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Coming next week ... Charger athletes receive numerous awards at their fall banquet.

Jingle & Mingle Christmas Party Benefit for Brian Peterson

There is an upcoming benefit for Brian Peterson, who is married to Letty (Sistad). Letty is the daughter of Jerry and Cheryl Sistad, of Grygla.

The Sistad's son-in-law, Brian, a lifelong resident of Okee, has been dealing with intermittent lung infections over the past five years. 2023 has been especially difficult. Brian was hospitalized last January with acute kidney failure and sepsis. He developed Covid while in the hospital and was on a ventilator. He spent 9 weeks in the hospital and rehab.

Brian has had multiple hospitalizations since then due to fluid in his lungs and issues with his sodium. Last summer, he was doing well, and everyone was hopeful his health would remain stable. Unfortunately, in September he developed pneumonia and again had fluid building up in his lungs. After a month at Altru, Brian was able to go to a rehab facility in Fargo but ended up in Sanford hospital first with clotting issues, then again with fluid buildup and kidney issues. After a week of temporary dialysis, he was able to return home with home health. Less than a week

later, he was back at Altru with fluid, kidney, and heart issues.

Currently, Brian is in need of lots of prayers. He is currently intubated and on a ventilator in the ICU. Doctors ruled out a possible stroke, but found that he is septic, once again, which is an infection in the blood. Brian needs a lot of healing prayers during this time. He has spent almost 6 months collectively in hospitals and rehabs this year. We hope you will consider spreading some holiday cheer by helping out this great couple. A "Jingle & Mingle" Christmas Party Benefit will be held on Saturday, December 16th, at the Oklee Hall from 7-10pm. All guests in attendance are encouraged to wear an "ugly sweater" or risk being fined \$20. This festive event will include a wine walk, gingerbread jail, ugly sweater contest, lucky buck baskets, big prize drawings, 50/50, snacks, drinks and fun! All funds collected will help defray Brian's medical expenses.

Please contact Krista Bernstein (651-402-4815) or Tracy Hamm (218-688-2147) with any questions, or if you wish to donate any items for the event.



DNR shoots bull elk

The DNR shot this bull elk 5.5 miles north of Grygla last week on November 27th. Videos showed the animal running in tight circles out in a field for the better part of the day. This photo (and the video) was shared on Steve Porter's Trophy Whitetail Facebook page. It was questioned if elk get brain worm, which resulted in a lot of interesting comments and conversation.

Some possible insight was provided by a former State Wildlife Veterinarian with the MN DNR who said the video was very consistent with brain worm, though a brain abscess could be to blame, as well. The comment explained the necropsy results should be available 10-14 days later, and if no information is released, anyone can do a freedom of information act request or call the Wildlife Health Program as they would be the first to get the results. That same individual said they have been involved with hundreds of brainworm cases in MN, ND, and Ontario; 75% of them circle (like the elk here was doing) or head press.

Visit American State Bank

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. They will be giving away wagons full of toys to one girl and one boy, along with a \$150 cash card to one adult. The drawing will be held at 4pm on Wednesday, December 20th. Christmas goodies will be served in the bank lobby the week of December 18-22; you can also pick up your 2024 calendar at this time!

Merry Christmas from your friends at American State Bank of Grygla. Member FDIC.



Watch on GVTV

With the winter sports season games starting this week, make sure you have your Garden Valley Technologies Local Channels account set up and ready to go! Charger Home Games are broadcast on Channel 36 (Grygla) and Channel 38 (Goodridge), as well as on many of our opponents' channels for away games!

The local channels are free to all Garden Valley Customers who use any Garden Valley service. Subscriptions for non-GV Customers are available. Visit <https://www.gvtel.com/localchannels/> or contact Garden Valley at 800-448-8260, or visit their retail stores in Erskine, Bagley, or TRF with any questions or to set up your account.

Thank you to Garden Valley, all the Sponsors, and all the students and advisors that make this service available to Charger Fans near and far!



Morgan Underdahl is pictured on the court vs. Roseau last Friday night. Chargers came out with the 54-53 win against the Rams! Photo by Grygla Eagle Newspaper



Brian & Letty Peterson (center) are pictured with their family, including their new grandson, Jaxon Brian! L-R: Alex, Marikia, Jaxon Brian, Letty & Brian, and Marin. Photo courtesy of Cheryl Sistad

Grygla JCC's Santa Day is fun for the whole family



The Grygla/Gatzke JCC's Santa Day provided a lot of fun for everyone last Sunday. Great efforts went into festive decorating, Bingo games with prizes, face painting, a delicious chili feed, lefse hot off the grill, fresh donuts, hot chocolate, kids coloring, activities, and movies, along with a special visit from Santa and the whole gang: Mrs. Claus, a couple of elves, and even The Grinch!

Above: The Kucera girls (on the left) made a special visit to Santa, though Riley is keeping a close eye on The Grinch back there! Maria asked Santa for a giant squishmallow and Riley asked for tiny books! More photos from the fun day are shared on page 3. Photos by Grygla Eagle Newspaper

• 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, Dec 6
11am Bible Study, 2:15pm Release Time; 3:30 FFF; 6pm Grace Choir, 7pm Confirmation
Sunday, Dec 10
Grace: 9am Worship
OS: 9:30am SS, 10:30am Worship
Monday, Dec 11
Grace WELCA to pack Christmas Goodie Cans 9am

GOODRIDGE AREA LUTHERAN PARISH, ELCA
Bethany, Ekelund, Faith
Wednesday, Dec 6
Advent Services at Faith - 6pm meal, 7pm Service
Sunday, Dec 10
Bethany: 8am Worship w/ 9am Council Meeting & 9am SS
Ekelund: 10:30 SS Practice w/ 4pm SS Program/Worship
Faith: 10am SS w/ 11am Worship
Monday, Dec 11
Rachel Circle 10:30am (Christmas Gathering)

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

BETHESDA LUTHERAN CHURCH
Skime
Pastor Steve Bliss
Sundays
9:30am Worship
Wednesday, Dec 13
7pm Advent Service
UNITED LUTHERAN PARISH
Gatzke
Pastor Tim Lundeen
Sundays
8:30am Worship
Monday, Dec 11
Ladies Aid/Bible Study Group

CLEARWATER LUTHERAN PARISH
St. Petri - Grygla; Mt. Olive, Nazareth - Trail; Oak Park - Oklee
Pastor Jeff Merseth
Wednesday, Dec 6
Wed. School 5-7pm
Vespers 6:30pm
Saturday, Dec 9
Mt. Olive Worship 9am, LYC Caroling 2pm
Sunday, Dec 10
St. Petri: 8am Worship, 9:15 SS
Nazareth: 8:45 SS, 9:45am Worship
Oak Park: 10am SS, 11am Worship

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Community Calendar

Wed | Dec 6
Senior Meals at Grain Bin Café 11am; Grygla Library open 2-6pm

Thurs | Dec 7
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Fri | Dec 8
Senior Meals at Grain Bin Café 11am

Sat | Dec 9
JH GBB in Roseau (AM); JH BBB in Roseau (PM); Varsity BBB at UMC vs. Fisher/ Climax 12pm; Varsity GBB at UMC vs. KCC 6pm; Goodridge Santa Day at Lion's Hall 12-3pm

Sun | Dec 10

Mon | Dec 11
Senior Meals at Grain Bin Café 11am

Tues | Dec 12
GBB vs. Blackduck in Goodridge

NOTICE OF MINNIE TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING

Minnie Township Board will meet at the Minnie Town Hall 65964 Fourtown Road NW on December 12th, 2023. Meeting will start at 2:00 PM.
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Goodridge Santa Day

Santa Day will be held in Goodridge this Saturday, December 9, from 12-3pm at the Goodridge Lion's Hall. Santa & Mrs. Claus will be on site, along with cookie decorating, crafts, sleigh rides, coloring contest, hot cocoa, apple cider, hot dogs and treat bags! This event is sponsored by the Goodridge Lions and Lion Tamers.

Membership supper

The Fourtown/Grygla Sportsman's Club is holding their Membership Supper on Saturday, January 6th, at the Grygla Community Center. Social hour begins at 5pm with the dinner at 6pm. To follow, will be door prizes at 7pm and a DJ starting at 8pm. Membership in the club is \$25/single, \$35 family.

Elementary music program

The Grygla Headstart and Elementary music program will be held on Friday, December 15th, at 2pm. Everyone is welcome to the program!



Results from last week's StatePoint crossword puzzle.



Brett Rychlock, along with his brother, fished on the gravel pit last Saturday where there was about 7" of ice, so far. Photo courtesy of Blake Rychlock

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Card of Thanks

Thanks to everyone who came to my 80th birthday party. For all the cards & gifts, also to Shannon, Tom, Tammy, Wendy, & Aaron for hosting the party.
-Betty Ostby
G38C

Blood Drive

There will be a Grygla Community Blood Drive on Wednesday, December 13th, in the Grygla School Gym from 9am-3pm. To Schedule your life saving appointment, go to donors.vitalant.org and use blood drive code: Grygla or email Brenna at bbakken@grygla.k12.mn.us or call the Grygla School at 218-294-6155. Donors must be 16 years old and will need a minor donor permit.



Above: Sheldin Sundberg & Brody Saurdiff show off their 5 keepers they caught on Upper Red Lake last Saturday. As of that day, 6-7 inches of ice covered the lake. Photos courtesy of Brody Saurdiff



1. Choose an ornament from the tree or ask staff to pick one for you.

2. Have staff record which ornament was chosen.

3. Purchase a \$25-\$50 gift.

4. Return unwrapped gift to the this location before December 6.

Thank you for your participation!!

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****IMPORTANT PROPERTY TAX NOTICE – AGRICULTURAL & RESIDENTIAL HOMESTEAD****
This will affect your 2024 property taxes and eligibility for Property Tax Refund.

Have you purchased or moved into a property in the past year?
Contact your county assessor to file a homestead application if you or a qualifying relative occupy the property as a homestead on or before December 31, 2023.
What is a qualifying relative?
Qualifying relatives for both agricultural and residential homestead include parent, stepparent, child, stepchild, grandparent, grandchild, brother, sister, uncle, aunt, nephew, or niece of the owner, by blood or marriage.
When do I apply?
You must apply on or before December 31, 2023.
Once homestead is granted, annual applications are not necessary unless they are requested by the county assessor.
Contact the assessor by December 31, 2023 if the use of the property you own or occupy as a qualifying relative changed during the past year.
If you sell, move, or for any reason no longer qualify for homestead classification, you are required to notify the county assessor within 30 days of the change in homestead status.
Marshall County Assessor's Office
218-745-5331
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****IMPORTANT PROPERTY TAX NOTICE – SPECIAL AGRICULTURAL HOMESTEAD****

Do you own agricultural land but do not have an agricultural homestead?
Homestead is available on farmland as long as all the following conditions are met:

(1) The owner must live within four cities, townships or a combination thereof from the farm;

(2) The owner or qualifying relative must actively farm the land;

(3) The owner and operator must be a Minnesota resident;

(4) Neither the owner nor their spouse claim another agricultural homestead in Minnesota; and

(5) The farm consists of at least 40 contiguous acres.

What is a qualifying relative?
For special agricultural homestead, a qualifying relative includes a spouse, child, grandchild, sibling, or parent of the owner, either on the person's own behalf as an individual or on behalf of an entity.
When do I apply?
You must apply on or before December 31, 2023. This is an annual application accompanied by your 156EZ from the 2023 crop year. Contact your county assessor for applications.
Marshall County Assessor's Office
218-745-5331
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Do you Qualify for a Reduction in Property Taxes?

Disabled Veterans' Homestead Property Tax Exclusion
Who is eligible?
This program provides a property tax exclusion for the homestead of:

1. an honorably discharged veteran who has a service-connected disability rating of 70% percent or higher

2. surviving spouses of certain qualifying veterans and service members

3. primary family caregivers of qualifying veterans

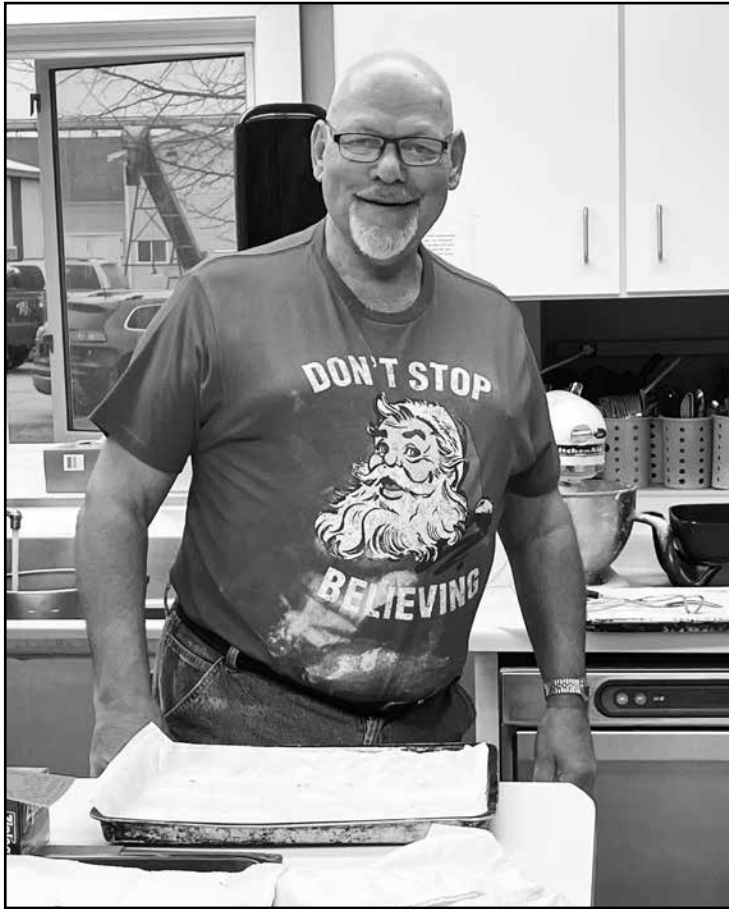
How do I apply?
Applications are available in your County Assessor's office. You must **apply by December 31, 2023**, to qualify for the exclusion on the current year's market value for taxes payable next year (except for manufactured homes assessed as personal property, which are taxed in the same year they are assessed).
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Wednesday, December 6, 2023

Santa Claus is comin' to town



There was a long line to see Santa last Saturday at the Community Center. The Grygla JCC's held their Annual Santa Day! Right: Only Santa knows what Miss Kensley Brateng was chatting to him about! Photos by Grygla Eagle Newspaper



Left: Lee Sundberg takes a photo break in between donut batches! Right: Keiona Alderete just finished getting her face painted by Tiffany Anderson. Photos by Grygla Eagle Newspaper



L-R: Lesa Schmechel, Jean Pederson and Emilee Sundberg were making lefse and selling it hot off the grill at the JCC Santa Day last Sunday in Grygla.



William Ruud was on his way to tell Santa he'd like a tablet for Christmas this year! He also posed for a picture, on the right, with his Great Grandma, Virgie Wells, who is 95 years young! Merry Christmas!



Word of the Week

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

Mansuetude

/Man-swi-tood, -tyood/

Noun

Mildness; gentleness.

• SIMPLY DELICIOUS

By Kari Sundberg, Eagle Editor

"Simply Adorable" is what we'll call this week's column. These Christmas pancakes are too cute not to make for the little people in your life. I guess they don't have to be little because I'd certainly smile if

someone made them for me!

Make up your pancakes in various sizes, arrange in one of these cute ways and add the necessary toppings to make your creation. Get: bacon, bananas, blueberries, strawberries, raspberries, cool whip, and chocolate chips!



Caution paramount as ice season gets underway

The ice season got off to a quick start in parts of Minnesota in recent days, with ice forming on some water bodies and numerous reports of ice anglers already testing their luck. The Minnesota Department of Natural Resources reminds everyone to stay on shore until there's at least 4 inches of new, clear ice.

Ice conditions this time of year are highly variable and can change quickly. Falling into the cold water can turn tragic fast. Safety officials stress the importance of anyone heading onto the ice to check its thickness for themselves and not rely on other people's footprints, tracks or social media posts.

While 4 inches of new, clear ice is the minimum recommended thickness for walking, it takes at least 5 to 7 inches to hold a snowmobile or small all-

terrain vehicle, 7 to 8 inches for a larger, side-by-side ATV, and 9 to 10 inches for a small car or SUV.

"The beginning of the ice season is always an exciting time for us hardy Minnesotans, but it also can be deadly if you don't take the proper safety precautions," said Col. Rodmen Smith, director of the DNR Enforcement Division. "Checking the ice thickness regularly – and for yourself – is absolutely vital and one of the easiest ways to ensure tragedy doesn't strike when you're out there."

Each year, unexpected falls through thin ice lead to serious injury or death. Checking the ice thickness with a spud bar, auger or other device is the best

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The Charger boys played their first season game last Friday in Red Lake where they lost 56-92. Above, Blake Rychlock puts up 2 points. *Photo courtesy of Elaine Rychlock*



The Charger girls played three games last week, winning two against RLCC and Roseau, but losing in the home game against Stephen-Argyle. Pictured above is Chesney Salo on the court in Roseau. The girls won that game 54-53, which made for an exciting ending! *Photo by Grygla Eagle Newspaper*

Charger basketball season has begun

GBB vs. RLCC in Plummer on Monday, Nov. 26

GG 48, RLCC 42
Ashlyn Nelson- 14 points;
Brooklynn Kriel- 7 points;
Morgan Underdahl- 10 points,
16 reb.; Chesney Salo- 5
points; Nevaeh Kotrba- 3
points; Anna Sundberg- 9
points

Coach's comments: We started our season tonight and was fortunate enough to come out with a win. We got off to a hot start that built up a lead for us. We needed it because

RLCC came back to make it a game. I thought our girls pressured RLCC well, we went after offensive rebounds, and we were moving on defense. The girls showed fight and heart throughout the whole game. They could have easily lost this game but kept the fight.

GBB vs. SAC in Goodridge on Tuesday, Nov. 27

GG 28, SAC 50
Ashlyn Nelson- 3 points;
Brooklynn Kriel- 6 points;
Morgan Underdahl- 7 points,

10 reb.; Chesney Salo- 6 points;
Nevaeh Kotrba- 2 points; Myl-
ee Sjulestad- 2 points; Anna
Sundberg- 2 points

Coach's comments: SAC beat us up early and it took us a while to get comfortable with it. We had a tough time with physical nature against our offense. We had a tough time creating shots. I thought we did better in the second half. We started to find some gaps to get shots, and our cuts were more crisp. It's the second game of the season, and

the girls are still learning.

GBB at Roseau on Friday, Dec. 1

GG 54, Roseau 53
Ashlyn Nelson- 16 points;
Brooklynn Kriel- 8 points;
Morgan Underdahl- 14 points,
14 reb.; Chesney Salo- 7
points, 7 ast.; Nevaeh Kotrba-
5 points; Anna Sundberg- 4
points

Coach's comments: We put a full game together tonight. The girls had a lot of fight. I thought the girls moved on offense and were physical on

defense. We handled the full court pressure pretty well - the half court pressure got to us a little a bit. We made mistakes that we have to fix, but this was a good win for the girls.

BBB at Red Lake on Friday, Dec. 1

Red Lake 92, Chargers 56
Stats- Blake Rychlock (23
pts, 5 reb), Shay Jacobson (5
pts), Sawyer Jacobson (3 reb,
2 steals), Owen Larson (2 pts,
3 reb), Brody Saurdiff (2 pts, 2
reb), Carson Rubischko (4 pts,

8 reb), Lewis Jones (16 pts, 3
reb, 4 ast), Trustin Wiseth (2
pts), Russell Rian (2 pts, 3
reb)

Coach's comments: The high-powered Warriors dominated from the tip in our opening game of the year. We were no match for their hot shooting and defensive pressure. Red Lake made 16 3's and got many points in transition off of Charger turnovers. We have plenty of things to improve on as we head into a busy week with 3 road games.



Above left: Anna Sundberg on defense against the Rams in Roseau last Friday night. Above right: Ashlyn Nelson makes a quick pass to Morgan Underdahl in the game against RLCC in Plummer. *Photos by Grygla Eagle Newspaper*



#4 Janessa Torgerson in the JV game against RLCC last week. *Photo by Grygla Eagle Newspaper*

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way to prevent falling through. Wearing a life jacket is the best way to avert tragedy, since the initial shock of falling into cold water can incapacitate even strong swimmers. A good set of ice picks can help someone get out of the water, and a cell phone, whistle or other communications device makes it more likely a person can call for help.

General ice safety guidelines

No ice can ever be considered "safe ice," but following these guidelines (mndnr.gov/safety/ice/thickness.html) can help minimize the risk:

- Always wear a life jacket or float coat on the ice (except when in a vehicle).
- Carry ice picks, rope,

an ice chisel and tape measure.

- Check ice thickness at regular intervals; conditions can change quickly.
 - Bring a cell phone or personal locator beacon.
 - Don't go out alone; let someone know about trip plans and expected return time.
 - Before heading out, inquire about conditions and known hazards with local experts.
 - Parents and guardians should talk with their children and neighborhood children about staying away from the ice unless there's adult supervision. This includes lakes and rivers, as well as neighborhood ponds, retention ponds and anywhere ice forms.
- For more information, visit the DNR's ice safety webpage (mndnr.gov/icesafety) and the boating safety webpage (mndnr.gov/boatingsafety).

GHS Winter Music Concert



The Grygla Senior High Music Concert was held last week under the direction of Mr. Gene Lunsetter. 6th-12th grade band and choir students performed many current hits and Christmas classics! *Photos by Grygla Eagle Newspaper*

