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In this issue ... Eagle Scratches from 2020...on the back page.

## Swanson closes S&S Rehab Products +



S&S Rehab Products +, a locally owned and operated Medical Equipment and Supply provider located in Thief River Falls, has closed its doors. Lisa Swanson, owner and operator, has spent her entire career (32 years) working in some aspect of healthcare. After college, she worked as a Long-Term Care Administrator; then transitioned into Assisted Living and Home Care services to eventually operating S&S Rehab providing medical equipment and supplies to people in their homes. That journey began on January 1st, 2005, and has come to an end on December 31st, 2020.

S&S Rehab Products, a Medicare certified Durable Medical Equipment Supplier (DMEOPS) provided medical equipment and supplies throughout Northwest Minnesota including communities in Pennington, Marshall, Roseau, Kittson, Red Lake and Polk Counties. Everything from

bathroom safety products to walking aids; to hospital beds and wheelchairs; power wheelchairs and scooters; lift chairs; diabetic shoes; post-mastectomy products; and monthly patient supplies of incontinence products; nutrition, ostomy and urological supplies. Everything except respiratory products, such as oxygen. Mostly items that allowed people to maintain their independence, in their own home for as long as possible.

Independently owned DME providers are almost non-existent in this day. The majority of providers are hospital based or owned by a major health system. Lisa commented, "A small business such as S&S Rehab can't compete on an equal level with major health systems, but we found our niche in providing services to the rural areas and smaller clinics and hospitals in the region by being the "mom and pop" shop who knows its customers by name and is will-

ing to accommodate individual needs as much as possible." Swanson said health insurance coverage and reimbursement have been the biggest challenges over the years and have driven changes to the entire healthcare system. "Over time the amount of paper work required by insurance companies to obtain approval for products has increased, but the reimbursement for those products has decreased. However, the requirements for maintaining Medicare certification have stayed constant, the same for a small independent business as a for multi-billion-dollar health system," she added.

Now add COVID, Swanson says S&S Rehab has seen a decrease in customers due to people not going in to see their physicians, cancelled surgeries, self-isolation, etc. Manufacturing plants have experienced closures and product availability has been an issue, as well as an increase in cost of those products once they do become available. Most items now costing more than insurance reimburses for those items.

In regards to closing her business, Lisa shared, "I knew at the beginning of 2020 that I had a difficult decision to make as our re-accreditation process would need to begin in order to stay Medicare certified by November 2020. The Accreditation process is a \$8,000-\$10,000 investment and is a 6-8-month process. As the months continued and as the first wave of shutdowns occurred in March it was evident that the future of S&S Rehab, along with other small businesses, would be uncertain. Although S&S Rehab

has stayed open throughout the pandemic as being deemed essential; the deeper implications of COVID began to hit the business. The uncertainty of not knowing when there will be an end to COVID or when life will get back to normal or what that new normal will look like made the final decision to close inevitable. The original plans were to be closed by October 31st, however, in order to accommodate customers and transition them to other providers, that deadline was pushed back to December 31st."

Lisa continued on, "The last few months have been difficult saying good-byes to customers who have become more like family, many that have received products and services from S&S Rehab over the last 15 years. Also saying good-byes to Case Managers in the hospitals and county agencies in the region that seem more like friends than colleagues. Being a business owner is not for the faint at heart. It requires a huge commitment that impacts family; financially, physically and emotionally. This journey has had its share of ups and downs, but I hope in the long run we were able to make a difference in people's lives."

"So, what's next?" is the ultimate question. Lisa said retirement would be great, but probably not realistic. "For a short time, some rest and time to take care of myself, something that's always come second to work. I've learned over the years that life can change in an instant. There are no guarantees and when you least expect it an opportunity will come your way," she concluded.



This picture was taken last year when Holthuses groomed the snowmobile trail from Fourtown to Waskish. Though the trails have been cleaned recently, no grooming has been done yet as more snow is needed. The Fourtown/Grygla Sportsman's Club is looking forward to a fun and safe snowmobile season! Photo courtesy of Denise Holthusen

## COVID vaccination



The Grygla First Responders received their COVID vaccines last week. Currently, there are 21 volunteers with the department, four of which are strictly First Responders and not fire fighters. Of the 21, 11 received the vaccine. Two others were going to, but were not able to at this time; they'll receive theirs as soon as it works out. Fire Chief Bob Thompson was feeling great about the crew receiving the vaccine. "I'm very excited to be moving forward, having faith that we are doing our part to put an end to this pandemic and to help aid in the safety to our community. We had had some tough losses in our small community, and I've seen too much in other communities, too, along with personal friends. I feel hopeful about this," he provided. Photos courtesy of Elaine Rychlock



Greg Monson and Jeff Lund were two of the eleven First Responders who received their vaccine last week.

## Goodridge-Grygla 500 race is on

As of right now, the Goodridge-Grygla 500 race is on and set to still happen on February 13-14, 2021. This according to Todd Myers, Race Director/Owner, of Cor PowerSports Race Series, based out of Somerset, WI. Cor PowerSports Race Series has acquired the

GG 500 from USXC, who previously ran the circuit.

Myers said they were just told this week to go ahead with planning, but they'll officially know more next week. Of course, if the race does take place, things will look different in regards to staging, pits, spec-

tators, concessions, etc. But they are hoping to still run as of right now. Myers added, "Seven out of our nine races were set in Minnesota this season, but for the time being, we've pulled them out of the state due to the restrictions; the events we were unable to reschedule had to be

cancelled. Hopefully, by mid-February, things will be a bit better and we'll be able to get back there and keep the February 500 event. It might look a little different, but it'll still be a great race that we hope everyone can enjoy! We'll work through this the best we can."

You can stay up to date on their social media page, Cor PowerSports Race Series, which is kept current with all information.

Official race info by COR PowerSports

On every terrain racer's bucket list, the I-500 is an iconic race that even trail riders often dream of completing. Sled reliability and durability has to do a lot with this race as the high speeds for 500 miles can put a lifetime of wear and tear on any snowmobile. For 95% of all entrants it's about finishing the race not just winning it.

Especially in the earlier years of the I-5 when race sleds were separated from a really good consumer trail sled with some reinforcements and shock packages. The I-500 is the only race over 500 miles that racers are not racing as a team of two sleds or a few racers sharing the work load on one sled.

The original I-500 three-day race had racers start in Winnipeg, Manitoba and finishing in St. Paul, Minnesota. It has gone through a few changes over the years but it is still a race that is demanding and riders always trying to stay focused as the miles roll down to the days end. Today's version of the I-500 is the Goodridge-Grygla 500, which takes place over two days covering 500 miles filled with the same treacherously rough ditches, deep holes, rivers, woods and fields.

The 500 continues to thrive in huge part to the support of former racers, club members, and enthusiasts from the Goodridge-Grygla area.

More event information to come! Stay up to date by following our social media pages: Cor PowerSports Race Series





CHURCH CALENDARS

GRYGLA LUTHERAN PARISH
Grace and Our Savior's, Grygla
Pastor Ken Bowman
In-person Worship services are suspended at Grace Lutheran and Our Saviors in Grygla until further notice.

GOODRIDGE AREA LUTHERAN PARISH, ELCA
Bethany, Ekelund, Faith Pastor Kristin Dahlen O-tercamp
In-person Worship and activities are currently suspended.

Ann's - Goodridge Fr. Adam Hammess Sunday:
St. Ann's: 10:15am Worship
St. Clement's: 12pm Worship
BETHESDA LUTHERAN CHURCH Skime
Pastor Steve Bliss Sunday:
8am Facebook Live Broadcast, 11am Worship, followed by Annual Meeting

LIBERTY CHAPEL Grygla
Congregation-Led Calendar/information N/A
UNITED LUTHERAN PARISH Gatzke
8:30am Worship with 9:45am SS.

Goodridge School resumed on January 4th

The Goodridge School welcomed back preschool-12th grade for in-person learning beginning January 4th. Teachers and staff were excited to welcome the kids back into the building.

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Wishing You A Happy New Year
We will open the book. Its pages are blank. We are going to put words on them ourselves. The book is called Opportunity and the first chapter is New Years Day.
- Edith Lovejoy Pierce
We wish all of our customers and friends a safe and prosperous New Year.

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Results from last week's StatePoint Crossword puzzle.
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9 4 5 1 8 6 2 3 7
6 3 8 7 4 2 1 9 5
8 6 3 2 5 1 4 7 9
2 5 9 4 6 7 3 8 1
7 1 4 9 3 8 5 6 2
5 9 6 8 2 4 7 1 3
3 8 1 6 7 5 9 2 4
4 2 7 3 1 9 8 5 6

Results from last week's StatePoint Sudoku puzzle.
Charger Basketball kicks off this week
MSHSL confirmed that basketball practice may begin on January 4th and that competitions may begin on or after January 14th.

Table with 4 columns: Date, BBB, GBB, Practice Times. Rows include dates from 1/4/20 to 1/15/21 and locations like Goodridge, Grygla, and Warroad.

Grygla High School still distance-ed

Though the Grygla High School is still doing distance education this week, they will resume in-person learning next week, beginning January 11th. The school welcomed back the preschool-5th grade in-person learners on Monday, January 4th, while the 6-12 grade students continued one more week of distance ed.

that have previously requested them.
The Grygla School will still do "early outs" on Wednesdays. If you have any questions, please contact the Grygla School at 218-294-6155.

kids' corner
COLOR, calculator, laptop, scissors, paper, pencil

PEOPLE FACT:
MANY PEOPLE SET THESE TYPES OF GOALS FOR THE YEAR AHEAD ON NEW YEAR'S DAY.
ANSWER: RESOLUTIONS

How they SAY that in...
ENGLISH: Neat
SPANISH: Aseado
ITALIAN: Ordinato
FRENCH: Bien rangé
GERMAN: Ordentlich

Northern Lights fishing report

Written by Ben Kucera
I hope everyone had a great Christmas. Hopefully this year will be a great year; it's starting to look good after a weird beginning to winter. On this week's report, I'm going to start with access on Lake of the Woods.

a cool tiger wrap on it, well, it's mine that we lost. I had a pike come in, smash my minnow and pull my rod in. My buddy dove for it only to slip and fall hitting the heater in a very tender place and started to smoke.

I had a buddy head out Saturday from Rocky Point. Their destination was 12 mile and could only make it 1/2 way because of a 6' crack that opened from Gull Rock and ran towards South Tip.

I'm still going strong in the shop at present with a break in sight. I only have a few rods left to build and a couple tackle orders to do.

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.



Youth Snowmobile Safety Course

Just an update as a few inquiries have been made, the Fourtown/Grygla Sportsman's Club has not set a date for this year's Youth Snowmobile Safety Course.

right now, but the club will be monitoring any changes. Those already on the list will be notified first.

Generosity and kindness make Marshall County Christmas Projects possible

The 2020 Marshall County Social Services Christmas Projects were once again successful because of the kindness and generosity of so many in the communities of Marshall County.

that donated toys and other gifts; monetary donations from community businesses and individuals; and the help of so many volunteering their time to help with the project in some way.

Math Blocks
Fill in the missing blocks with numbers between 0-6.
The numbers in each row add up to the totals to the right.
The numbers in each column add up to the totals on the bottom.

THIS DAY IN... HISTORY
JAN 7
1610: GALILEO GALILEI MAKES HIS FIRST OBSERVATION OF THE FOUR GALILEAN MOONS.
1928: THE RIVER THAMES FLOODS IN LONDON AND CAUSES EXTENSIVE DAMAGE.
1955: MARIAN ANDERSON BECOMES THE FIRST AFRICAN AMERICAN TO PERFORM WITH THE NEW YORK METROPOLITAN OPERA.

Get Scrambled
Unscramble the words to determine the phrase.
T G E R O A G I N D Z E

New Word
TIDY
arranged neatly

Did you know?
CHILDREN CAN EMBRACE BECOMING MORE ORGANIZED BY STARTING SMALL. THEY CAN SORT THROUGH A BACKPACK OR WORK ON ORGANIZING THEIR BEDROOM CLOSETS.

GET THE PICTURE?
Can you guess what the bigger picture is?
ANSWER: STORAGE BASKETS



Only in Minnesota: a weekly feature in the Eagle

Minnesota's Boundary Waters look even more spectacular in the winter

Even in the Land of 10,000 Lakes, it's easy to forget the immense beauty of Minnesota's bodies of water – especially in winter. During this season, the sparkling lakes turn into snow-covered expanses that blend into the surrounding environment. This is true for much of Minnesota. But way up north, in the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness, the icy lakes and wintry forests combine into an unforgettable expanse of snow-covered beauty. The Boundary Waters are always spectacular with wild beauty, and that is doubly true when the weather gets cold.

The Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness is a vast expanse of land in northern Minnesota. It preserves more than 1 million acres of spectacular wilderness.

The Boundary Waters is a popular place for camping, canoeing,



and fishing throughout Minnesota's warmer months. But don't overlook this wilderness when the weather turns cold. There is plenty to do as long as you are prepared.

The flat stretches of frozen lake make for excellent snowshoeing and cross-country skiing. You can get to vantage points you'd never reach on foot in the summer months.

Winter hikes along the area's many trails will take you to some truly spectacular sights. You may climb a hill to view a lake from above or hike to a gorgeous, rocky waterfall. In such a huge area, there are endless places to see Minnesota's beauty.

If you're looking for an amazing experience this winter, get bundled up for a trip to the Boundary Waters. With planning, this can be an unforgettable visit to Minnesota's most spectacular landscape.



No candlelight events will be held this winter due to the pandemic

A winter favorite is the snowshoe and ski candlelight events held by area Minnesota State Park. Unfortunately, due

to the COVID-19 pandemic, no candlelight events will be held this winter. However, that doesn't mean you can't still get

out and enjoy the great outdoors and the groomed trails in many of our surrounding State Parks.

- Anyone age 16 or older must carry a signed ski pass when using groomed cross-country ski trails in state parks or state forests, or on state trails or grant-in-aid trails.
  - Many parks offer rentals. See a list of cross-country ski rentals or snowshoe rentals on the Minnesota State Parks website.
  - Be safe and smart in cold weather. Tips are available on the Minnesota State Parks website.
  - Restrooms and vault toilets are open daily at all Minnesota state parks throughout the year.
  - Before you go... Find out the snow conditions.
  - Trails are still open, even when there's no snow - it just becomes a wintry hike, rather than snowshoe or ski!
  - When in doubt, call the park.
- Purchase a vehicle permit and get a year of unlimited visits to all of Minnesota's state parks and recreation areas.



We're proud of our local businesses and their employees. Machinewell, Inc. utilized their social media with this recent post, saying, "All hands on deck for a very busy "slow" season. A special thanks to our Production Manager, Wayne Byklum, doing a great job at pitching in." Photo courtesy of Machinewell, Inc./Facebook page

DNR's 2020 fish stocking successful, despite challenges

Anglers can look forward to positive results from fish stocking that the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources conducted in 2020, despite challenges posed by the COVID-19 pandemic.

While the vast majority of fish in Minnesota waters are the result of natural reproduction in healthy habitats, stocking can provide angling opportunities where they might not otherwise exist.

"This ended up being a productive year for fish stocking even as COVID-19 changed how we performed our work," said Brian Nerbonne, DNR central region fisheries manager. "Our staff were able to find creative ways to stock fish in Minnesota waters."

In mid-April, the DNR canceled its 2020 egg collection operations for walleye, northern pike, muskellunge and steelhead because the work could not be done safely under COVID-19 guidelines.

Without its own source of newly hatched fish (known as fry), the DNR could not stock its rearing ponds where fry grow larger (into fingerlings) before being released into Minnesota's waters. But hatchery operations were able to continue with COVID protocols, and other sources of fry and fingerlings helped fill the gaps.

**Walleye stocking**

Collecting walleye eggs from spawning fish in the wild is a labor-intensive effort that requires teams of six to eight people working closely together. The DNR collects and

fertilizes eggs each spring to hatch, raise and then release fish either as tiny fry or larger fingerling size. These fish are then stocked in Minnesota waters that have low or no natural reproduction.

This year, instead of relying on the usual spring egg collection, the DNR was able to use fish produced from other sources.

DNR fisheries crews harvested and stocked 42,000 pounds of 1-year-old walleye from rearing ponds that did not suffer winterkill in 2019. In addition, the DNR purchased about 40,000 pounds of fingerling-sized walleye from private producers.

The White Earth Nation assisted by stocking fry and fingerlings in several Becker County lakes and the Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe provided walleye fry that the DNR stocked in a handful of lakes. All told, the DNR stocked over 82,000 pounds of walleye, representing about 71% of stocking originally planned for the year.

"We have reason to be grateful despite a challenging year. We appreciate the creativity of our partners and DNR staff who found ways to locate and raise fish to stock," Nerbonne said.

**Muskie work-around**

Muskie stocking also helps grow populations for future angling. In a typical year, the DNR stocks about 28,000

DNR fish stocking... Continued on back

Word of the Week

...enhancing vocabularies

one Grygla Eagle at a time.

Frazil

\Frey-zuhl, fraz-uhl, fruh-zeel, -zil\

Noun

Ice crystals formed in turbulent water, as in swift streams or rough seas.

SIMPLY DELICIOUS

By Kari Sundberg, Eagle Editor

This is a recipe straight from Ree Drummond, The Pioneer Woman. She shared a Pancake Mini-Muffin recipe on her website that looks simply delicious. Brew that coffee and serve these little bite-size pancakes on an upcoming, lazy weekend IN.

Ingredients

3 c. flour

1 tbsp. baking powder

3 tbsp sugar

3/4 tsp. salt

2.5 c milk

1 tbsp white vinegar

2 eggs

1 tbsp. vanilla extract

4 tbsp butter, melted

Blueberries, optional

Warm syrup, for serving

Directions

Preheat your oven to 425 degrees. Sift together flour, baking powder, sugar, and salt. Set aside. Stir together the milk and vinegar and let it sit for 1 minute. Whisk in eggs and vanilla. Combine dry ingredients and wet ingredients, then stir in melted butter. If batter is too thick, stir in a little milk. Spray a mini-muffin pan generously with baking spray. Fill cups 2/3 full. If using blueberries, drop 2 to 3 blueberries into each cup. Bake for 8 to 9 minutes, or until golden brown on top. Let sit in the pan for 1 to 2 minutes, then turn them out of the pan. (Use a small knife if any are stubborn.) Serve warm with warm syrup!



GRYGLA LIBRARY LINK

Written by Kari Sundberg, Grygla Librarian

As for Grygla Library news, not a lot to report about right now. We're still open every Wednesday from 2-6pm. It's been a bit quiet in the library the last couple of weeks, but I blame the stormy weather and then the holidays for that. Like every January and February, we run the adult reading program called "Book Blizzard." It's so simple. You just read and get a prize. That's literally it. Who wouldn't want to play along? Or "read" along, rather. I think they are sending sweat-shirts this year for prizes. All you do is come in, check out books and for each book you check out, your name goes into the drawing to win a sweat-shirt! Pretty easy, huh?

Now for "what to read."

We're tying in last week's 'wood bookshelf' news with this week's book recommendation because they are one in the same.

Anyone is invited to join my new online book club found on FB/IG under: wood bookshelf. As stated before, it isn't tied into the Grygla Library, but this is a column about books and it turns out I'm also the librarian, so I'll put in a plug every now and then. Probably just the first of each month when I announce the book selection for that month.

Before the official January 1st book drop, I ran a contest to giveaway a signed copy of January's book. The author was so kind to send me a signed edition. It was hard to part with as I wanted it for my own shelf, ha, but I was happy to give it away! Crystelle Philipp from Goodridge ended up winning it!

For those that want to read along, or just want a good book to read, the January book is **The Winter Sister** by Megan Collins. **Here is a short summary:**

*"Memory lane is a difficult road to walk."*

Sixteen years ago, Sylvie's sister Persephone never came home. Out too late with the boyfriend she was forbidden to see, Persephone was missing for three days before her body was found—and years later, her murder remains unsolved.

In the present day, Sylvie returns home to care for her estranged mother, Annie, as she undergoes treatment for cancer. Prone to unexplained "Dark Days" even before Persephone's death, Annie's once-close bond with Sylvie dissolved in the weeks after their loss, making for an uncomfortable reunion all these years later. Worse, Persephone's former boyfriend, Ben, is now a nurse at the cancer center where Annie is being treated. Sylvie's always believed Ben was responsible for the murder—but she carries her own guilt about that night, guilt that traps her in the past while the world goes on around her.

As she navigates the complicated relationship with her mother, Sylvie begins to uncover the secrets that fill their house—and what really happened the night Persephone died. As it turns out, the truth will set you free, once you can bear to look at it.

The Winter Sister is a mesmerizing portrayal of the complex bond between sisters, between mothers and daughters alike, and forces us to ask ourselves—how well do we know the people we love most?

With each monthly book selection, I'll be showcasing the book on a wood bookshelf from somewhere cool and different. The wood bookshelf shown in this picture is located at Black-Barn in Thief River Falls. Our January book by Megan Collins fits the wintry scene perfectly.

For more reading fun, check out the NWRL Facebook page, where more book suggestions and/or information regarding the Grygla Library is shared. For more 'wood bookshelf' interaction, follow those social media accounts, which are open to readers everywhere.



DNR fish stocking...  
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muskie fingerlings in 35 to 40 lakes.

In late spring, Muskies Inc. chapters in the Twin Cities, north metro of the Twin Cities and Fargo Moorhead purchased year-old muskies from a private grower who had fish that survived the winter of 2019. Fish donated to the DNR grew over the summer at the DNR's Waterville hatchery, where they increased in size by another 5 inches.

The DNR was able to stock about 1,370 of these larger muskies. DNR crews also harvested and stocked nearly 600 yearlings that survived the winter of 2019 in natural rearing ponds.

"The muskies grown at the hatchery had over 91% survival in ponds through the summer, which is outstanding," said Craig Soupir, the DNR's Waterville area fisheries supervisor. "And these 17-inch muskies that were stocked will provide an opportunity in the coming years for us to learn important information about yearling stocking."

The DNR expects larger fall yearlings to have higher survival rates, and by stocking them, the agency may be able to achieve population numbers similar to those reached by stocking larger numbers of small fish.

**Trout stocking continues**  
2020 presented little disruption to the usual stocking patterns for most trout species. Brook and brown trout, and two strains of rainbow trout, are raised using eggs and sperm from captive broodstock. The young fish are grown for several months in hatcheries, and were already growing there when the pandemic started. More than 400,000 rainbow trout, more than 40,000 each of brown trout and brook trout, 35,000 steelhead and 2,200 lake trout were stocked in lakes and rivers during the spring and summer.

Anglers curious about stocking efforts can check stocking reports for lakes across Minnesota by searching the DNR LakeFinder on the DNR's fishing webpage, or by contacting a DNR area fisheries office. Full information from 2020 will be available online in the future.

# Grygla students complete "Read, Write, Math"



The Grygla K-6 students who completed the "Read, Write, Math" program over the course of the summer just recently had their pizza and prize party. The kids had a fun afternoon of playing Christmas Bingo, and everyone received a Christmas packet filled with educational games, puzzles, worksheets, coloring pages and trivia. Each students also got a \$25 VISA gift card from American State Bank of Grygla. There were eight kids that finished the program, out of the 17 that originally signed up. *Photos courtesy of Grygla School*



Participants in the "Read, Write, Math" program included, front row, L-R: Brayden Neuschwander, Noah Severts, Harper Severts, Jessica Davenport and Robin Johnson, Coordinator. Back row, L-R: Emma Sundberg, Brianna Severts and Krystal Neuschwander. *Not pictured: Scarlett Sundberg.*

# Eagle Scratches from 2020: A year in review



January-June to be featured this week with July-December continuing next week.

**January** – Gavin Nordby leaves Eagle Creek after 18 years. Fourtown/Grygla Sportsman's Club holds holiday supper and youth snowmobile safety training. Chargers Basketball is in session! Jolson Sargent gets a huge win for the Prowlers Wrestling team. Wannaska Lion Kraig Lee awarded the Melvin Jones Fellowship Award. Blood Drive brings in 65 volunteers. No groomed trails at Hayes Lake State Park. Grace/OS LYO plans fun activities for youth. 27th Annual Grygla Cup is approaching. Bar Bingo is held every Saturday night at Yo-Hawn's in Grygla. Grygla Elementary Intramurals kick-off. Jordan Larson joins True North Equipment. Goodridge School holds Snowfest, crowning King Jolson Sargent and Queen Kjerstin Nelson. WWII soldier, a Grygla native, Chuck Rustvold, finds peace 75 years later by becoming pen pals with fallen comrade's family. Carter Lee Johnsrud wins 2020 Goodridge School Spelling Bee. Emily Johnson wins 2020 Grygla School Spelling Bee.

**February** – Goodridge-Grygla 500 USXC Snowmobile race comes to town for the weekend! 10th Annual Back Breaker's Vintage Snowmobile Show and Ride is another hit. Goodridge Lutheran Parish holds Buena Vista Ski Trip for youth. 15 consecutive wins for the Grygla Flames, who took 1st place in the Grygla Cup. Iron Chargers compete at State. Tough week of losses for Varsity Chargers basketball. Grace Lutheran Church collects over \$200 in Souper Bowl

Sunday fundraiser. Charger Girls Basketball holds Parent's Night. Local Athletes receive "Triple A" Award: Hudson McMillin, Maci Bakken, Amy Wiskow and Blake Jensen. Fourtown/Grygla Sportsman's Club takes Richard Lee, from Washington, D.C., who works closely with Congressman Peterson, on a snowmobile ride through Beltrami Island State Forest. 27 members of the Club also went on their annual snowmobile weekend trip to White Birch Resort on Blackduck Lake. Fourtown/Grygla Sportsman's Club plans area Fun Run with six stops. Kjerstin Nelson chosen to represent Minnesota in "Down Under Sports" in Australia. Grygla Seniors celebrate birthdays at the Grain Bin Café. Grygla's Blood Drive brings in 31 volunteers. Losing streak ends for the Charger boys basketball team. Great weekend for Goodridge wrestlers! In Minnesota, hockey rinks are the heart of many communities. Grygla Lion's Club is the largest in the district. The Jensen Sisters win the Midwest CMA's "New Artist of the Year!" The Goodridge Trailblazers Snowmobile Club orders great weather for their outdoor picnic.

**March** – Grygla Merchants set date for Annual Appreciation Breakfast. The warmer temps have everyone enjoying outdoor activities, including horseback riding! Grygla Lion's Club holds Annual Membership Night. Community Ed includes pottery class. The Grygla 6th graders finish the DARE program. Charger boys advance to the Sub-Section Quarter Finals. Girls basketball season comes to an end in Red Lake. Grygla Fire &

Rescue respond to vehicle accident – minor injuries only. One Goodridge student's Flat Stanley helps navigate a flight to Hawaii. Basketball season ends for the boys in Cass Lake. The March Food Shelf Campaign begins. The Fourtown/Grygla Sportsman's Club Fun Run raises \$1000 to donate to The Outdoor Adventure Foundation. Chargers Spring Volleyball begins with the Northern Blast 15's team taking the court. Elementary Basketball Night/ECFE Fundraiser advertises plans. Charger Volleyball camp is for K-6 students. Joe Philipp served 42 years before retiring as the Supervisor of Grand Plain Township. Daniel Polansky is accepted to Stanford University for his Master's Degree. Grygla Kindergarten visits American State Bank. Grygla Elementary 4-6 grade Intramurals wraps up with "Twinkle Toes" taking 1st! Jordan Coan receives Six Star All-Conference Award. Local updates are released surrounding the Coronavirus situation. Most school and community activities come to a halt due to the COVID-19 pandemic. School is out of session from March 18th-March 27th, to get distance education plans in place. Being separated from loved ones is hard, tips are shared on how to connect with each other from home, while everyone is urged to quarantine. Congressman Colin Peterson announces US/Canada border restrictions.

**April** - Grygla Coop Store strives to keep their shelves stocked and begins offering curbside service. North Country Food Bank is committed to serving the region. The "World of Hearts" movement hits Gry-

gla and surrounding communities. Grygla business hours becomes limited due to restrictions from COVID-19. City of Grygla closes playgrounds due to the pandemic. Grygla Library offers free books to patrons for keep, while Grace Lutheran Church delivers books to people at home. State Rep. Dan Fabian announces assistance available for small businesses, encourages those facing hardships to seek relief through the SBA Disaster Loan Assistance Program. Grygla's essential businesses remain open, although some operate quite differently. Coan Photography offers free "Front Porch" photo session for families at home. Betsy Saurdiff supplies many masks for those in need. Grygla Eagle runs "Let's See!" feature to see what everyone has been busy doing at home while in quarantine. Grygla School runs a fun trivia contest to boost moral, giving away a lot of great prizes! Pieces of the Past spreads are a common occurrence in the paper, due to a lack of news. In one particular feature, we revisited the baseball "Glory Days" in Grygla. A feature runs on our local healthcare workers who are essential and indispensable. School will remain distance learning for the remainder of the year. Veterans COVID Relief Grant is available. Grygla/Gatzke Food Shelf extends open hours for those in need. Area football fields honor 2020 seniors by turning on their lights, shining bright for all to see. A few Grygla teachers share what it's like to teach from afar. Goodridge Senior Photo goes viral after Coan Photography pieces together the students to make it look like one, big group photo. Turn to EJ's Patio & Landscaping when you plan your outdoor summer projects. Aune Outdoors Landscape and Design helps you plan for the upcoming summer, as well. Bethesda Church sews for Veterans. New guidelines are in place for outdoor recreation as summer approaches.

**May** - Patrick Nieman volunteers with The Courage Kenny Rehabilitation Institute. The Classes of 2020 hold their graduation ceremony in unique, creative ways. Stephanie Manzey catches a 43.5" Northern! Dan Fabian to retire from State House. Two new River Run Percheron foals are born at the farm of Shannon & Denise Ostby. American State Bank splits staff due to

COVID restrictions. Marshall County Fair announces cancellation, in addition to other local, county fairs. Courtney Eskeli starts her Click by Courtney photography business. Marie Konickson has an 80th birthday celebration done in a "Drive-By" style! Goodridge grads awarded \$18,980 in scholarships. Grygla grads awarded \$19,900 in scholarships. Theresa Mutnansky is showered with birthday cards for her 90th birthday!

**June** - B&B Trophy White-tails are a sight to be seen. Local bars and restaurants prepare to reopen. CFAP food

boxes coming to Grygla. Veterans Memorial gets new addition in the park. Grygla City Council resumes in-person meetings. Joni Anderson, local Garden Club members and avid gardener, shares many great gardening articles this summer. 29th Annual Grygla Open is held in Roseau. The Lunds upgrade Falls Cinema, creating an experience for its future customers. Charger summer sports programs, and Sand VB League both begin, with restrictions in place. Grygla's vegetable of the summer is announced: CORN!



**Editors Note:** When recapping the Eagle Scratches from 2020, it was pretty emotional come the end of March into April. The tears started flowing as I was reading through the Eagle headlines, but though it was emotional to reflect on that time, it was such a beautiful reminder of how our community really came together and pulled through. These are just two of the MANY heart photos that community members sent in after adorning their windows for the "World of Hearts" movement that arrived in April.

