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Meet the Grygla Mayoral & City Council Candidates

With the November 3rd, 2020, election right around the corner, meet the candidates on this year's ballot.

The Grygla Mayor position is only a 2-year term. Current City of Grygla Mayor is Richard Mosher, who is seeking re-election. Also on the ballot is Kelly Klein.

Grygla City Council members serve a 4-year term. The following members are not up for re-election and will continue to serve: Gavin Nordby and Lindsay Oslund.

Members who currently serve and are up for re-election are Dave Dunrud and Robert Thompson. Their names will appear on the ballot with the following candidates who are seeking election: Karla Byklum, Rose Hanson, Devin Ruud and Blair Saurdiff.

Of the names listed above, two will be voted in.

All interview questions are unedited and left in each person's own words. Ruud and Saurdiff respectfully declined to be interviewed for this newspaper feature.

Running for Mayor

Richard Mosher
(Incumbent)



Photo by Grygla Eagle Newspaper
Occupation: I work at Farm-er's Union Ag Station.

How long have you lived in Grygla? 34 years.

Have you served as Mayor before – when and for how long? I'm currently serving as Mayor. I've done five 2-year terms and previously served on the City Council for 8 years.

What organizations, boards, clubs, etc. are you a current member of? Grygla Lions.

What role does the Mayor of Grygla play in the community? The Mayor leads the decision making process with the help of the council. Decisions regarding maintenance or up-keep projects, spending and budget decisions and plotting out new properties, to name a few. The Mayor is the point of contact for any decisions regarding our city.

Why do you want to serve as Mayor? I'm willing to continue my current role as Mayor as

there are things I want to see get done, but I'd also like to see some younger people step up to the plate and take on these types of leadership roles in our town.

What issues do you feel need to be addressed right now? The Community Center needs attention. We've made the best of what we have, but it's time to give it an uplift. We also have to figure out how to get some money for that project. I'm also disappointed in our Community Garden. We made the space for it, but hardly anyone puts time into it. I'd like to see that changed. Since the last election, though, we've kept some businesses open that were close to closing. We made a new ball diamond, updated the tennis and basketball courts and did some maintenance work to the street. I take pride in keeping the city neat and clean, but we've got to get everyone on board with that. Yard and businesses have to be kept clean, which we're working on. Also, the younger people need to step up. We need the younger people on our City Council; older folks have put in the time and are played out. We need new, young blood.

What is your top priority if you were elected Mayor? Water and sewer. We need to work on getting some grants to upgrade those systems. We also want to fill some open housing lots we have in town.

Any specific ideas for business development in our town? I hope people bring any of their business ideas and opportunities forward and we can make it happen for them.



Grygla High School Class of 2010 held their 10-year reunion last Saturday evening. Part of the crew is pictured at Diamond's Bar & Grill. Front: Emily Solem. Middle, L-R: Matia (Ignaszewski) Brobst, Cally Torgerson, George Slater and Ellie Landsrud. Back row, L-R: Chelsi (Englund) Lindley, Clint Brobst, Ethan Schulz and Brock Olson.

Not pictured: Kim (Fischer) Korgaard and Jessup White. Classmates not in attendance: Kelsey Mosher, Macy Burks, Kim Moe, Bret Johnson and Kody Klamar.

Class of 2010 Advisors, Beth Kucera and Gabe Rath, both attended the gathering. The class also held a memorial for their classmate Andy Jacobson, who has passed away. *Photo courtesy of Matia Brobst*

Grygla City Council Candidates

Karla Byklum
(City Council)

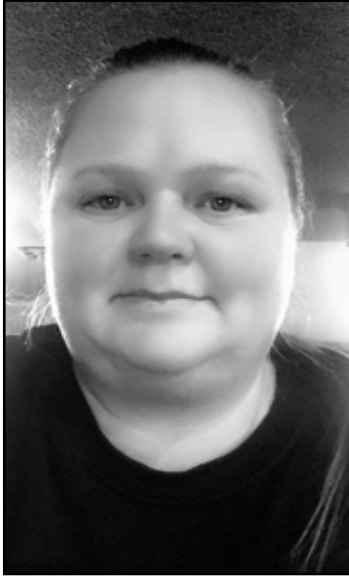


Photo courtesy of Karla Byklum
Occupation: I work at Machinewell.

How long have you lived in Grygla? I was born and raised in Grygla. I bought a house in town in 2012.

Have you served on the City Council Board before – when and for how long? I haven't served on the city council before. I have ran for council before and looking forward to being a council member.

What organizations, boards, clubs, etc. are you a current member of? I'm the treasurer of the Grygla Junior Community Club and also a member of the Fourtown-Grygla Sportsman's Club.

What role does the City Council play in a community? N/A

Why do you want to serve on the board? I would like to be a council member to keep Grygla looking great. I feel I would be a good asset to the council helping make decisions. I would like to help keep Grygla a great place to live.

What issues do you feel need to be addressed right now? N/A

Any specific ideas for business development in our town? N/A

What do you think needs to change in our town to set it up for future success? N/A

Dave Dunrud
(Incumbent)



Photo courtesy of Dave Dunrud
Occupation: I work at Polaris Industries in Roseau.

How long have you lived in Grygla? I have lived in Grygla since 1988, so 32 years now.

Have you served on the City Council Board before – when and for how long? I have been on the City Council for a number of years. I can't remember the exact date I started, but I believe it has been about 16 years now.

What organizations, boards, clubs, etc. are you a current member of? I am currently a member of the Grygla Fire Department, the Grygla Rescue Squad, the Fourtown/Grygla Sportsman's Club and the Pine Lake/Gully Sportsman's Club.

What role does the City Council play in a community? The city council is the governing body of the city. They follow state and federal guidelines to make decisions that are fair and in the best interest of the city and its residents.

Why do you want to serve on the board? I want to be involved in making a difference to better the community.

What issues do you feel need to be addressed right now? We need to continue to work toward setting aside funding to replace the entire existing water tower infrastructure which is a number of years old and reaching the end of its life span. We also need to continue trying to attract new families and businesses to the community.

nity to help promote economic growth and put more students in our school.

Any specific ideas for business development in our town? We continue to try to attract new business to the community, but due to our remote location, it is a challenge.

What do you think needs to change in our town to set it up for future success? We need to continue to try to make improvements in the community to entice new families and businesses to relocate to our community.

Rose Hanson
(City Council)



Photo by Grygla Eagle Newspaper
Occupation: Retired

How long have you lived in Grygla? Live in Grygla 16 years.

Have you served on the City Council Board before – when and for how long? I served on City Council in 2008 till 2010.

What organizations, boards, clubs, etc. are you a current member of? Senior Citizens Vice President, Foster Grandparent program.

What role does the City Council play in a community? The City Council hires the city clerk and city maintenance person makes laws and rules for city.

Why do you want to serve on the board? I would like to serve to help make Grygla a better place to live in and help making laws for city.

What issues do you feel need to be addressed right now? I

feel our city is in good shape right now but there is always things that could be better I also think they need to get the people in town more involved.

Any specific ideas for business development in our town? N/A

What do you think needs to change in our town to set it up for future success? N/A

Bob Thompson
(Incumbent)



Photo courtesy of Bob Thompson
Occupation: Management at Farmers Union Oil Company

How long have you lived in Grygla? I was born and raised in Grygla, and have lived here most of my life.

Have you served on the City Council Board before – when and for how long? I have served on the Grygla City Council from 1992 – 2008 & 2010 – Present.

What organizations, boards, clubs, etc. are you a current member of? I am a member of Grace Lutheran Church where I have held several positions to include congregation president, and currently am serving on the call committee. Member of the Grygla Lions

Club, the Fourtown – Grygla Sportsmans Club, Grygla Fall Festival Committee and served on the Grygla Centennial Committee as the Treasurer. I have been a member of the Grygla Fire and Rescue since 1983 currently serving

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Garden Valley paid subscriber access

If you are a non-Garden Valley Technologies member, you can still have access to live streaming GVT School and Local Content channels. Visit the GVT website for paid subscriber access. A one-month subscription includes access for 30 days from the date of purchase. A one-year subscription includes access for a full calendar year. All paid subscriptions will support the School and Local Content channels and equipment updates. 30-day Access cost is \$5; Annual Access cost is \$20.

Livestreaming can be viewed from your PC, laptop, tablet or mobile device.

Go to gvtel.com. On the home page you'll see a "Community Links" column. Select the "School and Local Content" option. You'll see a link that says "Livestream Community Content."

With sports seasons starting back up, but restrictions in place, like no fans allowed for volleyball games, this is a great option for parents, fans and community members to get in on the live action!

CHURCH CALENDARS

GRYGLA LUTHERAN PARISH
Grace and Our Savior's, Grygla
Pastor Ken Bowman
Sundays
Grace: Worship at 9am
OS: Worship at 10:30am
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. 30
7pm Ekelund Worship – outdoor, bring a lawn chair
Sunday, Oct. 4
8:30am Faith w/ Communion, 9:30am FB Live, 7pm Grade Six Zoom

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:

9:30am Worship w/ 11am Facebook Live Broadcast
LIBERTY CHAPEL Grygla
Congregation-Led
Calendar/information not available at this time.

CLEARWATER LUTHERAN PARISH
St. Petri – Grygla; Mt. Olive, Nazareth – Trail; Oak Park – Oklee
Pastor Jeff Merseth
Wednesdays
5-7pm Wed. School
Saturdays
9am Worship at Mt. Olive
Sundays
St. Petri: 8am Worship, 9:15am SS
OP: 8:30am SS, 9:45am Worship
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Health officials offering free COVID-19 testing

The Minnesota Department of Health is partnering with local public health officials to give people a chance to get a COVID-19 test if they would like to get tested. Over the next several weeks there will be testing opportunities in multiple communities around

the state, including in Bemidji September 29 to October 1. Testing is free, available to anyone who feels they need to be tested whether they have symptoms or not, and will not

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RE-ELECT
✓ **Tim SUMNER**
Beltrami County Commissioner District 4
"Tim Sumner has been very supportive to help our district on all issues that arise for the betterment of the area." - Wallace Byklum
Paid for by Wallace Byklum of Grygla, MN

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 setting due to the COVID-19 global pandemic. Garden Valley Technologies wants to do its part in providing affordable Internet service to families in need during this time. Families wishing to participate in this program must fill out the Confidentiality Release Form and submit to their local

school. Release forms are available from local schools or you can find the form on the Garden Valley Technologies website at <https://www.gvtel.com/covid-19-update/>

Each school will be required to submit the completed form to GVT once the school has verified the family participates in, and therefore qualifies for, the Free and Reduced-Price Meal program. The discount will not be applied until the date GVT receives the verified form from the school district so it is important to submit the form to GVT in a timely fashion. GT will only accept forms submitted from the school district. Completed forms will NOT be accepted from individual families.

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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.

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as Fire Chief. I also currently serve as Vice President for the MN Cooperative Managers Association.

What role does the City Council play in a community?
One of the key roles of the city council is to write resolutions, policies, and ordinances to keep the community a safe and clean place to live, and raise a family. It is also the councils responsibility to establish a budget and set a tax levy that will keep the city financially strong and yet keep the taxes affordable for the residents and businesses of the city. Another role as a council member is to listen to constituents requests and complaints, as well as to work towards resolving any issues they have.

Why do you want to serve on the board? I have served on the council for the reasons stated above, as well as the concerns of keeping a clean, safe and financially strong city. I have also been instilled with the trait of volunteerism, I feel the need to give back to the community and serving on the city council is a great way to do that.

What issues do you feel need to be addressed right now? Issues of the city that currently need to be addressed are continuing to work on obtaining funds for the water tower, that along with the entire water

and sewer system are a continuing concern as of the aging existence of that infrastructure. These items need to be kept up and some replacement plans need to be put in place as they start to near 50 years old. Other issues are continued cleanup of private properties in the city as well as trying to fix up and maintain existing city buildings and property such as the community center, the park bathrooms, and the airport for a few examples.

Any specific ideas for business development in our town?
We continue to work with the revolving loan program to assist with businesses and are open to obtaining grants / loans for new start up businesses. We recently obtained the housing / business rehab grant to assist businesses with store front improvements as well as working with the county on awarding Covid monies for small businesses.

What do you think needs to change in our town to set it up for future success? The biggest challenge that I see for the town, and community is getting people to live here / stay here. I would like to work with, and see an attraction for drawing more families to our community to reside while working in TRF, Roseau, or Warroad. We have a great school district, a wonderful community, and a relatively low tax base compared to other area towns.

Northern Lights fishing report

Written by Ben Kucera
This week I found myself on 2 sandhill crane hunts and then the big day; opening of duck. We shot 3 cranes and did a lot of bird watching. Then the alarms at 0300 hours - the time had come to get up and make our yearly trek back to our opener spot; a half mile hike with a canoe and all our gear. 10 minutes before we could shoot, the ducks were pouring in. The time to shoot and they were gone again and more filled into the decoys and the game was on. After about 10 minutes we only had 2 ducks passing on a bunch of teal then the ducks got scarce. We picked off a couple here and there and wound up with 8 ducks and a goose.

Sunday the ducks didn't show and the decision was made to jump shoot some ponds. We wound up with 11 ducks and turned my attention to the field I was watching and 600 hundred geese were piled

in for a Monday morning shoot. Monday morning came and it took 20 minutes to get a 3 man limit of geese.

Fishing is still going hot on Lake of the Woods with jig and shiner taking the cake. Out of the Warroad area, the blinker to swift ditch in 10'-15' has been doing well. Cranks are still working good, but drifting with a jig is good, as well. On the reefs is also picking up with a jig and minnow. Out of Long-point area, they are still going out to garden and LEMs reef and doing well.

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 218-684-0538.

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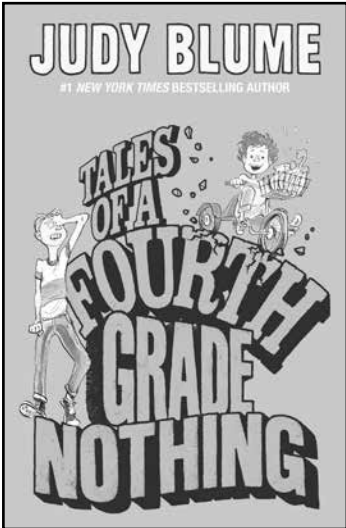
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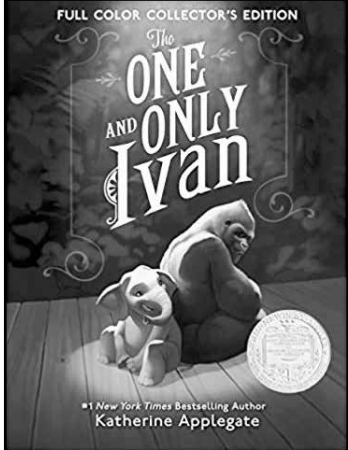
Written by Kari Sundberg, Grygla Librarian

This week's library column is geared towards the younger readers and their parents. I specifically had a third grade student come into the library and ask me for some book recommendations. I'm a little out of the loop on what 3rd graders are currently reading, so I took to some online resources and did some digging. Not only did I get these four books on order for her, but I also wanted to share them with you guys at home in case your youngster is wanting some new reading material, too. These are four older, classic novels that still make the top of the list.



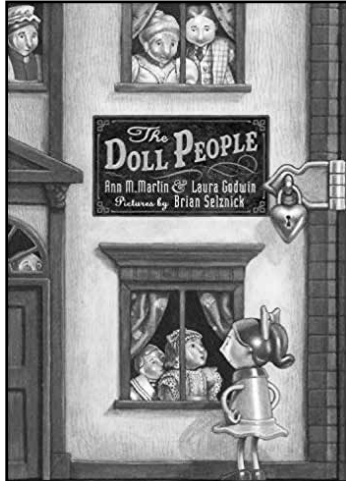
Tales of a Fourth Grade Nothing by Judy Blume: Living with his little brother, Fudge, makes Peter Hatcher feel like a fourth grade nothing. Whether Fudge is throwing a temper tantrum in a shoe store, smearing smashed potatoes on walls at Hamburger

Heaven, or scribbling all over Peter's homework, he's never far from trouble. He's a two-year-old terror who gets away with everything--and Peter's had enough. He's put up with Fudge too long. How can he get his parents to pay attention to him for a change? Sibling rivalry is one theme in this book, but another is love of family. This book also shows us that one way to deal with problems is through a sense of humor.



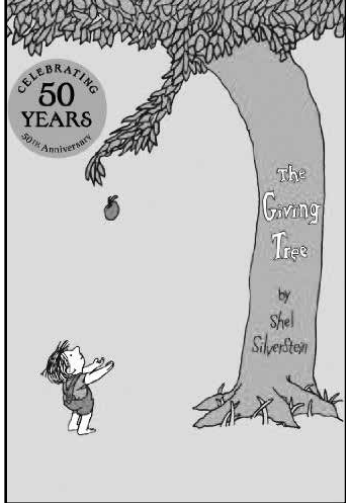
The One and Only Ivan by Katherine Applegate: This unforgettable novel celebrates the transformative power of unexpected friendship. Inspired by the true story of a captive gorilla known as Ivan, this book is told from the point of view of Ivan himself. Having spent twenty-seven years behind the glass walls of his enclosure in a shopping mall, Ivan has grown accustomed to humans watching him. He hardly ever thinks about his life in the jungle. Instead, Ivan occupies himself with television, his friends Stella and Bob, and painting. But

when he meets Ruby, a baby elephant taken from the wild, he is forced to see their home, and his art, through new eyes. Applegate blends humor and poignancy to create an unforgettable story of friendship, art, and hope.



The Doll People by Ann M. Marlin and Laura Godwin: Annabelle Doll is 8 years old - and has been for over 100 years. Nothing much has changed in the dollhouse during that time, except for the fact that 45 years ago, Annabelle's Auntie Sarah disappeared from the dollhouse without a trace. After all this time, restless Annabelle is becoming more and more curious about her aunt's fate. And when she discovers Auntie Sarah's old diary, she becomes positively driven. Her cautious family tries to discourage her, but Annabelle won't be stopped, even though she risks Permanent Doll State, in which she could turn into a regular, nonliving doll. And when the "Real Pink Plastic" Funcraft family moves

in next door, the Doll family's world is turned upside down - in more ways than one! Readers will love this exciting story of adventure and mystery. The relationship between the two doll families, one antique, one modern, is hilariously, wonderfully drawn.



The Giving Tree by Shel Silverstein: So begins a story of unforgettable perception. Every day the boy would come to the tree to eat her apples, swing from her branches, or slide down her trunk...and the tree was happy. But as the boy grew older he began to want more from the tree, and the tree gave and gave and gave. This is a tender story, touched with sadness, aglow with consolation. Shel Silverstein has created a moving parable for readers of all ages that offers an affecting interpretation of the gift of giving and a serene acceptance of another's capacity to love in return.

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

Avow

\Uh-vou\

Verb

To declare frankly or openly; own; acknowledge; confess; admit.

A note from Superintendent
Jamie Lunsetter

"Peace is the result of retraining your mind to process life as it is, rather than as you think it should be." - Wayne W. Dyer

This is a great reminder for all of us. We spend a lot of time trying to make life into what we want it to be, and that's not all bad. It's important to have goals and create a plan to get to those goals. It's more important, however, that we also understand that what happens to and for us during the course of our plans is largely not up to us. There is a plan, it's just not our plan. There is a timeline, it's just not our timeline. There IS A REASON! Take comfort in knowing that! A friend once told me that we often get caught up in whatever it is we're going through, and wonder why God won't just fix this right now. The reason is because God has seen this a million times, his timeline is different than ours. What seems to us like an eternity is a blink of an eye to him. He's got this, and he's got you. It's up to each of us to find peace and comfort in that. Have a great day everyone!

COVID-19 testing...
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require insurance.

"Testing uncovers positive cases earlier," Bemidji Mayor Rita Albrecht said. "The test results will provide important data about the degree of spread in our area and help to guide efforts to combat COVID-19 and protect those who are most vulnerable to serious complications."

"Many who contract COVID-19 may experience mild or even no symptoms, but some suffer life-threatening complications," Beltrami County Public Health Division Director Cynthia Borgen said. "All who contract the virus are contagious. Getting a test helps people know they if they have contracted COVID-19 so they are informed and can protect those they are close to who might be most vulnerable to serious

complications. This is a proven strategy for fighting spread of a virus like COVID-19."

You can see more information about statewide community testing opportunities here: <https://www.health.state.mn.us/news/pressrel/2020/covid091720.html>.

Here are the details of the testing in Bemidji:

Tuesday, September 29, Wednesday, September 30, and Thursday, October 1

12 p.m. to 6 p.m. at the Bemidji Armory, 1430 23rd Street NW

To avoid long lines, those wish to get tested are encouraged to pre-register for a time slot. Visit <https://www.prima-rybio.com/r/bemidji> for more information and to sign up for an appointment. Those who are unable to sign up online or need interpretation can call 1-855-612-0677 for assistance.

SIMPLY DELICIOUS



up in a burrito shell. Either way, it's a win.

Ingredients

- 1-1.5 lbs boneless skinless chicken breasts
- 1 can diced tomatoes
- 1 cup chicken broth, more as needed
- 2 tsp chili powder
- 2 tsp salt
- 1 tsp ground cumin
- 1 can black beans, drained
- 1 cup uncooked brown rice
- 1 cup corn kernels

Optional toppings: shredded cheese, chopped cilantro, sour cream, diced avocado, salsa, hot sauce, diced green onions, shredded lettuce.

Instructions

Combine the chicken, tomatoes, chicken broth, chili powder, salt and cumin in your slow cooker. Cover and cook on low 3-4 hours. Uncover, stir in the beans, rice and corn. Cover and cook on low for 3-4 more hours.

At any point the mixture seems to dry, add more chicken broth.

Once it's done cooking, use two forks to shred your chicken right into the mixture. Serve in a bowl with your choice of toppings! (Or serve in a tortilla shell.)

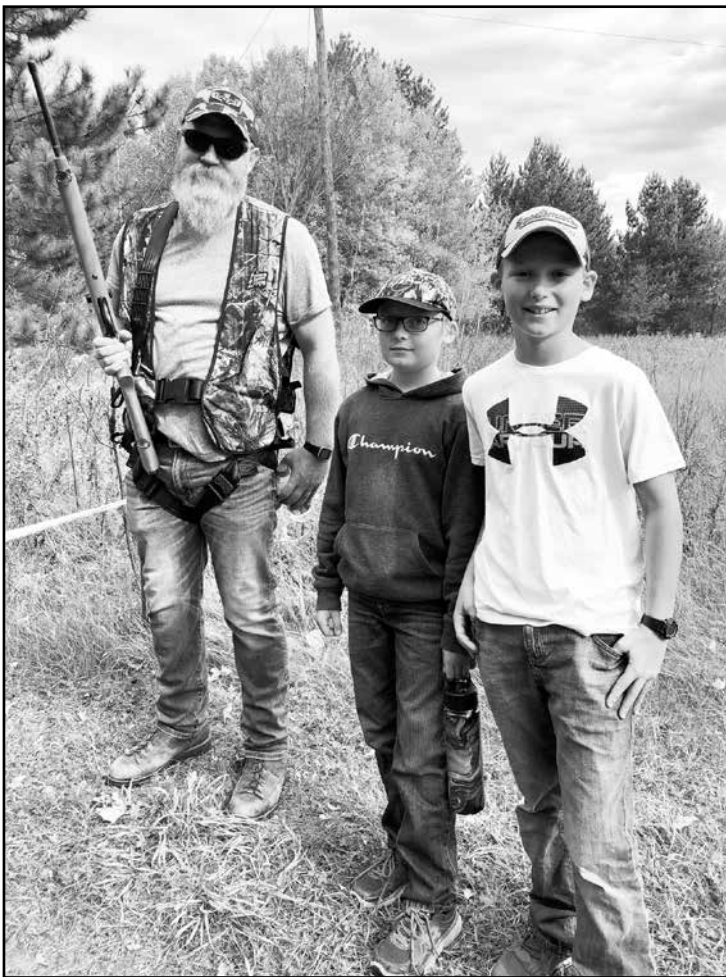
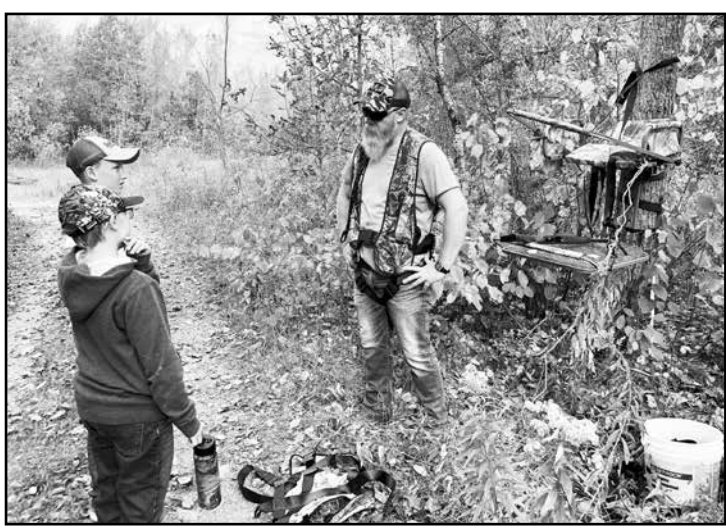
By Kari Sundberg, Eagle Editor

Slow Cooker Chicken Burrito Bowls

This recipe takes less than five minutes to pull together and then rewards you with a delicious, healthy dinner at the end of the day. These burrito bowls are full of chili-spiced brown rice, black beans, corn, and tender bites of shredded chicken. Everything gets cooked right in the crockpot, so all you need to do is dish yourself up a bowl and sprinkle with slices of avocado and a dollop of sour cream, or roll it



The Youth Firearm Safety course was held last Saturday, September 26th, at Grande Corner. The all-day range course began at 9am where over 30 students participated. Many club volunteers helped out, including Karla Byklum, Gretchen Smeby and Lindsay Oslund, who were on site to help with registrations. Photos by Grygla Eagle Newspaper



After completing their written test and visiting with local DNR representatives, the students were guided through different scenarios with firearm safety instructors. Photos by Grygla Eagle Newspaper



The Fourtown/Grygla Sportsman's Club Fall Picnic took place after the Youth Firearm Safety Day. The gathering was held at Grande Corner with just a handful of members attending, due to harvest still going strong. Photo by Grygla Eagle Newspaper

Reflections of a Boomer

I've seen fire and I've seen rain.
I've been through the desert on a horse with no name.

I've gone to Kansas City, I've sang in the sunshine.
I've been on the road again, with Georgia on my mind.

Like a rolling stone, I've given peace a chance.
I've put my camel to bed, and danced the last dance.

Mr. Tambourine man played a song for me,
I've whispered words of wisdom, let it be.

I've fell into a burning ring of fire, and walked the line,
To all the girls I've love before, you were always on my mind.

I've been everywhere, I've been so lonesome I could cry,
I've driven my Chevy to the levee when the levee was dry.

I've been to Itchycoo Park in a yellow submarine.
I've made the scene in a time machine.

I've done the Hokey Pokey and turned myself around.
I've welcomed baby back to the poor side of town.

I've followed the tracks of my tears down a long and winding road.
I've kept on searching for a heart of gold.

I've sought shelter from the storm, I've sat on the dock of the bay.
I've rocked around the clock, on a sunshiny day.

I've knocked on Heaven's door, blowing in the wind.
Joy to the world, those were the days my friend.

Lay lady lay, in crimson and clover.
It's been a hard day's night, the party's over.

Uncle



Donations In Kind are breathing life into the Marshall County Area Veterans Memorial Park. Shown doing the cement pour is the crew from H&S construction. They did a beautiful job on the concrete that is the base for more to come. The rebar to reinforce the cement was given by Argyle Building Center. The cement was provided by Strata Corporation. The generosity of the people and businesses in the area magnify the dedication and importance in giving thanks to the veterans throughout our communities. We will continue the updates as you folks help build this humble park. Submitted by Russ Steer



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Results from last week's StatePoint Crossword Puzzle.

Meet the Grygla/Gatzke School Board Candidates

With the November 3rd, 2020, election right around the corner, meet the candidates on this year's ballot.

Grygla/Gatzke School Board members serve a 4-year term. The following members are not up for re-election and will continue to serve: Clinton Brobst, Tera Nordby and Jim Verbout.

Members who currently serve and are up for re-election are Andy Oslund, Jeremy Rychlock and Gretchen Smeby. Their names will appear on the ballot with the following candidates who are seeking election: Alisha Anderson, Patrick Hackley, Luke Nordvick and Nick Rickaby.

Of the names listed above, three will be voted in.

All interview questions are unedited and left in each person's own words.

Next week, we'll share with you the seven candidates who are running for a seat on the Goodridge School Board.

Alisha Anderson



Photo by Grygla Eagle Newspaper

Occupation: I'm a General Ledger Accountant at Digi-Key Electronics.

How long have you lived in this school district? I grew up in Grygla and attended GHS from 1st grade through 12th grade. After graduating I went to college at the University of Minnesota-Duluth where I obtained my Accounting and Finance degrees.

After being away for ten years, we moved back into the district a little over two years ago. We have loved every minute of settling back into our hometown and making my Grandparent's farmstead our forever home.

Do you have children in the school district, and if so, what is their current grade level? We have three small children, Presley, Briggs, and Jett. Presley is 5 and in Kindergarten.

What motivates you to want to become a school board member? Playground woodchips, they're the devil! More seriously, while I attended Grygla School I felt I received a great education and was able start my college career very well prepared. Though my children are young and far from college, I would like to help ensure they receive the same great quality education that I did while attending GHS.

In your opinion, what are the basic requirements for a successful school board member? I think a successful school board member is respectful to others, will listen to students, staff, and the community and will speak up when necessary to bring concerns to the rest of the board. A successful school board member is a great teammate, is accountable, and has great problem-solving skills.

What is one thing you want to bring to the board table? I really would like to explore the option of changing out the wood chips in the school's playground. Perhaps it has been explored before, but I could not find anything online, which leads me to my next topic...

Improved accessibility of board minutes. I would like if our board minutes were published on our school's website with enough detail to please the public and maintain transparency regarding the matters that took place during the meeting. Not everyone in the community can attend meetings in person so they rely on the board minutes to keep them informed. While they are published in the local paper and can be read there, accessibility via the school website would be great.

Any goals or visions you have for education in our community? I would like to help ensure our students are college or career ready and that they have the tools and people available to them to help make that decision. I also love the Charge Kind initiative and would love to collaborate with others to grow that program.

Other community involvement/activities: I serve as the Secretary/Treasurer for St. Clement's Ladies Aide and teach Sunday school at our church as well.

Patrick Hackley



Photo courtesy of Patrick Hackley

Occupation: Production Agriculture

How long have you lived in this school district? Since September 2017

Do you have children in the school district, and if so, what is their current grade level? Yes. Hunter (1st Grade) Conner (Pre-School)

What motivates you to want to become a school board member? The reason I chose to run is to be the voice for people who are tired of the status quo in this district. Taxpayers are tired of purchases being made before being voted on, personnel hires being done/starting employment before full board approval and the lack of transparency shown by the administration/school board.

In your opinion, what are the basic requirements for a successful school board member? I think a successful school board member is one that doesn't care about public perception or backlash from taking a stand on something. I have been vocal on several items within the district recently and this is documented. I will take a stand on these issues for everyone who funds this school district, whether they are my friend or not. Recently, two fake social media accounts have attacked me, likely a local person who doesn't personally like me but does not have the guts or self respect to stand behind their words. I will take responsibility for my words and actions, good or bad, and will never hide behind a false identity to save face.

What is one thing you want to bring to the board table? Transparency. Regulations state that minutes must be approved within 30 days. I believe that this district is more than capable of typing up minutes as soon as each meeting is over, emailing it to board members and voting by email. After the approval of the minutes, they should be immediately posted to the school social media sites and the local newspaper within 24 hours. This will eliminate misinformation in the community and show taxpayers of the district that the school board and administration are committed to accurate and complete information transparency.

Any goals or visions you have for education in our community? I would like to see the district look at ways we can do more vocational programs like agriculture education. In today's modern technology driven world, there are several ways we could provide this option to students with limited or no financial burden on the district.

Other community involvement/activities: Executive Director/Founder of Fully Charged Foundation which has provided over \$10,000 in scholarships/grants to area students to pursue careers in

the skilled labor trades in the last 18 months, Grygla Jaycees (2017-2018). My wife Nicole and I also donate to many other community fundraisers put on by various organizations and individuals.

Luke Nordvick



Photo courtesy of Luke Nordvick

Occupation: I work for the Minnesota Department of Transportation and part time for Holthusen Construction.

How long have you lived in this school district? I have lived in the district for my whole life, except for 2003 until 2007 when I was in the United States Army.

Do you have children in the school district, and if so, what is their current grade level? I have two children in the school district. Kyla is 6 and is in 1st Grade. Major is 4 and is in Headstart.

What motivates you to want to become a school board member? My motivations for wanting to become a school board member are simple. I want to be a part of my kids lives as much as possible and make sure the kids of our community have a great start to life.

In your opinion, what are the basic requirements for a successful school board member? In my humble opinion a successful school board member is someone who can listen to the needs of the parents, students and community as well as the needs of the school district and staff.

What is one thing you want to bring to the board table? I don't have any specific issues I want to bring to the table right now. I think Covid 19 is a major issue right now and how to handle it, but I think the circumstances will be different if I'm lucky enough to win a seat on the board. The District has made the best of a bad situation. I think we have great teachers, principal, superintendent and staff, most of whom I've known my entire life. We have a great community and I want to be involved in our community, school, and my kid's lives as much as possible.

Any goals or visions you have for education in our community? My main goal is to give the students and the teachers the resources to make our students well rounded individuals so they can be more successful than the generation before them.

Other community involvement/activities: I am a member of the Fourtown-Grygla Sportsman's Club as well as an avid outdoorsman who also enjoys all sports.

Andy Oslund



Photo courtesy of Andy Oslund

Occupation: Farmer and Owner of Grygla Seed & Services, LLC, an ag retail business.

How long have you lived in this school district? 10 years

Do you have children in the school district, and if so, what is their current grade level? Mya - 12th, Kinsley - 8th, Jens - 6th

What motivates you to want to become a school board member? I have children in the district and want to have an impact on their education. To serve and support the school district. Also to help provide the quality education that our school provides.

In your opinion, what are the basic requirements for a successful school board member? Be willing to work and listen to others, also to be a problem solver.

What is one thing you want to bring to the board table? Trust.

Any goals or visions you have for education in our community? My goal or vision would be to keep serving the Grygla School district. We have an awesome administration, staff, teachers, bus drivers and most importantly, our children.

Other community involvement/activities: Grygla Fire & Rescue, Grygla JCCs, Grygla Merchants.

Nick Rickaby



Photo courtesy of Nick Rickaby

Occupation: GIS Coordinator - Utility Line Mapping

How long have you lived in this school district? 5 years

Do you have children in the school district, and if so, what is their current grade level? 3 children. One in 2nd grade, two in 9th grade.

What motivates you to want to become a school board member? Schooling is very important for our children. We believe it to be essential for them to become successful adults. This being said, I have always had an interest to serve my community. A friend told me that we needed some new faces on the board and asked me to run. I look forward to the opportunity.

In your opinion, what are the basic requirements for a successful school board member? A successful board member shows up having read and being fully informed about the current issues. They have to be willing to explain their opinions and more importantly able to listen to other points of view. A successful board member listens to their community and looks out for the needs of our children.

What is one thing you want to bring to the board table? A well-educated opinion and a friendly smile. The willingness to consider what is presented to me and a thoughtful decision.

Any goals or visions you have for education in our community? I would like us to keep the students we have and would like to see an increase in enrollment because we offer a good educational experience.

Other community involvement/activities: N/A

Jeremy Rychlock



Photo courtesy of Jeremy Rychlock

Occupation: I am currently employed by the State of Minnesota as a Probation/Parole Agent. I am stationed in the Thief River Falls office and have worked in this field for the past twenty years.

How long have you lived in this school district? I have lived the majority of my life in the Grygla area. In 2014, I moved back to Grygla from Thief River Falls with my wife Elaine, and our two children Blake and Brett. Moving back to Grygla was one of the best decisions we have made.

Do you have children in the school district, and if so, what is their current grade level? My son Blake is currently in the ninth grade, and my son Brett is in the sixth grade. My boys love attending the Grygla-Gatzke school and being involved in athletics and other activities.

What motivates you to want to become a school board member? My motivation to be a school board member, has been to support and learn about our school while being involved in activities with my children. It is also a good opportunity to give back to the community in which I live and received my education.

In your opinion, what are the basic requirements for a successful school board member? Being a school board member is a role that carries with it some requirements. To be successful, I feel that a member must be open minded, honest, and be a good listener. Members must also be fiscally minded and have the ability to value other people's opinions and ideas while being respectful and confidential.

What is one thing you want to bring to the board table? As a member of our school board, I strive to bring common sense to the table. I value moving forward in a positive manner and working as a team.

Any goals or visions you have for education in our community? We have a great school district with a history and reputation of outstanding staff and students. It is my goal to continue supporting our school and help make decisions that work best for our school district.

Other community involvement/activities: I love spending time with my family and friends in the outdoors. I love hunting, working on projects, fishing and old cars. At this time, I am not involved in any other organized activities or clubs.

Gretchen Smeby



Photo by Grygla Eagle Newspaper

Occupation: Loan Officer

How long have you lived in this school district? I have lived in the Grygla School district my whole life.

Do you have children in the school district, and if so, what is their current grade level? Oliver - 3rd grade.

What motivates you to want to become a school board member? I want to be able to continue sharing my ideas and concerns for the school and assist on smaller committees as needed.

In your opinion, what are the basic requirements for a successful school board member? Be open minded and willing to work alongside the other board members while keeping the best interest of the school in mind. Have a flexible schedule to be able to not only attend the monthly meetings, but also attend the smaller committee meetings that board members are part of.

What is one thing you want to bring to the board table? Care and concern for the school. As a past graduate, I want to take my turn being part of the planning and help work through the decisions that are brought to the board as others have done in the past. To ensure that there is a school for our kids, and future generations, to attend and graduate.

Any goals or visions you have for education in our community? The small class sizes and teacher/staff to student ratios make our school district different from so many others. We can continue to utilize this to promote our school and bring in new families.

Other community involvement/activities: Grygla JCC's, Fourtown-Grygla Sportsman's Club, Grygla Fall Fest Committee, Grace Lutheran Church - Sunday School and WELCA.

Hunter walking trails provide access to public hunting

The Minnesota Department of Natural Resources maintains hunter walking trails as easy ways to travel by foot through wildlife management areas, state and federal forests, and other public hunting lands. Some trails may be unmowed this year; however, they still remain open for use and wind through prime habitat for ruffed grouse, American woodcock, wild turkey and white-tailed deer.

"These trails are easy to navigate and offer excellent opportunities for the novice hunter, including kids just learning to hunt, to see birds and enjoy the outdoors," said Blane Klemek, DNR northwest region assistant wildlife manager. "Hunters can expect routes that may follow old logging roads, or pass through forest openings that attract a variety of wildlife."

There are more than 600 miles of hunter walking trails meandering throughout the northern half of the state. Many of the trails are gated, allowing foot traffic only, & offer easy access to parking lots.