat was too slippery to swallow.

In June of 1898, A.O. Fladland arrived; Ole Newton also came that summer. That fall, he joined Fladland in opening a little store about ½ mile northwest of the present site of Grygla. Ole Newton was the man who transported goods and supplies from Thief River Falls by ox-drawn wagons or by boat in the spring. The trip to Thief River and back took about one week. Along the way, there were stopping places where travelers could obtain food and shelter for themselves and the oxen.

By 1903, the community had expanded and the original village was moved to its present site. Some of the early village residents were the following families: Newton, Fladland, Loyd, Holbrook, Williamson, Brown and Bush.

After many letters of requests and petitions were sent to Washington, D.C., the Postal Department sent out an inspector to check on the situation. The inspector's name was

Count Gryglavitch, a former member of the Polish Royal family. He had become a citizen of the United States and represented the U.S. Postal Department. Because no one could agree on a name, the inspector signed his own name to the request and "Grygla" became the name of what is called "The Biggest Little Town of Its Size."

The first settler in Valley Township was Hans Peterson who came to the area in 1898. He was a grain farmer at Fisher, MN, and also owned several horses and cattle. Because of a severe drought in this part of Minnesota that summer, and a hailstorm wiping out his crops, he decided to search for a homestead where grass and hay were plentiful. He came to a place near the Mud River, which he liked and filed a claim. Hans was a sociable man who liked to trade horses and cattle and made part of his income that way.

Another early settler was H.W. Hanson who came from Amery, Wisconsin, and filed a quarter of land which is now owned by Lowell Warne in Northwood Township.

Charles Knutson and his brother Albert filed on homesteads in 1900. The Knutsons operated the Grygla Hotel and Livery Stable. They also operated a delivery service using a stone boat, which is like a sleigh that could travel on snow or dry land. If anyone needed goods transported, Charles hitched the mule to the boat and hauled goods to where they were needed.

The Grygla Co-op Creamery opened in 1906. The Grygla Hospital, managed by Dr. King, and later by Dr. Adkins, opened in 1912. The hospital was built and financed by community volunteers. It had 25 or 30 rooms, staffed by several nurses. Dr. Adkins was a great surgeon and also made home visits.

The first settlers in the area suffered many hardships. Large fires, floods, poverty and no or poor roads. But, in spite of everything, they stayed and built up a thriving country.

The first school house was built in 1901, located where the former feed store stood. The next year, a larger two-room school house was built. In 1903, the Grygla Eagle, a weekly newspaper, was published by George Johnson; this was taken over by Harvey Mussey in 1910.

The railroad was extended to Holt in 1903 and Middle River in 1904. In 1904, George Johnson bought the former Maney Hotel. The building had

23 rooms, which were almost always filled. In 1910, Charlie Knutson's father bought the hotel. Meals were served and transportation to anywhere in the area was provided by Charlie and Albert Knutson. Albert started a dray and livery stable. They had several horses and two covered rigs. Andrew Clay opened a drug store and Mr. Moses started a photography studio in 1910.

In 1910, an extensive system of drainage ditches was begun. Walking crawlers and scow dredges dug ditches to drain the swamps. After the swamps and bogs were drained people rushed to take up claims. At one time, every quarter of land had a settler who remained for a few years before giving up their homestead rights.

By 1912, the Brown General Merchandise Store was opened and the Post Office was moved to that place. Later, a telephone exchange was installed with a central operator. Telephones were installed in every home. A pool hall was opened in connection with the Grocen Café. Feed mills were built and a blacksmiths shop was started.

In 1916, Fladelands opened up a garage, which they operated until about 1940. In 1917, the first village election was held and the village was incorporated, thereby, leaving the township of Valley and forming their own government.

The first minister to arrive was Rev. Halvor Bjornson. He preached in the school house in town and served several communities in the area.

George Johnson started the first Grygla State Bank and Johnny Peterson opened Citizen State Bank. They closed during the Great Depression. T.J. Lillevold and his brother I.O. started the Carmel Brass Band. Members included men from the villages and surrounding farms.

In 1919, a big flood destroyed roads, bridges and crops throughout the area. Farmers were forced to sell their cattle because of no hay or pasture. In 1931, a forest fire burned several homes and barns in the communities east of Grygla. A school house was destroyed and a store located at Fournoun. Two people lost their lives and several were burned so badly they spent several months in the hospital. Most property and livestock were destroyed. In 1950, another flood destroyed bridges, roads and property in the area. That year was one of the wettest seasons this community ever experienced.



Left Photo: Flossy Newton, Mary and Ellen Maney. The three young ladies were workers at the Maney Hotel, which is pictured top right on this page.



Right Photo: Fladland, his son, and 4 son in laws, who are mentioned in the story to the right. Back: Son in-laws Albert Loyd, Ole Newton, Hans Peterson. Front: Abe Newton, Arne Fladland, Ole Fladland.



Grading on Hwy 89 through Grygla in 1910. Fladland's barn is in the background. The location is west of the Coop Store. Otto Lee is operating the grader, his son, Henry Lee, is on the tractor and a Mr. Lund is also pictured.



Former Grygla Hospital in 1917, located on Hwy 89, east of the present Farmer's Union Station.