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In this issue ... GG Chargers basketball season comes to an end. (See the back page.)

At just 24 years old, Ryan Sirek spends four months in the hospital with COVID



Ryan and Chelsey Sirek, ages 24 and 23 respectively, live in Euclid, Minn. Ryan was released in March 2021 after four months in the hospital, fighting COVID-19. *Photos special to The Forum and original article*

The following story was written by Robin Huebner (Fargo), March 19, 2021. Ryan and Chelsey Sirek are from Euclid, MN, but are currently staying with Chelsey's family while Ryan continues to recover. Chelsey (Peters) Sirek is an alumna of Grygla High School.

The last time Ryan Sirek slept in his own bed, Thanksgiving 2020 hadn't yet happened. Christmas and New Year's were a ways down the road.

Just after St. Patrick's Day 2021, he still isn't home but is out of the hospital, at least.

Sirek, 24, was discharged from inpatient rehabilitation this week and is recuperating at his in-laws' home after four months of battling COVID-19 and its aftermath.

"It was awesome," he said, after finally being able to break free.

For nine weeks, Sirek was on a ventilator. He also had a tracheostomy, a procedure where an incision is made in the windpipe.

Doctors at Sanford Broadway Clinic in downtown Fargo said he was the youngest COVID-19 patient they've had who required that kind of serious intervention.

His journey brought him through four different facilities to receive various levels of care.

Besides being overweight, Ryan said he has no underlying medical conditions. Obesity, according to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and prevention, is one of the known risk factors for serious illness from COVID-19.

Before getting sick, Ryan said he was a "disbeliever" in the virus.



Ryan Sirek, 24, is shown as he recovers from COVID-19.

Ryan lasted just one night there.

The same day Chelsey was released from the hospital, her husband was sedated, put on a ventilator and flown to Sanford in Fargo.

Progress comes in 'tiny steps'

On day 11 at Sanford Broadway, Chelsey was told Ryan was not getting better. Doctors suggested sending him to Minneapolis for more invasive treatment.

"I didn't really know what to do. ... You don't want your husband to die," she said.

She asked family and friends for prayers, and the next day, she said, a miracle came in the form of improved blood work and reduced inflammation.

"After that, it was just very, very slow progress. Just tiny steps," she said.

Ryan was moved to the regular intensive care unit, but then things took a turn for the worse when his left lung collapsed.

Instead of risking him fighting the ventilator, he was sedated again, a day before the couple's second wedding anniversary on Dec. 15.

The next time he woke up, nothing looked familiar.

"I was like, 'This doesn't look like the same room I fell asleep in,'" Ryan said.

He was surprised to learn a new year had come and gone, and it was already January.

Chelsey had to fill her husband in gradually about everything that had happened.

"They didn't want to freak me out when I couldn't talk," he said.

It was a difficult stretch in the hospital, a time Chelsey saw multiple families with

a loved one losing the battle against COVID-19.

"The only thing you can do is just go back to your person and hold their hand and pray that there's a good outcome," she said.

'Lucky to be here'

In mid-January, Ryan was moved to Vibra Hospital on the seventh floor of Sanford Medical Center along I-94.

There, medical staff were able to wean him from the ventilator and remove his trach.

In early February, he was transferred to the fourth stop on his COVID-19 journey — Altru in Grand Forks for inpatient rehabilitation.

It would be a full month of intensive physical and occupational therapy before he was released this week.

"What we're really working on now is getting Ryan's strength back to be able to walk ... so he can have his life back again," his wife said.

Chelsey put off her graduation for at least a year to help Ryan get better.

He's had a change of heart about the virus and advises people to wear masks out in public for the safety of others.

He wants friends his age to know that the coronavirus and COVID-19 are real.

"You can get it, and something bad can happen. I'm lucky to be here today. Very lucky," he said.

A GoFundMe account has been set up to help the couple with ongoing medical expenses. It can be found at www.gofundme.com, searching "Ryan Sirek-Fight Against COVID-19." As of Sunday, March 21st, \$5,000 had been raised with an initial goal of \$5,500.



Ryan Sirek, 24, of Euclid, Minn., was hospitalized for four months after being diagnosed with COVID-19.



The photos shared here are from the grass fire south of Middle River on Saturday evening. Members from the Grygla Fire Department were on scene to assist. *Photos courtesy of Jeremy NESTE*

Grygla Fire Department assists in multiple fires over the weekend

The Grygla Fire Department assisted in multiple fires over the weekend. Fire Chief Bob Thompson confirmed the crew responded Saturday evening around 5:30pm to a grass fire at Wayne Warne's, along with a call coming in later for assistance on a wildfire south of Middle River. Assisting in those efforts included: Newfolden, Viking, Greenbusy, Grygla, Thief River Falls, Middle River Ambulance, Marshall County Sheriff's Office and MN DNR Forestry. Come Sunday, the DNR was on a fire call west of Gerald Sstad's, with the Grygla Fire Department assisting with water tender before going to provide aid to Middle River for a shop fire in Thief Lake Township.

In the last two weeks, Grygla Fire & Rescue has responded to 3 medical calls, 3 grass fires, mutual aid to Middle River for a grass fire, along with a shop fire.

Spring burning restrictions begin March 22

Annual restrictions on open burning are in effect beginning March 22 in northern Beltrami, Kittson, Lake of the Woods, Marshall, Pennington and Roseau counties, according to the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (DNR). The restrictions are weather dependent, but normally last from four to six weeks until sufficient green vegetative growth occurs to significantly lower

fire danger.

During the spring burning restriction period, regular burning permits will not be issued. The DNR can issue a limited number of permits through a variance process. These permits are confined to situations such as prescribed fires that are conducted by trained personnel, burning for approved agricultural practices and construction, or economic hardship burning for which there is no feasible alternative.

Variance permits are not issued online - individuals seeking a variance permit must call their local DNR Forestry area office. Fire wardens do not issue variance permits.

Wildfire danger high in northwestern Minnesota

High fire risk conditions exist in northwestern Minnesota due to lack of precipitation and an abnormally dry fall in 2020. Wildfires start and spread easily in the spring when grasses are brown and warm windy days are common. Spring burning restrictions have significantly reduced the number of wildfires that occur in the spring. Fewer wildfires reduce the strain on volunteer fire departments that respond to the majority of wildfires in northwestern Minnesota.

Current information on statewide fire danger and burning restrictions is available online or by contacting your local DNR Forestry office.



Be the hero, fight hunger: March Campaign



The 2021 Minnesota Food Share March Campaign for Hunger Awareness is continuing in our community. The Gry-

gla-Gatzke Food Shelf is participating by requesting food and monetary donations during the month of March. The campaign actually runs from March 1st through April 11th.

What difference does it make by participating in the March Campaign? Almost 300 food shelves statewide! Last year \$21,523.865 was raised by food shelves and 7,443.959 pounds of food was collected. \$306,658 was distributed back to the participating food shelves. Since the Minnesota Food Share started 40 years

ago, over \$18 million dollars as gone back to participating food shelves.

The Grygla/Gatzke Food Shelf is eligible to receive funding from Minnesota Food Share based on the funding raised and the amount of food items donated (number of pounds). This is their big fundraiser for the year as the ability to generate some matching funds makes it all the more worthwhile.

Don't forget about the Covid Relief table at the Grain Bin Café. Items are added as needed. Remember the food items

there are for ANYONE who may need a little extra help. There is no paperwork to fill out - just help yourself.

Everyone (individuals, civic organizations, and businesses) is urged to consider making a donation to the Grygla/Gatzke Food Shelf during the month of March.

Food donations can be left at participating churches or the Grygla Coop Store. Monetary donations can be sent or given to Treasurer Lori Thompson, 222 South Evelyn, P. O. Box 105, Grygla, MN, 56727.

• CHURCH CALENDARS

GRYGLA LUTHERAN PARISH

Grace and Our Savior's, Grygla

Pastor TBA

In-person Worship services have resumed at Grace Lutheran and Our Saviors in Grygla. Recorded services will still be available on-demand on the church website and will play on Garden Valley channel 36 on Wednesdays 7pm and Sundays 9am & 7pm. *gracelutherangrygla.weebly.com*

Wednesday, March 24
7/8 grade Confirmation from 4-5pm, led by Tausha Severt. 7pm Lent Service at Grace
Palm Sunday, March 28
Grace: 10:30am Worship OS: 9am Worship
Friday, April 2
Good Friday Service at Grace 7pm
Easter Sunday Info
Sunday, April 4: Grace Worship at 9am w/ Amber Bergeron. OS Worship at 10:30am w/ Linda Anderson

GOODRIDGE AREA LUTHERAN PARISH, ELCA

Bethany, Ekelund, Faith
Pastor Kristin Dahlen Ostercamp

In-person Worship services have resumed. Sunday services will be posted online on the Parish YouTube channel. They are rebroadcast on the GVTV Channel 36 on Wednesdays at 9am and 6:30pm.

Wednesday, March 24
7pm Worship at Faith
Palm Sunday, March 28
9am Worship at Bethany
10:30am Worship at Ekelund
Monday, March 29
Faith Quilting 9am-12pm
Thursday, April 1
Maundy Thursday Worship 7pm at Faith
Easter Sunday Info
6:30am: Faith, 8am Bethany, 9:30am Ekelund

THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITIES OF
St. Clement's – Grygla; St. Ann's – Goodridge
Fr. Adam Hammess
Sundays:
St. Ann's: 10am Worship

DITCH MEETING

Monday March 29th
JD 21 at 9:30 am
JD 11 at 10:00 am
Grygla Community Center

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St. Clement's: 11:45am Worship.

No Lent or Easter Worship info available.

BETHESDA LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Pastor Steve Bliss
Wednesday, March 24
7pm Worship at Pine Grove
Sunday, March 28
8am Worship, 11am Facebook Live Broadcast
Thursday, April 1
7pm Maundy Thursday Service at Riverside, 7pm FB Live
Friday, April 2
7pm Good Friday Service
Sunday, April 4
9:30am Worship, 11am FB Live Broadcast

LIBERTY CHAPEL

Grygla

Congregation-Led
Calendar/information not provided.

UNITED LUTHERAN PARISH

Gatzke

Sundays
8:30am Worship with 9:45am SS.
Wednesday, March 24
Lent Service 7pm

CLEARWATER LUTHERAN PARISH
St. Petri – Grygla; Mt. Olive, Nazareth – Trail; Oak Park – Oklee
Pastor Jeff Merseeth
Wednesday, March 24
5-6pm Wednesday School, Nazareth Lent Service 7pm
Thursday, March 25
Mt. Olive Lent Service 5pm
Saturdays
9am Worship at Mt. Olive
Palm/Passion Sunday
St. Petri: 8am Worship, 9:15am SS
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Nazareth: 10am SS, 11am Worship

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NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING OF THE STOCKHOLDERS OF THE FARMERS UNION OIL COMPANY OF GRYGLA, MN
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the annual meeting of the stockholders of Farmers Union Oil Company of Grygla, Minnesota will be held at the Community Center in Grygla, Minnesota on Monday the 29th day of March, 2021 at 1:00 p.m. For the election of two directors whose terms expire. Also for the transaction of any other new/old business that may properly come before the meeting and a reading of the financials.

No lunch served due to COVID-19. The meeting is very important and your presence is urgently requested.

Dated: 3/10/2021

Michael J. Johnson
SECRETARY

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PUBLIC HEARING 5 YEAR HIGHWAY CONSTRUCTION PROGRAM MARSHALL COUNTY

The Marshall County Board of Commissioners will hold a Public Hearing, April 6, 2021 at 1:00 P.M. at the Marshall County Courthouse in Meeting Room 1, for the purpose of discussing and receiving comments on the proposed 2021-2025 Road and Bridge Construction Program in Marshall County. All interested citizens, public officials and representatives of townships and cities are invited to attend and provide input. The meeting is available by **Zoom** at I.D. **812 1622 6091** and pass-code **350984** or by **Phone** at **218-686-3507**. G1-2C



50 Years

Cheers to 50 Years!

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If you are aged 65+ and need a vaccine, please give us a call and we will add you to our list and attempt to direct you to any upcoming clinics in our area.

If you are aged 18-64 and

Elementary Intramurals

Here is the playoff schedule for this Friday's Grygla Elementary Intramurals:

1:00-Jayhawks vs. Bomb Squad; 1:30-Shooting Starz vs. Net Rippers; 2:00-3rd Place Game; 2:30-Championship.

Team pictures will be featured in next week's Eagle,

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Quotes Close April 2, 2021 at 10:00 a.m.
Beltrami County Highway Department

Notice to Trappers: The Beltrami County Highway Department is looking for licensed trappers to assist with its nuisance beaver program.

Interested trappers may pick up a Beaver Management Policy and Bid Form from the Beltrami County Highway Department, 2491 Adams Ave. Bemidji, Minnesota 56601, or call PH. 218-333-8173

Quotes will be accepted at the Beltrami County Highway Department until 10 am on April 2, 2021.

Bruce Hasbargen P.E.
Beltrami County Engineer

Northern Lights fishing report

Written by Ben Kucera

For this week's report, it's time to think about the boat. This past weekend I was on Lake of the Woods for 3 days and there's not much to brag about. The walleye/sauger bite was terrible. We went out of Rocky Point this past weekend with the hopes of a few tulibees for a friend and locate some walleye.

Thursday we set up on Arnesens Reef again to target tulibees. We iced 20 of them and managed 3 sauger, as well, and marked a fair number of fish on the bottom. We moved into 17' of water around 4pm to meet up with the rest of the guys for our group. We managed 2 26" pike and a 17" walleye for 5 of us in 3 hours.

Friday we decided to go to Arnesens again and pick up a couple more tulibee and hopefully get a few more bottom fish. For the whole day we managed about 15 more tulibee, 2 sauger, 2 pike, and 3 walleye.

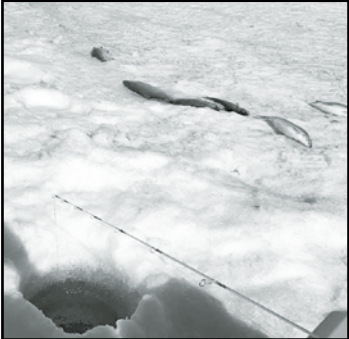
Saturday we decided to stay close to shore with the

wind and warm temps in case the ice went south fast. We set up north of Gull Rock and caught a few 6" walleye, keeping 1 sauger and 1 walleye. Not what you call a fast and furious bite at all. The ice deteriorated really fast on Saturday and I found a soft spot and broke through next to shore.

The next few weeks I will be getting my dad's boat and my boat ready for the upcoming season. My next fishing outing will be the end of April to chase sturgeon once again and then hitting the open water.

If you need some summer fishing lures I will have some in the store by next week.

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.



Head Start recruitment

Northwest Head Start and Early Head Start are currently recruiting children and families for the 2021-2022 program year. Head Start and Early Head Start are operated by Northwest Community Action, Inc. and serve low income families in Marshall, Roseau, Lake of the Woods, and Kittson Counties.

Head Start and Early Head Start are family focused, comprehensive, child development programs which provide activities, information, and assistance in the areas of education, health, family services,

and parent involvement. Head Start is a preschool program located in local schools and serves eligible families with children who are 3-5 years old. Early Head Start is for eligible families who are expecting or have children birth up to 3 years old. The EHS program consists of weekly home visits and Busy Buddy Group twice per month.

For more information or to apply, e-mail Sharon at smiller@nwcaa.org or call the main Head Start office at 218-528-3227 or 1-800-568-5319. You can also apply online at www.nwcaa.org.

• BE CHARGER KIND



The following students were recently chosen as the "Be Charger Kind" winners: Back row, L-R: Hailey Knutson, Payton Dougherty, Brody Saurdiff, Caylen Rabbit. Front row, L-R: Kember Klasen and Ihle Holthusen. *Photo courtesy of Grygla School*

What's the Difference?

There are four differences between Picture A and Picture B. Can you find them all?



Answers: 1. Cat on pillow 2. Game controller is now a sandwitch 3. Soccer ball has no spots 4. Dad's hoodie string is longer

THIS DAY IN...

MAR
22
HISTORY

• **1765:** THE STAMP ACT IS PASSED, INTRODUCING A DIRECT TAX ON AMERICAN COLONIES BY GREAT BRITAIN.

• **1894:** THE FIRST STANLEY CUP PLAYOFF GAME IS PLAYED.

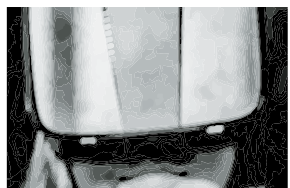
• **1995:** COSMONAUT VALERI POLYAKOV RETURNS TO EARTH AFTER BEING IN SPACE FOR A RECORD 438 DAYS.

New Word

IT

the abbreviation for information technology, the development and use of computers

GET THE PICTURE?



Can you guess what the bigger picture is?

ANSWER: VIRTUAL REALITY HEADSET

Did You Know?

DRONES HAVE BECOME VERY POPULAR AMONG HOBBYISTS, BUSINESSES AND EVEN THE MILITARY.



How they SAY that in...

ENGLISH: Technology

SPANISH: Tecnologia

ITALIAN: Tecnologia

FRENCH: Technologie

GERMAN: Technologie

Only in Minnesota: a weekly feature in the Eagle

A visit to Ed's Museum, Minnesota's weirdest attraction, proves that one person's trash is another's treasure

The Land of 10,000 Lakes is full of thoughtful, well-established attractions that draw visitors thanks to their beauty, history, and culture. Every corner of the state has a museum or historic site that is well worth visiting. The list is truly endless.

On the other side of the coin? Attractions that, frankly, no one asked for. It's not that we don't love them — we adore them — but they show off a quirky side of the state that rarely makes must-visit lists. That's certainly the case for a wacky museum in the teeny-tiny town of Wykoff. Ed's Museum is probably the weirdest attraction in Minnesota. It's not well-known, but it is just as much a part of Minnesota culture as any historic site. Here's what you'll find when you visit:

Wykoff is a tiny town of fewer than 500 people in southeastern Minnesota. It may be small, but it's home to one of the weirdest attractions in the state: Ed's Museum.

As the years passed, Ed collected more and more belongings.



As the story goes, he rarely got rid of anything.

When Ed died in 1989, he left the store — and all that it contained to the town of Wykoff. But there was one condition: they had to turn it into a museum.

Today, Ed's Museum preserves the history of the 20th century through advertisements, old paper, and antiques. There are quite a few treasures nestled among the shelves.

Not only is it a history of the 20th century. Ed's Museum is also a history of one man's life and what he felt was worth keeping. It's so personal, in fact, that Ed's cat — who died in 1986 — is still kept in a box on one of the shelves.

A visit to Ed's Museum is a poignant trip into the past. For those who enjoy Minnesota's weird, novel, and quirky attractions, this stop is a no-brainer.

Ed's Museum is open from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. every weekend. Operating hours may vary by season, so it's best to call ahead before stopping by. Phone number: (507) 352-4205.



Word of the Week

...enhancing vocabularies

one Grygla Eagle at a time.

Vernal

\\Vur-nl\\

Adjective

Of or relating to spring.

SIMPLY DELICIOUS

By Kari Sundberg, Eagle Editor

This sunny weather has me in the mood to grill. Sure, everyone loves a good burger or brat, but we've been there, done that. Let's take it up a notch and talk skewers. You can't go wrong with a good veggie skewer, right? In fact, it'd make the perfect side to this Chipotle Honey Chicken Skewer.

Each ingredient is clean, whole, and unprocessed, and when combined in a sauce, the flavors complement one another perfectly.

First, you'll choose chicken breasts at the grocery store for their lean protein. Then, whisk together honey, for natural sweetness without refined, processed, or added sugars, tomato paste for a tangy, summery bite, chipotle chili powder for heat, and garlic for a rich, savory flavor.

These can hang out in your fridge while you prepare the rest of your spread, and can then be thrown on the grill and cooked for just 10-12 minutes. Easy and quick, these are your grilling go-to from now on.

32 ounces boneless and skinless chicken breasts 4 pieces
1/4 cup honey raw, unfiltered preferred
1 tablespoon tomato paste
2 tablespoons apple cider vinegar
1 teaspoon chipotle chili powder
1 garlic clove very finely chopped

1/2 teaspoon salt optional

Instructions

Slice chicken into very thin strips with a very sharp knife. Thread accordion-style onto wooden skewers.

In a small bowl, whisk together honey, tomato paste, apple cider vinegar, chipotle chili, optional salt, and chopped garlic. Spoon sauce over skewers.

Cook skewers on a hot grill and cook for 10-12 minutes or until chicken is fully cooked, basting with sauce and turning every 2-3 minutes to evenly cook the entire skewer of chicken.

Alternately, the skewers can be baked in an oven preheated to 400 degrees for 16-18 minutes, or until fully cooked.

Notes

1 skewer is made using about 4 oz. of chicken.



WHAT A JOKE

Customer: "I'd like to buy a bagel with cream cheese."

Worker: "Sorry, we only take cash."

What do you call a cow with just two legs? Lean beef.

What did the blanket say

when it fell off the bed? "Oh, sheet."

I have an addiction to cheddar cheese, but it's only mild.

I was sitting in traffic the other day. Probably why I got run over.

DO IT YOURSELF



A neat idea for the kids on this brightly, sunny days we've been having! They'll feel so proud of their tracing/drawing skills and can create an artist's masterpiece in no time.

Goodridge's Blood Drive brings in 26 volunteers

The Goodridge community hosted a blood drive with Vitalant on March 17th at the Goodridge High School which helped collect a total of 24 units of blood products for patients in need.

A total of 26 individuals volunteered to donate blood with 21 individuals being able to donate at the Vitalant blood drive. A total of three donors also came forward to donate Power Red Cells (2RBC) which collects two units of red blood cells while returning platelets, plasma and a saline solution back to the donor. There were three people who volunteered for the first time.

Vitalant expressed their gratitude to Becky Carlson, who coordinated the drive, and Student Council which sponsored the blood drive.

Living through a pandemic can lead to many uncertainties, although one thing we are sure of, is that the need for blood never ceases. Blood is only useable for 42 days, so a constant supply is always needed, no matter the season.

Vitalant is currently testing all successful blood, platelet and plasma donations for the foreseeable future for antibod-

ies to SARS-CoV-2, the coronavirus that causes COVID-19. If your donation is antibody positive, Vitalant can produce convalescent plasma from it to help COVID patients, additionally the remaining blood components will help other patients with serious medical conditions. Antibodies are proteins within plasma that help fight off infections. Because antibodies are part of the body's immune response and not the virus itself, antibody testing cannot be used to diagnose current coronavirus infection. Please postpone your donation if you are feeling unwell or suspect you may have COVID-19. Individuals must be symptom free for at least 28 days to be eligible to give blood. Learn more about finding ways to help patients during COVID by visiting vitalant.org/COVIDRescueTeam

Donors can make a convenient appointment to give blood at www.bloodhero.com or by calling 877-25-VITAL. With each donation, donors receive a free total cholesterol test.

Blood donation takes about an hour from check-in to refreshments.

Wednesday, March 24, 2021

Iron Chargers compete in Fisher this weekend



The Iron Charger's Robotics team will be competing in their first in-person event of the season this Saturday, March 27th, in Fisher. Coordinator

Nick Mickelson says, "We are incredibly excited to showcase all of the hard work our new teams have put into their robots despite the many chal-

lenges that this unique school year has brought upon them." The event will be broadcast on the MN VEX Robotics YouTube channel (<https://www.youtube.com/c/VEXMinnesota>) as well as via Facebook Live from the team's page.

The students that make up the Iron Chargers 4149C and 4149G teams are, L-R: Anthony Englund, Andrew Englund, Taylor McManus, Lila Alten, Chelsie Nelson, Janessa Torgerson and Reece Sundberg. Not pictured: Clayton Suchoski and Tatum Carrlson.

Mickelson says the kids have been busy working on making their robot designs consistent as far as scoring and programming are concerned. Chelsie Nelson and Taylor McManus have been the primary programmers with Anthony Englund, Andrew Englund, Tatum Carrlson, and Reece Sundberg being the primary drivers/builders. Lila Alten and Janessa Torgerson have been focusing on documenting the engineering process of the robots as well as assisting with building the robots for their teams.

The team has been meeting 2 nights a week (when school has been in session), but many early season events were either cancelled or pushed back due to COVID protocols. The Iron Chargers are excited to have many team members competing in their first ever live robotics competition and are hoping to earn a spot at the MN State competition with their robot programming and driving skills scores. *Photo courtesy of Grygla School*

Apply for the Northwest Minnesota Annual Art Exhibit

The Northwest Minnesota Arts Council is pleased to announce their latest "Call for Entries" for the 2021 Annual Art Exhibit. The deadline to submit your artwork is April 22, 2021.

This year, the annual Art Exhibit will be in Warroad in June. The deadline for the Exhibit has been extended until April 22 due to June dates for the showcase. The application is open online for artists to submit work anytime until April 22. The Artist of the Year deadline will be extended until April 22, as well.

Artists from our 7 county- service region can enter into this art exhibit and will be competing for \$2,300.00 in cash awards. Artists must reside in Kittson, Marshall, Norman, Polk, Pennington,

Roseau, or Red Lake counties to be eligible. Both adult and student artists are encouraged to enter. Exhibit cash award winners will be chosen while the exhibit is on display by a qualified juror. They will be recognized and receive their check at the Artist Reception. The Artist Reception will be in June in Warroad.

Visit our website for more information, including the exhibit entry rules and directions. If you would like the application mailed to you, please contact our office 218-745-8886 or email director@NWArtsCouncil.org. The application must be submitted no later than April 22, 2021.

Nominations Open for Of the Year Awards

Applications are open for nominations for the Northwest Minnesota Arts Council Of the Year Awards. Three awards are given each year to recognize artists and arts advocates within our region who stand out in terms of artistry or volunteerism in the arts. Often people serve in both roles.

Our Arts Advocate of the Year award is \$500.00 and often goes to a local leader who lives in the area where the artist reception will be held. But anyone is eligible to be nominated. Arts includes all disciplines.

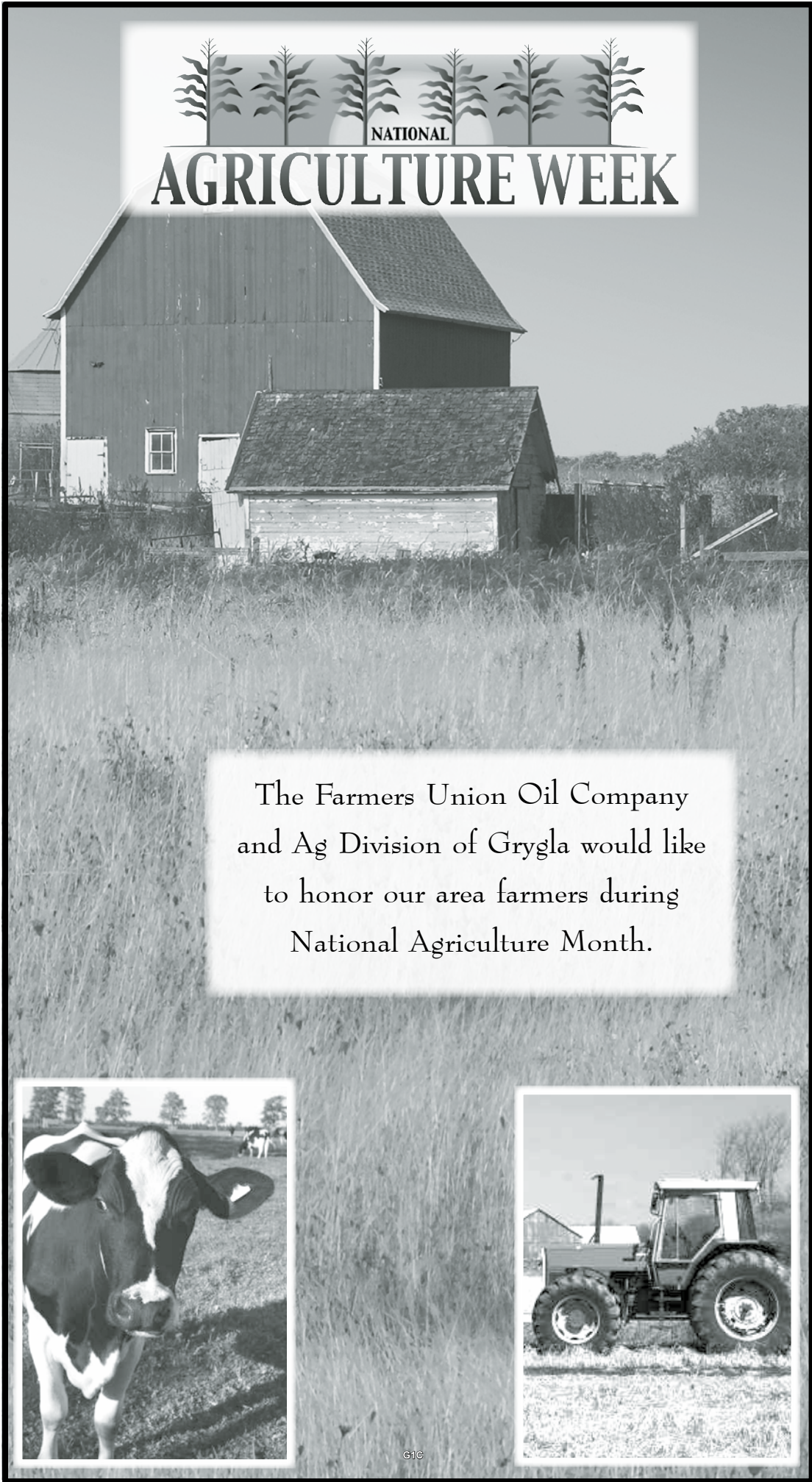
Our Artist of the Year award can be given to any discipline artist including visual, performing, or creative writing who are emerging or at a mid-way point in their artistic endeavors. It is a cash award of \$500.00 to use however they see fit.

Artists can only receive our Northwest Star Award once, as a lifetime achievement award. This award is for \$5,000.00 and can be a wonderful gift to those who have chosen a hard career path

related to artistic expression.

Our deadline for nominations is April 22. It has been extended this year due to a later reception date. Please consider nominating someone who you view as a deserving candidate from our seven-county service area in northwestern Minnesota. Persons who believe their nominee would qualify for this award and have questions should contact the Northwest Minnesota Arts Council office at (218) 745-8886 or email director@NWArtsCouncil.org for more information. The nomination form is on our website.

Awards will be presented at the Northwest Minnesota Arts Exhibit reception in Warroad in June. Stay tuned for more information. Funding for Northwest Star and Northwest Artist of the Year comes from The McKnight Foundation. Funding for Northwest Arts Advocate of the Year comes from the Minnesota State Legislature



Katelyn Larson and Chloe Kuznia in last Friday night's playoff game in Goodridge vs. Northome/Kelliher. The team won 70-57, advancing them to the next round the next evening in Cass Lake, where they lost, bringing the season to an end. *Photos by Grygla Eagle*



Our 2020-21 Charger's Varsity team pictured with coaches Elroy Johnsrud and Ryan Kriel. *Photo courtesy of Tera Nordby*



Pictures from last Saturday's game in Cass Lake where our Lady Chargers lost 37-54. *Photos courtesy of Tera Nordby*

Charger basketball season comes to an end

BBB at Blackduck on Thursday, March 18th
Blackduck 53, Chargers 46
 Stats - Jake Olson (4 pts, 3 steals), Riley Manderud (7 pts, 6 reb, 3 asst), Jordan Coan (4 pts, 7 reb, 3 steals), Lewis Jones (18 pts, 9 reb, 2 steals), Ian Haugen (2 pts, 4 reb, 2 asst), Blake Ry-chlock (11 pts, 5 reb)
 Coach's Comments: We traveled to Blackduck for our Section 8A East Playoff game. We got off to a slow start and trailed 7-0 quickly and struggled for much of the first half to score. We trailed 30-19 at the half. Riley made 2 quick 3s to start the second half, and our pressure defense started to fuel our offense. We made a big run and took a 44-43 lead with about 4 minutes left. Like many games this year, we struggled to make winning plays in the final few minutes of the game and the Drakes took the win. We played very hard and executed many parts of our game plan, but we just didn't shoot well enough to win.
 I'm proud of the team's effort this season. We will miss our seniors - Jared, Riley, Jake, Ian, Moses, Levi, and Kyler. They have all been a pleasure to coach and leave big shoes to fill for our underclassmen. Thanks to all the fans for your support this season, whether it was from the gym or watching from home! The whole team is grateful that we got to play an uninterrupted season and got a chance to compete.
GBB vs. Kelliher/Northome in Goodridge on Friday, March 19th
GG 70, K/N 57
 Hannah Wilebski- 5 points; Kjerstin Nelson- 2 points; Chloe

Kuznia- 8 points; Caitlyn Jacobson- 33 points, 8 rebounds, 7 steals; Maddy Cullen- 2 points; Sadie Anderson- 2 points, 6 rebounds; Kylie Delage- 1 point; Vivian Coan- 12 points, 8 rebounds; Katelyn Larson- 2 points; Madison Paulson- 2 points
 Coach's Comments: First game of the playoffs, and I believe the girls were ready for this. The game started a little slow for both sides. The girls did a good job of being aggressive in our offense. We got to the free throw line 47 times. We made 32 of them. We shot well from inside the 3 point line. Defensively, the girls did a good job at stopping their fast break before it started, and we kept them off the offensive boards. It was the first playoff win, and the girls should be proud.
GBB at Cass Lake on Saturday, March 20th
Cass Lake Bena 54, Goodridge-Grygla 37
 Hannah Wilebski- 2 points; Hailey Knutson- 5 points; Caitlyn Jacobson- 19 points, 4 steals; Maddy Cullen- 5 rebounds; Sadie Anderson- 2 points; Kylie Delage- 1 point; Vivian Coan- 7 points, 8 rebounds; Katelyn Larson- 2 points, 9 rebounds
 Coach's Comments: Unfortunately our season came to an end tonight. The girls played hard and we lost to a good team. The girls played a good and fun season. One of the best seasons that the girls program has had in years. The girls should be proud of what they accomplished. We finish with a 14-6 record. Thank you to the seniors for their years of hard work and dedication. Thank you to the team for working hard this season. We will miss this great group of seniors.



Jolson Sargent vs. Blake Cota (DGF) wrestling 285lbs. Sargent won this match by a 7-2 decision. *Photo credit to Joe Sports Photography*

Sargent & Nelson wrestle for TRF

Goodridge students, Jolson Sargent and Kehan Nelson both wrestle on the Prowler's team. The TRF Prowler's Wrestling Team earned the #1 seed in Section 8AA. The Prowlers lost out in the section 8 title match on Saturday, March 13th, to Pequot Lakes Pine River Backus 25-43. The Prowlers ended their season 22-9, a school record for number of Duels won. Jolson Sargent, Goodridge Junior, wrestled the 220lb or occasionally the 285lbs spot for the Prowl-

ers. He headed into individual sections seeded 2nd and rated 8th in state in 220lbs. Sargent ended his season 27-7. Kehan Nelson moved up 4 weight classes from last season with a serious growth spurt and found himself at the same weight as three state ranked wrestlers this season. All three are heading into the final rounds of state wrestling this week. He wrestled on the JV side of the mat this year very successfully.



Kehan Nelson about to take down a Perham opponent. *Photo credit to Joe Sports Photography*



Last week, the Junior High Girl's Basketball team held a "Parents vs. Kids" game - the parents won! The group photo is above, while below: Shane Torgerson tries to stop his daughter from putting up a shot. In the meantime, no one is stopping Andrea Halvorson from launching that "3-pointer!!!" *Photos courtesy of Courtney Salo*

