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Meet the Grygla School Board Candidates

With the November 5th, 2024, election right around the corner, let's meet the candidates on this year's ballot.

Grygla School Board members serve a 4-year term. The following individuals currently make up the school board: Jeremy Rychlock, Chairperson; James Verbout, Vice Chairperson; Tera Nordby, Clerk; Gretchen Smeby, Treasurer; Andrew Oslund, Director; Luke Nordvick, Director.

Current board members whose terms are up include Jeremy Rychlock, Luke Nordvick and Gretchen Smeby; Smeby is the only current member seeking re-election.

The following four individuals have filed for candidacy and will appear on the ballot with three being voted in: Gretchen Smeby, Alisha Anderson, Tonia Haack and Carson Saurdiff.



Gretchen Smeby
Occupation: Loan Officer
How long have you lived in this school district? I have lived in the school district my entire life.

Do you have children in the school district? If so, please list grade level(s)? Yes, Oliver is in 7th grade.

What are the educational gaps or weaknesses in our district? Location is a weakness for our school district. It is hard to encourage families to enroll from outside our district when other schools are closer.

What are the educational strengths in our district? I think the smaller class sizes and the teacher to student ratios are a huge strength for our school. Students get more one-on-one assistance when needed. The amount and variety of elective classes we offer to our students is also a strength.

What do you see as the board's roles and responsibilities? Responsible for the management and affairs of the school district. Work together with a common goal of keeping the best interests of the school in mind. Attend monthly meetings and special committee meetings.

What leads you to believe you would be an effective school board member? I care about the students, school and community. I am open minded and work well on a team.



Alisha Anderson
Occupation: Manager, General Ledger Accounting at DigiKey. I oversee the full accounting cycle each month and ensure Digi-Key's transactions are accounted for properly. I also work directly with the VP of Tax and Treasury to ensure tax return inputs are accurate.

How long have you lived in this school district? Most of my life, 20+ years. My par-

ents moved to Grygla when I was in 1st grade, and I graduated from GHS in 2008. I lived in Duluth for 10 years until Robbie and I moved back into the district in 2018.

Do you have children in the school district? If so, please list grade level(s)? Yes, Presley, 4th grade; Briggs, 2nd grade; and Jett, Preschool.

What are the educational gaps or weaknesses in our district? I'm not as close to the curriculum offered at GHS right now as I'd like to be, so cannot speak to what I feel the educational gaps are at this time, but I think one of the biggest weaknesses of our district is communication. The need for this referendum should have been communicated long ago, instead of just alluding that the general fund was getting low in board minutes. That doesn't give the public the information needed, and people shouldn't be expected to connect the dots with just that little of information. I say that not to point fingers at anyone, but to emphasize that minimal communication works great when times are good, but when you are asking taxpayers for more money, additional, transparent communication is necessary and the status quo or "what we've always done" isn't acceptable any longer.

It's important for our district and administration to grow and evolve and realize when to level up, whether it be communication, policies for the school, or standards that students, staff, and administrators are held to. Another weakness is the shortage of qualified teachers that want to live in or drive daily to a rural area, which has led to reduced offerings and increased stress on existing staff that are here, which brings on other additional strains in moral and can lead to other issues that negatively impacts the success of our school.

What are the educational strengths in our district? I think one of our greatest strengths is the partnership with Machinewell and the work experience kids are able to gain while in school. It should be expanded if it could. I'm not sure the details on that program or what the possibilities are but we have other businesses in town where students could learn important skills that they wouldn't otherwise get in the classroom. Another strength is that I feel we have a high level of community engagement, especially when the school is putting on a benefit or fundraiser. We also have staff members that go above and beyond for students and create a supportive and family atmosphere at our school.

What do you see as the board's roles and responsibilities? I think it is the boards responsibility to act as the governing authority of the district, they should ensure the right policies are in place for the school district and ensure those policies are being carried out. They should ensure the right superintendent is hired and they have a vision or plan for the district. They should also oversee the budget process, ensure they know what makes up the budget each year, and hold the school and administrators to that budget. You should also be able to understand school financials or seek out an understanding so that you can successfully pushback if you do not feel something is right. School board members should also be advocates for the students and their parents in the district; with that proper policies should be put in place to hold both students, parents, staff and other administrators accountable.

What leads you to believe you would be an effective school board member? I'm

not afraid to respectfully challenge decisions or thoughts. In my current job and past roles, it is common to trust, but verify, everything from numbers to procedures within the business. I understand a school district is different than a business but there are a lot of similarities as well and I think I can take my experience in working in the Finance and Accounting world and apply it usefully and effectively as a board member.



Tonia Haack
Occupation: VP, Finance at Machinewell.

How long have you lived in this school district? 14 years.

Do you have children in the school district? If so, please list grade level(s)? Yes, a 2021 Grygla graduate and a 3rd grader.

What are the educational gaps or weaknesses in our district? With a smaller community I don't believe we have enough diversity in teaching methods. Our kids' world is forever changing, we expect them to adapt and I'd like to see the teachers get support to do the same.

What are the educational strengths in our district? Student/Teacher Ratio & Staff Experience/Longevity.

What do you see as the board's roles and responsibilities? Being at the top of the accountability chain they have a wide range of responsibilities that include but are not limited to policy development, budgeting, advocacy, enrollment, transportation, facilities, staff, curriculum, athletics, etc.

What leads you to believe you would be an effective school board member?

ffective school board member? I have a strong financial analytic background as well as direct community involvement with the school in multiple areas, both would be a good addition to the current board.



Carson Saurdiff
Occupation: Farmer
How long have you lived in this school district? 45 years.

Do you have children in the school district? If so, please list grade level(s)? Yes, three children. Riley is a 2022 GHS graduate, Brody is a Senior, and Josie is an 8th grader.

What are the educational gaps or weaknesses in our district? In my opinion, I don't feel that we have been kept up to speed on certain recent situations and I would like to try to change that by keeping people informed.

What are the educational strengths in our district? The small class sizes provide a great atmosphere for learning and teachers are able to spend more time with each student. We have a great faculty who care a lot about our students.

What do you see as the board's roles and responsibilities? The board should oversee and manage the school, implement policies, and make good financial decisions. The board should ensure that the school prospers financially and that it meets and exceeds educational standards.

What leads you to believe you would be an effective school board member? I would try to give the district what they want through open conversation and transparency. After all, the school is owned by the people of the district.



Congratulations to Steve Anderson, who recently retired from Machinewell, Inc. after putting in 24 years of service. Best wishes on his next adventure!
Photo courtesy of Machinewell

Pink Out Night



The Charger's Volleyball team may not have won the game against KCC last Thursday, but the night was still a HUGE victory! The team hosted their Pink Out Night, which raised money for local cancer fighters/survivors. (Stay tuned for the total amount raised, along with who it's being donated to.)

The team hosted KCC in a volleyball match-up. They also hosted a silent auction, bake sale, serving contest, 50/50 drawing, and had a jewelry vendor set up in the lobby with part of the proceeds donated towards this special cause. *Photos by Grygla Eagle Newspaper*



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EXTENDED HOURS ALL COUNTIES
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Tues. 11/5 until 8:00pm sharp

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Regular hours: 8:00-4:30 M-F

Ballots are due by 8pm SHARP on November 5th, whether you plan to mail them or drop them off in person.

• CHURCH CALENDARS

GRYGLA LUTHERAN PARISH
Grace and Our Savior's, Grygla
Grace Live Stream will play on Garden Valley Channel 36 on Sundays 9am (9:30am last Sunday of the month).
Wednesday, Oct 9
11am Bible Study, 2:15pm Release Time
Saturday, Oct 12
Grace Lutefisk Supper 4-7pm at Grygla Comm. Center
Sunday, Oct 13
Grace: 9am Worship
OS: 10:30am Worship

GOODRIDGE AREA LUTHERAN PARISH, ELCA
Bethany, Ekelund, Faith
Wednesday, Oct 9
Release Time
Sunday, Oct 13
Bethany: 8am Worship, 9am SS
Ekelund: 8:30am SS, 9:30am Worship
Faith: 10am SS, 11am Worship
Monday, Oct 14
Faith Mission 9-12, Rachel Circle 9:30am
Tuesday, Oct 15
Shalom Circle 9:30am

THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITIES OF

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Fr. Bryan Kujawa
Sundays:
St. Clement's: 10:15am Worship
St. Ann's: 12pm Worship
BETHESDA LUTHERAN CHURCH Skime
Pastor Steve Bliss
Sunday, Oct 13
9:30am Worship, 10:30am SS

UNITED LUTHERAN PARISH Gatzke
Pastor Tim Lundeen
Sundays
8:30am Worship
Monday, Oct 14
Ladies Aid 1pm

CLEARWATER LUTHERAN PARISH
St. Petri – Grygla; Mt. Olive, Nazareth – Trail; Oak Park – Oklee
Wednesday, Oct 9
Wed. School 5-7pm, Vespers 6:30
Saturday, Oct 12
Mt. Olive Worship 9am
Sunday, Oct 13
St. Petri: 8am Worship
OP: 8:45 SS, 9:45am Worship
Nazareth: 10am SS, 11am Worship

Community Calendar

Wed | Oct 9
Senior Meals at Grain Bin Café 11am; Grygla Library open 2-6pm; GHS Referendum Meeting 6:30pm in the library

Thurs | Oct 10
JH FB in Grygla vs. SAC 4pm; Varsity FB in Grygla vs. SAC 7pm

Fri | Oct 11
Senior Meals at Grain Bin Café 11am

Sat | Oct 12
Varsity VB Frostbite Tourney at SAC; JH VB Tourney in Erskine; Grace Lutefisk Supper at Grygla Comm. Center 4-7pm

Sun | Oct 13

Mon | Oct 14
Senior Meals at Grain Bin Café 11am; VB in Goodridge vs. SAC

Tues | Oct 15
JH FB at NF 4pm; Varsity FB at NF 7pm; Fourtown/ Grygla Sportsman's Club meeting at American Legion in TRF 7pm

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4H Welcome meeting

The Grygla Go-Getters 4H Club is holding a Welcome meeting on Wednesday, Oct. 23, from 6-7pm at the Grygla School cafeteria. New members are encouraged to attend and join the local club, which is open to ages Kindergarten through first-year college students. 4H leader Katie Brobst will be going over what the year looks like in regards to activities and events. BBQs, chips and dessert will be served.

Big Buck or Doe contest

The Grygla JCC's are hosting a Big Buck or Doe contest for the upcoming youth hunt and regular season. Both have a \$20 entry fee. The youth hunt contest will be October 17-20. Payout based on entries. Must sign up by October 16th at Fourtown or contact a JCC member. Weigh-in will be done at Fourtown nightly from 6-9 p.m. Must be fully field dressed. Must follow all hunting laws and regulations set by the State of Minn.

The regular season contest will run November 9-17. Payout based on entries. Must sign up by November 8th at Fourtown or contact a JCC member. Same as the youth contest, the weigh in will be done at Fourtown nightly from 6-9 p.m. and must be fully field dressed.

Referendum session

The Grygla School is scheduling one last Referendum Q&A session on Wednesday, October 9th, in the school library. Everyone is welcome.

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Theme: World Series

ACROSS

- 1. End of WW2 conference location
- 6. No longer is
- 9. Cake with rum
- 13. * ____ Asinoff, author of "Eight Men Out"
- 14. Invoice qty.
- 15. Fox crime drama, 2005-2017
- 16. *Baseball player's representative
- 17. Pastrami's partner
- 18. With irregular edge
- 19. *Last year's World Series winners
- 21. *Brave contender
- 23. Certain tray content
- 24. Fail to mention
- 25. Nocturnal flyer
- 28. Team homophone
- 30. *Last year's MVP Corey

- 35. Iranian monarch
- 37. Proactiv target
- 39. "Superman" star
- 40. Head of family
- 41. Button-up or button-down
- 43. Singles
- 44. Graduates
- 46. Symphony member
- 47. *Number in a baseball lineup
- 48. Say again
- 50. Brezhnev's country
- 52. PST plus three
- 53. Mouth off
- 55. Brewed beverage
- 57. *Fall ____
- 61. *Two-time World Series MVP winner in 1970s
- 65. Two under on one hole in golf
- 66. Brewed alcoholic beverage
- 68. Grind down
- 69. #72 Across, in the olden days
- 70. *2003 World Series winner or Marvel leader, Stan

- 71. Plural of #62 Down
- 72. Eject
- 73. ____ excellence
- 74. Noise of contempt

DOWN

- 1. 1984, e.g.
- 2. Pond plant
- 3. Right to a property
- 4. Polynesian kingdom
- 5. Affirm to be true
- 6. TV's "Storage ____"
- 7. Comedian Schumer
- 8. Iron setting
- 9. Bora ____
- 10. Any day now, formerly
- 11. Superlative of better
- 12. Not in port
- 15. Loud singer
- 20. Actress ____ Perlman, pl.
- 22. ____ the season!
- 24. Double-decker
- 25. Wilde of "The Picture of Dorian Gray" fame
- 26. Blue or gray swimmer
- 27. Drink like a cat (2 words)
- 29. Reply from a tunnel
- 31. Eon, alt. sp.
- 32. Robin Williams in "Aladdin"
- 33. 0 and 2, e.g.
- 34. Set to zero
- 36. *Touch to score
- 38. Son of Aphrodite
- 42. T in Ferrari TR
- 45. Uses #53 Across
- 49. ____ Chi
- 51. Break for Congress
- 54. Dandruff manufacturer
- 56. Ohio city
- 57. ____ pit
- 58. Nordic native
- 59. Malaria symptom
- 60. A whole bunch
- 61. Crowd's derision
- 62. Performer's time to shine
- 63. Aroma
- 64. Egg holder
- 67. Grazing field

Results on page 3!

Sports Boosters host autograph night



The Chargers Varsity Volleyball Team signed autographs for parents, peers and fans at last week's home game in Grygla. This was put on by the Grygla Sports Boosters, who will be hosting an autograph session with the Varsity Football team this Thursday, October 10th, after the game in Grygla against Stephen/Argyle Storm. Folks can purchase a \$5 team picture and have the varsity players sign it for them! Photo by Grygla Eagle Newspaper

Fall Color Finder map is live

The Minnesota State Parks and Trails Fall Color Finder map is your ultimate guide to tracking vibrant hues across the state. Each week, staff from each state park or recreation area track color changes as they see them in their area. The slow changes from green to orange or red are reported every Wednesday so the latest map can be posted Thursday

mornings to help you plan your weekend adventures. See the latest reports at mndnr.gov/fallcolors. The next time you see park staff out in a state park or recreation area, give them an extra smile, wave or a simple "thanks"—they make our beloved Fall Color Finder map what it is. New this year: the Fall

Color Finder map will now feature a slider function on the website, allowing you to move backwards or forwards to compare how the map looked in past years. The slider uses map data from previous seasons to predict potential color changes, making it even easier to plan your adventures!

Christopher Columbus ~ Discoverer of America
On August 3, 1492, Christopher Columbus and his crew sailed west from Palos, Spain across the Atlantic Ocean. On October 12, they discovered land.
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Only in Minnesota: a weekly feature in the Eagle

The Kensington Rune-stone: Minnesota's most brilliant and durable hoax?

The Kensington Runestone has provoked a host of scholarly and popular articles and books. The Minnesota Historical Society library carries more than forty titles on the subject. The following was written by Paul Nelson in May of 2020.

The Kensington Runestone is a gravestone-sized slab of hard, gray sandstone called graywacke into which Scandinavian runes are cut. It stands on display in Alexandria, Minnesota, as either a unique record of Norse exploration of North America or of Minnesota's most brilliant and durable hoax.

Minnesota historian Theodore Blegen wrote in 1968 that "few questions in American history have stirred so much curiosity or provoked such extended discussions" as the Kensington Runestone. There are two uncontested facts. Swedish immigrant Olof Ohman came to Douglas County, Minnesota, in 1879. While clearing land on his farm near Kensington in the fall of 1898, he turned up a slab of rock with symbols carved on the side and underside. These markings were later identified as Scandinavian runic writing.

The generally accepted

translation of those runes reads: "We are 8 Goths [Swedes] and 22 Norwegians on an exploration journey from Vinland through the West. We had camp by a lake with 2 skerries [small rocky islands] one day's journey north from this stone. We were out and fished one day. After we came home we found 10 of our men red with blood and dead. AVM [Ave Virgo Maria, or Hail, Virgin Mary] save us from evil. We have 10 of our party by the sea to look after our ships, 14 days' journey from this island. Year 1362."

If the inscription is genuine it places Norse seafarers deep in the North American continent 130 years before Columbus reached the West Indies and tells a story otherwise unknown.

The details of the stone's geology, discovery, carving, and weathering, and the personality, education, writings, and possessions of its finder have been dissected, analyzed, and debated for more than a century. There are four main controversies over the stone's authenticity.

The first controversy centers on the plausibility of the story. For the party's ships to lie fourteen days' journey from Alexandria, the only possible route

is south from Hudson Bay. That distance is nearly 800 miles by direct line, longer by river and portage—a distance difficult to manage in fourteen days. The route is "through the west" from a "Vinland" whose location in 1362, if any, is unknown. No other record of this expedition has been found. Why would explorers who had just suffered a massacre stop to carve — in well-crafted, even, and orderly characters — a stone inscription?

The writing and language of the text are questionable. Experts first analyzed the runic writing in 1899. They dismissed it as a fake, citing too many discrepancies in form and vocabulary from the known languages of fourteenth-century Scandinavia. Most experts since then have agreed.

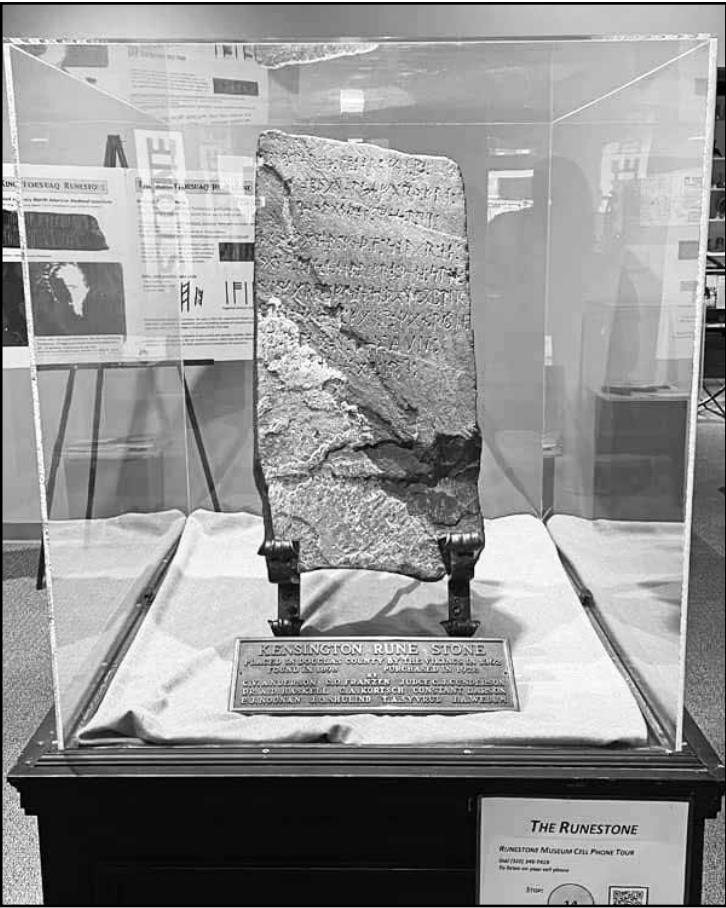
The condition of the rock has also raised doubts. Though graywacke is a hard sandstone, had it been exposed to wind and rain for hundreds of years, as is supposed, the inscribed areas would show telltale weathering whose age could be estimated. A 2003 analysis conducted by Scott F. Wolter concluded that the inscriptions were more than 200 years old. This remains highly contested.

Finally, who was responsible for the alleged hoax? If the in-

scription is a fake, it must have been done by someone with knowledge of old Scandinavian language and runes, the ability to carve in stone, and the nerve to carry out the prank. The most likely perpetrator was Olof Ohman. Ohman had little education but owned a small library that included information about runes. His friend, former pastor Sven Fogelblad, may have had knowledge of runes and, like Ohman, may have sought to try to fool academics, whom both men reportedly disliked. Ohman never admitted to a hoax.

The Kensington Runestone has provoked a host of scholarly and popular articles and books. The Minnesota Historical Society library carries more than forty titles on the subject. The slab has been examined in Europe and displayed at the Smithsonian Institution and the 1965 New York World's Fair. Expert opinion favors the conclusion that the inscription is not authentic, but the majority view asks the question: if a hoax, then who, how, when, and why? Definitive answers have so far proved beyond reach.

For more information on this topic, check out the original entry on MNopedia at <https://www.mnopedia.org/thing/kensington-runestone>



Northland's Mechatronics Program At ARC In Warroad



Jackson Harren, Mechatronics instructor; Andrew Englund, student; Kim Hrubá, ARC. Photo courtesy of Roseau Times Region News

By Laurel Latham, Roseau Region Times (ran Sept. 14th, 2024)

Andrew Englund graduated from Grygla High School in May 2024 in a class of eleven seniors. Kim Hrubá of ARC (Advanced Resource Center) in Warroad had a meeting with the Grygla High School Principal Derek Gieseke this past spring, to go over the Mechatronics Program classes offered at the Northland Community and Technical College campus located at ARC. Kim is spreading the word that students have a great opportunity to earn a 60 credit, two-year associate's degree in Mechatronics at the Northland Campus in Warroad.

"Principal Gieseke knew all eleven graduating seniors' career plans after their high school graduation," explained Kim Hrubá, Program Manager at ARC. "He was extremely interested in hearing about the Northland Mechatronics program, so he could pass the information on to GHS students."

"I had plans of attending college in Madison, Wisconsin," reported Andrew Englund. "I just missed talking with Kim Hrubá at the principal's office. She was there to meet with another student, but Mr. Gieseke told me about the Mechatronics Program offered in Warroad. I contacted Kim at ARC to check out the program."

Andrew started classes at the Northland Campus at ARC in Warroad on Monday, August 26.

"I spend a lot of time there, Monday through Thursday," said Andrew. "This semester I'm taking classes in Fabrication Techniques, DC Power, and Quality Practices. My goal is to earn my associate's degree and then transfer to Bemidji State University for a degree in Mechanical Engineering."

Andrew has always enjoyed everything mechanical. He was a member of Vex Robotics from grades 8 through 12. Andrew

enjoyed his classes in Metalshop and Woodshop taught by Gabe Rath. A grant awarded to Grygla High School made it possible for the school to purchase a CNC plasma cutter and CNC router.

In GHS Machine Trades class, Andrew constructed a car he called the Jerry Car. The Jerry Car was named after Jerry in the Tom and Jerry cartoon series.

"I designed the Jerry Car after a widened version of a mouse toy," said Andrew. "The car was a Supersport with a junior 206 Briggs and Stratton motor. It had a chain welded steering wheel, a custom made rack and pinion steering box. The idea was to build a car with the highest gas mileage possible. I used hotter plugs to burn less fuel and kept the car light with an aerodynamic design for good airflow."

In GHS Woodshop class, Andrew constructed a 5-string bass guitar that he designed in CAD class. He built the guitar in memory of his grandfather, Leland Olson, who loved music and playing in a band.

"My grandpa played in a band with Scott Torgeson, who was the singer," explained Andrew. "He loved old country music, especially Alan Jackson. After Grandpa passed away in January 2023, I decided to build a guitar in his memory."

"I first took an old guitar apart to see how it was constructed, then found parts online from Fender Guitars. After drafting the guitar design on autodesk, I moved the drawing to a CNC router program."

"It took me three tries to get the design to the right size and depth for the chop block that I made from Grygla's old gym floor of maple and red cedar. After I cut the guitar shape out, I soldered the components together and strung it. I played the guitar every day at Grygla High School."

Andrew also gained experience and credit in his Work

Experience Class by working at Machinewell Inc. in Grygla for two years, a company that builds parts like clutches and T-rods for companies like Polaris and Arctic Cat.

"Northland's Mechatronics program was a great fit for Andrew," said Kim Hrubá of ARC. "Most of our students are adults, already in the workforce, who are gaining crucial technical skills, but we do have students who are 2024 high school graduates. I am hoping to spread the word about the great opportunities for students at the Northland Mechatronics program in Warroad. Andrew was able to stay local and attend classes, which is much more affordable than going to a college further away."

"The Mechatronics program prepares students for technical careers in the manufacturing industry," continued Kim. "Today's manufacturing companies look to automated equipment to increase quality and productivity."

"Careers in manufacturing demand strong technical competencies in mechanical, electrical, hydraulic, and robotic systems. Courses in the Mechatronics program emphasize hands-on training on industrial equipment, to prepare graduates for jobs as process, maintenance, engineering, and quality control technicians."

The Mechatronics program, Warroad Campus, has two instructors: main instructor, Jackson Harren, and adjunct instructor, Jason Heppner.

"I am excited about the growth in enrollment that we've seen now entering our third year of the program," reports Jackson Harren. "Word is getting out now as current students are reporting a rewarding experience to their friends and co-workers."

"We are serving a wide range of people, including several part-time students who are working toward career advancement at area employees

like Marvin and ANI. We also have several incoming true freshmen like Andrew, who are recent grads from local high schools, which helps create a college type atmosphere at ARC."

Although Andrew is only in his second week of classes, he is clearly excited about the Mechatronics program.

"Instructor Jackson Harren is very helpful and caring about his students," said Andrew. "He wants to make sure students understand each topic he presents and become successful at the skills he is teaching."

The Northland Mechatronics program is a first-of-its-kind Mechatronics program designed with busy lives in mind. Courses meet within an open or flex lab setting. Flex Labs have extended hours for students to practice and develop hands-on skills. Faculty in the Mechatronics program are available during Flex Lab times, to assist learners with questions, supervise hands-on labs, and administer skill assessments. Students are responsible for managing their learning.

Advance manufacturing automation is the most sought-after skill set in the country! The Northland Mechatronics Program, conveniently located at Northlands Campus, 201 Lake Street NE, in Warroad is quite impressive to see. Their flexible program will open countless career opportunities for adults already in the workforce to gain further technical skills, and for recent highschool graduates to pursue a variety of in-demand technical careers.

For more program details, visit northlandcollege.edu/go/mech or reach out to Kim Hrubá, Program Manager, at 218-386-4121 or kim@warroadarc.com.

Information on available scholarships will be provided by Kim at ARC.

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Results from the StatePoint Crossword puzzle found on page 2 of this week's paper.

• SIMPLY DELICIOUS

By Kari Sundberg, Eagle Editor

Maple Brown Sugar Cookies

With big flavor, crisp edges, and mega chewy centers, these maple brown sugar cookies are a definite favorite. Top with maple icing for the ultimate fall cookie. Note: Chilling the cookie dough is imperative, so set aside 2 hours or prepare the cookie dough the day before.

Ingredients
2 and 1/3 cups all-purpose flour

1 teaspoon baking soda
1/2 teaspoon salt
1/2 cup butter, softened to room temperature

1 cup packed brown sugar
1 large egg
1/3 cup pure maple syrup*
1 teaspoon vanilla extract
1 teaspoon maple extract
1 cup chopped pecans*

MAPLE ICING
2 tablespoons butter
1/3 cup maple syrup
1 cup confectioners' sugar
pinch salt

Instructions
Whisk the flour, baking soda, and salt together in a medium bowl. Set aside. Using a hand mixer or a stand mixer fitted with a paddle attachment, cream the butter and brown sugar together on medium speed until smooth, about 1-2 minutes. Add the egg and beat on high until combined, about 30 seconds. Add the maple syrup, vanilla extract, and maple extract, then beat on high speed until combined.

Pour the dry ingredients to the wet ingredients, then mix on low until combined. Add the pecans, then beat on low speed until combined. Dough will be creamy and soft.

Cover and chill the dough for 2 hours in the refrigerator (and up to 3-4 days). If chilling for longer than a few hours, though, allow to sit at room temperature for at least 30 minutes before rolling and baking because the dough will be quite hard.

Preheat oven to 350°F. Line 2-3 large baking sheets with parchment paper or silicone baking mats. Set aside.

Roll cookie dough into balls, about 1.5 tablespoons of dough per cookie. Bake each batch for 12-13 minutes until lightly

browned on the sides. The centers will look very soft.

Remove from the oven. If your warm cookies look puffy, lightly bang the pan on the counter when you remove it from the oven. That will help slightly deflate the cookies, creating lovely cracks as you see in the pictured cookies. Cool cookies on the baking sheets for 5 minutes before transferring to a wire rack to cool completely.

Make the icing: In a small saucepan over low heat, melt the butter and maple syrup together, whisking occasionally. Once the butter has melted, remove from heat and whisk in the sifted confectioners' sugar. Taste. Add a pinch of salt, if desired. Drizzle over cooled cookies. Icing will set after about 1 hour.

Cookies stay fresh covered at room temperature for up to 1 week.

Recipe notes
Maple Syrup: Avoid "breakfast syrup" which doesn't have the same robust maple flavor that pure syrup contains. Grade A is good, but Grade B is darker and more flavorful because it's produced later in the season. You can't go wrong with either in these cookies.

Maple Extract: Pure maple syrup isn't enough to guarantee mega maple flavor. Without the crutch of maple extract, the cookies were lacking. It's recommended to use McCormick maple extract. You can find it in the baking aisle.

Pecans: The pecans are optional but add wonderful flavor and texture.



Wednesday, October 9, 2024



You know what goes great together? Tailgates and touchdowns! The Grygla Merchants held their tailgate party on Friday, September 27th, in the Ralph Klein Memorial Park. Our local merchants grilled and served a free supper prior to the Homecoming Football game vs. Clearbrook/Gonvick, which the Chargers won that night! L-R: Robbie Anderson with American State Insurance Agency; Tonia Haack with Machinewell; Lindsay Oslund with Grygla Seed; Missy Saurdiff and Laurie Polansky both with American State Bank. *Photos courtesy of Heather Morey*

Chargers football suffers first loss of the season

Last Friday afternoon, the Chargers traveled north to play KCC in a 3:30pm game. Their undefeated streak came to an end with a hard-fought loss to Kittson County Central, 13-12.

Stats and coaches comments below.

GG: 0, 0, 6, 6 = 12
KCC: 0, 0, 6, 7 = 13
Landon Nordby 1 yard TD run, run failed for the two points
Ashton Knutson 1 yard TD run, kick failed
Shay Jacobson 1 yard TD run, pass failed
Eli Peterson 15 yard TD pass to Ty Vig, kick good
Offense rushing:
Sebastian Groven 7 carries for 33 yards
Sawyer Jacobson 14 carries for 77 yards
Owen Larson 1 carry for 3 yards
Landon Nordby 2 carries for 7 yards 1 TD
Shay Jacobson 4 carries for 18 yards 1 TD
Passing
Landon Nordby 5 for 9 for 31 yards

Rec
Owen Larson 1 for 7
Sawyer Jacobson 3 for 10
Trustin Wiseth 1 for 14 yards
Defense tackles
Sebastian Groven 15 tackles
Sawyer Jacobson 13 tackles
Shay Jacobson 10 tackles
Abe Miller 7 tackles
Evan Rubischko 7 tackles
Gavin Aune 6 tackles
Brett Rychlock 5 tackles
Owen Larson 4 tackles
Brandon Burns 2 tackles
Davi Barros 1 tackle
Demontay Johnson 1 tackle
Coach's comments: Ty Vig caught a 15 yard touchdown pass from Eli Peterson. Keaton Brewer connected on the extra point kick to take the lead with 3 minutes left in the game. The strong southerly wind was a determining factor helping the Chargers take the lead in the 3rd quarter with rushing touchdowns by Landon Nordby & early in the 4th by Shay Jacobson. But also kept them pinned in their end in the fourth giving KCC the field position edge.

Also missed opportunities on 2 point conversions came back to haunt the Chargers as well as not converting on short yardage 4th downs.
Sometimes it's ok to lose a game if you can learn from it. We have been getting by making some mistakes and still winning games. Today it caught up with us. On the positive, the boys played hard and left it on the field.
Also, as a coach with a young team, it's important to put players in the best situation to make plays in these type of games. I feel I came up short & as a team we need to get better in some of these situations.
The Chargers still have a chance to secure the number 1 seed with a collision course coming with archrival, undefeated Stephen-Argyle Storm, Thursday, October 10th, at 7pm in Grygla. The team will finish off the regular season on Tuesday, October 15th, vs. Northern Freeze.



The GG vs. KCC football, along with the GG vs. KCC volleyball actions shots are courtesy of Heather Morey. Heather is a local photographer who has a son that attends Grygla School. She has been putting her amazing camera and talents to use when she attends community events. She is happy to give her photos exposure and they sure deserve it!



Brooklynn Kriel (above) and Anna Sundberg (below) hitting for the Chargers against KCC last week in Grygla. *Photos courtesy of Heather Morey Photography*



KCC over GG 3-0

The Chargers Volleyball team lost to KCC on Thursday, October 3rd, in Grygla, 3-0. (17-25, 21-25, 16-25)
Chesney Salo 11 digs, 21 assists. Kinsley Oslund 5 kills, 5 digs. Anna Sundberg 1 kill. Addison Severts 12 digs. Brooklynn Kriel 8 kills, 5 digs, 2 blocks. Makayla Erlandson 4 kills, 3 digs, 1 block. Morgan Coan 4 digs. Allie Sundberg 5 digs. Lakylie Brobst 4 digs, 1 ace. Nevaeh Kotrba 1 ace.
Upcoming games: Mon., October 7th, vs. Northern Freeze in Grygla; Tues., October 8th, vs. RLCC in Goodridge; Sat. Varsity Frostbite Tournament at Stephen/Argyle Central.



Torii Anderson for the Chargers.

