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Coming next week ... Introducing Grygla's Mayoral & City Council candidates on this year's ballot.



Grygla and Goodridge Trap kicked off last Sunday. Pictured left is Raymond Moe shooting with guidance from Head Coach, Kenny Lunsetter. On the right is Goodridge team member, Payton Homme. *Photos courtesy of Jaclyn Moe and Sara Panek*

Chargers Trap Team starts Fall League



It's been five years now since the Chargers first formed a Trap Shooting Team. This year, things are looking a little different, but it might just be the new normal.

A Fall League has always been offered through the Minnesota State High School Clay Target League, in addition to the usual Spring League, but with football and volleyball typically in full swing, it wasn't the most ideal situation to participate, thus leaving the team with participation in only the Spring League.

Grygla's Head Coach, Kenny Lunsetter, explained that only five participants are actually needed to make a team. This year, there are 16 kids on the team. The season kicked off last Sunday and will continue for the next six weeks. Lunsetter said at this point, they're going to proceed with both the fall and spring seasons from here on out. The cost remains the same for the students, regardless.

This year, 16 kids make up the Grygla team. The league fee is \$35 per kid, but the Fourtown/Grygla Sportsman's Club is covering that cost this year. The team also did enough fundraising where the remaining amount will be covered fully, as well. Kids and parents have worked hard selling raffle tickets, allowing the remaining \$60 per kid to be covered by the team. (That \$60 amount comes from the weekly cost of \$10 per round of 50 shots per kid.)

Each student on the team shoots 50 rounds every Sunday for six weeks. This takes place at the TRF Trap Club. Grygla's team shoots together with the Goodridge Trap Team every Sunday from 12-3pm. If kids are unable to make that day, they have a secondary option on Thursdays.

Each team has 16 members this year.

Grygla's team is made up of: Gavin Aune, Connor Boutain, Payton Dougherty, Jamie Dougherty, Jared Haack, Levi Kiesow (Team Captain), Kate-lyn Larson, Gracie Lunsetter,

Mollie Lunsetter, Raymond Moe, Chelsie Nelson, Jens Oslund, Kinsley Oslund, Brett Rychlock, Eli Sundberg and Tucker Verbout.

The Head Coach is Kenny Lunsetter with Assistant Coaches Dustin Nelson and Trevor Kiesow. Shannon Nelson serves as the Range Safety Officer.

The Goodridge team is 16 is made up of: Kennedy Panek, Lincoln Panek, Elliot Philip, Micah Schultz, Nevaeh Kotrba, Brody Rystad, Makayla Erlandson, Brennen Parnow, Nicholas Groven, Brooklyn Kriel, Payton Homme, Jordan Johnson, Paige Burns, Brandon Burns, Levi Sovde and Caden Marquis.

The Head Coach is Sara Panek and Assistant Coach, Jeremy Burns.

The Goodridge team has their shooting rounds paid for from a very generous donation by Larry and Laurie Panek. This is the first year the team has no seniors shooting and just one junior. Head Coach, Sara Panek, says, "It's a young team, but they all started out great and I can't wait to see these guys and gals improve!"



Pictured above: Grygla's uniform is changing to this style and will follow the school colors. Jamie Dougherty and Gracie Lunsetter showcase the new look. *Photo courtesy of Kenny Lunsetter*

Pictured below: Grygla's team of coaches, L-R, Kenny Lunsetter, Shannon Nelson and Dustin Nelson, are instructing a couple of their shooters at the TRF Trap Club last Sunday, which was the first official day of the Fall League. *Photo courtesy of Jaclyn Moe*



Minnesota State High School League votes to move football, volleyball back to fall



The Minnesota State High School League, in a special meeting of the board of directors last Monday morning, voted to move football and volleyball back to the fall.

On Aug. 4, the league moved football and volleyball to a spring season amid concerns over the coronavirus pandemic.

Last Monday, the board voted 14-4 to have volleyball in the fall. Football passed 15-3.

Volleyball will start on September 28th with 10 days of preseason practice and the first competition as early as October 8th. Volleyball will have an 11-week season and 14 dual competitions.

Football will start practices on September 28th with the first competition to be on October 9-10. The season will consist of a 6 game regular season and a 2-week postseason.

The postseason format is still TBD.

Based on Minnesota Department of Health recommendations, fall volleyball will have no fans. Football will allow 250 people total.

More information will be shared in next week's Grygla Eagle, including a more in-depth look at what this new season will look like for our Charger football and volleyball athletes.

A grand prize win



The Roseau/Lake of the Woods Sportsman's Club held a raffle drawing on September 12th. After buying a \$10 ticket, Megan Berg was the grand prize winner of the 2020 Polaris 570 Ranger! Berg is Grygla's Postmaster and resides in Wannaska. *Photo courtesy of Megan Berg*

Election of Officers

The Grygla Senior Citizen's Club will hold its monthly meeting on Friday, October 2nd, at 3:30pm, at the Grain Bin Café. On the agenda will be the Annual Election of Officers

– President, Vice President, Secretary/Treasurer, and one member for the Board of Directors. Please save the date and plan on attending this meeting.

Youth Firearm Safety course

The Youth Firearm Safety course will be held Saturday, September 26th, at Grande Corner. The all-day range course begins at 9am where students will walk through different scenarios with firearm safety instructors.

Before stepping on the range, students must complete the online portion of the course, which can take up to 15 hours, so prepare accordingly. To get started with the program, students can visit www.hunter-course.com; choose your state, enter your DOB and it's self-explanatory from there. There is also a link on the MN DNR website. Students are asked to

bring their online course completion certificate with them the day of the range course at Grande Corner.

Students must be at least 11 years old to participate. For any questions, call Donald Haack (294-6325) or Robert Paulson (378-4366).

Fall Club Picnic: The Club Picnic this fall will be held after the Gun Training on September 26th. The Club provides the meat; you're encouraged to bring a side dish to share. If you are interested in joining the local sportsman's club, membership dues are \$25/single and \$35/family.

Flu Clinic scheduled

North Valley Public Health will hold a Flu Clinic at the Grygla Community Center on Wednesday, October 14th, from 9-11am. The cost is \$30. Insurances that can be billed by North Valley Health Center are Medicare & Medicaid.

Due to COVID-19, you are requested to call ahead and make an appointment. Masks will be required and social distancing will be maintained. Please call North Valley Public Health at 218-745-5154 to schedule.

CHURCH CALENDARS

GRYGLA LUTHERAN PARISH
Grace and Our Savior's, Grygla
Pastor Ken Bowman
Sunday, Sept. 27
 Grace: Worship at 10:30am
 OS: Worship at 9am, no SS
 Masks and social distancing are required, following CDC guidelines.
 Pastor Ken's service will continue to air on GV channel 36 at 9am Sunday and 7pm Sunday, as well as be posted on the Grace Lutheran website.

GOODRIDGE AREA LUTHERAN PARISH, ELCA
Bethany, Ekelund, Faith Pastor Kristin Dahlen Ostercamp
Wednesday, Sept. 23
 7pm Faith Worship – outdoor, bring a lawn chair
Sunday, Sept. 27
 8:30am Bethany, 9:30am FB Live, 10:30am Faith Formation at Bethany

THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITIES OF St. Clement's – Grygla; St. Ann's – Goodridge
Fr. Adam Hamness
Sunday:
 St. Clement's: 10:15am Worship in church

St. Ann's: 12pm Worship in church
BETHESDA LUTHERAN CHURCH
Skime
Pastor Steve Bliss
Sunday:
 8am Worship w/ 11am Facebook Live Broadcast

CLEARWATER LUTHERAN PARISH
St. Petri – Grygla; Mt. Olive, Nazareth – Trail; Oak Park – Oklee
Pastor Jeff Merseth
Wednesdays
 5pm Wed. School
Saturdays
 9am Worship at Mt. Olive
Sundays
 St. Petri: 8am Worship, 9:15am SS
 OP: 8:30am SS, 9:45am Worship
 Nazareth: 10am SS, 11am Worship

UNITED LUTHERAN PARISH
Gatzke
 8:30am Worship in church

2 GARAGE SALES!
Saturday, September 26th
8am - 5pm
@ Bottem's
 207 West Park Drive
AND
@ Torgerson's
 119 S. 6th Ave
 3 piece living room set, vanity desk, 2 oak end tables, girls bike, telescope, wall decorations, housewares, Lots of outdoor Christmas, one row cultivator,
 Brand name clothing: Men's XXL, women's, misses, junior's, girls, & teen girl's, lots of household & misc. G27C

Garden Valley Internet Discount

Garden Valley Technologies is excited to announce the Students First Internet Discount. GVT's Students First Internet Discount is an affordable Internet program designed to help families and students in low-income households have reliable access to the Internet for distance learning, homework, accessing educational resources and more. GVT subscribers who have children enrolled in grades K-12 (including Pre-K) and participate in the Free and Reduced-Price Meal program are eligible for a \$38.95 credit per month for up to 6 months. For reference, the base 50/50 Internet service with Garden Valley is \$38.95/month with phone service or \$48.95/month without phone service. The credit will discontinue at the end of February and will be billed at full price starting March 2021.

The Students First Internet Discount was created because all students should have access to fast, reliable Internet service whether they are learning in class, at home or in a hybrid

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Paid for by Wallace Byklum of Grygla, MN

Northern Lights fishing report

Written by Ben Kucera
 This week, fall was in full swing with a touch of winter, as well. With a few mornings in the mid 20's, I had to break my chicken and ducks water pond open for them.
 With that, the fishing on Lake of the Woods continues to get better. Out of Warroad, the blinker to swift in 12'-16' of water has been producing nice fish with cranks and a jig and minnow or shiner.
 Flats, off of 5mile, has been producing, as well, in that 22'-24' of water. South tip and whiskey flats are still producing, too, mainly with cranks, but a jig and shiner has been just as good.
 Out of the Longpoint area, they are going out a long way to the flats of LEMs reef and out to Garden Island, mainly using

a jig and shiner. The shiners are making the run in shallow to the creeks and rivers.

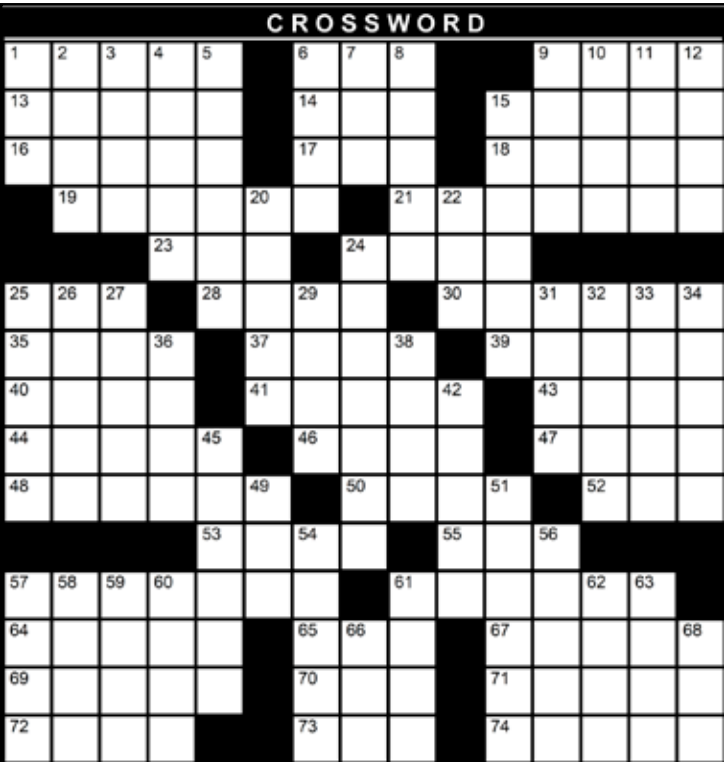
This past weekend, early goose ended on Sunday, but bow season, grouse, and sandhill cranes opened up! This coming weekend, duck and goose hunting will open. Good luck to everyone heading out into the woods, onto the big lake or hitting the swamps. Please be safe and enjoy the fall.

Ben Kucera is the owner and creator of Northern Lights Tackle & Custom Rods. He is also a Marshall County Sheriff's Deputy residing in Grygla with his wife and children. Ben is an avid fisherman who will be writing and submitting a fishing report weekly. You can follow his Facebook page at Northern Lights Tackle and/or contact him at 218-684-0588.

No CFAP distribution in September

There will be no CFAP distribution during the month of September. The North Country Food Bank only received two shipments of food boxes. They each contained 860 boxes of dairy and vegetables - no protein. They made the decision to

give those shipments to which-ever food shelf requested them first, but they had to take all 860 boxes. Since that is way more boxes than Grygla could distribute, they are not participating in the September give away.



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Statepoint Crossword
Theme: Movie Titles

ACROSS
 1. All thumbs
 6. *Do this to Shorty
 9. Practice in the ring
 13. Popular aquarium dweller
 14. Fertility clinic stock
 15. Dreamy
 16. Brightest star in Cygnus
 17. Romanian money
 18. Athlete's stage
 19. *Ferris Bueller's time away
 21. *He always rings twice
 23. G in music
 24. Dissenting clique
 25. Billy's Harry to ____'s Sally
 28. "Brave New World" drug
 30. Lung pouch
 35. Crematorium containers
 37. X-ray units

39. Humpy ungulate
 40. One of oldest cities in China or Welsh girl's name
 41. Torcher's misdeed
 43. "____ a soul"
 44. Sudden occurrence of disease
 46. Crimson rival
 47. Power system
 48. "Rock the ____" by The Clash
 50. Deal with it
 52. Happy Gilmore's peg
 53. Bird's groomer
 55. Tap choice
 57. *Dr. Strangelove learned to love it, two words
 61. *No country for these guys, two words
 64. *One green one in John Wayne flick
 65. "Eureka!"
 67. Erasable programmable read only memory

69. Woven wall hanging
 70. Soldier's bed
 71. "All the world's a ____"
 72. R in RIP
 73. It is
 74. Boxer turned actor

DOWN
 1. It would
 2. Pauper's permanent state
 3. Europe's highest volcano
 4. Hunts for food
 5. No-noes

Crossword Clues...
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SCIENCE FACT:

ON THIS DAY IN SEPTEMBER, THE SUN IS DIRECTLY OVER THE EQUATOR AND DAY AND NIGHT ARE OF THE SAME LENGTH.

ANSWER: AUTUMNAL EQUINOX

How they SAY that in...

ENGLISH: Orange

SPANISH: Naranja

ITALIAN: Arancia

FRENCH: Orange

GERMAN: Orange

What's the Difference?
 There are four things different between Picture A and Picture B. Can you find them all?



Answers: 1. Girl on left is wearing sunglasses
 2. Orange purse has "L" on it 3. Road has lines
 4. Girl on right has ponytail on hat

THIS DAY IN...

SEP 20

HISTORY

- **1881:** CHESTER A. ARTHUR IS SWORN IN AS THE 21ST PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES.
- **1973:** BILLIE JEAN KING DEFEATS BOBBY RIGGS IN A MUCH-HYPED TENNIS MATCH.
- **1977:** VIETNAM IS ADMITTED TO THE UNITED NATIONS.

New word

SHED

allow leaves or fruit to fall to the ground

Did you know?

A HEALTHY, MATURE TREE CAN HAVE 200,000 LEAVES, ALTHOUGH SOME ESTIMATES ARE EVEN HIGHER. MANY TREES SHED ALL OF THOSE LEAVES IN THE FALL.

GET THE PICTURE?

Can you guess what the bigger picture is?

ANSWER: GOURD

Only in Minnesota: a weekly feature in the Eagle

Big Bog State Recreation Area near Waskish, Minnesota

Grygla residents, Tony and Connie Moe, visited the Big Bog State Recreation area over Labor Day weekend and shared all of these pictures and information for this “Only in Minnesota” section. Connie said they drove through the forest and went on the Big Bog Walk, stating now would be a great time to visit with the trees starting to change color!

The Big Bog State Recreation Area covers 9,459 acres of primarily swamps, bogs, and upland “islands” north of Waskish, MN. The park was started by local grassroots efforts in 2002 and officially opened in June of 2006.

The great Big Bog region stretches from jackpine forests north of Upper Red Lake to the communities along US Route 71 leading to International Falls. This includes much of the Pine Island State Forest and two National Natural Areas: Upper Red Lake Peatland, and the Lost River Peatland.

A recent addition is the Big Bog Boardwalk, which allows visitors to explore one mile into the “islands” of spruce within the bog, as well as the

open wetlands. Windstorms often uproot the bog’s trees and shrubs because their roots are very close to the surface of the thin mat of moss. The bog has fewer plant and animal species than many other ecosystems. Fish cannot live in the bog. Bog water is acidic (pH3-4), but not as acidic as a cola beverage (pH2.5).

The Big Bog was the last refuge for the lower 48 states woodland caribou, which vanished in the 1940s. Although caribou survived in Minnesota for a century after they disappeared in Wisconsin and Michigan, multiple threats took their

toll here. Many were killed for food by loggers, trappers, and homesteaders. Peatland drainage projects, farming, and fires damaged habitat. Settlement also created conditions that drew white tailed deer and their deadly parasites to northern Minnesota. Caribou trails from more than 80 years ago still crisscross the Big Bog.

Enjoy all of these photos sent to the Eagle by Connie Moe. From their drive through the forest, to their day at the Big Bog.



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

Alimentation \Al-uh-men-tey-shuhn\
Noun
Nourishment; nutrition.

A note from Superintendent
Jamie Lunsetter

“There is immense power when a group of people with similar interests gets together to work toward the same goals.”
– Idowu Koyenikan

This is certainly true in our return to school this fall. Every member of our staff and school board were all pulling the same direction to get it done. Parents provided valuable feedback to help in the planning process and the community has been extremely supportive. Our students are the best anywhere. They have done what’s been asked of them, with very little grumbling. They get it. They understand that we are all a TEAM, and when we focus our energy on the same things, great things can happen. These are the life lessons that we hope our children learn. Stick together, treat others fairly and be a team! Great job everyone! I couldn’t be more proud to be associated with this school and our communities!

SIMPLY DELICIOUS

By Kari Sundberg, Eagle Editor

Baked Pumpkin Donut Holes

These sound like a good fall treat, don't they? They're actually baked in a mini muffin pan and are incredibly easy to make.

Ingredients
2 cups flour
2 tsp. baking powder
1 tsp. pumpkin pie spice
½ tsp ground nutmeg
½ tsp salt
1 cup pumpkin puree (not pumpkin pie filling)
½ cup brown sugar
1 egg
½ cup milk
¼ cup butter, melted
1 tsp vanilla
For the cinnamon & sugar coating: 6 tbsp butter, melted; ¼ cup sugar; 1.5 tbsp. cinnamon

Instructions
Preheat oven to 350. Spray a mini muffin pan with non-stick cooking spray. In a large bowl, whisk together flour, baking powder, pumpkin pie spice, nutmeg and salt. Set aside. In another bowl, mix together pumpkin puree, brown sugar,

egg, milk, butter and vanilla. Add the wet ingredients until just combined. Spoon the batter into the mini muffin cavities about ¾ of the way full. Bake for 11-13 minutes. Remove and let cool in pan for 5 minutes. Remove donut holes from the muffin pan and place on a pan to cool. Meanwhile, add melted butter, cinnamon & sugar to a bowl. Dunk each donut hole into the mixture so it gets fully coated. Serve & enjoy!



WHAT A JOKE

“Have you heard of Murphy’s Law?”
“Yeah.”
“What is it?”
“If something can go wrong, it will go wrong.”
“Right. Have you heard of Cole’s Law?”
“No, what is it?”
“Thinly sliced cabbage.”

Call for Entries

The Northwest Minnesota Arts Council (NWMAC) is pleased to announce a call for entries for an exhibition of artwork that honors Black Lives Matter. Our country, and much of the world, is aware of Black Lives Matter. In honor of Martin Luther King Day and Black History Month, it is especially timely that we come together to create art that reflects the spirit of BLM.

Inspired by blacklivesmatter.com. “Every day, we commit to healing ourselves and each other, and to co-creating alongside comrades, allies, and family a culture where each person feels seen, heard, and supported. We acknowledge, respect, and celebrate differences and commonalities. We work vigorously for freedom and justice for Black people and, by extension, all people. We intentionally build and nurture a beloved community that is bonded together through a beautiful struggle that is restorative, not depleting.”

The NWMAC Board and staff have taken a stand against racism and in support of Black Lives Matter. Please visit our website to read the statement in full at <http://www.northwestminnesotaartscouncil.org/2020/07/nwmac-stands-against-racism/> This exhibit is in response to recent racist violence, long-time systemic racism and the unrest this has spurred, “We know people

need art now more than ever to express ourselves and cope with the many emotions we have all been feeling.”

Artists and creatives in NW Minnesota are invited to create artwork that reflects the theme Black Lives Matter. Artwork may consist of painting, drawings, mixed media, carvings, film, fiber, poems, songs, as well as a host of other mediums. We welcome a variety of art forms!

Artwork must be submitted for jury via photo in an email. It will only be accepted, if it supports the Black Lives Matter movement. Inquire beforehand if you have questions about this. Please email photo of artwork along with your name, contact information, title of artwork, size of artwork, and medium to Trey Everett at trey.crxpres@midconetwork.com by December 1. If selected, artists may drop off art work at their choice of three locations, Crookston on December 14, Warren on December 15, or Thief River Falls on December 17. Times and exact locations of drop-off will be given at a later date.

The art installation, Black Lives Matter will be open from January 8 through February 28, 2021 at the NWMAC Gallery at Northland College and Technical School in Thief River Falls. Please visit our website for more information: www.NWArtsCouncil.org.

Updating Minnesota’s wolf plan with your help

The Minnesota Department of Natural Resources wants you to weigh in on Minnesota’s iconic wolf as they update the state’s 20-year-old wolf management plan.

Join them for one of three virtual open houses in September and October to learn about wolves and make your voice heard about the future of wolf management.

<https://www.dnr.state.mn.us/mammals/wolves/wolf-plan.html>

Virtual public meetings—northwest region on Tuesday, Sept. 29; central and southern region, including Twin Cities metro area, on Tuesday, Oct. 6; and northeast region again on Thursday, Oct. 8. Registration will be required and available online beginning on Monday, Sept. 21. Sign up to receive

wolf email updates to be notified when registration opens. There is also a public attitude survey available online by going to the link previously mentioned.

The DNR believes it is critical to have all voices about wolves at the table during this process. With the public’s input, DNR can effectively evaluate how the wolf management plan is working and identify what may need to be improved.





It was the perfect fall afternoon for a pumpkin stand! Last Saturday, Cooper and Emmitt Aune, along with Summer and William Ruud took on the role as salespeople – and cute, friendly salespeople they were! The kids had a stand set up outside of the Ruud home in Grygla where the Ruud siblings were selling pumpkins of all shapes and sizes, and the Aune brothers were selling homemade goodies. Summer is pictured at the pumpkin stand with her Great-Great Grandma, Virgie Wells. *Photos courtesy of Krystle Ruud*

Crossword Clues...
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6. The Masters' game
7. *It's all about her
8. Greyish brown
9. Database command
10. Lord Byron's composition
11. *King of Siam's governess
12. *Private that had to be saved
15. a.k.a. tears of Chios
20. Fauna's partner
22. Mozart's "L____ del Cairo"
24. Eponymous comic strip character
25. *The hills are alive with the sound of it
26. "Fear of Flying" author Jong
27. Annoying tiny biters
29. *There's something about her
31. Telephoned
32. Bright
33. Eagle's nest
34. *Bonnie's partner
36. Give the cold shoulder
38. Musician's time to shine
42. Kathmandu country
45. Wooden shoes
49. Skirt's edge
51. First among siblings
54. Olden day calculators
56. Like worthless promise
57. Tow rope alternative
58. At this point
59. Does something wrong
60. "Don't ____ around the bush"
61. Mares' meal
62. "-zoic" periods
63. Not happening
66. *Some like it this way
68. *There were three, plus a baby

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Minutes/Agendas avail.

Grygla/Gatzke August School Board Meeting Minutes

Grygla/Gatzke School Board Meeting: Thursday, August 20, 2020

Chairperson of the board Jeremy Rychlock called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm with James Verbout, Tera Nordby, Andrew Oslund, Clinton Brobst, Gretchen Smeby, Principal Gieseke and Superintendent Jamie Lunsetter present.

Pledge of Allegiance

Motion by Jeremy Rychlock, second by James Verbout, to approve the agenda as presented. Passed 6-0. Minutes of the June 18, 2020 regular school board meeting are approved as amended. Minutes of the July 16, 2020 regular school board meeting are approved as printed. Minutes of the August 4, 2020 special school board meeting are approved as printed.

Motion by Andrew Oslund, second by Tera Nordby, to ap-

prove payment of the bills check #37599 through check #37623 and wire payments. Passed 6-0.

Finance Report: Bills: General Fund \$155,309.43 MSDLAF \$1,393,883.64 Food Service \$ Checking \$56,030.56 Community Service \$180.00 Trust \$ Scholarship \$ Student Activity \$211.17 Total \$155,700.60 Total \$1,449,914.20

Student Report: N/A

Teacher Report: Given by Jason Grandstrand. Mr. Gene Lunsetter has attended two music clinics virtually to hear some ways to set up music classes using social distancing, masking, etc. Summer baseball had a very successful season. There are 27 students signed up for Football Camp.

Principal Report: Mr. Gieseke reported that the new school website and app has

launched. There will be trainings on this at the upcoming open house. The student council held a meeting to discuss the return retreat among other items. A teacher meeting and planning committee meeting were held two Mondays ago, both were very informational. The fall workshop schedule was sent out to all staff. There is a blood drive approaching, which the student council will help with. Ads have been placed in local papers to promote our school district, with a special thank you to Kari Sundberg for her help with getting information out to the community during this time.

Superintendent Report: Athletic Update: Fall practices will begin September 14th. Bus Log: The fall bus driver meeting has been held. Jake Sundberg did an excellent job in

planning and executing this. Other: There was some hail damage to school property recently. We will be making a claim, and will work with the insurance company on this. The fall open house is soon approaching. It will look slightly different this year, but we are looking forward to having parents and students in the building.

Motion by Tera Nordby, second by Gretchen Smeby, to approve fund transfer of \$93,000 from ECFE to General Fund. Passed 6-0. Motion by Andrew Oslund, second by Jeremy Rychlock, to approve fund transfer of \$28,000 from School Readiness to General Fund. Passed 6-0. Motion by James Verbout, second by Clinton Brobst, to approve Brenna Dalager as Junior Varsity VB Coach. Passed 6-0. Motion by Andrew Oslund,

second by Jeremy Rychlock, to approve Safe Return to School Plan. Passed 6-0. Motion by James Verbout, second by Tera Nordby, to approve 2020-21 Bus Routes. Passed 6-0. Motion by Clinton Brobst, second by Jeremy Rychlock, to approve changes to 2020-21 Daily Schedule. Passed 6-0. Motion by Andrew Oslund, second by James Verbout, to approve maternity leave for Courtney Alderete, beginning on August 31, 2020. Passed 6-0. Motion by Gretchen Smeby, second by Jeremy Rychlock, to approve the following donations: \$500 Grygla Lions Club Scholarships Passed 6-0.

Trustee Reports: None

Meeting Closed for Personnel Discussion. Meeting Adjourned at 7:48. Next Meeting is 9/17/20, 7:00 p.m.

Grygla City Council approves August Minutes

The September meeting of the City Council was held at the Grygla Civic Building on Monday, September 14th. Council members approved the August 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

August 10th Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Grygla City Council

The meeting was called to order, at 7pm by Mayor Mosher with the following council members present: Gavin Nordby, Dave Dunrud and Robert Thompson. Absent: Lindsay Oslund. Also present was Jim Trojanowski, Director of Northwest Regional Library, Gary Kiesow, Scott Peters and Rose

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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:

WATER TOWER

Still waiting on getting the SAM#. With COVID there hasn't been anyone taking calls and just an automatic computer response Live Chat on the website.

COMMUNITY CENTER

Steamatic gave an estimate for \$1,440 to clean the flooring. Council approved.

MARBEL HOMES

There was nothing new to report at this time.

LOT CLEAN UPS

The council agreed to the terms Bill Gust gave to get his

lot cleaned up by the end of the year.

2019 FINANCIAL REPORT

Council approved the 2019 financial report.

COVID GRANTS

Gary Kiesow and Scott Peters were present to discuss the CARES act funds that are available to cities. Grygla already received their \$17,253 on Friday. The funds are to go towards things associated with COVID. It can be used to get cleaning supplies, masks, council tablets (in case needing to do zoom meetings), laptops for working from home for city employees. It cannot be used to cover loss of receipts due to covid shutdown (like unpaid water bills). It can be used to help businesses that lost money during the shutdown.

BATHROOMS & PICNIC

SHELTER

Council approved paying half of bathroom updates and picnic shelter expansion.

WORK CONTRACTS

Council approved increasing Rose and Rocky's wage \$.50 hr and \$1/hr for Sheila Olson for mowing.

LIBRARY REPORT

Jim Trojanowski, Director Northwest Regional Library, presented the profit and loss budget for 2020/2021. He is requesting that Grygla up their donation to \$2,000 for next year, instead of \$1,000. The council will decide this after their budget meeting at the end of the month

INFLOW & INFILTRATION PLAN

Inflow & Infiltration Plan accepted.

AIRPORT M & O FUNDS

Funding from the state has increased from \$4,800 to \$5,109.

MOVING INCENTIVE

If new move-in accounts aren't kept current the first year they don't get the \$500 incentive.

EXTRA MEETINGS

Thompson, Dunrud, & Mosher had Lions gambling meeting.

CAMPGROUND BATHROOMS

Bathrooms need to be cleaned more often at the campground.

STREET SIGNS

A few street signs in town need to be replaced.

SCHEDULE BUDGET MEETING

Tuesday, Sept 1, at 5:30 PM.

4,300 miles bicyling from west coast to east coast



Written by Kari Sundberg, Eagle Editor

At the end of August, an article ran in the Eagle about my cousin Zach Olson, who was biking across America via the Trans America Bike trail. He had a goal of completing the 4,300 mile journey in 60 days and he did just that; exactly 60 days across the United States of America on a bicycle!

A few of you have asked for updates, wondering if he made it by his end goal, and without injury. It's with excitement that both answers are YES!

In the August 26th issue of the Eagle, a story ran, titled, "Cycling across America: an unforgettable experience." It shared the first half of Zach's journey, which began on July 11th from Astoria, Oregon.

At just 26 years old, Zach pedaled 80-100 miles per day on the Trans America Bike trail that crosses through 10 different states: Oregon, Idaho, Montana, Wyoming, Colorado, Kansas, Missouri, Illinois, Kentucky and Virginia. The end point was at the Victory Monument in Yorktown, Virginia, which he reached on

September 9th!

The first part of the story left off with Zach just entering Kentucky. He had an incredible, tough, yet rewarding trip up to this point. Crossing through rugged terrain that included Hells Canyon, the Rockies, Grand Teton National Park, Yellowstone and the Ozarks, to name a few. With so much beautiful scenery behind him, Zach only had to get through Kentucky to make it to the final state of Virginia, which he says was absolutely beautiful and full of so much rich history.

But getting there proved to be an experience.

Out of all the states he passed through, Zach says that Kentucky was the worst for him. Regardless of high temps or steep mountains he had previously conquered up to this point, Kentucky was his least favorite. He spoke candidly and said, "It was just a lot of poverty, a lot of garbage, the trail was way off the beaten path in the backwoods, a lot of confederate flags flying and loose dogs running that would chase me...." Zach described a moment when he had a pack of Boxers chasing him with one grabbing a hold of his saddle bag on the back of his bike. In order to get away, he had to reach back and kick the aggressive, angry dog off. He was so thankful to get away unharmed. That was the scariest run-in he had on the whole journey, so though it was a pretty intense situation to be in, he still counts himself as extremely fortunate to not have any injuries or major occurrences along the way.

Once into Virginia, though, it was a different story. Full of rich history everywhere he

looked, Zach says that state was gorgeous. With camping in his tent along the way, or staying at an occasional hostel or motel along the way, he had a memorable experience at a church in Virginia. The 2nd to the last night of the trip, he was scheduled to stay an old Methodist Church that hosts cyclists. He had called ahead to make sure it was still open for an overnight stay, due to COVID-19. It was, and he had a surprise waiting for him when he got there. A group of locals had gathered on the steps, awaiting his arrival. They had prepared a chicken and veggie supper for him, along with a tour of the grounds. "It was really unexpected and just really cool," he said. The church dated back to the early 1800's and is one of the only ones in the area that still has the original slave quarters up in the attic. This same church was also used as a hospital during the Civil War. Across the road from the church was an old jailhouse, now converted to a museum, and also an old cemetery next door. Zach slept alone that night at the old church, down in the basement. When asked if he was freaked out at all, he laughed and said, "I don't really believe in things being haunted, but if there was ever a place it existed, this might have been it." The church was located in a small town called Palmyra outside of Charlottesville, Virginia.

As Zach continued to cross Virginia, he said the upkeep was phenomenal. Many plantations and old presidential homes & museums – just so much history. He didn't stop at many places along the way as he had one destination in mind

– Yorktown. This is where his mom and stepdad would be waiting for him at the end point, which was the Victory Monument right on the coast in Yorktown.

They had driven all the way from Wyoming to be there for the moment Zach pedaled in.

It was a fun experience for them, along with many members of our big family, as Zach's mom went live on Facebook for a couple dozen of our family members to tune in and watch the final moments of his journey!

It was emotional and exciting, as Zach had a police escort into town, which was lined up by none other than yours truly. (I'm extra like that. *Wink!) It would have been so fun to be there in person, but the next best thing was to line up a special surprise. After a few Google searches and some phone calls, the local law enforcement were on standby to turn on the sirens when they saw him coming into town and escort him all the way to the Victory monument.

4,300 miles were completed and the journey will never be forgotten. But being an adventure seeker, Zach is already planning his next trip. He is laying low in Grand Forks, ND, right now, helping family with harvest and spending time with his girlfriend and friends. But if travel restrictions lift in the new year, he plans to head to Southeast Asia and explore the Bali and Maldives area. If the pandemic is still a threat, he plans to mountain climb in Alaska or kayak the Colorado River.

In his words, with a big smile on his face, "Life is short, man." And that's a wrap.



Pictured above is the Victory Monument on the coast in Yorktown, Virginia. It marks the end point of the Trans America Bicycle Trail. Below, Zach shared a picture of the BikeCentennial Certificate, which hung at the end of the trail. It documents the grandest touring event in the history of the bicycle! Over 4,000 bicyclist took part - see below.

