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In this issue ... Our newspaper shines a spotlight on Benji Marquis in honor of Veterans Day on November 11.



The GG Chargers are the Section 8 9-Man Champions! The 34-6 win over Stephen-Argyle last week pushed us into the State Tournament, which hasn't happened since 2012! Photos courtesy of Deanna Coan Photography

Chargers Football team is headed to State

By Kari Sundberg, Eagle Editor

"This 2023 Charger football season will be very memorable," commented John Wilebski, Chargers Head Coach.

Last week, Goodridge-Grygla-Gatzke defeated Stephen Argyle Central 34-6 to win the Section 8 9-Man Football Championship! This win makes it the first State Tournament appearance for our football team since 2012! The Chargers will play Fertile-Beltrami on Thursday, November 9, at 7 p.m. at Moorhead High School in the Minnesota State High School League 9-Man State Quarterfinals.

"This is great for our team, our school, and our community! We know in small schools that programs go in cycles. Each community has their identity and we're proud of these kids and their accomplishments," Wilebski stated. He pointed out that Fertile-Beltrami is a tough opponent, and their team

has dominated 9-man football in the state. He added, "This will be a real challenge for our kids with the injuries we acquired in the section championship game but going forward with the pride of a true 9-man school, the Charger boys will give it their best going forward in the State playoffs."

While playing against the Storm in the Fargodome last week, three players were injured. First, Lewis Jones was out of the game early on with an ankle injury. However, he is expected to be back on the field come Thursday's game in Moorhead. Kehan Nelson was out for a short time in the game against the Storm due to an ankle mishap. Christian Loken was also taken down with a knee injury and is out for the remainder of the season.

Wilebski provided the following comments: "The Chargers overcame some costly first-quarter injuries and had an explosive second quarter, led

by Blake Rychlock and the two sophomore sensations, Sawyer Jacobson and Owen Larson, in the passing game. Carson Rubischko and Kehan Nelson contributed on the ground with Rychlock, Nelson and Rubischko all scoring touchdowns. I'm so proud of how the team stepped up through adversity and how resilient they were to clinch the Section Championship game."

Stats from the Section Championship game

GG: 0, 22, 6, 6 = 34
SAC: 0, 0, 6, 0 = 6
Rubischko 6 yard td run, Rychlock pass to Larson
Nelson 10 yard td run, Rychlock run
Rubischko 4 yard td run, kick no good
Rychlock 7 yard td pass to Nelson, run failed
Smith 31 yard td pass to Woinarowicz, run failed
Rychlock 1 yard td run, kick no good
Jones 2 carries for 23 yards

1 td
Rychlock 11 carries for 53 yards
Nelson 15 carries for 122, 2 tds
Rubischko 10 carries for 48 yards, 2 tds
Passing: Rychlock 8 for 12 120 1td, 1 int
Defensive tackles:
Blake Rychlock 5 tackles 1 int
Gavin Aune 4 tackles
Donny Johnsrud 8 tackles
Andrew Englund 3 tackles
Carson Rubischko 9 tackles
Hunter Vad 2 tackles
Owen Larson 4 tackles
Lewis Jones 5 tackles
Sawyer Jacobson 4 tackles
Christian Loken 2 tackles
Kehan Nelson 2 tackles
Chase Manderud 4 tackles
Sebastian Groven 2 tackles
Ray Moe 1 tackle
Brody Rystad 1 fumble rec

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Rae's Café is open in Goodridge

By Kari Sundberg, Eagle Editor

The Goodridge Café, now re-named to Rae's Café, is officially open for business as of Friday, November 3, 6 a.m. The local café is owned by the City of Goodridge, but is now being rented and operated by Jami Schultz and Darla & Les Guillemette. They are a daughter, mom and dad trio!

The City of Goodridge has been working hard to get the café ready for new renter. They put approximately \$10,000 into updates before Jami, Darla & Les took over. Jami said they've completed all necessary licensure and are thankful for the move-in ready space! "There were some things that needed to be fixed, cleaned and replaced, but the city was so great in making sure all of that was taken care of. They've really helped us out," she acknowledged.

This is the trio's first venture running a café. However, Darla has a lot of experience when it comes to the kitchen. She ran the kitchen at the Community Church Childcare Center for

years; Jamie also worked there as the manager for the last 20 years. They bring a lot of experience to the table, pun intended. Darla has a lot of cooking experience while Jamie understands the business aspect in greater detail.

As for the connection to Goodridge, Jami's children attend school there. She also has a sister who lives in rural Goodridge – Katie Halvorson, married to Cole Halvorson.

Rae's Café will be having a daily special along with a special of soups and sandwiches. They'll be serving breakfast, lunch, and everything in between, along with baked goods. Darla makes bread and rolls while Jamie bakes cupcakes and cookies. All of their baked goods can be custom ordered by calling the café. They also have everything on the menu available for takeout. To place a custom or to-go order, call Rae's Café at 218-378-4222.

Hours

The hours of Rae's Café will be Monday-Friday 6 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturdays 6 a.m. to 2 p.m. and closed Sundays.



L-R: Darla & Les Guillemette and their daughter Jami Schultz. The three are now in business together operating Rae's Cafe in Goodridge. Photo by Grygla Eagle Newspaper

Marquis gives 22 years of service to his country



Benji Marquis, Army E-6, is pictured up in the tower at Camp Ripley. Photos courtesy of Benji Marquis

By Kari Sundberg, Eagle Editor

Every year, the Grygla Eagle shines a spotlight on a local veteran in honor of Veterans Day on November 11. This year, I sat down for a one-on-one interview with Benji Marquis, who currently lives in Badger, but graduated from Goodridge High School in 1997.

After 22 years of service, Marquis officially ended his duties in 2019. What was originally going to be just a 3-year term from 1997 to 2000, ended up being so much more than that. "I just enjoyed it so much. I looked at my time at Camp Ripley almost like a weekend getaway," Benji commented.

We'll take a closer look at exactly what that comment means, but first let's start at the beginning.

Benji Marquis, Army E-6 (Staff Sergeant)

Benji was a Goodridge High School Senior, unsure of what he wanted to do in the future or what he wanted to go to school for. He chose to enlist in the United States Army for three years. In fact, he convinced his friend (Jared Sundsahl) to come over to his house, meet with the Army recruiter, too, and just listen to what he had to say. Both ended up signing that same day with a recruiter out of Bemidji.

Benji did his 8-week basic

training at Fort Benning in Georgia the summer of 1997. After that was completed, he went on to AIT (Advanced Individual Training) where his MOS (Military Occupation Specialty) was Eleven Bravo (11B), which is a soldier trained as an infantryman. In this area of specialty, Benji learned everything related to the weapon systems.

From 1997-2000, his training would take him to various bases all over the country, including a stay in the jungles of Panama. Benji was stationed at Fort Lewis in Washington, Fort Polk in Louisiana, Fort Irwin in California, Fort Greely in Alaska, and Fort Gordon in Panama. Each included specific warfare trainings. For example, Alaska was Winter Warfare Training, Panama included Jungle Operation Training, California provided training in the desert heat, and so on. Each place offered similar training just in a different environment.

Out of all those locations, Benji says that Panama sticks out the most just because he had never been to an area like that. He easily recalled the humidity in the jungle, being in the wild with monkeys, along with how dark it would get under the canopy of trees. The units were briefed on everything they might encounter while in the jungle, including tarantulas, because those run-ins were very realistic as the simulations took place in the wild amongst those natural conditions. Benji said the trainings would include foot patrols, contact training, and making contact with the enemy. He ac-

tually compared it to playing laser tag.

Of those early days in the Army, Benji also recalls having to sleep in a tent up in Alaska during the cold month of February with temps about 20 degrees below zero. He shared that they'd have sleds to carry their stoves and tents; he also recalls having to pack double the food portions as the winter conditions required a lot more food intake. The unit would spend 2-3 days at a time out on a field problem.

Though Benji was active in real war scenarios and simulations, there were no wars going on at the time of his service. His service with the army came to an end on May 29th, 2000. His total contract time was 3 years and 18 weeks. At that time, instead of joining the Army Reserves, Benji decided he'd like to join the Army National Guard, signing on for just a few more years.

In 2003, Benji was deployed to Bosnia as part of a peace-keeping mission. He had been home for about three years at that point and had completed a two-year Liberal Arts degree at Northland and was in his first year at the University of Minnesota Crookston when he was deployed. His plan was to go to UMC for Environmental Science, but those plans quickly changed. Benji was deployed for six months overseas. The initial conflict in that part of the world had happened about five years prior, so at the time he was over there, the U.S. had soldiers present to patrol the roads and little villages, mainly to keep the peace, as

mentioned.

Well, his end-time rolled around again, but Benji wasn't quite ready to call it quits. He signed another commitment with the National Guard, this time for 6 years with his MOS changing to Eleven Charlie (11C), where he was now a mortarman. This training was done at Camp Grayling in Michigan for two weeks with later drills being held in Thief River Falls with other members of his new unit.

Benji said he chose to stay in the National Guard because he missed the military when he had gotten out, but he didn't want to do it full time. The National Guard includes training one weekend every month, along with two weeks in the summer, all of which was done at Camp Ripley in Minnesota.

When Benji's time was up, for lack of a better phrase, he just kept signing, ultimately serving in the National Guard until 2019.

As part of the same TSU unit from 2006-2019, Benji worked his way up in ranking, and was in charge of ranges, training areas and impact areas down at Camp Ripley. He'd train people from all over who needed to get their weapon qualifications. "Every MOS," he says. "From cooks to clerks, tankers to Calgary to scouts...every MOS has to go through weapon qualifications annually or whenever required," he shared. Benji would go to Camp Ripley one weekend a month, along with two weeks every summer. Of his time there, he says, "I enjoyed it so much. It was almost like a weekend getaway to me."

Benji explained his role at Camp Ripley more in depth, saying he'd be up in a tower, running a crew through 16 lanes with 40 targets. Using a big PA system that broadcast over the range, he'd instruct everyone across the range and through the 40 targets. He explained that out of 40, you've got to hit 24 to be a marksman, 30 to be a sharpshooter and 36 to be an expert.

It was Benji's hope to get a full-time job at Camp Ripley, but it never ended up working out, though his wife was on board to make the move if it came to light. Benji and his wife Mandy were married in 2012. They have one son together, Steele, who is in 5th grade. The family makes their home in Badger. Benji has been working at Marvin Windows since 2006. He said the company was always so great about the time off he needed in order to fulfill his duties in the National Guard at Camp Ripley.

Today, Benji is part of the Warroad Legion and involved in the Badger Color Guard. Of his time in the service, he shared that it really gave him a jumpstart in life. "It makes you accountable and it's a great way to start out life. The military teaches you so many life lessons. It would be great for any young person to join any branch just to get all these experiences and see new places." He hopes his son Steele will consider the military one day, saying he would encour-

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• CHURCH CALENDARS

GRYGLA LUTHERAN PARISH
Grace and Our Savior's, Grygla
Pastor Marilyn Grafstrom
Recorded services will play on Garden Valley channel 36 on Wednesdays 7pm and Sundays 9am & 7pm.
Wednesday, Nov 8
11am Bible Study, 2:15pm Release Time; 3:30 FFF night, 6pm Grace Choir, 7pm Confirmation, 8pm Grace Council
Sunday, Nov 12
Grace: 9am Worship
OS: 10:30am Worship

GOODRIDGE AREA LUTHERAN PARISH, ELCA
Bethany, Ekelund, Faith
Wednesday, Nov 8
Wednesday School; Confirmation at Faith with 6:30pm gathering & 7pm class.
Sunday, Nov 12
Ekelund: 8am Worship, 9am SS
Faith: 9:30am Worship, 11am SS
Bethany: 10am SS, 11am Worship
Monday, Nov 13
Rachel Circle 9am, 7pm
Parish Council Meeting at Faith

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Pastor Steve Bliss
Sundays
8am Worship

UNITED LUTHERAN PARISH Gatzke
Pastor Tim Lundeen
Wednesday, Nov 8
Church Council Meeting
Sunday, Nov 12
8:30am Worship
Monday, Nov 13
Ladies Aid Meeting 1pm

CLEARWATER LUTHERAN PARISH
St. Petri – Grygla; Mt. Olive, Nazareth – Trail; Oak Park – Oklee
Pastor Jeff Merseth
Wednesday, Nov 8
Wednesday School 5-7pm; 6:30pm Vespers
Saturday, Nov 11
Mt. Olive Worship 9am
Sunday, Nov 12
St. Petri: 8am Worship
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Grygla School Patrol Installation 10:30am; Senior Meals at Grain Bin Café 11am; Grygla Library open 2-6pm; FFF at Grace Lutheran

Thurs | Nov 9
Grygla School Veterans Day Program 9am; Covid Booster Clinic at Grygla Community Center 11am-12pm; Chargers vs. Fertile Beltrami in State Quarter-Finals at Moorhead High School 7pm

Fri | Nov 10
No School; Senior Meals at Grain Bin Café 11am

Sat | Nov 11
Veterans Day

Sun | Nov 12

Mon | Nov 13
Goodridge School Veterans Day Program 9am; Senior Meals at Grain Bin Café 11am; GBB practice begins; Grygla City Council Meeting 7pm

Tues | Nov 14
Parent-Teacher Conferences 4-8pm; Turkey Bingo at Grygla High School 6pm

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Pay will be based on assignment. If you are interested, please contact Derek Gieseke at 218 294 6155 or by email dgieseke@grygla.k12.mn.us

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Booster Shot Clinic
There will be a COVID-19 Booster Shot Clinic at the Grygla Community Center on Thursday, November 9, from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. Please bring your insurance card. Call North Valley Public Health at 218-745-5154 to register.
If you are sick, please stay home.

Basketball begins next week
Charger basketball season kicks off next week for the girls with their official practice starting on Monday, Nov. 13. The boys don't start practice until the following Monday, Nov. 20. Looking ahead, the girls have a jamboree on the schedule for Saturday, Nov. 18. Location and time to be announced. The boys have their first jamboree on Saturday, Nov. 25 in Clearbrook – time to be announced.

Holiday shopping
If any local vendors or crafters want to be included in an upcoming special feature, please let the Grygla Eagle know via email at grygla.eagle@gmail.com or text 218-689-6901. The special feature will be a "shop local" holiday shopping guide, which will include fun gifts you can get locally from our businesses, vendors, crafters, and artists. If there are any specials or gifts available that your business is offering over the holidays, please let the newspaper know and we'll include this in the holiday shopping guide.

Veterans Day programs
The Grygla School will be holding a Veterans Day program this Thursday, Nov. 9, at 9 a.m. in the gymnasium. This is open to the public.
The Goodridge School is also planning a program for Monday, Nov. 13, at 9 a.m. in their gymnasium. Everyone is invited to that one, as well.

Gobble, gobble
Calling all to TURKEY BINGO!
Grygla
Well, ham, bacon, and pork loin, too, but the frozen turkeys are the star of the show! Turkey Bingo will be held at the Grygla School on Thursday, November 14, at 6 p.m. \$0.25/ card with the last game being \$1 as its blackout for the big win! Bars and refreshments will be available. This is the same night at Parent/Teacher Conferences (4-8 p.m.), so stick around to play Bingo and win some meat for your upcoming holiday dinners. This evening is sponsored by the Grygla Student Council.
Goodridge
Don't miss your chance to win some delicious meat for the holidays at Turkey Bingo on Saturday, November 18, at 5 p.m., in the Goodridge Community Center. There will be a meal and concessions served, and a silent auction as well. All proceeds from the event will go to support students raising money to go to Washington D.C. and NYC through Close Up 2025!
Bring the whole family out to these fun-filled events that support a great cause!

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• LETTER TO THE EDITOR
To those that have supported me over the last 11+ years professionally and more importantly, personally, from the bottom of my heart, I thank you. Your words, thoughts and prayers are all felt, and I am humbled to have so many people in my corner. I love you all. To those that have set out to hurt me and degrade me, you've failed. I will continue to hold my head up high. I do, however, forgive you. My hope is that all people reading this will do some self-reflection, as I have in writing it. I have faith that moving forward, we can all treat each other with respect, heal and move forward in a positive way as a community. Here are a few things I've learned:
When you need help, ask for it.
Help is often the most difficult word to say in the English language. There is no shame in needing help; we all do at some point. Never, ever, ever be too proud to ask for help. You'll be surprised at the places that help will come from.
When you see someone needing help, run to them, not away.
It's easy to look the other way. It's easy to run away from people in need. When they have the courage to ask for help, or more importantly, when they're too afraid to, reach out to them. Be patient. Personify LOVE.
It's ok to be vulnerable.
People often see this as a weakness. That couldn't be further from the truth. The strongest people I know allow themselves to be vulnerable sometimes. That can lead to hurt, because inevitably you'll be let down. Do not let that allow you to lose faith in humanity. There is way more good in this world than evil, we just don't hear about it as much.
Do not judge others.
We all have our crosses to bear. Nobody can truly walk in another's shoes. These are trite sayings, but so true. We don't know what is happening in other people's lives, so we have no right to judge them. None of us are better than any other, we've just all been dealt a different hand to play, so we should help each other out.
Do not participate in the "rumor mill".
There is always a bit of truth amongst a smattering of untruths or outright lies. Don't ever be a part of this. The person on the other end is someone's child, parent, spouse, sibling, friend, etc...none of us are perfect, and inevitably the rumor mill will come back to hit each of us in the backside at some point.
Smile and say "Thank You".
There is something to be thankful for every day. Be vigilant in looking for those things and giving thanks to our Father, but also to the people around us that do the "little things" that few notice. A small amount of gratitude to God and each other goes a lot further than you can imagine. A smile and a "thank you", costs us nothing, but the return is priceless!
Forgive.
This isn't easy, but we have to forgive those who hurt us. We are called to do this. We never experience true healing until we forgive the people that have sinned against us. It's the healthiest option, but it isn't always easy to do. It takes time and effort, but at the end of the day, we must forgive. Forgiveness doesn't come easy, and it isn't contingent on us liking the person/people that have hurt us, but we do need to forgive for peace in our own soul.
Thank you all for your time in reading this and take care of each other!
Sincerely,
Jamie Lunsetter
Gatzke, MN

Benefit being planned for Greg Olson
There will be a benefit for Greg Olson on Saturday, Nov. 18, at the Grygla School, beginning at 11 a.m. Greg has been diagnosed with Squamous Cell Carcinoma and began chemotherapy and radiation treatment at the Mayo Clinic on Monday, which will be ongoing for multiple weeks.
The benefit will be in the High School Cafeteria with Taco-in-a-bag served at 11 a.m. with a free will donation. A silent auction will be held from 11 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. with meat raffles, a 50/50 drawing, and a bake sale. A cornhole tournament will also be taking place at the school that day. Contact Tausha Severts or Brenna Bakken (218-294-6155) to pre-register. Limit 32 teams – 3:45 p.m. registration - \$40 per team with top 3 teams splitting 50% of the proceeds.
Raffle tickets will also be sold until 5 p.m. on November 18. Prizes include a deer stand, guns, Balsam Beach camping voucher, Mr. Buddy Heater, trail camera, and cash prizes. The drawing will be held at The Hound that Saturday, Nov. 18, at 7 p.m. Tickets can be purchased at area businesses. All funds raised will help defray medical, travel and other costs that may arise.
Please contact Tausha Severts, Brenna Bakken or Courtney Eskeli if you wish to donate silent auction items for the benefit at the school. An account has been opened in Greg's name at American State Bank of Grygla.

The origins of Veterans Day
Submitted by Cathy Newton, on behalf of the Holte-Grygla-Fourtown American Legion Auxiliary
In 1921, an unknown World War I American soldier was buried in Arlington National Cemetery. This site, on a hillside overlooking the Potomac River and the city of Washington D.C., became the focal point of reverence for America's veterans.
Similar ceremonies occurred earlier in England and France, where an unknown soldier was buried in each nation's highest place of honor (in England, **Veterans Day...**
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The staff at American State Bank of Grygla got into the spirit of Halloween last week!
Photo courtesy of Laurie Polansky

Leave your leaves alone

Part 2 of 2 – Grygla Eagle sit down interview with Lisa Erickson, local garden expert.

Last week’s article shared a little bit of information pertaining to leaving your leaves alone in the fall, along with not cutting back your plants, and the reasoning behind that. This week’s information still pertains to fall clean-up or lack of. Lisa shares when it comes to trees and shrubs, trimming branches before they come out of dormancy is best, so in the spring. You can find a lot of great information online on when and how to trim, along with which branches.

Lisa says for those who love birds, she makes her own hummingbird mix, you just have to replace it often. She uses a 4 to 1 (water to sugar) ratio, but never uses artificial sugar. Making your own is better than over the counter, she suggests. “If food dye isn’t good for us, it isn’t good for them,” added Lisa. She also mentioned that

if you do bird baths, it’s important to put fresh water out every day, especially if it’s hot out.

As a lover of all things garden-related, and as mentioned last week, Lisa loves native plants. She has lots of new seedlings pop up all the time; some she pulls just to maintain the size. Lisa takes pride in having many different species including natives and cultivators because they attract different species. She also makes sure to have plants that flower throughout the season, providing pollen from spring until late fall, noting that Asters are her favorite fall flower.

Lisa controls all of her plants by hand, never putting chemical in her yard or flower gardens. She says controlling the weeds by hand is very satisfying as it allows her to be out in her gardens, see how they change every day, and also allows for new plants to be seeded.

Natural is best, that’s the

theme in Lisa’s yard. As mentioned last week, leaving your leaves alone, along with leaving flower stalks (and seed heads) alone over the winter create nest sites for bees and other insects, and provide seeds for birds and other wildlife to feed on. If leaving your leaves on your lawn isn’t an option, rake them up and spread them over vegetable or flower beds, where it helps to build soil and provide habitat. You can also pile leaves around ornamental trees, shrubs or perennials for mulch. Lisa says this natural mulch is way better than the stuff you can get at the store as it has the same moisture retention, weed suppression and is free!

While sticking to the idea of leaving the leaves, Lisa says she understand that people want to rake, especially in the spring, to get ready for summer, but try raking in late spring when the weather is warmer. This allows for successful emergence of butter-

flies, queen bumble bees and other overwintering insects.

To summarize, these last two weeks of garden tips make the point of leaving your gardens alone in the fall. With the exception of removing and disposing of diseased or insect-infested plants, let your garden rest in the fall and over the winter.

Lisa is a member of the Grygla Garden Club. It’s possible that she, along with other interested members of the club, may look at offering some Community Education classes over the winter on a variety of flower garden topics. Grygla is fortunate enough to have a lot of great gardeners who could be considered experts, but we’ve also got a lot of potential gardeners who are eager and interested to learn more! If Community Ed garden classes do transpire, the information will definitely be shared in the newspaper.

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Westminster Abbey; in France, the Arc de Triomphe). These memorial gestures all took place on November 11, giving universal recognition to the celebrated ending of World War I fighting at 11 a.m., November 11, 1918 (the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month). The day became known as Armistice Day.

Armistice Day officially received its name in America in 1926 through a Congressional resolution. It became a national holiday 12 years later by similar Congressional action. If the idealistic hope had been realized that World War I was the “war to end all wars,” November 11 might still be called Armistice Day. But only a few years after the holiday was proclaimed, war broke out in Europe. Sixteen and one half million Americans took part. Four hundred seven thousand of them died in service, more than 292,000 in battle.

Armistice Day changed to honor all veterans

The first celebration using the term Veterans Day occurred in Birmingham, Alabama, in 1947. Raymond Weeks, a World War II veteran, organized “National Veterans Day,” which included a parade and other festivities, to honor all veterans. The event was held on November 11, then designated Armistice Day. Later, U.S. Representative Edward Rees, of Kansas, proposed a bill that would change Armistice Day to Veterans Day. In 1954, Congress passed the bill that President Eisenhower signed proclaiming November 11th as Veterans Day. Raymond Weeks received the Presidential Citizens Medal from President Reagan in November 1982. Weeks’ local parade and ceremonies are now an annual event celebrated nationwide.

On Memorial Day 1958, two more unidentified American war dead were brought from overseas and interred in the Plaza beside the unknown soldier of World War I. One was killed in World War II, the other in the Korean War. In 1984, an unknown serviceman from the Vietnam War was placed alongside the others. The remains from Vietnam

were exhumed May 14, 1998, and identified as Air Force 1st Lt. Michael Joseph Blassie, and removed for burial. To honor these men, symbolic of all Americans who gave their lives in all wars, an Army honor guard, the 3rd U.S. Infantry (The Old Guard), keeps day and night vigil.

A law passed in 1968 to change the national commemoration of Veterans Day to the 4th Monday in October. It soon became apparent, however, that November 11 was a date of historic significance to many Americans. Therefore, in 1978 Congress returned the observance to its traditional date.

National Ceremonies held at Arlington National Cemetery

The focal point for official, national ceremonies for Veterans Day, continues to be the memorial amphitheater built around the Tomb of the Unknowns. At 11 a.m. on November 11, a combined color guard representing all military services executes “Present Arms” at the tomb. The nation’s tribute to its war dead is symbolized by the laying of a presidential wreath. The bugler plays “Taps.” The rest of the ceremony takes place in the amphitheater.

Veterans Day ceremonies at Arlington and elsewhere are coordinated by the President’s Veterans Day National Committee. Chaired by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, the committee represents national veteran’s organizations.

Governors of many States and U.S. territories appoint Veterans Day chairpersons who, in cooperation with the National Committee and the Department of Defense, arrange and promote local ceremonies.



Dog found in rural Grygla



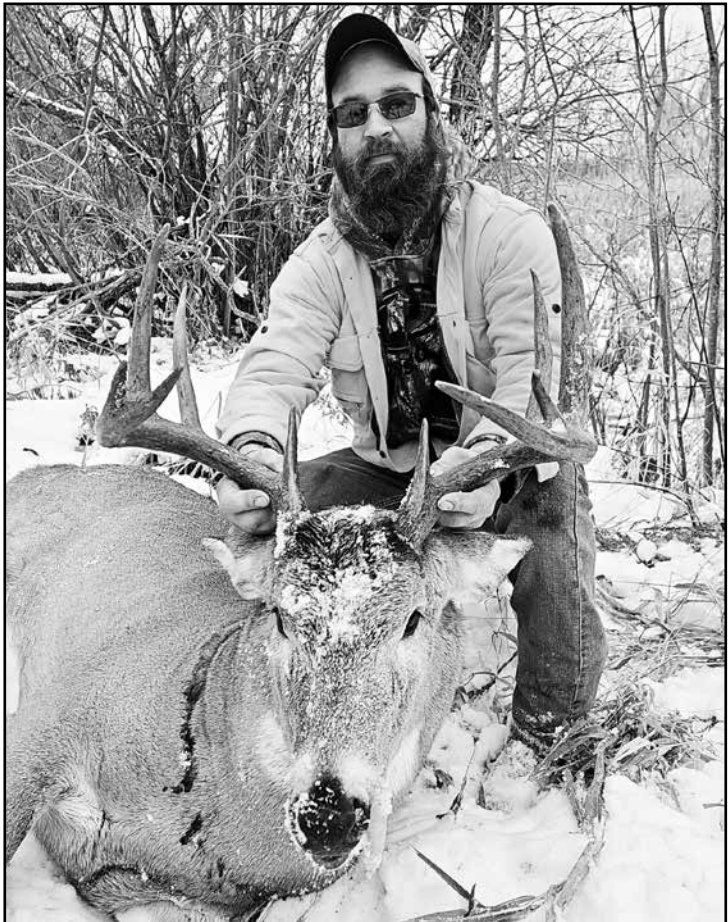
If anyone is missing their dog, this sweet boy was found over the weekend. Broken cable with 2 blue collars. Appears to have been running for quite a while and very hungry. The dog is being cared for right now in rural Grygla, but hoping to reunite it with its owner(s)! Please call Courtney (Neuschwander) Tennancour at 218-686-7609.



Alex Bladow (left) and Kyle Bladow (above) both shot their bucks by Thief Lake. Alex got his 10-pointer opening morning, Kyle got his 8-pointer that evening! *Photos courtesy of Kyle Bladow*



Morgan Coan, above, took down an 8-pointer last Saturday near her home in Highland. Below, Abe Miller shot his 10-point buck with one arm in a sling! He was hunting near his Grandpa Richard Miller’s place in rural Goodridge. *Photos courtesy of Deanna Coan & Aaron Miller*



Kiefer Kainz with his 10-point buck he shot north of Movie over the weekend. *Photo courtesy of Keifer Kainz*

Section Champs...
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Community Pep Fest
There will be a community pep fest on Wednesday, November 8, at 9:30 a.m. at the Grygla School. This is open to the whole community! Help send off our State-Bound Charger Football Team.

Spectator bus
Goodridge/Grygla will be bringing one spectator bus to the State Quarter-Final football game on Thursday. A minimum of 20 spectators is needed to go (with a max of 40). The bus will leave Grygla at 3:30 p.m. and Goodridge at 4 p.m. All children 8th grade and under must be accompanied by a parent/guardian. There is no cost associated with this trip, but there will be no extra stops except a bathroom break.

Radio and streaming options
Here are the confirmed radio and streaming options for the Chargers vs. Falcons State Quarter-Final game at Moorhead High School this Thursday. (Pregame 6:30, Kickoff 7 p.m.)

Radio
TRF Radio: 94.1 FM; trfradio.com; 94.1 The Falls mobile app
KROX Radio: 1260am/105.7FM; kroxam.com
KRJB KRJM KKCQ Radio: KKCQ 96.7 FM; KRJB 106.5; rjrbroadcasting.com

Video Streaming
NSPN – Minnesota: https://nspn.tv/MSHSL
(Subscription required, recommend getting it taken care of in advance to ensure it works smoothly once the game starts.) Thank you to all sponsors and media outlets for providing coverage for Charger Fans near and far.



Marquis...
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age that. Benji's stepson Landon (age 19) just graduated from basic training and is now in AIT as a Light-Wheel Vehicle Mechanic. He is currently stationed at Fort Lee in Virginia.
To Benji, and all others who have selflessly given their service to our country, we thank you. Happy Veterans Day.



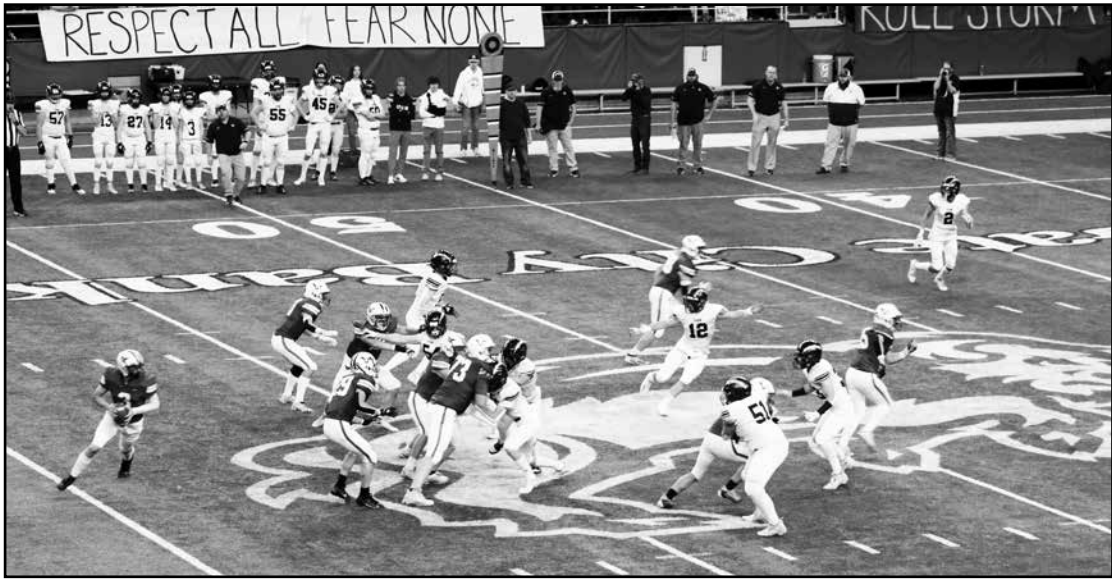
Above: Benji in Alaska (notice the snowshoes). Below: Benji in the jungles of Panama.



#73 Gavin Aune, Grygla Junior



Above left: Lewis Jones early in the game against The Storm before an ankle injury kept him on the sidelines. Above right: Christian Loken is taken down with a knee injury and escorted off the field. Photos courtesy of Deanna Coan Photography



Chargers vs. Storm action shots



Above and to the right: Carson Rubischko #29! Photos courtesy of Deanna Coan Photography. The Grygla Eagle was present at the game and taking pictures, however, we reserve the right to use better quality photos that are submitted for print, if we so choose. Thanks to Deanna's professional photo skills for capturing these action shots and sending them our way!

