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A look at next week... Charger's Volleyball holds Parent's Night!

Closure is on the horizon for Grygla's VFW Post 3858

Though a final decision hasn't yet been made, Grygla's VFW Post 3858 is expected to dissolve with members casting their votes at the end of this month.

"We haven't got much of a choice," says lifetime member Glenn Sundberg, who joined the post 35 years ago. "Times are changing...nobody young is coming in anymore."

Ultimately, it's up to each post on how active they stay as an organization and how long they remain open, but with only 24 members, and 13 of them living out of town, it's proving to be a struggle to keep the post open in Grygla.

Ronald Byklum first joined the VFW in 1969 and took over as the Commander of Grygla's post in 1986. Observing the laws and usage of the VFW, and presiding over the monthly meetings, Byklum has seen the membership decline over the years, stating that at one time the post had almost 50 active members as opposed to the 6-7 that regularly attend meetings today.

"Shutting the VFW post down means we'll probably never have another one in Grygla again, but I don't see much of a choice," Byklum noted. "Nobody is coming in to take

over our jobs," he adds. Glenn Sundberg agrees that it's hard to keep it going. Middle River and Cass Lake have both shut theirs down, with more dissolving across the state all of the time. He adds, "A lot of the World War II and Korean War vets were the promoters behind the VFW. Vietnam vets came in next, but there is a big gap between Vietnam and Iraqi vets...a pretty big gap." With each post having older members passing on and not a lot of younger vets to take their places, closure is a national struggle.

If in fact Grygla's organization does shut down that means the VFW Ladies Auxiliary will be closed, too. The VFW shares a building with the American Legion, who actually owns the building, but they are separate assemblies. Eligibility for the American Legion includes anyone who has served federal active duty in the United States Armed Forces, while the VFW requires you to have served in a war zone on foreign soil for at least 24 hours. The American Legion has over 30 members, while the American Legion Ladies Auxiliary has over 20; they are still holding strong and are not in talks of closing.

Sharing a building with the

American Legion, the VFW will lose a lot of their items when the closure occurs. "They come in and take the rifles, the flags, the memorabilia, everything. It all belongs to the VFW," said Sundberg.

Being a present and respectable organization in Grygla for the last 70 years, the VFW Post 3858 has taken on numerous community projects that include the building of the horse-shoe courts and the Veteran's Memorial. They have also contributed many dollars in scholarships for local students, participated in parades and provided Color/Honor Guard services at funerals. Once post 3858 disbands, members can move to another post if they so choose; Commander Byklum said they are leaning towards joining Thief River Falls.

As stated, a final decision will be made at the group's meeting later this month, but it's likely coming to an end. "It's sad," Glenn Sundberg voiced. "But our memorial fund will still be supported and the memories will still always be there. And because of our Veteran's Memorial in Grygla, people will always know there was a post here at one time."



Courtney Salo, of Goodridge, attended the Oklee Flag Raising program on September 30th, where she was recognized for designing the city flag pictured here. With her design, you can see one half of the flag displays the Norwegian flag while the other half the French-Canadian, which represents the settlers of Oklee. The design in the middle symbolizes the farming community of Oklee.



Pictured with Courtney is Matthew Genova, a retired policeman from New York. Upon his retirement, Genova decided to move to Oklee, MN, to be near friends. He decided something was missing – a city flag - and came up with the idea of having one designed and donated to the city. George Burthwick, Oklee Mayor, says, "We're pretty proud of it. For the small town of Oklee, it's quite a moment; everybody seems to like it!"

Recognize your boss for National Boss's Day

Attention Grygla and Goodridge friends ~ Monday, October 17th, is National Boss's Day.

In the small towns of Grygla and Goodridge, we have a lot of great people who serve as our BOSS at our places of employment.

The Grygla Eagle is asking you to take a few minutes out of your day and recognize your boss to be featured in the October 19th issue of the Eagle in honor of National Boss's Day.

Send us a photo of your boss and tell us what makes them so deserving of this recognition. What qualities make him or her an outstanding leader? Tell us a little bit about this person and what their day at work is like, along with the

positive ways they make YOUR day better. Talk to your co-workers and get their input as well! The whole business can take part in this if you wish.

You don't have to inform your boss of this nomination- it can be between us, for now, and come as a surprise to them when the paper comes out.

You have until Friday, October 14th, to send in your photo and praises. Please email your nominations to me, along with the photo, to grygla.eagle@gmail.com or send it to PO Box 17, Grygla, MN 56727.



On Thursday, September 22nd, Mr. Mickelson's 5th grade class from Goodridge went on a field trip to Plummer, MN, to watch the Tri River Pioneers thresh some wheat, grind some flour and bale some straw. The group enjoyed the old-time farming activities!

Top Row: Mr. Mickelson, Hannah Lovly, Lily Beavis, Sophia Brown, Shylie Moen, Emilia Johnson, Kennedy Panek, Carter Lee Johnsrud, Tiana Banasau. Middle Row: Caden Marquis, Hunter Kiesow, Dominic Wilson, Carson Rubischko, Donny Johnsrud, Nick Hagen. Front Row: Spencer Coan and Chase Manderud.



GG 6th/7th grade Chargers took 2nd place at the Warroad Volleyball Tournament last weekend. The young ladies were coached by Kember Anderson & Courtney Boutain.

Goodridge School will soon be starting the 'COPS' program

Caring On Patrol for Students (COPS) is a new program the Goodridge School will soon be implementing. Police officers from Pennington County Sheriff's Department, along with a deputy from Red Lake County, have joined forces with the Little Brother/Little Sister program to engage with the young in the community of Goodridge during school hours.

Those participating from Pennington County are Deputy Kyle Miller and Deputy Melissa Larson. David Lovly, a deputy from Red Lake County is also taking part in the program at the Goodridge School.

Little Brother Little Sister of Pennington County (LBLS) is a community-based youth mentoring program that focuses on the needs of children ages 4-18. The goal of LBLS is to provide

a relationship that values and supports youth. Mentoring relationships have proven to prevent juvenile crime, increase school success and decrease juvenile depression.

The program focuses on positive youth development. LBLS takes place within the community where youth will learn about new things, play games, volunteer or simply hang out.

Mentoring will be a one-to-one relationship that can meet a variety of goals. What makes a mentor a 'mentor' is not that they are perfect or always know exactly what to say, but rather that they are able to form a strong connections with their Little Brother or Sister. This connection can serve as a catalyst for positive change and growth. Responsible mentoring building caring and supportive

relationships while also developing an individual's vision for the future.

The COPS program, through the Goodridge School, will involve three officers going to the school. Each officer is assigned to one student for the entire school year; they have lunch and hang out with them at recess. These relationships have gone above and beyond expectations and show to affect more than the one student they're paired with. The Goodridge Area Development has made a donation to cover the cost of the lunches for the officers with no cost to the district.

If you're interested in becoming a mentor or would like to make a donation to the program, please contact Melora at 689-9471 or lbbs.pennington@gmail.com

CHURCH CALENDARS

GRYGLA LUTHERAN PARISH
Grace and Our Savior's, Grygla
Pastor Vicki Saude-Worthington
Wednesday:
6pm Choir, 6:30pm Confirmation, 8pm Interfaith Bible Study
Sunday:
Grace: 9am Worship w/ no SS
OS: 10:30am Worship w/ 9:30am SS.

GATZKE-THIEF LAKE LUTHERAN PARISH
United - Gatzke; Our Savior's - Thief Lake
Pastor TBA
Wednesday:
Our Savior's Ladies Aid 7:30pm
Sunday:
OS: 9am Worship w/ 10:15am SS
UL: 11am Worship w/ 10am SS

GOODRIDGE AREA LUTHERAN PARISH, ELCA
Bethany, Ekelund, Faith
Interim Pastor Phil Johnson
Wednesday:
6:30pm Faith WELCA meet, 7pm Faith Confirmation
Saturday:
WELCA Conf. II gathering at Faith 8:30am registration w/ 9am program and 12pm meal
Sunday:
Ekelund: 8:30am Worship w/ 9:45am SS
Faith: 9:45am Worship w/ 11am SS
Bethany: 11am Worship w/ 9:45am SS

THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITIES OF
St. Clement's - Grygla; St. Ann's - Goodridge
Fr. Adam Hanness
Sunday:
St. Clement's: 10:15am Worship
St. Ann's: 12pm Worship.

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

COMMUNITY BIBLE CHURCH
Christian & Missionary Alliance of Grygla
Sunday:
9:30am Worship, 11am SS

CLEARWATER LUTHERAN PARISH
St. Petri - Grygla; Mt. Olive, Nazareth - Trail; Oak Park - Oklee
Pastor Jeff Merseth
Wednesday:
Wednesday School/Confirmation 5-7pm
Saturday:
Mt. Olive: 9am Worship w/ 10:15am SS
Sunday:
St. Petri: 8am Worship w/ 9:15am SS
Oak Park: 9:45am Worship w/ 8:30am SS
Nazareth: 11am Worship w/ 10am SS
Kids Harvest Festival 3pm

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

Women of the ELCA Conference 2 Fall Gathering

Conference Two (formally Cluster Two) Women of the ELCA Fall Gathering will be on Saturday, October 8th, at Faith Lutheran Church in Goodridge. Registration is from 8:30-9am with morning coffee; the program begins at 9am. Cost is \$8.00 for registration per person, which includes morning coffee and noon lunch. A morning of fellowship and inspiration has been planned. Geneva Paulson from Eagle Bend, MN, author of "Rescuing Randy", will share a very touching story to tell about her son getting involved in a religious cult.

A presentation will be made by Oklee Quilting Supply. There will also be some special musical selections.

October WIC Schedule

Wednesday, October 5: Warroad Community Center
Thursday, October 6: Red Lake Falls Community Center
Monday-Friday, October 10-14: Thief River Falls Redeemer Lutheran Church
Monday, October 17: Warren Evangelical Covenant Church
Tuesday, October 18: Karlstad First Lutheran Church
Wed-Thurs, October 19-20: Roseau, LifeCare Medical Center Basement Auxiliary Room
Tuesday, October 25: Oklee, Inter-County Community Council Building
For further information, call 218-874-7845 or 1-800-223-1591.

Back by popular demand... Annual Lutefisk Supper
Grygla Community Center
Saturday, October 15, 2016 4:00 - 7:30 p.m.
Menu:
Lutefisk • Lefsa
Meatballs
Real Mashed Potatoes
Carrots • Cranberries
Dessert
PRICES:
Adults: \$15
Ages 5-12: \$6
Ages 0-4: Free
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THIEF RIVER FALLS RADIO
KTRF AM 1230 KKAAQ AM 1460 KKDQ FM 99.3
CHARGERS FOOTBALL/VOLLEYBALL FALL 2016 ON TRF RADIO SPORTS
Friday, October 7th GG at SA ... Football
Monday, October 10th GG at BGMR ... Volleyball
~ LISTEN LIVE ON KTRF ~

POSITION OPENING
Applications are being accepted to fill a full time Respite Coordinator position at our central office in Badger. The successful applicant will develop the respite structure and establish the network, with a goal of allowing clients to stay in their homes longer. The Coordinator will not perform direct client service, but will oversee the program assuring it meets the ongoing needs of those desiring respite care. Applicant must have a valid driver's license and auto insurance. Family friendly environment with competitive wage, health benefits, retirement, vacation, and sick leave.
Interested candidates please send resume and cover letter to:
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OS Fancy Work Sale

The annual Our Savior's Fancy Work sale will be held this Saturday, October 8th at 7pm at the church in rural Grygla. Come for a fun evening of bidding on quilts, embroidered items, crafts, baked good and much more. Coffee and goodies will be served.

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Foot Care Clinic to be held

North Valley Public Health will be holding a foot care clinic on Friday, October 14th, at 9am at Grace Lutheran Church in Grygla. Anyone is welcome to attend. Staff will soak feet and trim nails. The fee is \$20 per person. Bring insurance information as some health plans may cover this.

Cash Calendar winners

The Grygla Centennial Committee is holding a Cash Calendar drawing for the months of August, September and October of 2016; all 400 calendars have already been sold. The winners will be posted on the Facebook Centennial Page weekly, as to who won for those days, and will also be announced in the Grygla Eagle. All winners will be sent a check by the Grygla Centennial Committee. The winners for this week are: October 3rd for \$50: Bill Schroeder of Wilton, MN
October 6th for \$50: Steve Indhier of Newark, TX.

Wanted: Vintage Clothing

The Grygla Red Hat Society is looking for any and all vintage clothing that you might have. The group is busy planning for a vintage style show that will be held at the 2017 Grygla Centennial. If you have any vintage clothing that could be borrowed for this event, it would be much appreciated. Categories will include wedding and formal wear, sport's wear (including old vintage baseball uniforms or letterman jackets), everyday wear (including children's clothing), and military uniforms. They are looking to showcase styles from the last 100 years, including modern-day fashion, which is what they need the least of. Clothing from the early 1900's, 20's, 30's is what members are hoping to receive more of. If your pieces aren't in good enough shape to be worn, the group is also looking for certain pieces to be put on display. The Red Hats are also asking for volunteer models to participate in this unique fashion show. All ages and sizes are welcome. Please contact Donna Lian at 218-294-6042 or email donna8@gvtel.com; Marie Konickson at 218-294-6789; Eunice Schulz at 218-294-6393; Carol Engelstad at 218-459-3312 or email clengelstad@gmail.com. Items can be dropped off with one of the names mentioned above or also at the Grygla Eagle office.

GBB Coach
Goodridge/Grygla Sports has an opening for Grade 8 GBB Coach. If interested, contact Jamie Lunsetter, paired sports coordinator, Grygla Public School, Grygla, MN, phone: 218-294-6155, email: jlunsetter@grygla.k12.mn.us. Open until filled.

School Lunch Menus

Grygla School
Wednesday, October 5: Piza & Bread
Thursday, October 6: Hamburger on a Bun w/ French Fries
Friday, October 7: Chili, Crackers, Cinnamon Roll
Monday, October 10: Tacos & Bread
Tuesday, October 12: Macaroni & Cheese, Popcorn Chicken

Goodridge School
Wednesday, October 5: Hamburger Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Steamed Carrots, Fruit Salad, Bread
Thursday, October 6: Hot Ham & Cheese on a Bun, Baked Beans, Tossed Salad, Pineapple
Friday, October 7: Chicken Quesadillas, Green Beans, Carrots, Celery, Pears
Monday, October 10: Pepperoni Pizza, Corn, Pineapple Tidbits
Tuesday, October 11: Hot or Cold Sub Sandwiches, Broccoli, Carrots & Celery w/ Dip, Nachos w/ Cheese, Apples, Oranges, Rice Krispie Bars

Eagle Office Hours
Tuesdays: 2:30-3:30pm
Wednesdays: 9am-6pm

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5 PARTY RUMMAGE/ MOVING SALE
Friday, 10/14/2016 3pm-7pm ... and again on Saturday, 10/15/2016 8am-5pm
at the Grygla Motel 89!
Also that day: An open house in the lobby featuring beautiful quilt work for sale from Creative Quilting Up North!
Items for all ages: Children to adults clothing, toys, furniture, towels, bedding, household items, home décor and much more!
Truly something for everyone!

Flu Shots

Flu shots are being offered at the Grygla Community Center on Wednesday, October 19th, from 1-3pm. Please bring with your Medicare card. Flu shots are \$30 if not on medicare/medical assistance.

Christopher Columbus - The Discoverer Of America
One of the most important events in world history is the discovery of America by Christopher Columbus in October 1492. When Columbus returned to Spain the next year, King Ferdinand and Queen Isabella gave him a grand reception and confirmed his title: "Admiral of the Ocean Sea."
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► DO IT YOURSELF

Who says DIY projects are only for women? Check out this ridiculously cool DIY for men. This would be the perfect accent chair for the man cave, the cabin or the office. Maybe you'll make this out of your old belts or maybe you've got your father or grandfathers old box of belts laying around that you don't want to part with for sentimental reasons? Well, look no more. Dig out those belts and get to work. If you don't have a special spot for this cool chair, chances are you can think of a family member who would love it, thus making it an EXCELLENT gift idea.

You'll need some painting or staining supplies or spray paint and old belts – various and colorful. Sand the chair and stain it with the stain you've chosen. Once stained, sealed and dry, attach belts across using furniture tacks. Weave in belts perpendicular and tack into place with hammer and furniture

tacks. If you want to avoid the whole staining mess, just sand and spray paint your chair in a fun color.

This seat is really lasting and the chair is unique - perfect for any terrace.



► SIMPLY DELICIOUS



Baked Pizza Dip
Written and baked by Kari Sundberg, Eagle Editor

This dip was as delicious as it looks. Warm, gooey, cheesy and full of flavor. Saturday night was movie night at our house and we were in the mood for pizza-**EVERYTHING** to go along with the movie. (Which was horrible, by the way. **DO NOT** rent 'The Shallows'. A complete waste of \$4.99.) Anyway, we made a couple of pizzas that evening and thought we'd stick to the trend and bake a hot pizza dip – as if we weren't indulging in enough calories already. But sometimes you just have to have one of those days.

My friend makes a really delicious baked pizza dip, but, unfortunately, my kids don't like a lot of the ingredients her recipe calls for, so I had to come up with my own concoction, us-

ing some of her ingredients and some of my own. We used tortilla chips to go with this dip, but sourdough bread chunks would have been even better. I don't know about you, but I appreciate dips that are different than the taco dips everyone seems to make – myself included! So here you go – a new recipe to try and bring to your next garage party.

Mix one package of softened cream cheese with ¾ cup mayo. Add basil and oregano to taste; I only added about ½ tsp of each. Mix in 1 cup mozerella cheese, ½ cup cheddar cheese and ½ cup parmesan cheese. (If you don't care for cheese, this is NOT the recipe for you! Ha!) Mix all of that together and spread in a small-medium sized baking dish. Layer your pepperonis on top. I only had the normal size pepperonis, but those mini ones would have been perfect for this recipe.

Next up, spread one cup of pizza sauce over the pepperonis. Sprinkle another cup of mozerella cheese on top and add a few more pepperonis. Bake at 350 degrees for about 20 minutes – until cheese is bubbly and golden brown.

Now....had the kids not wanted any and it would have just been me and the hubs eating this on our own – I would have added ½ pound of ground sausage, sautéed onions and peppers and green olives. YUM.

I guess there's always a next time.

A Note from Principal Lunsetter's Desk

"Gratitude helps us to return to our natural state of joyfulness, where we notice what's right instead of what's wrong. It makes us feel complete, that we have everything we need, at least in this moment." – **M. J. Ryan**

When we make an honest effort to look around and acknowledge the good things and people in our life by saying thank you, we change our life in a very positive way. By looking for those things, we automatically stop looking for all of the negative things that will always be there. Our outlook on life changes, and because of that, our relationships with those that are important to us are improved. Don't take anything for granted today. Instead, find all of the positive things in your life and do your best to say thank you...it does and will make a bigger difference than you will ever know.

Chargers FB gets defeated by WAO

The GG Charger's Football team headed to Warren last Friday evening but came home with an 8-31 loss. Head Coach John Wilebski says, "A game of lost opportunities on some scoring plays. One on the goal line and two pass plays could have been touch down's." Adding, "It is the difference between winning the last two games and losing them. Although our inexperienced players are getting better, we have many starters out, battling injuries. But we're seeing positive improvement."

Stats provided by Coach Wilebski

GG 0 8 0 0 = 8

WAO 6 12 7 6 = 31

Offense rushing: Jaden Kiesow 3/15 yards, Tyler Stinar 13/71 yards, Dylan Manderud

6/13 yards, Peyton Verbout 6/44 yards

Passing: Manderud 12-23 for 95 yards 1td

Rec: Tyler Stinar 5-31 yards, Jaden Kiesow 1-39yards, Dylan Walker 1-17 1 td, Peyton Verbout 1-5 yards, Jesse Wiseth 1-3 yards

Defensive Tackles: Jaden Kiesow 8, Robert Brummitt 10, Ben Groven 7

Jesse Wiseth and Brandon Stanley had great line play and Dylan Walker had 1 int.

This week's football schedule includes a Junior High and Junior Varsity game on Monday, October 3rd, in Goodridge vs. WAO. The Varsity team heads to Argyle this Friday to play against SAC with the game beginning at 3:30pm.

Word of the Week

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

Understory

Noun

\UHN-der-stawr-ee\

The shrubs or plants growing beneath the main canopy of a forest.



It's Briar Verbout with the ball in the Blue Devils/Chargers Alumni Flag Football game that was held on Saturday, September 24th in Grygla.



A Blue Devils and Chargers Alumni Flag Football game was held in Grygla on Saturday, September 24th. Pictured here: Trevor Kiesow, Jimmy Verbout and Brady Olson on the field!

MNSure rates rise 50 percent or more

Last week, the Minnesota Department of Commerce revealed final MNSure rates will increase 50 percent or more, on top of the increases of up to 17 percent and 49 percent Minnesotans have faced over the past two years.

Additionally, the Minnesota Department of Commerce approved enrollment caps that will limit Minnesotans' access to federal financial assistance and their ability to find health care coverage. Enrollment caps limit the number of new enrollees for certain insurers who sell insurance on the individual market. Due to MNSure's inability to accurately process applications in a timely manner, Minnesotans who attempt to enroll through MNSure could be left without coverage through no fault of their own. Those who enroll directly with an insurer typically receive confirmation of coverage immediately.

"House Republicans have offered a number of meaningful reforms to lower health care costs for Minnesotans and address our broken health care exchange, MNSure," said Rep. Dan Fabian (R-Roseau). "Unfortunately, Obamacare supporters continue to prop up MNSure and ignore its serious flaws which leaves folks in Northwest Minnesota facing another year of significant

premium increases. It's unforgivable, and I am extremely frustrated for the families and individuals in our community affected by these rate hikes and enrollment caps."

"Is this how it's going to be every year with Minnesotans seeing their health care costs skyrocket while MNSure supporters oppose implementing needed reforms, refusing to address the failures of our health care exchange?" asked Rep. Deb Kiel (R-Crookston). "House Republicans have put forth a number of proposals to address climbing health care costs that are simply unaffordable for too many folks across the state. I will continue to advocate for solutions that work for Minnesotans, increase consumer choice and lower the costs of health care."

Last Friday, Republicans including Rep. Fabian and Rep. Kiel also sent a letter to Governor Dayton demanding immediate action on a law signed by him in 2015 requiring the Department of Commerce to seek a waiver that would allow Minnesotans to access tax credits off of the MNSure exchange. Over 75 percent of people who buy health insurance on their own do not receive any financial assistance from MNSure, undermining MNSure's claims that tax credits will offset massive rate increases.

NWMAC Individual Artist Fellowship \$5,000 grants

The application deadline for Individual Artist Fellowship Grants for \$5,000 from the Northwest Minnesota Arts Council (NWMAC) is Saturday, October 15, 2016. Applications are being accepted in our seven county service area including Kittson, Marshall, Norman, Pennington, Polk, Red Lake and Roseau counties in Minnesota. Fellowship grants are awarded to individuals in our region in performing, visual, media and creative writing arts. To be eligible you must be out of high school and at least 18 years of age. College tuition is not an eligible expense. This is the main category that mid-career and established artists use to support their artistic business or advance their technical skills. Fellowships are awarded annually with \$5,000 going to four individuals. On January 15, 2017, there will be a deadline for individuals to apply for \$1,500.00 grants for slightly smaller projects. Artists who apply for \$5,000, and are not awarded a grant, have the opportunity to scale down their request and reapply.

How do I get assistance?
A grant writing workshop will be held at 7:00 pm on October 5, 2016, at the NWMAC office, 109 S Minnesota St, Warren, MN 56762. During the workshop, Mara Hanel will help artists register for our on-line

system and begin a grant application. Attendees will view the grant application on a large TV while you are lead step by step through the process of applying. The workshop will be an hour. Attendees will receive a printed draft copy of the grant to take home. Mara will discuss other successful projects and what makes their application strong within the rating system. Please RSVP to 218-745-9111 that you are attending. If you cannot attend the workshop and need assistance call to schedule a one-on-one consultation. You must have your entire application complete and submitted by the deadline. This includes your work sample, work sample description, budget, quotes, and one letter of recommendation.

What is a typical project? Often, grant proposals are to buy items that directly relate to your art like upgrading an instrument or replacing worn out visual art equipment. Sometimes proposals are to attend a workshop that is important for your artistic growth then create a new body of work as a result of that learning. Some grants are to allow artists to create a new body of work, then promote and showcase the result.

Can I pay myself while I work on my project? Yes.

Chargers VB has an off week

Tuesday, September 27th vs. Sacred Heart in Goodridge

Chargers fell short to Sacred Heart and lost in three games (18-25, 16-25, 11-25).

Ace Assists: Hannah Dietsch 19

Kills: Ashlyn Henrickson 7, Maci Bakken 6, Karlee Johnson 5, Kaitlyn Olson 2, Alaina Monson 2, Hannah Dietsch 1

Aces: Ashlyn Henrickson 2, Alaina Monson 1, Karlee Johnson 1

Digs: Kaitlyn Olson 20, Hannah Dietsch 3

Blocks: Maci Bakken 2, Brooke Anderson 1

Coaches Comments: It was an off night for the Chargers, and the game didn't go in our favor. Maci Bakken, Libby Johnson, and Mercedes Coan stepped up and did well!

Thursday, September 29th vs. BGMR in Grygla

Chargers lost in three games

(20-25, 10-25, 22-25).

Ace Assists: Hannah Dietsch 22

Kills: Ashlyn Henrickson 13, Karlee Johnson 4, Alaina Monson 2, Brooke Anderson 2, Maci Bakken 2, Hannah Dietsch 1

Aces: Alaina Monson 1, Maci Bakken 1

Digs: Kaitlyn Olson 16

Blocks: Alaina Monson 1, Ashlyn Henrickson 1, Karlee Johnson 1

Stats provided by Coach Olson

Coaches Comments: We had a couple tough losses this week, but I'm determined that the very talented Charger volleyball team has it in them to finish out this year strong and successful!

The volleyball schedule this week includes a game on Tuesday, October 4th, in Grygla against LOW. This is also Parent's Night.



Karlee Johnson, Kaity Olson and Trystan Jelle are ready in the back row in the game against BGMR last week.



Ready for what's coming to the net is Ashlyn Henrickson, Brooke Anderson and Trystan Jelle. The Chargers lost the home game to BGMR in 3 games.

Of interest around the area

Bemidji hosts first 'Friday Art Walk' this Friday

Events to Attend:

Gallery North – Gallery North's showcase artist is Shirley Lee. Lee works in oil, acrylic, and watercolor. Her work also includes mixed media using various textures. Gallery North's featured member artist is photo artist Carol Hoyem. All of Hoyem's work starts with her original photographs, which are then transformed via digital photo artistry techniques into unique pieces of art. Visit with both artists on Friday, October 7th from 2-5 p.m. at Gallery North, 502 3rd Street NW in Bemidji.

The Least of These Fair Trade & Handmade Gift Shoppe presents chainmaille and jewelry artist John Theroux, founder of JohnsChains of Bemidji. This event will take place on Friday October 7th from 5-7 pm at 108 3rd Street NW, downtown Bemidji. Refreshments will be served.

Wild Hare Bistro and Coffeehouse will present Wild Horse Fine Art Photography by artist Jessie Marianiello, October 7th through November 2nd. Bemidji native and founder of Stray Dog Arts, Marianiello is known for her colorful pet portraits. This exhibit will feature her fine art photography captured while observing wild

horses in the far reaches of the Wyoming mountains. Meet the artist at the opening reception during the first Friday Art Walk on Friday, October 7th, from 3-5p. Wild Hare is located at 523 Minnesota Ave.

Exhibits to View:

Neilson Place continues the photography display entitled "Visions of Nature" by Mitch Hilliard. Hilliard grew up near Fosston and Lengby, working on farm equipment for 33 years. He has many interests including photography, science, geology, paleontology, archaeology, nature and trains. His photos have been featured in several publications. Neilson Place is located on the Sanford WoodsEdge campus, 1000 Anne Street NW.

Dunn Bros Coffee feature's work from Lainie Hiller. Hiller is a local photographer and will be displaying mounted works as well as cards for the month of October. Dunn Bros is located at 501 Paul Bunyan Dr SE.

Bemidji Library - Grace Garland will be the showcase artist at the Bemidji Public Library for the month of October. The art display will hang from Oct. 3 - 30. Garland has been painting for over 20 years. She is inspired by nature and paints in a variety of mediums, including watercolor, oils, and acrylics will be displayed.

► WHAT A JOKE

Ole: Vhy don't Swedes make Kool Aid?

Sven: I tink it's because it's so hard getting a quart of vater to pour into dat little hole in da package!?

Ole remarked, as he sat reading a magazine, "Lena, do you know every time I breathe, somebody dies?" To which Lena replied, "Vhy don't you try gargling with Listerine?"

Sven marveled at the agreeable way Ole got along with Lena. He asked Ole, "What is your secret?" "Vell," Ole said, "I

always tell her da truth...even if I have to lie a little."

Ole and Lars were in a bar watching the late evening news. A story showed a man threatening to leap off a bridge. Ole said, "I'll bet \$10 he doesn't yump." Lars said, "I'll take that bet." A few seconds later, the man jumped and Ole had to pay up. "You darn fool," laughed Lars. "Didn't you see the SIX O'CLOCK news?" "Yah, I did," admitted Ole. "But I didn't tink da guy would be fool enough to do it again."

Wednesday, October 5, 2016



A typical vacation in the 20's and 30's would be a trip to Red Lake for swimming and picnicking. Among those enjoying a picnic in this 1929 photo are Olaf Sletten, Serene Tanem and Mr. and Mrs. Hawkinson.

Looking back on the past in Grygla



1914 Annual Meeting of the Grygla Coop. Otto Johnson, clerk at that time, is the gentleman in white sleeves in the middle.

Grygla Cooperative Company

Due to early conditions in the community it seemed imperative to the pioneers that they must form an organization of their own to sell groceries and hardware to themselves on a cooperative basis. A canvas of the area was taken and the results were 116 signatures donating \$100 each. A \$5.00 membership fee was also charged. A proposal was made by Newton and Fladeland, General Merchandise and Johnson Bros. Hardware to the group to sell out to them.

meeting was held for the purpose of drawing up by-laws assisted by league organizer J.A. Payne. At his meeting, the first board of directors was elected. They were G.A. Johnson, Simon Bergseng, Torwald Lillvold, Charles Gerber and C.E. Stenmon. The name chosen for the company was Grygla Cooperative. The name became official on August 4th, 1910.

At the time, the roads were not as they are now. Many of the pioneers still walked, some used oxen, and a few had horses. It was decided that further

facilities were needed so arrangements were made to buy out the Hawkins Brothers Store at Carmel to accommodate the people in that area. This was done and George Sheldrow was appointed to manage this store. There was a store at Liner, which the company purchased but was closed shortly and the goods were transferred to Grygla.

Times were rather ragged in those days; they did not have the advantage of electricity, oil burners or good roads. The pioneers of those days thought

nothing of strapping a sack of flour on their back and carrying it miles to their homestead. All supplies for the stores were hauled from Thief River Falls by horse drawn wagons. A trip would take from three to five days or more depending on weather conditions. The shelves were not always well stocked. The essential items pioneers had to get as son as they arrived. Fruits such as bananas and oranges were more or less a yearly treat.



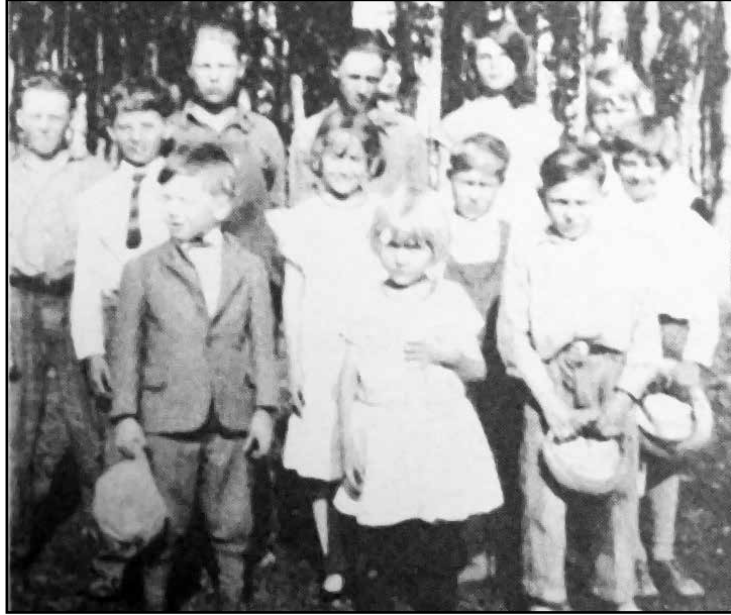
1952 Grande Corner School sight – former rural schools. West Spruce Grove, Sandsmark School-Benville Township, Olstad School-Lee Township, Big Grass-Moose River area and the Rosebud school (not listed in order as pictured).



School picture – about two miles south of Grygla. Gerald Nelson, Buddy, Raymond, Jack and Lillian Sorenson, Clara Olson, Alex, Edith, Elvin and Myrtle Anderson and Otto Olson.



Below:
West Spruce Grove



Pictured Above: 1950 School photo – north of Grygla. *Back:* Raymond Moe, Dale Hanson, Eddie Moe, Dale Erickson, Alice Arnevik, Vernon Nordby, Janet Solem, Margie Hanson. *Middle:* Janice Warne, Alec Moe, Marlan Warne, Roger Hanson, Moni Solem, Marvin Erickson. *Front:* Johnny Solem, Wavel Erickson, Charlene Nordby, Joyce Solem, Doug Nordby.

Public Education

When the earliest settlers came to this area, school classes were held in the homes and teachers were unlicensed volunteers. As homesteaders filled the area, log schools were constructed in or near every township corner, so no students would have a great distance to walk. The first school in the town of Grygla was held in a house on Main Avenue. A school house was built in 1903, west of the present-day Farmer's Union Ag building. The original school had one large room for all 8 grade levels; in 1915 it was remodeled and divided into two rooms for upper and lower level classes. The building was also used for church serves and Bible School in the summer months.

An eighth grade education and a teacher's training certificate was all that was required for a teacher's license in the days of the rural schools.

Many of the early settlers, especially those who had taken homesteads in the swamp and forest areas, left the Grygla area in the 30's when land became tax delinquent. With

fewer students in the country, some schools began to combine.

A two-story brick school was constructed in Grygla in 1935 by WPA workers. The new building cost the school district \$2,000. The brick school had 2 large classrooms upstairs for upper and lower level classes, a library, office and modern bathrooms, something new to most people in the Grygla area. The lower level held a kitchen and a dining room, which doubled as an auditorium. Tables were stacked on top of each other on one end of the room and folding theater seats were brought out.

In 1950, all the rural schools were consolidated into one district. Five of the rural school buildings were brought into Grygla while others were transported to the East School site, which is present-day Grande Corner; a bus system was developed.

A new high school was the start of a new wave of progress in Grygla. The new high school opened its doors on September 16, 1974.

School Teaching

Written by: Lillian Sundberg (Taken from the '75 Years of History 1917-1992' book)

The school teaching profession has changed in many ways during the past fifty or more years. Some of the changes are that teaching is, physically, much easier and the wages are much higher. Old time teachers were expected to come to school early in the mornings and to build fires in the large wood stove that had a steel jacket around it to keep the pupils from getting too close to the hot stove. Besides the main schoolroom, there usually was an entry room where wood was kept and where the pupils wraps were hung on hooks. No one ever had coat hangers or cloak rooms. Rural schools were usually located about every 5-6 miles apart, so that no child would have more than 2-3 miles to school. Each school had two little houses in back of the main building, which were used as bathrooms.

Among my experiences and which were true for nearly all rural teachers was that on Friday, after school, I walked eleven miles to my home and on Sunday I returned on foot. Some teachers rode horseback every day from their homes, which were several miles away. The traveling was often difficult because only the main roads going east and west were cleared of snow occasionally. The roads leading north or south were left unplowed. Some teachers used skis to make traveling easier.

My brother, who was also a teacher in the same area as I was, decided that he and I should buy a pair of skis together. Wages were low at that time and two pairs of skis were not in our budget. Teachers were paid from sixty to ninety dollars per month and board and room was usually thirty dollars per month. One March day, when the snow drifts were getting rather soft, we decided to ski back to our school from our parents' home, after spending the weekend at home. I started out on the skis with a

pack sack on my shoulders and skied one mile where I left the skis and started to walk. My brother used the skis for one mile and then walked. We did this for about ten miles when I decided to walk the last two miles to my boarding place while my brother, who had a few miles more to go, took the skis. The first mile there was a sleigh trace to walk in. The second mile, where drifts were deep, had begun to thaw and the snow broke through at every step. Finally, I decided to crawl and use my pack sack to push the snow drifts down. I kept on that way until I came within a few feet of the house. I collapsed there and was dragged inside by my landlady. She worked to thaw out my frozen feet and legs. She saved my legs, my feet and my life. The next day, my landlady's husband gave me a ride to school, three miles away, using a horse and sleigh.

That was enough for me, so I found a boarding place only one mile from school. After the economic depression of the 1930's, many people found jobs in other fields, so there was a greater demand for teachers and wages were increased to \$120 per month and finally to \$360 a month, which was considered to be enormous in the early 1950's.

All rural school teachers had to teach pupils in all eight grades and in every subject, including Art, Music and Physical Education. For a number of years, no phy. ed. teachers were provided. Each teacher was responsible for their own basketball, softball and other physical activities. Also, with no gym, the old bus garage was used to play basketball in. 8th graders had to play softball in the snow, too!

Eighth graders also had to pass State Board tests in every subject before they could enter high school.

In 1950, schools in the rural area of Grygla were closed and children were transported to central locations at Grande Corner and Grygla.

Back in the olden days

Pictured below: 1915 Bible School held at the Grygla School House. Pictured are: Emma Hylland, Gertie Nomeland, Inga Newton, Anna Hylland, Anne Hougland, Tilda Hylland, Signe Hylland, Teacher Carrie Glende, Betsy Sordahl, Beatrice Hook, Tilda Hougland, Cora Newton, Carrie Aas, Emma Nomeland, Ole Nomeland, Sam Sordahl, Andrew Newton, Arnie Peterson.

