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In this issue ... Grygla's Drone Team travels to Texas!



Fry smelt, eat smelt, REPEAT

That's basically the theme of a Smelt Fry, right?! The ever-popular Grygla Lion's Club Smelt Fry was held last Saturday evening and the Community Center was packed once again! Over 450 people were served by a huge group of Lion's Club members who all came together to make the yearly event another success! *Photos courtesy of Leann Wikert*



It's not just the smelt fryers and the customers who make the night a success, it's all the workers who put in hours of their time and effort! Those roles include the youngsters who pass out the smelt, beverage pourers, the admissions table workers, ticket sellers, and the cleaning duty crew, to name a few! *Photos courtesy of Leann Wikert*



First Responder Refresher Course

The group of locals below completed a First Responder's Refresher Course. Back row, L-R: Brad Monson, Dustin Nelson, Dave Dunrud, Jeff Lund, Bob Thompson, Lynn Anderson, Dylan Morey. Front row: Greg Monson, Robbie Anderson, Audrey Nelson, Kia Klein, Paul Nordby & Luke Nordvick. *Photo courtesy of Lynn Anderson*



Grygla City Council approves March Minutes

The April meeting of the City Council was held at the Grygla Civic Building on Monday, April 10th. Council members approved the March minutes, which are included below. Official minutes are taken by Grygla City Clerk and recapped by Eagle Editor. For the full version, including receipts & disbursements, visit www.grygla.govoffice2.com

The regular meeting on March 13th was called to order at 7pm at the Civic Building by Mayor Ruud with the following council members present: Dustin Nelson, Dave Dunrud, Gavin Nordby and Karla Byklum. Absent: None. Also present was Rose Aune.

Council approved minutes, along with receipts, disbursements, checking, savings & total balances for that month. The payment of all bills was also approved. Other items included:

PARK BATHROOMS
Toilets & sinks to be replaced. Dunrud will check if FD has epoxy left that could be used in the bathrooms or explore the possibility of putting in vinyl flooring.

GAS METERS
The OSHA grant was denied. Need to look at purchasing without the grant.

MACHINEWELL WATER PRESSURE

Rocky is going to get together with Robert Sundberg to get the water pipes cleaned or replaced.

FIRE HYDRANT BY COOP STORE

Tabled until Spring 2023.
COMMUNITY CENTER

Council approved purchased of a 14 ga, 28" traction drive w/ on-board charger floor scrubber for \$8,660 from Innovative Office Supplies.

WATER TOWER
There was nothing new to report at this time.

PICKLE BALL COURT
JB Surfaces is still interested in painting the lines for pickleball on the tennis court. Jeff will try getting us pricing soon.

CLERK'S CONFERENCE
Rose will be at the Clerk's Conference next week.

SAFETY & LOSS MEETING

Rose and Devin will be attending the Safety and Loss meetings in Bemidji on March 28th.

BOARD OF APPEALS AND EQUALIZATION

Board of Appeals and Equalization is set for Monday, May 8th, at 6 PM, before the regular monthly council meeting.

RABIES CLINIC
Rabies Clinic is set for Wednesday, May 17th, from 5-7PM at the Grygla City Garage.

LAND LEASE BIDS

City will advertise for opening bids up at the April council meeting. If bids are turned in before the meeting, they can be bid up at the meeting. Council can decline any and all bids.

AUDIT CONTRACT
Contract with Hoffman, Philipp, and Martell, LLC for the years ending 2022-2026 for \$5,800 per year - approved.

EXTRA MEETINGS
None.

Evening with the Arts coming up next week

Mark your calendars for next Thursday, April 27th! The Evening with the Arts beings at the Grygla School at 6:30pm. The One-Act Play takes the stage at 6:30pm to kick off the night. After that play, the big gym will be full of musical entertainment, student art pieces and wood shop displays. But that's not it! At 7:50pm, it's back to the small gym where the 6th graders will be taking the stage for another performance. More information is shared below!

6:30pm: One-Act Play in small gym

A Bowl of Soup
Characters & Cast: Esther-Janessa Torgerson; Milly-Alayla Blanco; Ashby-Harlie Hagen; Connie-Autumn Osse; Oscar-Rowan Johnson.
Backstage Crew: Andrew Englund, Colbie Johnson-McManus, Ally Osse.

7:15pm: Big gym Entertainment

Musical selections provided by Lakylie Brobst, Emily Johnson, Kinsley Oslund, Addison Severts, Ava Sorvig, Allie Sundberg, Anna Sundberg, Alayla Blanco and Paizley Moe. The art and wood shop students will also have pieces on display for your viewing pleasure.

7:50pm: 6th grade play in small gym

Gingerbread Girl

The play is a comedy spin off of the Gingerbread Man fairy tale. Ms. Baker decides to use the magic gumdrop buttons, against the wishes of everyone else to bake a Gingerbread Girl in the hopes that this cookie is kinder and more loving, and not like the Gingerbread Man causing chaos in the village.

Characters & Cast: Ms. Baker-Brianna Severts; Igor-Josie Saurdiff; Ginger-Krystal Neuschwander; Vendi/Cop 1-Josephine Landsrud; Gal 1/Mary/Cop 2-Alayna Carlisle; Gal 2/Cop 3-Kloey Sletten; Farmer/Fox-Kensley Brateng; Gingerbread Man-Brayden Kaczor; Bo Peep-Jaci Lunsetter; George/Kid/Lamb-Zachery Rian.

Backstage Crew: Brayden Kaczor, Zach Rian, Mrs. Severts.



Pictured is the toy fire truck winner from the Firemen's Supper that was held the end of March. Ihle Gram is the little one who won, she is pictured with her siblings, Hazel & Hank. *Photo courtesy of Lynn Anderson*

• CHURCH CALENDARS

GRYGLA LUTHERAN PARISH
Grace and Our Savior's, Grygla

Vicar Marilyn Grafstrom
Recorded services will play on Garden Valley channel 36 on Wednesdays 7pm and Sundays 9am & 7pm.

Wednesday, April 19
11am Bible Study, 2:30pm Release Time, 3:30pm FFF Night, 5pm FFF Supper, 6pm Grace Choir

Sunday, April 23
Grace: 9am Worship
OS: 9:30am SS, 10:30am Worship

GOODRIDGE AREA LUTHERAN PARISH, ELCA
Bethany, Ekelund, Faith

Wednesday, April 19
Release time 12:20pm

Saturday, April 22
Faith WELCA 9am-2pm

Sunday, April 23
Faith: 8am Worship
Bethany: 9:30am Worship
Ekelund: 11am Worship
Last day of SS for Faith & Bethany!

THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITIES OF
St. Clement's – Grygla; St. Ann's – Goodridge
Fr. Bryan Kujawa

Sundays:
St. Clement's: 11:45am Worship
St. Ann's: 10am Worship

BETHESDA LUTHERAN CHURCH Skime
Pastor Steve Bliss

Sundays
9:30am Worship, 11am FB Live Broadcast

UNITED LUTHERAN PARISH Gatzke
Pastor Tim Lundeen

Sundays
8:30am Worship
Mondays
Quilting at 9am

CLEARWATER LUTHERAN PARISH
St. Petri – Grygla; Mt. Olive, Nazareth – Trail; Oak Park – Oklee

Pastor Jeff Merseeth
Wednesday, April 19
Wed. School 5-7pm, Vespers 6:30pm

Saturday, April 22
Mt. Olive: 9am Worship
Sunday, April 23
St. Petri: 8am Worship, 9:15am SS
Oak Park: 8:45am SS, 9:45am Worship
Nazareth: 10am SS, 11am Worship

Funeral Pre-planning Monuments

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The Marshall County Highway Department is currently accepting applications for the following FULL-TIME position:

AG Spray Supervisor/ General Maintenance Worker

This position provides all spraying required by the Weed Management Program during the summer months. The applicant must be able to coordinate and perform the operations necessary for spraying of roadways and ditches within the county for noxious weeds, snags and brush by identifying and prioritizing areas to be sprayed and determining the appropriate equipment to use. In the winter months this employee will help with all general maintenance within the county. A valid Class B Commercial Driver's License is required.

Pay range is \$21.21-\$28.21, depending on experience.

Applications are available at the Marshall County Highway Department website (https://www.co.marsh.mn.us/departments/highway_department/index.php) and at the Highway Department office, 447 S. Main, Warren, MN 56762. This position is open until filled. Marshall County is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

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May Day Baskets

Have a basket delivered to your child on Sunday, April 30th! \$10/basket includes snacks and goodies. Sponsored by the JCC Club, who will deliver within 15 miles of Grygla. If you live outside of delivery

area, baskets can still be ordered and picked up. Deadline to sign up is Thursday, April 20th. Email stephanie.irlbeck218@gmail.com to set up delivery and payment.

Community Calendar

Wed | April 19
Senior Meals at Grain Bin Café 11am; Grygla Library open 2-6pm; Track practice; Grygla Lion's Club Meeting at Grain Bin Café 7pm

Thurs | April 20
Track practice; Grygla/Gatzke School Board Meeting 7pm

Fri | April 21
Senior Meals at Grain Bin Café 11am; Track practice

Sat | April 22
Grygla/Gatzke Food Shelf open 8-10:30am; Northern Blast VB in Moorhead; Goodridge Lion's Consignment Sale (9am) and Smelt Fry (4:30pm)

Sun | April 23
Northern Blast VB in Fargo

Mon | April 24
Senior Meals at Grain Bin Café 11am; Track Practice

Tues | April 25
Senior High Track Meet in TRF

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GG Prom

Grygla Prom will be held on Saturday, April 29th, with the Grand March at 6pm. The banquet for the students will be at 7pm and is catered by the Grain Bin Café. A dance will follow from 8pm-12am. The Post Prom party will then go from midnight-4am. The theme of Grygla's Prom is Tropical.

Goodridge Prom will be held on Saturday, May 6th, with the Grand March at 7pm. The banquet for the students will be at 8pm with Broadway Station catering. A dance will run from 9pm-12am. The Post Prom party will be from 12-4am. The theme of Goodridge's Prom is Rustic Gardens.

ECFE Fun Night

All elementary students invited for an ECFE Fun Night at the Grygla School! May 2nd from 6-8pm. Carnival games, bouncy house, silent auction and taco-in-a-bag! If you'd like to donate a silent auction item, contact the Grygla School Office. All silent auction & meal proceeds go to the Louren's family.

41st Annual Goodridge Lion's Consignment AND Smelt Fry!

THIS Saturday, April 22nd

Consignment items may be brought to the Lion's Hall between 12:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m. on Friday, April 21st, or prior to the start of the sale.

Luncheon served by the Goodridge Lion Tamers Flea Market in the Lion's Hall.

Consignment sale starts at 9:00 a.m.

Smelt Fry beginning at 4:30 p.m.

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Grygla School events coming up

As you can see, it's going to be a busy spring at the Grygla School. As always, these will be subject to change due to weather, etc. Please continue to stay up-to-date with social media and email updates.

Thursday, April 20th: Baseball at RLF

Thursday April 20th, JH Meet MW

Thursday, April 20th Trap Shooting Competition Week 1 (4-6 pm)

Friday, April 21st--Night of the Arts: art, one-act, musical selections

Saturday, April 22, Beginning/2nd Year Band Festival Moorhead

Sunday, April 23rd Trap Shooting Competition Week 2 (12-3pm)

Tuesday April 25th, Varsity Meet TRF

Tuesday, April 25th: Baseball vs. BGMR

Wednesday, April 26th - Spring Summit in Waubun (Student Council)

Wednesday, April 26th - ECFE

Friday April 28th, Varsity Meet TRF Twilight

Friday, April 28th: Kindergarten to Shrine Circus

Saturday, April 29th: Prom

Sunday, April 30th Trap Shooting Competition Week 3 (12-3pm)

Monday May 1st, JH Meet WAO

Tuesday May 2nd, Varsity Meet EGF

Wednesday, May 3rd, 6th Grade MN History contest Roseau

Thursday, May 4th High School Concert 7:00

Thursday, May 4th: Baseball at ABW

Thursday, May 4th Trap Shooting Competition Week 3 (4-6pm)

Friday, May 5th: Baseball vs. Sacred Heart

Friday May 5th, JH Meet TRF

Saturday May 6th Varsity Meet TRF

Sunday, May 7th Trap Shooting Competition Week 4 (12-3pm)

Monday-Wednesday, May 8-10, 6th Grade Trip

Tuesday May 9th, Varsity Meet ADA

Tuesday, May 9th: Baseball at West Marshall

Wednesday, May 10th - ECFE

Thursday May 11th, JH Meet TRF

Thursday, May 11th: Baseball at Mahnomen-Waubun

Thursday, May 11th Trap Shooting Competition Week 4 (4-6pm)

Friday May 12th, Varsity Meet WAO

Friday, May 12th, Elementary Program 2:00

Friday, May 12th-15th-Senior Class Trip

Sunday, May 14th Trap

Shooting Competition Week 5 (12-3pm)

Monday, May 15th: Baseball at WEM

Monday May 15th, Varsity Meet Roseau

Monday May 15th: High Mileage @ Brainerd

Tuesday May 16th: High Mileage @ Brainerd

Tuesday, May 16th: Baseball vs. KCC

Tuesday May 16th, JH meet Roseau

Wednesday, May 17th: 3rd & 5th Grade Field Trip to Itasca State Park

Thursday May 18th, Varsity Meet ADA

Thursday, May 18th: Baseball at BGMR

Thursday, May 18th Trap Shooting Competition Week 5 (4-6pm)

Friday, May 19th--Graduation @ 3:00 School dismissed @ 12:30

Monday May 22nd, JH meet LOW

Monday, May 22nd: Baseball vs. Fosston

Tuesday, May 23rd: Baseball vs. LP-A

Wednesday, May 24th-Last Day of School

Wednesday, May 24th-ECFE Graduation 5:00 pm

Thursday May 25th, Varsity Meet MW Sub-Section

Tuesday, May 30th: Baseball First Playoff Game

Friday June 2nd, Varsity Section Meet

Faith WELCA Spring Luncheon & Raffle
Saturday, April 22nd
9 am - 2 pm

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SUMMER HELP NEEDED

The Marshall County Highway Department is currently accepting applications for part-time summer help. The duties will include: roadside and road surface maintenance, surveying and construction assistance, and ditch spraying assistance. Starting wage is \$16.26 per hour.

Applications are available at the Marshall County Highway Department, 447 S. Main, Warren, MN 56762 – and on our county website www.co.marshall.mn.us. Closing date: April 14, 2023. Must be 18 to apply. Marshall County is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

GHS All Staff Reunion

Attention anyone who has worked at the Grygla-Gatzke schools. An

"All Staff Reunion" is being planned for Fall Fest weekend on Saturday, August 26th. The Grygla School will be sending out more information as it's collected. Please Contact

Travis Smith (tsmith@grygla.k12.mn.us or 218-280-3154) or Jamie Lunsetter (jlunsetter@grygla.k12.mn.us) if you have questions. Keep an eye on Grygla School social media for updates until the "formal" information gets sent out later.

Skime-area rummages

Skime-area rummage sale day coming up on Saturday, May 6th, beginning at 8am. Many multiple family rummage sales in the area. Bethesda Church will also be hosting a bake sale, crafts, and lunch (eat-in or to-go).

Rummage sale locations:

Abrahamsons, Bethesda Church, D and ML Skime, Englands, Eric Morey, Golden Valley Hall, Lorensens, Samantha & Steven Olson, Solbergs, Tabitha & John Olson. (Online map available on the event Facebook page.)

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Saturday, April 29th, 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Sunday, April 30, 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Enjoy refreshments while you shop!

2023 Minnesota Severe Weather Awareness Week

Submitted by Christopher Muller, Beltrami County Sheriff's Office Emergency Services Director

The week of April 17th-21st, 2023, has been designated as Minnesota Severe Weather Awareness week. After a long winter, it is time to revisit the hazards that come with the change of the season. As we transition from winter hazards to summer hazards, we need to be mindful that every years we experience some type of severe weather event. Beltrami County Emergency Management joins other state, local and tribal agencies in promoting weather preparedness for the upcoming summer months. Each day of the week has a specific hazard topic to familiarize our citizens so they can be prepared when severe weather threatens.

Monday's topic is alerts and warnings. Know how to receive alert and warning information and what they mean. The National Weather Service issues a number of different alerts and warnings during the summer months. Watches may be issued when conditions are

favorable for the development of severe weather or tornadoes. Warnings are issued when they are occurring, likely to occur or are imminent. There are a number of mobile apps available on smart devices that can alert you, along with traditional commercial broadcast outlets or NOAA Weather Radios.

Tuesday's topic is severe weather, lightning and hail. Summer storms can produce destructive winds, large hail and torrential rain. Straight-line wind storms can be as destructive as some tornadoes with winds in excess of 120mph. Hail causes an average of a billion dollars in damage annually and has been recorded as large as baseball to softball size in Beltrami County in recent years. Lightning kills. If you are outside during a lightning storm you should find shelter indoors, "When Thunder Roars, Go Indoors." Lightning can strike several miles from a thunderstorm.

Wednesday's topic is flooding. Thunderstorms can be very effective rain makers and can result in numerous inches of rainfall in a short

periods of time. Flash flooding is one of the more dangerous summer weather elements and kills nearly 200 lives each year. If you encounter a flooded roadway, "Turn Around, Don't Drown." As little as six inches of flowing water can knock over a walking adult while a foot of water can float vehicles.

Thursday is Minnesota's tornado drill day. Two tornado drills will be conducted on Thursday. The first will be at 1:45PM and is an opportunity for businesses, schools and other institutions to practice their severe weather response plan. A second drill will be at 6:45PM and is intended for second shift workers and families at home to participate. Outdoor warning sirens in Beltrami County will be activated for the drill. If severe weather is possible on Thursday, the activation of sirens will be cancelled to avoid confusion with any possible real emergencies.

Friday's topic is excessive heat. Heat advisories and warnings should be taken seriously, heat related ailments can be deadly. During times of excessive heat avoid rigor-

ous activity or delay until the cooler parts of the day. Drink plenty of hydrating fluids and avoid alcohol consumption. Heat stroke can be identified through confusion, dizziness or becoming unconscious. It occurs when the body loses the ability to cool itself. Never leave children or pets in vehicles on warm days. Cars can act like a greenhouse resulting in lethal temperatures in a short period of time.

Christopher Muller, Beltrami County Emergency Management Director said, "While we have been very fortunate to not have experienced a violent tornado in recent years, Beltrami County is no stranger to severe weather and tornadoes. From 1950-2022, Beltrami County has recorded over 40 tornadoes, putting us in the top 15 counties for confirmed tornadoes in Minnesota. This doesn't include the many destructive straight-line wind events we have experienced." Additional information will be posted on the Beltrami County Emergency Management Facebook page next week.



The Northern Blast Volleyball girls hit the road again for another tournament in Fargo over the weekend. This team, coached by Mariah Kirkeide, got a first place medal! *Photos courtesy of Deanna Coan*



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

Feirie

Adjective

Feer-ee

Healthy; strong.

• SIMPLY DELICIOUS



By Kari Sundberg, Eagle Editor

Apple Cider Braised Pork Shoulder

This Apple Cider Braised Pork Shoulder is an easy one-pot dinner recipe, which we all love. Tender pork cooked low and slow in a bath of fresh apple cider, onions, apples, and fresh herbs.

- Ingredients**
- 4-5 lb pork shoulder, cut into large chunks (boneless or bone-in)
 - 2 tablespoons neutral oil
 - 2 cups fresh apple cider
 - 2 cups chicken stock
 - 2 tablespoons dijon mustard
 - 1 tablespoon dehydrated minced onion
 - 1 head of garlic, top sliced off opposite of the root end
 - 3 rosemary sprigs
 - 4 thyme sprigs
 - 1 red onion, cut into thick slices
 - 2 firm and slightly tart apples*, peeled and cut into wedges

kosher salt
freshly cracked black pepper

Instructions

Preheat an oven to 325 F. Pat the pork pieces dry with a paper towel and season liberally all over with kosher salt and pepper. If you're using boneless pork, aim for 4 large pieces of pork. If you're using bone-in, opt for 2 large pieces, cutting around the bone.

Heat the oil in a large dutch oven over medium-high heat. Once the oil is hot, arrange the pork in a single layer. Sear for 4-5 minutes per side until the pork is deeply browned. Repeat on all sides. Depending on the size of your dutch oven, you may need to do this in batches.

While the pork is searing, whisk together the cider, broth, dijon, and dehydrated minced onion together and set aside. Use kitchen twine to tie the rosemary and thyme together in a small bundle.

Once the pork is browned all over, pour in the braising liquid. Arrange the herbs and garlic head in the pot with the pork, cover and place in the oven.

Braise for 3 hours or so (start checking at 2 and a half hours for boneless), flipping the pork halfway through. Once the pork is just shy of fork tender, remove the pork from the oven and arrange the onions and apples around the pork. Cover and return to the oven for another 45 minutes to 1 hour. The pork should be very tender at this point.

Remove the pork and let it rest in its juices for 30 minutes before serving.



It was a busy week in Goodridge with a lot of cookin' goin' on! The Goodridge Trailblazers held their Landowners Appreciation supper last Thursday. It was also open to anyone who helped with the Goodridge-Grygla 500 Snowmobile Race. Many members of the snowmobile club were in attendance, as well as members of the Fourtown/Grygla Sportsman's Club. *Photo by Grygla Eagle Newspaper*



The 19th Annual Goodridge Area Fire & Rescue Fundraiser and open house was held on Saturday, April 17th. Over 500 hamburgers were served to the large crowd. Below, Walter Jones was the auctioneer for the evening. *Photos courtesy of Dave Sjulestad & Nate Peters*



Roseau County 4-H celebrates volunteers

Each year, thousands of volunteers in Minnesota donate their time and energy to make their communities a better place to live. These volunteers will be among the millions across the country who will be spotlighted during National Volunteer Week, April 16-22, 2023, including volunteers from the Grygla/Gatzke area as they share their time with the local 4-H club, Grygla Go-Getters!

One group that relies heavily on volunteers is the University of Minnesota Extension's 4-H Youth Development Program. During National Volunteer Week and every week throughout 2023, Minnesota 4-H celebrates and appreciates its more than 6,700 volunteers - each one critical to the success of 4-H programs and making a difference in the lives of youth. In Roseau County, 125 adult volunteers serve as club leaders, project leaders, committee members, mentors, and in advisory capacities for the 4-H Youth Development Program. Research shows that Minnesota 4-H volunteers help youth gain leadership skills, serve their communities, improve their decision-making skills and develop career readiness.

The work of 4-H volunteers is continuous. Every day volunteers lend a helping hand to make 4-H programs more beneficial to the residents of Roseau County. Those interested in joining the team of 4-H volunteers are invited to contact the University of Minnesota Extension - Roseau County 4-H at 218-463-1052, <https://extension.umn.edu/local/roseau>, or email Sandi Weiland at weila006@umn.edu, Kelsey Berger at emery087@umn.edu or Stephanie Walsh-Olafson at wals0210@umn.edu

USDA funding available to help low-income individuals and families buy or repair homes

USDA Rural Development has funding available for very low- and low-income individuals and families seeking to purchase or repair a home in a rural area.

The Direct Home Loan program offers financing to qualified very-low and low-income applicants that are unable to qualify for traditional financing. No down payment is required, and the interest rate could be as low as one percent with a subsidy. Applicants must meet income and credit guidelines and demonstrate repayment ability. The program is available in rural communities of generally 35,000 people or less.

The maximum loan amount is \$40,000 at a one percent interest rate, repayable for a 20-year term and can be used to improve or modernize homes and do essential repairs.

pairs. Grants of up to \$10,000 are available to homeowners 62 and older and must be used to remove health or safety hazards, such as fixing a leaking roof, installing indoor plumbing, or replacing a furnace.

Time is limited to receive funds for the current fiscal year. Contact a USDA Rural Development Housing Specialist in your area today, to see if you qualify 218-681-2843 x4.

USDA Rural Development loans and grants provide assistance that supports infrastructure improvements; business development; housing; community services such as schools, public safety and health care; and high-speed internet access in rural areas. For more information, visit www.rd.usda.gov/mn.

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Purple Up for military kids

Submitted by Cathy Newton, Grygla American Legion Auxiliary 162

April: Month of the Military Child and Purple Up! Day

Military children face unique challenges and make sacrifices. To recognize this, April is designated as the month of the Military Child (#MOMC).

Purple Up! Day (April 15th) is part of the monthlong celebration. To show support for military children and raise awareness about their sacrifices, people wear purple on this special day. Purple symbolizes a combination of the colors of

each branch of the U.S. Military: Army green, Navy blue, Air Force blue, Marine red, and Coast Guard blue.

As a major supporter and advocate for veterans, the military, and their families for more than a century, the American Legion auxiliary appreciates and celebrates these children who give up so much as their servicemember parents work to protect and defend America, its people, and its principles. Thousands of ALA members and other members of The American Legion family participate in Purple Up! Day.

Dandelions

Submitted by Cathy Newton, Grygla American Legion Auxiliary 162

The official flower of the military child is the dandelion, and here is why: Dandelions put down roots almost anywhere and it is almost impossible to destroy. It is an unpretentious plant, yet good looking. It is a survivor in a broad range of climates.

Military children bloom everywhere the winds carry them. They are hearty and upright. Their roots are strong, cultivated deeply in the culture of the military, planted swiftly

and surely; they're ready to fly in the breezes that take them to new adventures, new lands, and new friends.

Military children are well-rounded, culturally aware, tolerant, and extremely resilient. They have learned from an early age that home is where their hearts are. That a good friend can be found in every corner of the world.

They learn that to survive means to adapt. That the door that closes one chapter of their life opens to a new and exciting adventure full of new friends and new experiences.



Goodridge School held their band & choir concert last Thursday, April 13th. Photo courtesy of Deanna Coan



State Project Bowl – This group of Roseau County 4-H members placed 5th in the state in the senior General Livestock division. A job well done! This group shares their passion for general livestock in Roseau County and are role models to many younger youth in the project. They didn't create their team or start practicing together until January 2023. State Project Bowl team includes Walter Jones and Katelyn Larson of the Grygla Go-Getters 4-H Club, pictured above. Photo courtesy of Dawn Larson

Drone teams travel to Texas



Grygla's Robotics Drone Teams made the trek down to Texas April 13th-17th. They were escorted out of town by the Grygla Fire Department last Thursday morning. This tournament wrapped up their season in a very exciting way! Dane Arveson, Anthony Englund, Chelsie Nelson and Mollie Lunsetter make up Drone Teams 4149D and 4149F; their advisor is Dustin Nelson. Before their competitions began, the crew headed to Galveston Bay and the Gulf of Mexico, and did some other sight-seeing.

Come tournament time, both teams did great and had to overcome many obstacles. 4149F finished the weekend with a record of 2-7-1, ranking them 52nd out of 57 teams. 4149D finished the weekend with a record of 5-5, ranking them at 30th. Neither team was selected to move into the elimination bracket. 4149D also placed 15th out of the 57 teams in autonomous flight with a score of 30. The club is already looking forward to next year's activities and competitions, although they will lose their two seniors, Dane and Anthony. Photos courtesy of Grygla School

