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This Veterans Day, November 11, 2016, we honor all who served. Thank you, Veterans.



It was April 1966 and Ronald Byklum was completing his Advanced Training at Camp Pickett, Virginia. He is pictured next to a 155-Howitzer artillery gun.

Ronald Byklum

United States Army Specialist E4

Written by Kari Sundberg, Eagle Editor

"My mother notified me that I had received a draft letter," recalls Ronald Byklum, who was living in Gilby, North Dakota at the time; his mother was back home in Grygla. Ronnie was 19 years old and working on a farm out west. The Vietnam War was already underway so he was expecting, or somewhat preparing himself, to receive a draft letter.

He was drafted November 19th, 1965. "We had two weeks to get things in order back home and then we had to head to Fargo," he says. "I had a nervous feeling," he replied when asked what was going through his mind.

In Fargo, the men were sworn into the military and put on a bus headed to Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri, where they cut off everyone's hair, gave them shots and passed out their uniforms. The group was then transported to Fort Hood, Texas, where the 8 weeks of Basic Training began.

Once Ronnie had completed Basic Training, he was able to come home for a couple of weeks before he was expected to report for Advanced Training at Fort Meade, Maryland. "They call it an MO and assign you to an area; I was assigned to the artillery," Ronnie offered. The artillery is a branch of the military that uses large-caliber guns.

In Advanced Training for another 8 weeks, Ronnie was part of the 11th Armored Cavalry

Division. He spent his time between Camp Pickett, Virginia, and Fort Meade, Maryland – each base offering a specific set of skills. He was able to come home for another couple of weeks, before heading back to Fort Meade for more training and preparations to ship out for Vietnam.

By this time, it was the fall of 1966. All of the tanks, trucks and personnel carriers went on a ship about 30 days prior to the men leaving. Ronnie's division got on a ship in Oakland, California, called the USS Upshur. They were on the ship for about 25 days before arriving in Cam Ranh Bay, Vietnam.

"We got there at night. Off in the distance, toward the land, you could see tracer bullets flying through the air. I remember thinking, 'what are we getting into.' I honestly don't know if that was set up for us to look at or if it was real," said Ronnie. "It sure made you realize where you were, though."

The 11th Armored Cavalry Division was a complete new division moving into Vietnam. There was no other base camps available for the division so they had to build their own. The organization of about 1500 people was placed at Bien Hoa for a couple weeks, before moving east about 50 miles to start their own base camp in the brush. Being a complete unit with trucks, cats, gun, etc., the men started building wood structures with canvas tents over them and establishing the camp that was called Xuan Loc

Base Camp.

"Our main job was to protect the ones building," Ronnie said. "We were the mobilized guys with the big guns. We would park at the base and shoot missiles out for miles towards the enemy." Ronnie also remembers setting up barb wire to make a safe perimeter around the camp, which was mortared once. Although no one lost their lives from that attack, there were numerous injuries.

Once the camp was built and more established, Ronnie's group was sent on missions outside of camp. Of those missions, one included the infamous Operation Junction City, which is portrayed on the big screen when it was made into a movie in 2005.

According to online research, Operation Junction City was an 82 day military operation conducted by United States and South Vietnam in an attempt to flush out the VietCong headquarters, sending them to retreat against a prepared "anvil" of pre-positioned forces. The intention was to locate the elusive "headquarters" believed to be almost a "mini-Pentagon," complete with typists, file cabinets and staff workers possibly guarded by layers of bureaucracy. In truth, after the end of the war, the actual headquarters was revealed by VC archives to be a small and mobile group of people, often sheltering in ad

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Veterans Day program in Goodridge

The Goodridge School will be hosting a Veterans Day program on Thursday, November 10th at 9am in the school gym. Arlen Johnson is the scheduled guest speaker; he at-

tended Goodridge School K-12 and served as an Airborne Paratrooper with the 173d Airborne Brigade in Vietnam, and served with the 8th Division Pathfinders in West Germany.

The Goodridge Elementary and High School choirs will be performing at the event. Everyone is welcome to attend.



Save the date for another 'Holiday Extravaganza'

The Grygla Centennial Committee is working on planning another Holiday Extravaganza for Saturday, December 10th, at the Grygla Community Center. The event details are still being worked out with more information to come.

Last year, the committee hosted a successful event that included a chili cook-off, baked potato bar, Bingo and announcement of the Holiday Cash raffle winners.

Something similar will be

taking place with the time and details coming soon! One thing we know for sure is the committee will again be announcing the Holiday Cash raffle winners that evening!

Currently, raffle tickets are available with various committee members (Gretchen Smeby, Shonda Jelle, Gavin Nordby, to name a few) or can be purchased at local businesses.

The Holiday Cash Raffle is a fundraiser sponsored by Grygla Lion's Club license #00782.

Tickets are available at \$20 each with only 600 tickets being sold. Must be 18 years of age to purchase ticket or win prize. Prize money is:

- 1st: \$1000.00
- 2nd: \$750.00
- 3rd-4th: \$500.00
- 5th-9th: \$250.00
- 10th-13th: \$200.00
- 14th-20th: \$100.00

Save the date and plan to support the 2017 Grygla Centennial by attending this event on December 10th.



Marshall County Sheriff's Deputy Cody Gillund's new K9 partner has arrived! Meet Eva! Deputy Gillund traveled to Iowa on October 30th to pick up his new partner, Eva, and will head back there in about a week to start his training! (Photos courtesy of Marshall County Sheriff's Department)



Grayden Hagen took a walk through the "Haunted Hallway" at the Grygla School on Halloween. What do you think is going through his little mind? The spooky, haunted hallway is put on by Grygla Student Council members and gave some kids (and adults!) quite the screams – all in fun, of course! 'Tis the season!



City of Grygla Reminder

The City of Grygla would like to remind anyone that used the bulk water fill (by the water tower) to turn in their slips to the City Clerk's Office, PO Box 76 or call 294-6292.

Chix from the Stix Hunter's Bash

Grygla's Relay for Life team, Chix from the Stix, hosted a Hunter's Bash at Yo-Hawn's last Saturday evening. Party goers were able to dance to live music by Two-At-A-Time with numerous door prizes drawn throughout the night. Team members guest bartended and were on hand to pull off a successful, fun night benefitting the American Cancer Society! Pictured below are team members Rose Hanson and Shauna Olson.

Chix from the Stix members also donated their time and tips towards a worthy cause. Pictured below is guest bartender and team member Audrya Nelson.



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Interim Pastor Phil Johnson

Wednesday:
 7pm Confirmation at Faith

Sunday:
 Bethany: 8:30am Worship w/
 9:45am SS
 Ekelund: 9:45am Worship w/
 11am SS
 Faith: 11am Worship w/
 9:45am SS

Monday:
 Rachel Circle 9:30am; 7pm
 Parish Board meeting at Faith

Pastor: Phil Johnson
Wednesday:
 Wednesday School/Confirmation 5-7pm
Sunday:
 St. Petri: 8am Worship w/
 9:15am SS
 Oak Park: 9:45am Worship w/
 8:30am SS
 Nazareth: 11am Worship w/
 10am SS

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



It is with great joy that Dustin Wayne Neuschwander and Faith Sherilyn Swanson announce their engagement and upcoming marriage on November 19, 2016.

Dustin is the son of Elden & Dawn Neuschwander, of Grygla, and Faith is the daughter of JacLyn Swanson and the late Paul Swanson, of Warren.

Dustin and Faith are both graduates of the University of North Dakota in Grand Forks, ND. Dustin is employed as a Manufacturing Engineer at Motor Coach Industries in Pembina, ND. Faith is employed as a Preschool teacher at the WAO Elementary School in Warren.

The couple will reside in Warren following their marriage.

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Salò Signs has put together Charger apparel orders in time for Christmas! To view the variety of items please visit www.salosigns.com. Order forms and money are due back to the Grygla/Goodridge schools by Thursday, November 10th, at 12pm. You can print the order forms directly off the website and turn them into the schools.

**ANNUAL
SALE EVENT**
at **YO-HAWN'S**

Thursday, Nov. 17th
5-8pm

Friday, Nov 18th
10:30am-8pm

Of interest items: Crafts, Christmas Décor, Rummage, Lefse, Avon, Rada Knives.

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****Important Property Tax Agricultural Homestead Notice****

Legislation provides for homestead of un-occupied and non-contiguous farmland under the following conditions:

- (1) agricultural property consisting of at least 40 acres;
- (2) the owner, the owner's spouse, grandchild, child, sibling, or parent of the owner of the agricultural property or of the spouse of the owner, is actively farming the agricultural property, either on the person's own behalf as an individual or on behalf of a partnership operating a family farm, family farm corporation, joint family farm venture, or limited liability company of which the person is a partner, shareholder, or member;
- (3) the owner and operator is a MN resident;
- (4) neither the owner nor their spouse may claim another agricultural homestead in MN; and
- (5) the owner and operator do not live farther than four townships or cities, or a combination of four townships or cities, from the agricultural property.

The applicant can live in their own home, an apartment, a rental home, a manufactured home park, a condominium or a cooperative and still qualify for homestead.

Actively farming includes participation in the day-to-day labor, administration and management of the farm. They must assume all or a portion of the financial risks and they must participate in any profits or losses.

An additional provision extends homestead treatment to detached agricultural land that is owned/leased by a family farm corporation, joint farm venture, limited liability company, or a partnership operating a family farm, if there is a shareholder, partner or member actively farming the land.

Homestead application: This special homestead provision is only available to qualified individuals that make application by the filing deadline of December 15, 2016. In order to monitor this homestead provision, the owner is required to make annual application accompanied by form 156EZ from the FSA office and proof of filing a Schedule "F" on income taxes.

For applications, contact the Marshall County Assessor at 208 E Colvin Ave., Suite 13, Warren, MN 56762 or call (218) 745-5331. Application deadline for payable 2017 taxes: December 15, 2016.

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IMPORTANT PROPERTY TAX HOMESTEAD NOTICE

** This will affect the amount of property tax you pay in 2017, and it may affect your eligibility for a property tax refund.*

Please contact your county assessor to file a homestead application on or before December 15, 2016, if one of the following applies:

- You purchased a property in the past year and you, or a qualifying relative, occupy the property for homestead purposes on December 1, 2016; or
- You, or a qualifying relative, occupy a property for homestead purposes on December 1, 2016, and the property was previously classified as non-homestead.

A qualifying relative for homestead purposes depends on the type of property. For residential property, a qualifying relative can be a parent, stepparent, child, stepchild, grandparent, grandchild, brother, sister, uncle, aunt, nephew, or niece of the owner. This relationship may be by blood or marriage. For agricultural property, a qualifying relative can be a grandchild, child, sibling, or parent of the owner of the agricultural property or of the spouse of the owner.

Once you have been granted the homestead classification, no further applications are necessary unless they are specifically requested by the county assessor.

You must also contact the assessor by December 15, 2016 if you are the property owner, or a qualifying relative of the property owner, and the use of the property has changed during the past year.

If you should sell, move, or for any reason no longer qualify for the homestead classification, you are required to notify the county assessor within 30 days of the change in homestead status. Failure to notify the county assessor within this 30-day period is punishable by recalculation of tax as non-homestead, in addition to a penalty equal to 100 percent of the homestead benefits.

**Marshall County Assessor's Office
218-745-5331**

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Wednesday, November 9: Warroad Community Center	Church
Thursday, November 10: Red Lake Falls Community Center	Tuesday, November 22: Karlstad, First Lutheran Church
Monday-Friday, November 14-18: Thief River Falls, Re- deemer Lutheran Church	Wednesday, November 23: Rouseau LifeCare Medical Cen- ter Basement Auxiliary Room
Monday, November 21: Warren, Evangelical Covenant	Wednesday, November 23: Grygla, Grace Lutheran Church



Jaxon Lian, grandson of Dick and Donna Lian, son of Greg Lian, shot this 8-pointer over the youth deer hunting season near the Thorhult area where the family has a cabin.

Wed | Nov 9
Grygla Eagle office open
9am-6pm; Senior Meals
at Grain Bin Café 11am;
Grygla Library open 2-6pm;
Senior Citizens celebrate
November birthdays at the
Grain Bin Café 2:30pm;
Grygla ECFE Infant/Tod-
dler Night 4:30-5:30pm

Thurs | Nov 10
Veterans Day program at
the Gooridge School 9am;
GG Parent Teacher Confer-
ences 4-8pm

Fri | Nov 11
No School; Veterans Day;
Senior Meals at Grain Bin
Café 11am

Sat | Nov 12
Elementary Basketball
practice in Grygla 9-11am

Sun | Nov 13

Mon | Nov 14
Senior Meals at Grain Bin
Café 11am; Arm Knitting
Community Ed. Class at
Grygla High School 6-8pm;
Turkey Bingo at Grygla
High School 7pm; Grygla
City Council meeting at
Civic Building 7pm

Tues | Nov 15
Grygla Eagle office open
2:30-3:30pm; GG Parent
Teacher Conferences 4-8pm

Class: Arm Knitting
Info: Learn how to knit with your arms instead of needles. This new form of knitting is quick and cozy, and by the end of class you will have a warm scarf to take home!
Where: Grygla Public School Library
When: Monday, November 14
Time: 6-8pm
Instructor: Sarah Villanueva
Cost: \$20 to be paid in cash or check to Grygla Community Education on night of class
Registration: Call Shaunna Olson at 294-6155
Registration Deadline: November 11th, 3pm
 Minimum participation to offer class: 5

Class: Christmas Stamp a Stack
Where: Grygla School Library
When: Sunday, November 20
Time: 3-7pm, supper provided
Ages: 1st grade through adult – limit 20 participants
Cost: \$15/person to be paid in cash or check to Grygla Community Education on night of class
Registration: Call Kim Clevlen at 294-6306 or Shaunna Olson at 294-6155
Registration Deadline: November 17th, 3pm

Class: Holiday Crafts
Info: Your choice of three crafts: rustic post snowman, rustic wood Christmas candles, tree Christmas card holder (2 options). Check the Community Ed tab on the school website for photos

Where: Grygla School Commons
When: Wednesday, December 7
Time: 6-9pm
Instructors: Tami Irlbeck, Hazel Thomas, Amy Holte
Cost: Snowman/candles are \$10; tree card holder is \$12
Registration: Call Shaunna Olsson at 294-6155
Registration Deadline: November 30th

Class: Christmas Baking Made Easy
Info: No shopping or searching for recipes! Make, bake and take your goodies home. Bring containers to hold 8-10 dozen cookies. Don't need that many treats? Bring a friend and split the cookies and the cost!
Where: Grygla School FACS room
When: Tuesday, December 20
Time: 6-9pm
Instructor: Kandy Sundberg
Cost: \$30.00
Registration: Call Shaunna Olsson at 294-6155
Registration Deadline: December 13th

Make checks payable to the Grygla School. Fees due by the date of class and may be paid at the class. You can register on the Community Ed page of the school website, too!

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

A Salute To America's Military Heroes

*V*eterans Day is November 11th. This holiday was originally called Armistice Day when it was established in 1926 to commemorate the end of World War I and to honor those who sacrificed their lives.

In 1954, the day was renamed Veterans Day to honor all American men and women who have served in the military during war and peacetime. We thank all veterans for their service and sacrifice for our country.

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A Note from Principal Lunsetter’s Desk

“When nothing is going right, go left.” ~ Anonymous

For whatever, we insist on making most things harder than they need to be. Often times, we struggle with the same issue, and think that we can resolve it if we just work harder. Sometimes this approach works, but more often than not, the answer is not to work harder, but instead to work smarter. Next time you're faced with something that you just can't figure out no matter how hard you try, step back and think about it. Ask for other people's opinions and come up with a different plan and see if it makes a difference.

Word of the Week
...enhancing vocabularies
one Grygla Eagle at a time.

Harum-Scarum \HAIR-uhm SKAIR-uhm\

Adjective

1. reckless; rash; irresponsible
2. disorganized; uncontrolled

Ronald Byklum...

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hoc facilities.
“Being a part of that mission really sticks in my mind,” said Ronnie. “I haven’t seen the movie and I don’t plan to either,” he adds. He recalls a lot of land mines in the area, though. One truck, only a couple of spots in front of him, was hit. He says they would all set up camp out in the woods and dig foxholes where they could sleep and seek shelter from incoming mortars.
When asked if he sustained any injuries in the war, Ronnie laughed and said he only received one that was self-inflicted. “We were sleeping under our canvas right off the big gun. It was the middle of the night and we received a shooting mission. The guys didn’t wake everyone up so two of us were still sleeping. The gun shot right over us and, to this day, my ears still ring,” he said.
Another memorable moment in Vietnam was when Ronnie, by chance, ran into his friend from back home. He was out on a mission in the rubber plantation and noticed a guy looking at him. “I was in the chow line and this guy kept staring at me. Later, I went to wash my utensils and he was still staring at me. Here it was my friend, Keith Wikstrom, from Grygla! I didn’t know he’d be there and I sure didn’t expect to see him,” Ronnie smiled. The two friends were able to talk for a bit, but it wasn’t long before they had to move along.
Ronald Byklum was in Vietnam from October 1966 to September 1967. Expecting to serve 1 year, the men were able to go home after 11 months. New troops were sent in to replace the men. After they provided those new troops with sufficient training, the men were able to fly back to Oakland, California from Saigon,

Vietnam. “We got offered money to go back, but I declined,” says Ronnie. Once they were back on US land, the men had to go through a discharge process in California. “They call it debriefing. They tell us all the things we shouldn’t say about the war and then they give you some papers and make you an offer to go back,” Ronnie said.
From California, Ronnie flew to Minneapolis and spent a few days with his cousin, Wally Byklum. “We talked about a few things – things I had missed...things about the war,” Ronnie recalled. Then it was homeward bound.
By this time, it was fall of 1967. “I got trapped by Nancy a couple of years later,” he laughed. Ronald and Nancy were married in 1969 and had three children: Sheila, Deanna and Karla. Ronnie went on to work construction for a few years. He bought the family farm and says he was all over the place! “I had some cattle and small grain; I worked at Land O’ Lakes; I drove truck for Polaris; I was all over!”
Ronnie is a lifetime member of the Grygla VFW Post 3858, joining in 1970. The post is actually in the process of dissolving due to lack of memberships, but the current members can transfer their membership to another area post.
He is also a charter member of the American Legion Post 162, helping to start the post 33 years ago!
When asked how the service and his experience has shaped his life today, Ronald says, “Although it was scary, it was a good thing. You are forced to grow up fast. I honestly believe that a lot of 19 year olds need to go into the service for that same experience. It just teaches you so much respect.”



The Read*Write*Math Summer program recently held their pizza party for the 6 elementary students who successfully completed it! L-R: Robin Johnson, program coordinator, Chelsie Nelson, Addison Severts, Emily Johnson, Mollie Lunsetter, Conner Boutain and Laurie Polansky, American State Bank representative, who presented each student with a \$25 Visa gift card. (Not picture: Brianna Severts)
Students in the summer reading enrichment program need to commit to reading, writing or doing math for a certain amount of minutes and days throughout the summer months. Congratulations on your dedication, kids!

EXTENSION NEWS

What is a Fair & Profitable Farm Rental Agreement?
Landlords, Farmers, Agri-Business Professionals should make plans to attend one of the informative meetings being held across Minnesota. These free meetings are being provided by the University of Minnesota Extension. Farm land rental rates have started to lower as corn and soybean prices continue lower in 2016. Determining a fair farm rent agreement is a challenge in today's economy with current significantly lower corn and soybeans prices in 2016 compared to recent record corn and soybean prices and record farm land values.
Negotiating a fair rental agreement that satisfies the land owner and the farmer is a challenge. David Bau, Pauline Van Nurden, Gary Hachfeld and Nathan Hulinsky, Extension Educators in Ag Business Management, will provide several ways; by examples, factsheets and worksheets to determine a fair farm land rental rate for both parties.
Topics covered at the meetings will include local historic and projected farmland rental rate

trends, current farm land values and sales, a worksheet that will help determine a fair rental agreement. Input costs for 2017 will be presented along with current 2017 corn and soybean prices. Worksheets will examine 2017 costs and what is affordable rent that a farmer will be able to pay in 2017, the rate of return to the landlord at current market values and examine flexible rental agreements.
Make plans to attend one of these meetings now. Attendees will receive several informative worksheets and factsheets that will help to determine what is a fair 2017 farm land rental rate is.
The meeting will be held in locally at:
Moorhead Courtyard by Marriott Dec. 1 9:00 am, 1080 28 th Ave. S., Moorhead
Newfolden Community Center Nov. 15 1:00 pm, East 1 st Street, Newfolden
Red Lake Falls City Hall Conference Room Nov. 15 9:30 am, 108 2nd St SW Red Lake Falls
Park Rapids Northwoods Bank Nov. 16 1:30 pm, 1200 First Street East, Park Rapids

FSA County Committee Elections to begin

Farm Service Agency (FSA) Administrator Val Dolcini today announced that the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) will begin mailing ballots to eligible farmers and ranchers across the country for the 2016 FSA County Committee elections on Monday, Nov. 7, 2016. Producers must return ballots to their local FSA offices by Dec. 5, 2016, to ensure that their vote is counted.
“Producers elected to FSA county committees play a vital role in local agricultural decisions,” said Dolcini. “Their contributions are essential to the daily operation of nearly 2,200 offices across the country. It is a valued partnership that helps us better understand the needs of the farmers and ranchers we serve.”
Nearly 7,700 FSA County Committee members serve FSA offices nationwide. Each committee has three to 11 elected members who serve three-year terms of office. One-third of county committee seats are up for election each year. County committee members apply their knowledge and judgment to help FSA make important decisions on its commodity support programs, conservation programs, indemnity and disaster programs, and emergency programs and eligibility.
Producers must participate or cooperate in an FSA program to be eligible to vote in the county committee election. Approximately 1.5 million producers are currently eligible to vote. Farmers and ranchers who supervise and conduct the farming operations of an entire farm, but are not of legal voting age, also may be eligible to vote.
Farmers and ranchers will begin receiving their ballots the week of Nov. 7. Ballots include the names of candidates running for the local committee election. FSA has modified the ballot, making it easily identifiable and less likely to be overlooked. Voters who do not receive ballots in the coming week can pick one up at their local FSA offices. Ballots returned by mail must be postmarked no later than Dec. 5, 2016. Newly elected committee members will take office Jan. 1, 2017.
For more information, visit the FSA website at www.fsa.usda.gov/elections. You may also contact your local USDA Service Center or FSA office.



St. Clement’s Catholic Church holds its annual Hunter’s Supper!

MaryLee Molstad and Susan Saurdiff greeted guests and hunters last Saturday evening at the annual Hunter’s Supper held at the Grygla Community Center!
Check out the spread over there —————>
Turkey and ALL the fixings were served to a steady group of guests from 4:30-8pm!
Raffle tickets were sold for a Muzzloader, Homemade quilt and other great items.
A Hunter’s Mass was held at 7:30pm.



MN Winter Hazard Awareness Week is Nov 14-18

Minnesota summers are cherished times. People spend every warm minute they can enjoying their lakes, cabins, sports, festivals and fairs. But as the season turns to fall, and the air turns crisp, we know a Minnesota winter is soon on the way. And as we get out the gloves and boots, it's time to refresh our winter safety knowledge and skills - and get prepared.
That's why the Minnesota Department of Public Safety division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management (DPS-HSEM) in collaboration with the National Weather Service, sponsors the annual “Winter Hazard Awareness Week” public information campaign each year.
The week features an intense news and social media information campaign that highlights daily topics related to winter weather safety. The HSEM Winter Weather Safety website offers additional information, checklists, and resources to assist in local education efforts throughout the season. We encourage people, families, businesses, and organizations to use the information to review, refresh and share their winter safety knowledge and habits.
WINTER HAZARD AWARENESS WEEK TOPICS
Monday, November 14: Winter Weather Overview – Ice storms, blizzards, sub-zero temperatures, winter weather watches and warnings and wind chill
Tuesday, November 15: Outdoor Winter Safety – Safety on ice, snowmobile safety, hypothermia and frostbite
Wednesday, November 16: Winter Fire Safety – Winter and holiday fire safety, alternative heat sources, smoke detectors, cooking safety, candles and decorations
Thursday, November 17: Indoor Winter Safety – Carbon monoxide, radon, mold and general home care
Friday, November 18: Winter Driving – auto safety, snowplows, road conditions, using 5-1-1, winter driving tips, car survival kits
Outdoor News
Deer stands not allowed to be left overnight on wildlife management areas
With the Minnesota firearms deer season that began Nov. 5, hunters are reminded that deer stands cannot be left overnight on state wildlife management areas (WMA).
“Leaving stands overnight on these public lands is a fairly common violation,” said Capt. Jon Paurus, education programs coordinator with the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources. “The reason for this rule is to prevent hunters from pre-empting hunting spots. At the beginning of each day, all locations on these public lands are available to anyone on a first-come, first-served basis.”
Portable stands may be used on WMAs if they are removed each day at the close of shooting hours and do no permanent damage. Spikes or nails driven into trees are not allowed, but screwing or clamping devices are allowed if removed each day at the close of shooting hours.
“Hunters who use stands are reminded to always wear a safety harness, check climbing sticks or ladders for damage and always wait until safely in the stand before loading a firearm,” Paurus said.
Minnesota has 1.3 million acres of land in WMAs, and an estimated 500,000 hunters are expected to hit the woods and fields in hopes of harvesting an animal. Questions should be directed to the DNR Information Center at 888-646-6367.



Get the recipe for this award-winning chili in next week's Simply Delicious column!



Pictured inside the Post Exchange (PX), a military store on base, Ronnie was in his military dress uniform.



In this photo, Ronald was pulling guard duty at Fort Meade, Maryland, which was his main base during his Advanced Training in 1966.



Norman Ordean Newton Seaman Second Class *United States Navy, World War II*

Norman Newton (1917-1990) was living in Grygla, MN, married to Lillian, and had one 5-year old son, Dale, when he was drafted into the United States Navy. It was 1945 and World War II was nearing its end, but the draft was still going strong. Norman was 27 years old at the time and served a time period of 8 months and 27 days with the US Navy; he was lucky enough to never get sent overseas. "He always joked he was a dry-land sailor," laughed Lisa Swanson, Norman's youngest daughter.

The nation's first military draft began in 1940, when President Roosevelt signed the Selective Training and Service Act. The draft continued through war and peacetime until 1973. More than 10 million men entered military service through the Selective Service System during World War II alone. At the beginning of WWII, Norman, along with anyone else over the age of 18, had to register for the draft. He received his first correspondence postal card, complete with his Order No. 1178, in November 1940 from Marshall County. His date of entry into active service wasn't until August 8th, 1945.

On his first classification notice, dated December 15th, 1941, Norman was classified a 3-A, which meant he was "exempt" as he was the primary support of a minor child. But on the card dated February 13th, 1945, his classification was changed to a 2-A, which meant he was eligible despite being the primary support for a minor child.

"When dad was drafted for service, I believed he was assigned to the Navy," Lisa Swanson says. "My sister, Cathy, and I can't recall, but he often told us they were concerned about his flat feet – that no one with flat feet could be in the army because they didn't think those people could walk as far," she laughed. Norman attended training in Minneapolis and was then stationed at a US Naval Training Center in Great Lakes, Illinois, where he stayed until he was honorably discharged on May 4th, 1946.

Norman Newton, Seaman Second Class, United States Navy, World War II, was married to Lillian and made the family home in Grygla, MN. The couple had six children – Dale, Rodney, Lyle, Cathy, Dannie and Lisa.

NO. 5571 - CERTIFIED COPY OF TRIPLE CARD, NAV. PERM. NO. 7-45 WITH DATA TRANSCRIBED FROM NAV. PERM. NO. 33 (2-45) AND COMPLETE NAV. PERM. NO. 33 (2-45).	
Honorable Discharge from the United States Navy	
This is to Certify that	
NORMAN ORDEAN NEWTON, SEAMAN SECOND CLASS	
is HONORABLY DISCHARGED from the U.S. NAVY PERSONNEL SEPARATION CENTER * MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA, and from the Naval Service of the United States	
this 4th day of May, 1946.	
This certificate is awarded as a Testimonial of Fidelity and Obedience.	
C. E. ATSTIN, COMMANDANT, U.S. NAVY PERSONNEL SEPARATION CENTER, MINNEAPOLIS, MINN.	
FOLLOWING DATA TRANSCRIBED FROM NAVPERS 555, NOTICE OF SEPARATION	
Serial of the number 984 88 29 Date and place of birth 12-17 Grygla, Minnesota (Dad)	
Date of entry into active service 8-8-45	
Highest rank or rating held 2/A	
Service vessels and stations served on U.S. Gr. Lakes Ill. NAS Glenview, Ill.	
Remarks authority for discharge 1607 76-46	
R. M. JOHNSON, JR., U.S. N. PERSONNEL SEPARATION CENTER, MINNEAPOLIS, MINN.	
Other entries previously made herein now covered by NAVPERS-555, Notice of Separation.	
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Norman Newton's United States Navy Discharge papers filed May 4th, 1946.

NAVY DEPARTMENT BUREAU OF NAVAL PERSONNEL WASHINGTON, D. C.		PENALTY FOR PRIVATE USE TO AVOID PAYMENT OF POSTAGE, \$200.	
OFFICIAL BUSINESS			
Mrs. Norman O. Newton Grygla, Minn.			

NOTICE OF CHANGE OF ADDRESS NAVY DEPARTMENT (REV. 1-40)		DATE 8-8-45.	
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NEW SHIP OR STATION			
U.S. Naval Training Center, Great Lakes, Ill.			
NEW COMPANY GROUP OR OTHER ORGANIZATION			
NEW POST OFFICE ADDRESS			
SIGNATURE		CORRESPONDENCE ADDRESS	
Norman Ordean Newton		L. O. JOHNSON, JR., Lieut.	
NOTE - PUBLISHERS AND BUSINESS ORGANIZATIONS NEED THE OLD ADDRESS FOR CORRECT PROMOTION		USNR	
OLD ADDRESS WAS			
U.S. Navy Recruiting Station			
Minneapolis, Minnesota			
PUBLICATION KEY NO. (IF AVAILABLE)			

Naval Personnel sent this card to Norman's wife, Lillian, informing her of her husband's new address. He was being moved from the US Navy Recruiting Station in Minneapolis to the US Naval Training Center in Great Lakes, Ill.

Grygla Elementary Halloween Carnival



Tessa Vettleson and Kian Ahlbeck were having a blast at the Halloween carnival last week! The fun event is made possible by Grygla School and local volunteers!



At the carnival, the kids all vote for the Most Original, Funniest and Scariest Costume. They voted their fellow student, Sheldin Sundberg, for the Most Original.



Lucy Mickelson and Janessa Torgerson enjoying games at the school carnival!



Some pretty awesome costumes were sighted on Halloween. Robbie Mosher was decked out as a pirate while Mr. Monson was Russell from the movie 'Up'!



Kids enjoyed a big game of BINGO at their carnival!



Princess Josie Saurdiff



The lucky number was *EIGHT*!

Kenzie Bakken, left, shot her 8-pointer on November 6th, while her sister, Maci, pictured right, shot her 8-pointer the day before on opening morning! The sisters hunted about 3 miles west of Grygla.

