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A look at next week... Grygla Elementary School holds their Christmas program

Plans are moving along for the Centennial celebration



Gretchen Smeby, and her son, Oliver, visited with Santa at the Centennial fundraiser held last weekend!

The Grygla Centennial Committee hosted an enjoyable fundraiser last weekend at the Community Center in town. A chili and baked potato feed was held, including 10 pots of chili being entered into the chili cook off; the winner of that was the Grain Bin Café, taking home \$50 in Merchant Bucks. Following supper, BIN-GO was played with lucky winners going home with turkeys, pork loins and bacon. Santa also made an appearance early in the evening and the Holiday Cash raffle winners were announced! The lucky winners were:

1st prize of \$1000 was Blair Saurdiff; 2nd prize of \$750 was Jim Carrier; 3rd-4th prize of \$500 were Leroy Irlbeck and Tony Nordby; 5th-9th prize for \$250 were Rocky S, Bob Thompson, Glenn Sundberg, Tim Tesarek, Wayne Warne; 10th-13th prize for \$200 were Gene Kuppila, Andrew Holte, Jaclyn Moe, Tammy Nordby; 14th-20th prize for \$100 were Paul Norberg, Duane Potucek, Vicky Grove, Joe Vesey, Marcie Moe, Sheldon Peterson, Gene Lunsetter

2017 Grygla Centennial Update

The Centennial Committee, which is made up of just a few members, has been meeting every month to set the plans for the August 2017 centennial celebration. The small group has made a lot of progress despite the lack of help from volunteers within the community. Chairmen, Gavin Nordby, said at the meeting last week that everything is going smoothly for the most part. The committee doesn't necessarily need any more bodies; it's the sub-committees that are in need of some members at this point. They'll also be needing some volunteers to offer their help the weekend of the big event. If you are interested in helping to organize and plan events or offer your assistance, please get into contact with Gavin Nordby, Gretchen Smeby, Shonda Jelle or Bob Thompson.

The last committee meeting was held on December 7th with 8 people present: Gavin Nordby, Julie Sparby, Shonda Jelle, Donna Lian, Bob Thompson, Gretchen Smeby, Amy Holte

and Kari Sundberg.

The meeting consisted of a short run down of some of the centennial events that are booked, and also discussion of the Holiday Extravaganza, which was held over the weekend. (The event was actually in discussion to be cancelled as three days prior to the event, no chili entries had been received, along with no volunteers offering their assistance in helping with the event. However, committee members made a last ditch effort to round up help to cook chili, make bars, serve food, clean tables, sell Bingo cards and raffle tickets, but all agreed it would have been nice to see community members step in and offer their assistance without having to be asked.) But, as mentioned above, the Holiday Extravaganza was successfully held with about 90 community members attending the event. Moving forward with upcoming events, community involvement is encouraged and appreciated. Remember, it's easier for a lot of people to do a little vs. a small amount of people trying to do a lot!

Per Nordby, some of the centennial events happening the weekend of August 25-27 are included below.

Entertainment: "October Road" on the street Friday night, "32 Below" on the street Saturday night, "Back Behind the Barn Boys" Saturday early evening.

"Games to Go" out of Fargo, ND, will be bringing the following for kids and adults: Animal Kingdom, 18-foot Giant Slide, Wrecking Ball, 70-foot Obstacle Course and Monkey Motion Bungee Jumpers.

"Steve Porter's Trophy Whitetails" will also be on display. There will be a caricature present, along with wood carving, a vintage fashion show, quilt show, 5k run/walk, volleyball/horseshoe tournaments, classic car show, demolition derby and a parade, to name a few.

Plans for an all-school reunion are also in the works. They include a tour of the school and social hour on Friday evening of that weekend. Committee members plan to gather biographies from each alumni attending so they can put together a booklet that will be available for purchase after the event. Alumni members are encouraged to get together with their classes (or a group of classes) to enter a float in Saturday's parade. More information will be available as the event draws nearer!

At the meeting last Wednesday, it was announced that the committee was awarded a \$3,000 grant for a Then/Now mural to be painted on the south side of the Grygla Coop building. This activity is made possible in part by a grant provided by the Northwest Minnesota Arts Council with funds appropriated by the Minnesota State Legislature from its general fund.

The committee was also awarded Beltrami County Con-Con funds to be used towards the event, but an amount has not been released yet.

Items available for order Lifetime Faux Wood Convertible Bench

The Centennial Committee is offering the opportunity to buy a bench for the weekend of August 25-27, 2017. The ordering and assembly of the benches will be conducted by the Grygla Fire & Rescue Department. Benches will be set up around the city of Grygla during the Centennial. Your bench can be taken home after the event or you're more than welcome to donate it to the city.

The Convertible Bench functions as a bench with a back or a bench with a table. Beautiful simulated wood will not fade, warp or rot from weather exposure like real wood and it required no special maintenance to look as good as new for many years. Bench seat and tabletop are designed with slats that allow for quick

Centennial... Continued on back



Check out that table full of cookies! Pictured left to right are Kaelyn Diaz, Margaret Rasmussen, Alex Diaz, Sara Diaz, Stacy & Max Beckel and Stephanie Kaiser.

A family tradition

"It started 32 years ago when I decided to go to my parent's farm in Red Lake Falls with my daughters to bake some cookies with my mom. Who would have known that it would blossom into a yearly tradition with my family and now my own grandkids?" says Margaret Rasmussen.

Margaret & Randy Rasmussen live in Thief River Falls. Randy just became a full-time mail carrier in Goodridge last May when Aldon Hyland retired. The Rasmussen family tradition has been going on for 32 years; it involves baking cookies...A LOT of cookies!

Margaret and Randy's girls grew up going to their grandparent's home (Joe & Louise Kees) the weekend after Thanksgiving to bake Christmas cookies and treats to give to their teachers, neighbors and, of course, for them to eat, too! The tradition continued to grow with the addition of Margaret's siblings, nieces and nephews.

"Now that my parents have passed away those memories are even more precious to us. We all learned so much from my mom and can pass that on in her memory," says Margaret. The group has even put together a Christmas cookie book that has all of their favorite recipes inside. They now get together at the Rasmussen home and continue the tradition while remembering all the fun times they had with Louise and sharing their cookies as gifts co-workers, friends and neighbors.

As we know, baking doesn't come cheap, but members of the group watch for sales on their supplies and split the cost on ingredients. At the end of the baking day, the goods are divided between four families. "We have so much fun each year that I encourage other families to start their own traditions with simple things such as baking cookies," suggested Margaret.



Kaelyn Diaz, Margaret & Randy's granddaughter, unwrapped every chocolate kiss and never complained! Grandma Margaret says she let her sneak a couple to eat, though! The family got together the weekend after Thanksgiving to continue on their 32-year baking tradition.

Grygla Lion's Club to hold Christmas Eve free dinner

The Grygla Lion's Club will be holding their annual Christmas Eve Dinner on December 24th. The meal will be served from 12-1:30pm and includes a menu of mashed potatoes, gravy, dressing, turkey, beans, cranberries, dinner rolls and lefse. The free meal will be held at the Grygla Community Cen-

ter; all are invited.

The Lion's Club will also deliver meals to Grygla/Gatzke/Goodridge addresses. Please contact Wayne Warne at 701-317-0341 to schedule a delivery, or call the Grygla Community Center the morning of the 24th at 218-294-6200.



Sherry Woods, Gavin Nordby and Karla Byklum judged the Chili cook-off last weekend and named the Grain Bin Cafe as the winner of the \$50 Merchant Bucks!

The Grain Bin Café held a Holiday Bazaar over the weekend that included a variety of vendors on hand to meet the needs of our local shoppers. Pictured right is the Yager family, selling a variety of hand-made items, along with Emily Yager (center) selling copies of her fictional novels. Also pictured is Elaine Rychlock at her hand-made jewelry booth. (More photos pg. 4)



CHURCH CALENDARS

GRYGLA LUTHERAN PARISH
Grace and Our Savior's, Grygla
Pastor Vicki Saude-Worthington
Wednesday:
6pm Choir, 6:30pm Confirmation, 8pm Grace Council
Sunday:
Grace: 9am Worship w/ SS program
OS: 10:30am Worship w/ no SS. Following Worship, OS Ladies will pack Christmas Goody Cans.

GATZKE-THIEF LAKE LUTHERAN PARISH
United – Gatzke; Our Savior's – Thief Lake
Pastor TBA
Sunday:
OS: 9am Worship
UL: 11am Worship w/ SS program to follow

GOODRIDGE AREA LUTHERAN PARISH, ELCA
Bethany, Ekelund, Faith Interim Pastor Phil Johnson
Wednesday:
6pm Bethany Council meeting; 7pm Advent Services at Bethany
Sunday:
Faith: 8:30am Worship
Bethany: 9:45am Worship
Ekelund: 11am Worship
6pm 5th grade Communion Meeting

THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITIES OF

Community Calendar

Wed | Dec 14
Grygla Eagle office open 9am-6pm; Senior Meals at Grain Bin Café 11am; Grygla Library open 2-6pm; Grygla ECFE Christmas Supper 5pm

Thurs | Dec 15
Grygla Merchants to stuff goodie bags at Grace 1pm; GBB Holiday Tournament at NCTC (opponent and times TBD)

Fri | Dec 16
Senior Meals at Grain Bin Café 11am; Grygla Elementary Christmas program 2pm; Goodridge Elementary Christmas program 2pm; BBB vs. Northern Freeze in Karlstad

Sat | Dec 17
Grygla/Gatzke Food Shelf 8-10:30am; Elementary basketball practice in Grygla 9-11am (bus leaves from Goodridge at 8:30am); Multi-vendor holiday shopping event at Diamond's 11am-2pm

Sun | Dec 18

Mon | Dec 19
Senior Meals at Grain Bin Café 11am; GBB/BBB Double Header vs. LOW in Baudette

Email the paper at grygla.eagle@gmail.com to get your events included on the Community Calendar.

St. Clement's – Grygla; St. Ann's – Goodridge
Fr. Adam Hamness
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 Merseeth
Wednesday:
Wednesday School/Confirmation 5-6pm; LYS Caroling 6pm
Saturday:
Mt. Olive: 9am Worship
Oak Park program practice 9am-12pm
Sunday:
Oak Park/St. Petri SS Christmas program at 3:30pm; Nazareth SS Christmas program at 5:30pm

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

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Grygla Coop Grocery Store



Shop local ~ gift cards are always a good gift to give!

Look for the Red Kettle at ASB

The Salvation Army of Marshall County would like to recognize and thank all the local communities for its generous support over the past years. They work hard to assist individuals in the county with utilities, transportation, rental assistance, medical needs, unexpected emergencies, backpacks with school supplies, and food baskets. This can only be done with generous donations from individuals and organizations in our communities. The Red Kettle Campaign is used to raise funds for the needy in Marshall County, and the money that is donated in the kettles STAYS in Marshall County for the benefit of our area residents. \$3373 was raised last year and there is a goal of \$3500 for this year. Please look for the Red Kettles in your local bank to donate. This year, no donation letters are being sent out, but instead they hope that you give directly into the Kettle before December 22nd.

Please look for the Kettles at the following locations:
in Oslo at Frandsen Bank & Dahlstrom Motors
in Warren at Bremer Bank, American Federal Bank & Frandsen Bank
in Newfolden at Marshall County State Bank
in Middle River at Border State Bank
in Grygla at American State Bank

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HELP WANTED

The Marshall County Sheriff's Office is accepting applications for 1 **FULL TIME** Dispatcher/Jailer/ 911 Operator Position. Must have a high school diploma or equivalent. Experience is preferred but not necessary. This position includes working rotating shifts, weekends & holidays. Must have good people skills, self motivated, computer skills, get along well with the public and co-workers and be able to handle high stress situations. Starting pay is \$18.24/hr. plus a full-time benefit package. Application deadline is Wednesday, December 16, 2016. Applications may be picked up at the Marshall County Sheriff's Office, 208 E. Colvin Ave. Ste #1, Warren, MN 56762 or print out an application off the Marshall County website at www.co.marshall.mn.us

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HELP WANTED

Quin County Community Health Services WIC is accepting applications for a part-time WIC Support Aid. Position will include greeting participants, scheduling, answering phones and various clinic duties. Looking for a kind and caring individual with good communication and computer skills, must have the ability to lift up to 50 lbs., travel to clinic locations in Kittson, Marshall, Pennington, Red Lake and Roseau Counties, and work varied hours. Experience working with pregnant and breastfeeding women and young children preferred.

Send resume to PO Box 248, Newfolden, MN 56738 or e-mail quinchs@wiktel.com. Phone (218) 874-7845 for more information. Position open until filled.

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NOTICE TO MARSHALL COUNTY TOWNSHIPS HOLDING MARCH ELECTIONS

Filing Affidavits of Candidacy for township offices begins on Tuesday January 3, 2017 and ends at 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, January 17, 2017, for the township election namely, March 14, 2017. The offices open are a supervisor for a term of three years and a treasurer or clerk for a term of two years and any unexpired term. The filing shall be with the township clerk at a reasonable hour. The clerk's office is closed on New Years Day. The filing fee is \$2.00.

Dated: December 9, 2016

Marshall County Assn. of Townships
Jill K. Hall, Secy.-Treasurer

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Bingo workers wanted

Are you willing to help out the Grygla Sports Boosters? If so, you're in luck! Volunteers are being asked to sign up to work Bingo in Goodridge.

The Goodridge Area Development is in charge of Bingo at the municipal liquor store and the Grygla Sport's Boosters signed up to work the following dates: Jan 6, 13, 20, 27 and Feb 17, 24. Three people are needed to work each one of those nights; one to call the game and two to sell the cards. The Grygla Sports Boosters would then receive \$100 each night that they work.

The \$600 will be put towards more catcher equipment for the youth baseball teams. Anyone willing to help can contact David Jones at 686-3154 or Lindsay Oslund at 242-5671.

Of interest around the area....

Itasca State Park offers winter lodging at reduced rates

Snowshoeing, cross-country skiing, ice fishing and snowmobiling opportunities will be right outside the door when people reserve a winter getaway, at a reduced rate, at Itasca State Park in Park Rapids. The Douglas Lodge sixplex (Itasca Suites) is located within the park and priced at an off-peak rate of \$105 per night (regularly \$150), Jan. 1 through May 22.

Each suite has a bathroom with a shower and tub; log furniture complete with bedding and linens; a kitchenette with pots and pans, a microwave, a refrigerator, a dishwasher; and amenities such as a color TV, internet access and a phone.

Most of the suites accommodate four adults or a family of up to six, and adjacent units can connect through an interior door. Two units are fully accessible, including the showers, and sleep two. Interior and exterior photos can be viewed online at www.dnr.state.mn.us/state_parks/itasca/lodging/units_rooms.html.

Itasca Lodging...
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Eagle now available Wednesday morning

The Grygla Eagle has a new mailing process that began last week. The papers will no longer be picked up at The Times every Tuesday, but rather sent directly from the Thief River Falls Post Office and out for delivery every Wednesday morning. Please be assured that your paper delivery date will not change as newspapers weren't going out in subscriber mailboxes until Wednesdays, anyway.

This does mean, though, that the Grygla Eagle will no longer be available a day early at the Grygla Coop Store as

those will also be getting sent from the TRF Post Office, available for pickup and sale every WEDNESDAY morning!

Papers are printed, labeled and sorted by zip code at The Times. They are then sent to the TRF Post Office and delivered to Grygla every Wednesday morning. Again, subscribers will not be affected by this new process. We feel confident this mailing process will be simpler, smoother and more efficient, but if anyone happens to have a delivery problem, please direct the issue to your home post office.

New Year's Eve Bash at United Lutheran

Bring in the New Year with family and friends at the United Lutheran Church in Gatzke on December 31, 2016, with a pancake supper from 5-7pm. After supper, join in on some wild games of Bingo, complete

with prizes. A prayer service will be held right before ringing in the New Year. This is a free-will donation and everyone is welcome. Come help celebrate closing 2016 and blessing in 2017.

Elementary programs held this Friday

The Grygla Elementary kids will be performing their Christmas program this Friday at 2pm under the direction of Gene Lunsetter. Santa will be making an appearance at the

school immediately following the program. It is also the elementary program at the Goodridge School that afternoon at 2pm.

Wednesday, December 14, 2016

Merry Christmas
from your friends at American State Bank of Grygla

The Holiday Season is a great time to express appreciation to friends and customers. American State Bank of Grygla invites you in during the month of December to sign up for the Christmas drawings. We will be giving away a wagon full of toys to one girl and one boy, and a \$150 cash card to one adult with the drawing to be held at 3:00 pm on Friday, December 23rd. Christmas goodies will be served in the bank lobby from December 19th through December 23rd.

During the month of December, we will be waiving the fee for any gift card purchase, and remind you to stop in and pick up your 2017 Calendar.

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Of interest around the area....

Itasca Lodging... Continued from page 2

Established in 1891, Itasca State Park is Minnesota's oldest state park and one of its busiest. More than half a million people visit the park annually, and more than 110,000 of them stay overnight. Year-round attractions include the headwaters of the Mississippi River, the towering pines of Preacher's Grove and a scenic Wilderness Drive.

Interpretive nature programs are offered year-round as well. Winter recreation opportunities include 13 miles of cross-country ski trails (including classic and skate skiing) and more than 30 miles of snowmobile trails, along with ice fishing and snowshoeing. Snowshoe rental is available

Looking for green gifts? Think wood

For holiday gift ideas, consider a locally made gift created from trees harvested in Minnesota. Wooden toys, handcrafts and keepsakes are a great green gift option. Wood is a renewable resource that is natural, nontoxic and eco-friendly.

"Wood products are great green gifts for both kids and adults," said Kristen Bergstrand, DNR utilization and marketing program coordinator. "Uniquely hand-crafted and individually customized wooden gifts are a wonderful option for a person who has everything."

Wooden blocks, rocking chairs or horses, puzzles, rattles, picture frames and artisan bowls or wood crafts are unique items that are often passed down to future generations as family mementos.

Thousands of items are made from wood harvested in Minnesota forests. About 30 percent of the state's wood fiber comes from state forest lands.

The Minnesota forest products industry brings \$16.1 billion to local economies. The industry creates jobs and brings financial support to small and large manufacturing and retail businesses across the state.

Making products from trees often requires less processing and energy than plastic or other products. Wood is also renewable and reusable. Most wood products can be recycled and wood waste can be converted into green energy as biomass. Well-managed forests grow back into a forest after harvesting.

And buying wood products also helps the environment. Trees absorb carbon dioxide, a greenhouse gas that causes global climate change, and store carbon in their wood. Locally made products from trees harvested in Minnesota use less fossil fuel for transportation than imported goods.

Visit the DNR wood products webpage at www.mndnr.gov/wood-products to learn more about the benefits of buying and using wood products.



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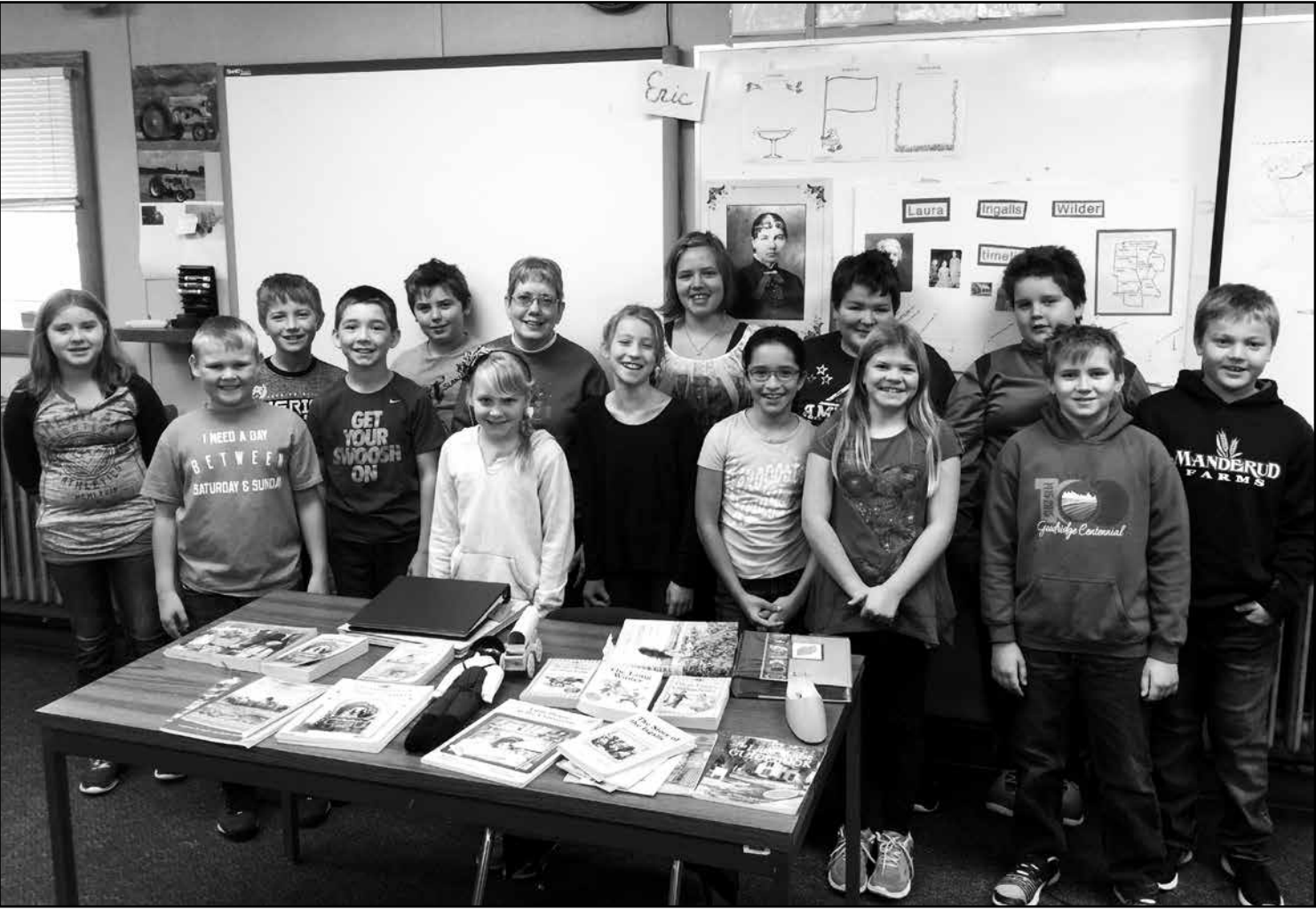
events or to take a virtual tour of the park online, visit www.mndnr.gov/itasca.



Grygla Elementary School 1st Quarter 'Perfect Attendance'
1st grade: Cooper Aune, Rowan Johnson, Gus Jones, Paizley Moe; 2nd grade: Braeden Nordby, Landon Nordby, Jens Oslund, Autumn Osse, Brett Rychlock, Blake Stanley; 3rd grade: Alivia Bourman, Harlie Hagen, Raymond Moe; 4th grade: Gavin Aune, Addison Severts, Anna Sundberg; 5th grade: Lewis Jones, Taylor McManus, Chelsie Nelson, Alicia Osse, Blake Rychlock; 6th grade: Emily Carlson, Jackson Grossman, Chloe Osse, Ahna Stanley, Sheldin Sundberg, Kaylor Torgerson



Grygla High School 1st Quarter 'Perfect Attendance'
Front row: Evan Englund (8th); Middle row: Hailey Knutson (8th) and Riley Saurdiff (7th); Back row: Abby Kiesow (10th), Brooke Limesand (11th) and Bailey Watne (9th).



Elizabeth Follmann, Laura Ingalls Wilder Historian, recently gave a presentation to Eric Mickelson's 5th grade class in Goodridge. The class had just completed a Laura Ingalls Wilder Unit in their reading class. Pictured left to right: Lily Beavis, Spencer Coan, Donny Johnsrud, Carson Rubischko, Dominic Wilson, Hannah Lovly, Elizabeth Follmann, Carter Johnsrud, Shylie Moen, Tiana Banasau, Caden Marquis, Emilea Johnson, Nick Hagen, Hunter Kiesow, Chase Manderud. Absent: Kennedy Panek, and Sophia Brown

A Note from Principal Lunsetter's Desk

"Keep your dreams alive. Understand to achieve anything requires faith and belief in yourself, vision, hard work, determination, and dedication. Remember all things are possible for those who believe." ~ Gail Devers

Where your faith and belief lie is where your life will go most of the time. We develop relationships with people that we trust, and people that we have faith in. When we have a strong faith in a cause, we will fight harder for it, and will do anything we can if we believe enough in it. When we believe and have faith in our creator, that faith deepens and grows stronger, and we learn more and more that we are in control of less and less, but that we are still important. When we have faith and confidence in ourselves, we work hard in our areas of strength, but more importantly we identify our areas of weakness and seek out ways to build them up, so we can ultimately become the best version of ourself possible. Believe. Work hard. Be determined and don't ever let anyone tell you that you're not worthy. Most importantly, have faith. It will get you through times you never imagined you could get through.

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

Stickybeak Noun
1. a busybody, meddler

SIMPLY DELICIOUS



Written and made by Kari Sundberg, Eagle Editor

"These need to be cut really small as they are very, very rich," says my mother-in-law, Kandy Sundberg.

I nodded in agreement, but quickly turned my head while I unapologetically shoved another piece of fudge in my mouth, thinking it wasn't too rich for my body at all, actually. Maybe I just have a higher tolerance for fudgy, sweet richness than the average Joe (or Kandy). But almost every time we have dessert together, my mother-in-law cuts a tiny piece and then declares how it's too rich and she just can't finish it. Don't eat dessert with people like that, ok? You don't need that kind of negativity in your life.

(Please note that I'm only joking. I love her more than words can say.)

Moving on to the Mint Oreo Fudge. This is rich, creamy mint fudge that's sprinkled with chocolatey Oreo cookies.

I will admit, it's SUPER rich and the pieces need to be cut SUPER small. (I hate admitting when I'm wrong, but Kandy is totally right on this one!)

- Ingredients
- 1 brick cream cheese, softened to room temp
 - 2 sticks butter, softened to room temp
 - 5 1/2 c. powdered sugar
 - 2.5 c. dry milk
 - 2 tsp mint extract
 - 15 drops green food coloring
 - 25 Oreo cookies

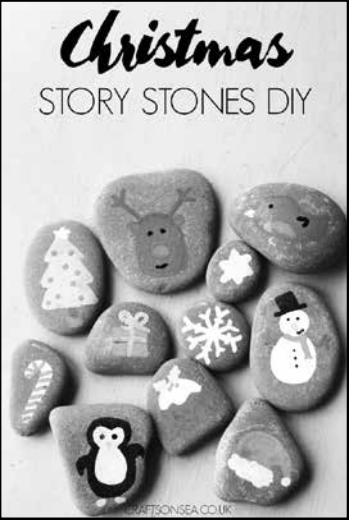
Instructions

Mix cream cheese, butter, powdered sugar and dry milk together with hands. Add mint extract and green food coloring and continue mixing to incorporate. Mix in approximately 20 Oreo cooking, broken into large chunks. Press mixture into buttered 9x13 inch pan and top with remaining Oreo cookies, finely crushed. Store in refrigerator.

My plan this week involves making a variety of fudge to give away as Christmas gifts. On my list to make includes more Mint Oreo fudge, M&M Cookie Dough Fudge, S'more Fudge and Coconut Fudge. So we're off to a good start with this recipe!

Happy baking and remember to choose your dessert partners wisely. *Wink*

DO IT YOURSELF



These sweet story stones can be made by adults or kids, but either way are a great way to encourage a bit of creative story telling.

You will need: stones and craft paint or pens. Normal

WHAT A JOKE

I'm trying to get into the holiday spirit but the darn bottle won't open.

Co-workers are like Christmas lights. Half of them don't work and the other half isn't so bright.

Three men die on Christmas Eve and go to heaven, where they're met by Saint Peter. "In order to get in," he tells them, "you must each produce something representative of the holidays." The first man digs

into his pockets and pulls out a match and lights it. "This represents a candle of hope." Impressed, Peter lets him in. The second man pulls out a tangle of keys and shakes them. "These are bells." He's allowed in too. "So," Peter says to the third man, "what do you have?" The third man proudly shows him a pair of women's red underwear. "What do these have to do with Christmas?" asks Peter. "They're Carol's."



Thanks to everyone who donated to the sharing tree at American State Bank of Grygla. Many families will have a brighter Christmas this year because of you. The employees at ASB have wrapped all the gifts and gotten them prepared for delivery around the county!



Centennial... Continued from front

drainage of rain and snow. A one-hand latch mechanism easily converts the back of the bench to a handy table with easy access to bench in just seconds. Convertible benches are very sturdy and stable. Buy one convertible bench to create a handy space saving table, or buy two convertible benches and put them together to form a full-size picnic table. Each will include a Commemorative Engraved Centennial Sponsor Nameplate on the backrest of the bench.

The cost of the bench is \$225.00. A Commemorative Engraved Centennial Sponsor Nameplate will be included on the backrest. The engraving can include one of the following options: Individual, Business, In Memory, Anonymous or Other.

Order forms were included in the packets that went out in the mail in July, but if you are interested in a bench, please send your request to: Grygla Fire & Rescue, Attn: Grygla Centennial, PO Box 136, Grygla, MN 56727. Make checks payable to Grygla Centennial for \$225/each.

Please include your name, address, city, state, zip, email, quantity, imprint for the name plate on the bench and specify if it's individual, business, in memory or other. Also, please include if you would be picking up your bench after or leaving it in Grygla after the celebration.

As of current date, 20 benches have been pre-ordered.

Recipes, old & new, needed for Centennial Cookbook

The Grygla area church women's groups are working together to create a custom cookbook featuring old proven recipes, along with new recipes, for the Grygla Centennial Celebration, which will be held August 25-27, 2017. These cookbooks will be professionally published and are sure to be a treasured keepsake for all. Money raised will be donated to the Grygla Centennial Committee. So far, the group has 775 recipes and would like 125 more! If anyone has any old photos of ladies cooking in church groups, or from community events, those are being sought out for the divider pages.

Please submit 5-7 of your favorite recipes, or those of your ancestors, to be represented in this cookbook. Many recipes from all residents will ensure that this cookbook is a success.

For your convenience, you have the option of entering your recipes online or completing a 'Recipe Collection Sheet'.

The group is anticipating a great demand for this cookbook and want to be certain to order enough. To reserve your copy please email Laurie Polansky at laurie.polansky@asbgrygla.com, or send a request to her at PO Box 78, Grygla, MN 56727. You can also call 218-294-6111.

The expected cost of the cookbooks will be \$20-\$25 per book depending on the quantity ordered and how many recipes are published.

Recipes need to be collected by January 15th, 2017 so publishing deadlines can be met.

To submit recipes online, go to:

- www.typensave.com and click "login"
- Enter the user name: Grygla

- Enter the password: granola657 and click 'submit'
- Enter your name and click 'continue'
- Review 'Recipe Writing Tips'
- Click 'Add Recipes' to begin adding your recipes

To submit recipes by hard-copy, please see contact information above.

Hand-made ceramics by local potter Betsy Saurdiff

Pottery will be available in a mug or cup (with or without handle) and will have Grygla Centennial logo stamped into the clay. Pottery is dishwasher and microwave safe. Preorders are encouraged; prices are \$15 or \$17 w/name stamped.

Orders can be made directly from the Betts Pottery website: bettpottery.wordpress.com

There you will see color choices, sample photos and payment methods.

Grygla Centennial History Book

Pre-Order Information - A hardcover book is being made that your family will cherish for years to come. It contains fun facts about the town, businesses, school and surrounding areas, as well as many family histories and interesting photos.

Grygla Centennial History Books are on a pre-order basis costing \$45.00 each. So far, 42 history books have been pre-ordered. Please send your history book pre-order request to: Grygla Centennial, PO Box 222, Grygla, MN 56727. Your history book will be available for pick-up at the 2017 Grygla Centennial. If books are not picked up at the Centennial, please make arrangements to have your book picked up or mailed to you. (Shipping will be at each owns cost.)

Make checks payable to: GRYGLA CENTENNIAL \$45.00/each *If ordering a book and a bench, and/or donations, you may combine the cost in the check made payable to Grygla Centennial.

Please remember to include name, quantity, amount enclosed and if you'll be picking up the book at the Grygla Centennial or making arrangements with a committee member to mail it to you after the celebration. (If so, please email a committee member at grygla.centennial@gmail.com)

2017 Grygla Centennial Donations

The Grygla Centennial is made possible by your generous support. 8 donations have been received thus far and are still being accepted. If you are willing to make a donation, you can mail it to: Grygla Centennial, PO Box 222, Grygla, MN 56727.

The committee says if you are ordering a book and a bench, and/or donations, you may combine the amount in the check made payable to Grygla Centennial.

Your continued support is appreciated to make it a successful 100-year celebration of Grygla! Watch for more updates in the near future. Another mailing will be going out in a couple of months that will include preorder deadlines and more event updates. The 3rd and final mailing will be out by July 1st and will include a poster of the Centennial week-end schedule!

The next committee meeting will be held on January 11th at 7pm at the Grygla Community Center.



Holiday Bazaar at Grain Bin Cafe



Above: Carol Stueck sells hand-made doll clothes at the Holiday Bazaar held over the weekend. **Below:** Tami Irlbeck sells her home craft items while Jann Lawrence sells krumkaka and lefse.



Tis' the season for counting birds

Please join in on the 4th Annual Christmas Bird Count hosted by Agassiz National Wildlife Refuge. If you'd like to participate, plan to meet at the American Legion (245 2nd Street N) in Middle River at 8am on Saturday, December 17th.

Not an avid birder? No worries. This is a perfect event for beginning bird watchers to "spread their wings", become actively involved in wildlife viewing, and help out with an important survey. Completion of the CBC can be tailored to your interests, with as much or as little of the survey be-

ing done from a vehicle or on foot. There will be route assignments, along with maps and data sheets ready. Refuge staff will team up with participants that wish to do so. Coffee will be brewing during the brief morning meeting, so you'll have a chance to fill your mug before venturing out. A midday potluck lunch will be provided, courtesy of the Refuge, so you'll meet back at the American Legion between 11:30am and noon. This will give everyone a chance to warm up and share their morning observations. Those interested in continuing to search for birds after lunch

are welcome, but many participants will complete their survey efforts prior to lunch.

This count circle includes portions of the Refuge, the city of Middle River, Thief Lake Wildlife Management Area, and points in between. Last year, observers tallied a total of 26 different species. For more information or to sign up, please call Lynda at 218-449-4115 x202, or email lynda_knutsen@fws.gov. Please sign up to participate by Wednesday, December 14th. Dress for the weather, bring a pair of binoculars and be ready for a birding adventure!

Boys basketball holiday tournament results

The Boys basketball team played in the holiday tournament last week at Northland Community & Technical College in Thief River Falls. The weather hindered the schedule with games having to be cancelled and rescheduled, but ultimately all games were played and the Chargers won the Consolation Championship on Saturday afternoon, December 10th.

Game 1 was held on Thursday, December 8th. GG played Stephen-Argyle and lost 54-68.

Scoring: Blaine Kriel 21, Ben Groven 10, Dylan Walker 9, Tyler Stinar 5, Brandon Stanley 4, Dylan Manderud 3, Hogan Lundeen 2

Rebounds: Walker 10, Groven 9, Stinar 9, Stanley 4, Manderud 1

Coaches Comments: "We played them tough for 80% of the game. S-A shot very well and played a good game. We only shot 4 free throws for the game, which was disappointing. We made some "early in the year" mistakes. Overall, the kids played hard," says Varsity Head Coach Mike Gast.

Game 2 was played on Friday, December 9th. GG played BGMR and won 88-60.

Scoring: Blaine Kriel 17, Dylan Walker 17, Ben Groven 12, Tyler Stinar 10, Dylan Manderud 6, Jaden Kiesow 5, Hogan Lundeen 4, Blake Nerhus 4, Cameron Naeseth 4, Jesse Wiseth 2, Brandon Stanley 2, Jeremy Wiskow 2, Peyton Verbout 2, Robert Brummitt 1

Rebounds: Dylan Walker 11, Ben Groven 8, Brandon Stanley 6, Tyler Stinar 4, Jeremy Wiskow 3, Blaine Kriel 2, Hogan Lundeen 2, Robert Brummitt 2, Jaden Kiesow 1, Jesse Wiseth 1, Dylan Manderud 1, Kaleb Sjulestad 1

Coaches Comments: "Our offense was active and we hit the offensive boards well. It was very good team effort. I'm very happy for the players," Gast said.

Game 3 was the Consolation Championship played on Saturday, December 10th. The Chargers beat Red Lake County 67-31.

Scoring: Dylan Walker 19, Blaine Kriel 14, Ben Groven 9, Tyler Stinar 7, Blake Nerhus 6, Hogan Lundeen 4, Jeremy Wiskow 3, Jaden Kiesow 2, Jesse Wiseth 2, Dylan Manderud 2

Rebounding: Dylan Walker 9, Blaine Kriel 5, Ben Groven 4, Tyler Stinar 4, Brandon Stanley 3, Jaden Kiesow 2, Jesse Wiseth 2, Blake Nerhus 2, Robert Brummitt 2, Dylan Manderud 2, Hogan Lundeen 1, Jeremy Wiskow 1

Coaches Comments: "We went 2-1 in the tournament and took home the consolation trophy, so it was good. I saw improvement with each game and we played hard and together. I was happy with our effort," remarked Gast.

Games this week for the boys include 7th & 8th grade BBB at Clearbrook/Gonvick on Tuesday, December 13th, and also a game Friday night, 12-16 vs. NF in Karlstad.

Charger Girls defeated by KCC

Goodridge-Grygla Chargers played KCC in Lancaster last Friday night, December 9th. They were defeated 77-50.

Scoring: Ashley Moe 12, Hannah Dietsch 10, Ashlyn Henrickson 6, Karlee Johnson 4, Brooke Anderson 7, Mercedes Coan 2, Brooke Limesand 6, Carlye Kiesow 3

Coaches Comments: "This was our best game yet. We have improved each game, and will keep looking to do so. Our shots started to fall this game, so that was nice to see. We have to tighten up on defense though. We were keying on one girl, but she found herself open to many times and scored 26 points," said Varsity Head Coach Elroy Johnsrud.

Up this week for the girls is the NCTC Holiday Basketball Tournament scheduled for Monday, Tuesday and Thursday, December 12, 13 and 15th. The girls play Sacred Heart on Monday night at 8:15pm, which will determine the time and opponent for Tuesday/Thursday.



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