

Grygla Eagle



Today Partly Cloudy H 20 L 9	Thurs Cloudy H 28 L 26	Fri Snow Showers H 29 L -7	Sat Partly Cloudy H 10 L 4	Sun Snow Showers H 17 L 1



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The true meaning of Christmas



The Grace and Our Savior's Lutheran Church youth group held their Live Nativity last Sunday evening, December 19th. Despite a crisp wind, the temperatures allowed for a beautiful night walking down State Street, beginning at Yo-Hawn's and ending at the Veteran's Memorial Park. Youth group members were dressed in costume as angels, shepherds, wise men, the three kings, Mary and Joseph. Like last year, live animals were a part of the event with Walter Jones bringing in a cow, along with Travis & Karryn

Neuschwander bringing in a sheep and donkey. The public was invited to gather along State Street, walking with the group to the tree where the Christmas Story was read, along with a couple of Christmas songs being sang. The Live Nativity has become a tradition to look forward to as it is the true meaning of Christmas!

Photos by Grygla Eagle Newspaper

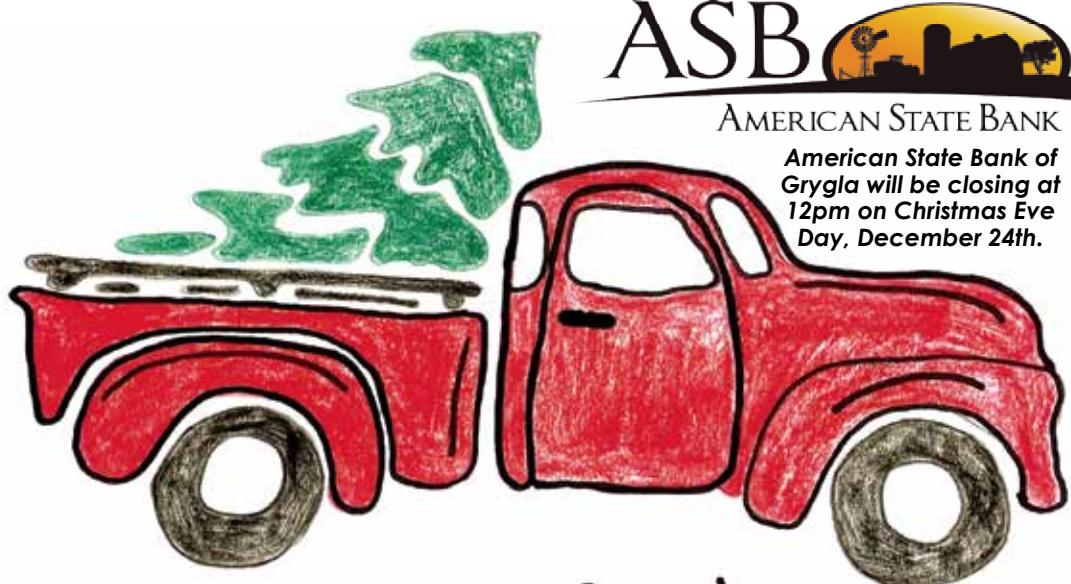


Lion's Christmas Eve Dinner

A long-standing Christmas tradition in Grygla is the Lion's Christmas Eve Dinner, which will be taking place this Friday, December 24th. The club will be conducting the dinner in the same fashion as last year with the Grain Bin Café preparing the meal. Lion's Club volunteers will be delivering meals to those in the area from 11:30-1:30pm. Unfortunately, there will be no sit-down dinner again this year, but for those who want a meal, you are invited to go to the Grain Bin and pick up your meal to-go. Please call Wayne Warne at 218-684-1480 if you want to be added to the delivery list or if you'd like to help volunteer a couple hours of your time with delivering the meals that consist of a traditional Christmas menu.

Holiday ads by Grygla High School Art students

Enjoy the holiday ads featured on the front and back of this week's paper, along with next week's issue. The Grygla High School art students have carried on an annual tradition where they draw Christmas and New Year's ads that are sponsored by some of our local businesses! They are instructed by Mrs. Severts with the ads being sold by Grygla Eagle Newspaper. This week's colored issue is sponsored by *Thief River Falls Times*, as a way to showcase the colorful, creative ads.



ASB
AMERICAN STATE BANK
American State Bank of Grygla will be closing at 12pm on Christmas Eve Day, December 24th.

Merry Christmas

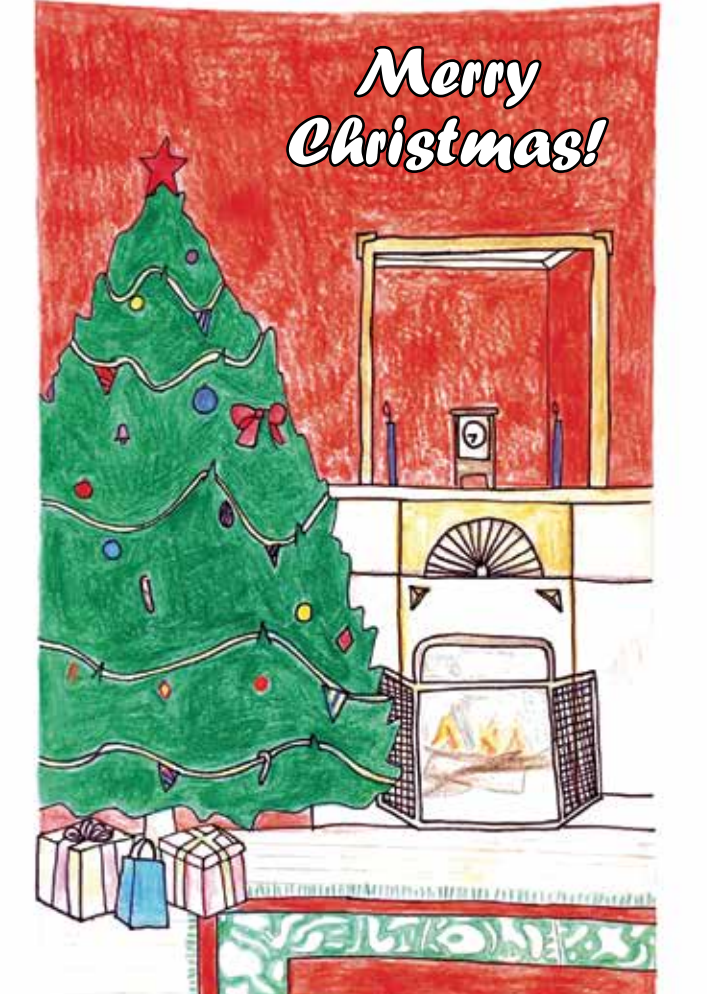
Lakylie Brobst



Merry Christmas!

Grygla/Gatzke JCC's

Ray Moe



Merry Christmas!

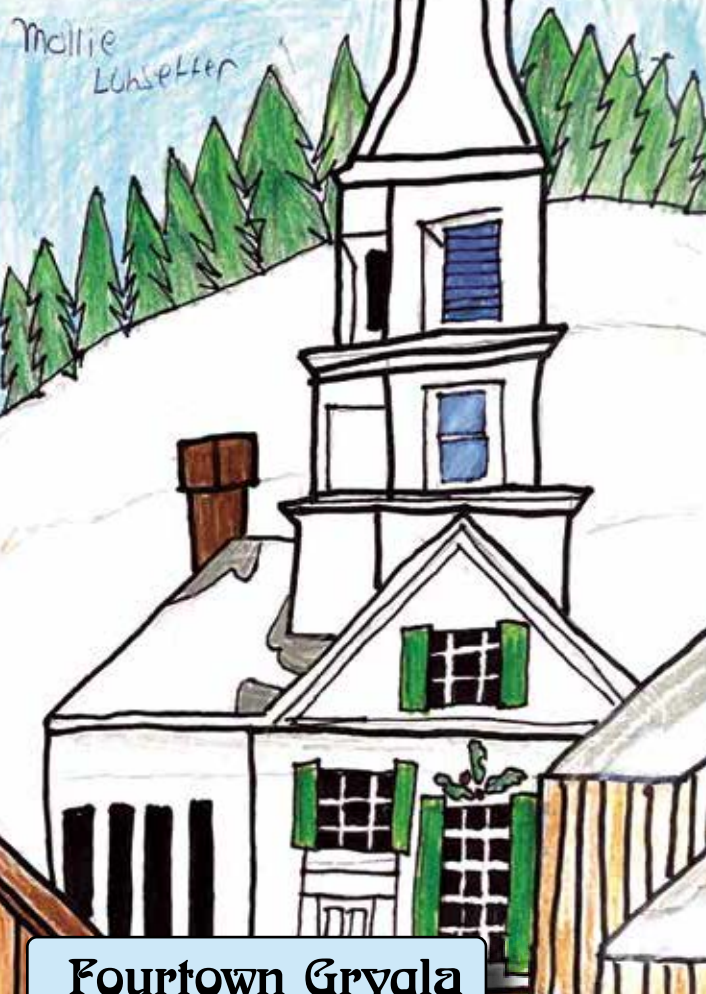
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• CHURCH CALENDARS

GRYGLA LUTHERAN PARISH
Grace and Our Savior's, Grygla
Vicar Marilyn Grafstrom
Recorded services are 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, Dec 22
11am Bible Study, 6pm Grace Choir, 6:30pm Confirmation
Friday, Dec 24
Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship at Grace 5pm
Saturday, Dec 25
Our Savior's Worship at 10am
Sunday, Dec 26
Grace: 9am Worship
OS: No Worship

GOODRIDGE AREA LUTHERAN PARISH, ELCA
Bethany, Ekelund, Faith
Pastor Kristin Dahlen Ostercamp
Sunday services are posted online on the Parish YouTube channel. They are rebroadcast on the GVTV Channel 36 on Wednesdays at 9am and 6:30pm.
Wednesday, Dec 22
7pm Blue Christmas Worship at Faith (A service of prayers remembering those who have passed away. It speaks to our individual and collective grief and loss.)
Friday, Dec 24
Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship w/ the Lord's Supper. 3pm at Faith, 4:30pm at Bethany, 10pm Ekelund
No services Sat, Dec. 25 or Sun, Dec. 26

THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITIES OF
St. Clement's - Grygla; St. Ann's - Goodridge
Fr. Adam Hammess
Sundays:
St. Clement's: 10:15am Worship.
St. Ann's: 12pm Worship
BETHESDA LUTHERAN CHURCH
Skime
Pastor Steve Bliss
Friday, Dec 24
9pm Christmas Eve Service w/ Communion
Sunday, Dec 26
9:30am Worship, 11am FB Live Broadcast

UNITED LUTHERAN PARISH
Gatzke
Pastor Tim Lundeen
Sundays
8:30am Worship
CLEARWATER LUTHERAN PARISH
St. Petri - Grygla; Mt. Olive, Nazareth - Trail; Oak Park - Oklee
Pastor Jeff Merseth
Friday, Dec 24
Christmas Eve Worship at Mt. Olive 9am and Nazareth 7pm
Saturday, Dec 25
Christmas Day Worship at St. Petri 8am, Oak Park 9:45am
Sunday, Dec 26
St. Petri: 8am Worship
Nazareth: 9:45am Worship
OP: 11am Worship

Please email your church calendars to grygla.eagle@gmail.com in a timely fashion. Thank you!



I would like to thank Grygla Fire & Rescue for their quick response to my fall on the ice, along with all others for their support and care.

- Danny Bragg

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Notice

Residents of Minnie Township

The period for filling affidavit of candidacy shall not be more than eight or less than six weeks before the township election namely March 8, 2022.

Town offices to be elected are:

- Supervisor for 3-year term
- Clerk for 2-year term

Candidates must file affidavits with Clerk, Ray Hendrickson.

January 3rd, 2022 - First day for filing closes at 5pm
January 17th, 2022 - Last day for filing closes at 5pm
Dated: December 13th, 2021
Minnie township
Ray Hendrickson, Clerk

The 5th and 6th graders at Grygla School created plates and platters that were showcased at their elementary music program last week. Students learned how to use slabs of clay, add textures, and drape them over forms to form plates, platters, and trays. During another session, the students glazed the pieces before they could be used and enjoyed.

They were filled with goodies made by the FACS class and displayed last Thursday for people to enjoy a complimentary treat at the elementary music program.

This activity is made possible in part by a grant from the Northwest Minnesota Arts Council through funding from The McKnight Foundation. *Photos courtesy of Betsy Saurdiff*



The Grygla Pep Band was back in action for the first time in a long time! It was great to hear the music fill the gym before the home Boy's Basketball game last Friday night. Below are some Go-Getters 4-H Club members who were having a bake sale at the game. This year has the biggest group yet for members of 4-H, which meant the biggest bake sale to date! Below are some little Cloverbuds, L-R: Harper Severts, Kyla Nordvick, Presley Anderson, Briggs Anderson and Jett Anderson. *Photos by Grygla Eagle Newspaper*



Community Calendar

Wed | Dec 22
Senior Meals at Grain Bin Café 11am; Grygla Library open 2-6pm; GBB practice in Goodridge/BBB practice in Grygla; Grygla Archery League 6:30pm

Thurs | Dec 23

Fri | Dec 24
Lion's Christmas Eve Dinner (for delivery or pick-up) 11:30-1:30pm

Sat | Dec 25
Merry Christmas!

Sun | Dec 26
Grygla Santa Day at Community Center 2-5pm; Community Tree Lighting Ceremony at Veterans Memorial Gazebo 5pm

Mon | Dec 27
Senior Meals at Grain Bin Café 11am

Tues | Dec 28
BBB practice in Grygla 8-10am; GBB practice in Grygla 10am-12pm

Email your calendar items to grygla.eagle@gmail.com

STEENERSON TOWNSHIP FILING FOR ELECTION

Steenerson Township Filing for Township Election notice is hereby given to qualified voters of Steenerson Township, Beltrami County, MN, that filing for town offices will be held for a two week period beginning December 28th, 2021, and closing January 11th, 2022, at 5:00 pm. Affidavits of candidacy shall be filed with the Town Clerk. The filing fee is \$2.00. Call Darlyne Roen, Town Clerk, to make an appointment at 218-294 6505.

Offices to fill are:

- One Supervisor - 3 yr. term
- One Clerk - 2 yr. term

The last day for withdrawing of candidacy is January 13th, 2022, at 5:00pm.

Thank you, Darlyne Roen

GVT to sponsor two students for a youth tour in DC

Garden Valley Technology is happy to sponsor two students to attend the NTCA Foundation for Rural Service (FRS) Youth Tour.

Two high school students, age 16 or 17 at the time of the tour, and who receive services from Garden Valley Technology may be eligible to win an all-expenses paid trip to Washington, D.C. for this FRS Youth Tour.

The FRS Youth Tour will be held in Washington, D.C., on June 1-5, for high school students who are age 16 or 17 at the time of the tour. The Youth Tour introduces the students to the telecommunications industry within a legislative context.

The two high school students chosen to represent the cooperative will be expected to visit Garden Valley Technologies in Erskine prior to their trip and submit a photo and a report following their trip.

All attendees of the 2022 FRS Youth Tour will be required to show proof of Covid-19 vaccination.

Please complete & submit the form found on Garden Valley's website by February 11. If you have any questions please contact Jessica Nelson, Administrative Assistant at 218-687-2400 ext 241.

If I were a gift...

Written (and left in their original forms) by the Grygla First Graders

I'd be a toy and give it to Noah. Sawyer Kriel

I'd be human and give it to my mom. Myla Holthusen

I'd be a LOL toy and give it to my little cuzin Adsine. Jaelynn Shaugabay

I'd be a cat and give it to Chelsea. Tinley Kriel

I would be a muney maker for the poor people. Charlize Davis

I would be a house and give it to the homeless family. Presley Anderson

I'd be a jack in the box and I'd give it to Emma. Scarlett Sundberg

I'd be a Baby Yoda and give it to Scarlett. Moses Sainz

I would be a doll and give it to Noah. Skye Galvez-Roybal

I would be a belt and give it to Scarlett. Emma Olson

I would be a Corvette and give it to my dad. Noah Severts

I would be a purse and give it to my mom. Hailey Wappula

COVID vaccine clinic in Grygla

North Valley Public Health will be offering a first, second, and booster dose of all COVID vaccines on Wednesday, December 29th, at the Grygla Community Center from 5-6pm.

Doses available: Pfizer (ages 5 and up), Moderna (ages 18 and up), Janssen (ages 18 and up). Please call NVPH at 218-745-5154 to get registered and reserve your spot. Masks are required.

NYE party with pancakes

Yes, you read that right. United Lutheran Church in downtown Gatzke is having their annual New Year's Eve party on Friday, December 31st. The ever-popular pancake supper will be from 5-7pm, followed by Bingo and fabulous prizes. Everything is a one-time, free-will donation. Everyone is welcome.

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Grygla/Gatzke School Board November Minutes

November 18, 2021, 7:00 p.m.

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

Pledge of Allegiance

Motion by Gretchen Smeby, second by Jeremy Rychlock to approve the agenda as presented/amended. Passed 6-0. Minutes of the 10/21/21 regular school board meeting are approved as printed/amended. Approve payment of bills: Motion by Clinton Brobst, second by Gretchen Smeby to approve payment of the bills check #38438 through check #38510 and wire payments. Passed 6-0.

Finance Report: Mr. Lunsetter and Tracee Brugge-man, Brady Martz with Audit Report Bills: General Fund \$159,813.51 MSDLAF/Checking \$1,445,011.16 Food Service \$12,922.09 Community Service \$249.99 Trust \$ Scholarship \$ Student Activity \$13,935.17 Total \$186,920.76 Total

\$1,445,011.16

Student Report: On November 7th and 8th, 8 student council members attended the fall forum at Cragun's in Brainerd. They learned about leadership skills, shared and heard some new ideas, and had a little bit of fun as well. On November 10th, the entire student council traveled to Nevis for the NWD fall summit. The student council has also been selling pies and will host turkey bingo and a blood drive coming up soon. Addy Severts, Emily Johnson and Katelyn Larson all participated in solo contests. Addy and Emily received Excellent rating, with Katelyn earning a mark of Superior. Leadership award winners were announced for the high school students: AAA-Justin Thompson and Katelyn Larson, EX-CEL-Reece Sundberg and Kia Klein, Boys and Girls State-Reece Sundberg and Kia Klein, and HOBY-Lewis Jones. Girls basketball started this week, and boys basketball will start next week.

Teacher Report: The Kindergarten class is looking for

Celebrity Christmas Readers. The 4th graders are learning about the New England states and they will be making a poster about their chosen state. American Education Week will be celebrated November 29-December 3. Mrs. Kucera and Ms. Dallager Personal Finance class will be switching to FACS. The Christmas Tea will be held on December 15th. Mrs. Kucera wished Ms. Dallager the best of luck and thanked the board for the opportunity. Minnesota Honor Society will be inducting 3 new members. The first annual big buck contest was held at the school, with 25 entries. Gus Jones received first place, Lakylie Brobst second, and Brody Saurdiff third. The ice in the arena may be done sooner this year than it was last year. Mr. Grandstrand is doing a lot of college/career prep in his older classes. Weight room attendance has been excellent since football concluded.

Principal Report: Student Leadership awards were recently awarded. Next week will be Beth Kucera's last week. We appreciate her leadership and

mentorship. Mr. Gieseke met with Tom Leuthner to discuss Carl Perkins and CTE funding.

Superintendent Report: Athletic Update - The girls started basketball this week and the boys will next week. Bus Log - No issues.

Motion by Tera Nordby, second by James Verbout to approve the Grygla Community Center as the combined polling place for the 2022 calendar year. Passed 6-0. Motion by Jeremy Rychlock, second by Tera Nordby to approve MSHSL Form A. Passed 6-0. Motion by Gretchen Smeby, second by Clinton Brobst to approve Ehler's Financial Bond Issuance contract Passed 6-0. Motion by James Verbout, second by Jeremy Rychlock to approve auditor's findings for the 2020 audit. Passed 6-0.

Trustee Reports: We will continue working and planning with Ehlers and ARI for the boiler plans.

Adjourn: Meeting Adjourned at 7:26. Next Meeting is 12/16/20, 7:00 p.m.

Word of the Week

...enhancing vocabularies one Grygla Eagle at a time.

Volant

\Voh-luhnt\

Adjective

Engaged in or having the power of flight.

SIMPLY DELICIOUS

By Kari Sundberg, Eagle Editor

I got this recipe from a friend who posted it on Facebook. I thought it sounded perfect to make on Christmas morning for when we open presents at home with our kids. I love that tradition with the two of them; we're all still in our pajamas and robes, cozied up in the living room with blankets and the fireplace on...it's just a special morning and this cider will make it just a wee bit "sweeter."

Vanilla Citrus Cider

- 8 cups apple cider (or apple juice)
- ¾ cup packed brown sugar
- ¼ cup thawed orange juice concentrate
- 1/8 tsp salt
- 3 cinnamon sticks
- 1 tsp. whole cloves
- ¼ tsp. vanilla extract
- Orange and/or apple slices,

optional

Instructions:

In a large saucepan, combine everything and bring to a boil. Reduce heat, cover, and simmer for 1 hour, allowing flavors to blend. Stir in vanilla right before serving. Optional: Add in apple and orange slice to each cup.

Note: The recipe actually says to place cinnamon sticks and cloves on a double thickness of cheesecloth. Then to gather corners of cloth to enclose the seasonings. Tie it securely and add to pan. BUT... I'm choosing not to do that as I don't have a cheese cloth. I also don't really see the point of doing that, but if I'm supposed to for, say, health reasons, like if it's bad to boil cloves or cinnamon sticks and ingest the particles or something, someone please text me. Preferably before Christmas morning. Ha.



Grygla City Council approves November's Minutes

The December meeting of the City Council was held at the Grygla Civic Building on Monday, December 13th. Council members approved the November minutes, which are included below. Official minutes are taken by Grygla City Clerk and recapped by Eagle Editor. For the full version, including receipts & disbursements, visit www.grygla.govoffice2.com

Minutes of the Public Hearing on the Water & Sewer Grant/Loan and The Regular Meeting of the Grygla City Council: November 8, 2021

The Public Hearing on the water & sewer loan/grant of the City Council was scheduled to be held at the Grygla Community Center at 6:30 pm. The regular meeting was called to order, at 715 p.m. by Mayor Mosher with the following council members present: Devin Ruud, Lindsay Oslund, and Karla Byklum. Absent: Gavin Nordby. Also present were Andrew Aakre from Moore Engineering, Kurt Wiseth, Josh & Duane Lian, and Rose Aune.

WATER TOWER PUBLIC HEARING

Andrew Aadree from Moore Engineering presented the project proposal for the water & sewer loan/grant application. Kurt Wiseth, Josh Lian & Duane Lian were present for the presentation.

AIRPORT

Kurt Wiseth discussed different options for improvements at the airport. Putting in a bathroom and offering fuel, leasing a hanger. Ruud is going to look at a building that Dahlen's have for sale that might work as a bathroom/waiting shelter.

MINUTES

Council approved minutes, along with receipts, disbursements, checking, savings & total balances for that month. The payment of all bills was also approved. Other items included:

PLAYGROUND EQUIP-

MENT

Tabled until Spring.

FIRE HYDRANT BY COOP

STORE

Tabled until Spring.

COMMUNITY CENTER

After an inspection on the kitchen for the food license, we need to look into purchasing new roasters, slow cookers, and a device that will help show dishes are sanitized properly in dishwasher.

TREES

There was nothing new to report.

SAWMILL LOT

There was nothing new to report.

DIAMOND 4JS REVOLVING LOAN

All accounts were brought up to date.

TRAP RANGE

Nothing discussed as Lunsetter and Nelsons didn't attend the meeting.

LOT 9 BLOCK 3 ORIGINAL

After last month's meeting they found out that if they wanted to sell the lot they would have to advertise and do a public auction. They left it with the county to take care of the sale.

AIRPORT M&O AGREEMENT

Oslund made a motion, seconded by Byklum, to approve the Airport M&O Agreement for 2022. Motion carried unanimously.

LIQUOR LICENSE 2022 APPROVAL

Byklum made a motion, seconded by Ruud, to approve the 2022 off-sale liquor license for Grygla Coop Store. Motion carried unanimously.

CENSUS DISCREPANCY

Rose is trying to find out why the census population for Grygla has dropped 40 people. Waiting for answers from the state.

APPROVE DELINQUENT ACCOUNTS TO BE ASSESSED TO TAX STATEMENTS

Oslund made a motion, seconded by Ruud, to assess accounts 5, 8, 39, 46, 53, 63, 65, & 75 if they don't make payments by the end of the month. Motion carried unanimously.

EXTRA MEETINGS

No extra meetings.

ADJOURN MEETING

Mosher made a motion, seconded by Ruud, to adjourn the meeting, carried unanimously.



Left: Sawyer Jacobson bringing the ball up the court in the 8th grade game against BGMR last Friday. Right: Brooklyn Kriel looking for an open pass against the Drakes in Goodridge last Tuesday. Photos by Grygla Eagle Newspaper



Charger basketball stats from last week

Tuesday, December 14th: GBB vs. Blackduck in Goodridge GG 44, Blackduck 17

Hannah Wilebski- 5 points; Kjerstin Nelson- 2 points; Morgan Underdahl- 4 points; Chesney Salo- 2 points; Caitlyn Jacobson- 18 points, 7 reb.; Sadie Anderson- 5 points; Kylie Delage- 5 points; Katelyn Larson- 3 points, 7 reb.

Coach's comments: Our defense played well tonight. The girls were moving and rotating well. They applied good pressure in the full court. Our passing has been a little off the last couple games. We will be working on that in practice. We have had a good couple games and will be looking to build off of it.

Tuesday, December 14th: BBB vs. Blackduck in Goodridge Blackduck 53, Chargers 51 (OT)

Stats: Blake Rychlock (26 pts, 8 reb, 3 asst), Matt Busse (2 asst, 2 steals), Andrew Loken (2 pts, 2 steals), Jordan Coan (10 pts, 5 reb), Nick Groven (2 asst), Lewis Jones (13 pts, 3 reb, 4 asst)

Coach's comments: We took on a very tough Drakes team and the game went down to the wire. We never led in the game, but never trailed by more than 7. Blackduck's zone defense did an excellent job of making us keep the ball on the outside and we weren't able to establish any post game. Luckily, Blake was hot from outside and Lewis made some big 3's down the stretch. Jordan stepped up and swished two free throws with 1 second left to send the game to OT. We had a shot rattle in and out at the buzzer which would have won the game. It was a tough loss, but I thought we played really hard and well against very good competition.

Thursday, December 16th: BBB vs. Clearbrook/Gonvick in Goodridge

Chargers 79, Clearbrook/Gonvick 55



Stats: Blake Rychlock (29 pts, 13 reb, 4 asst), Matt Busse (2 pts, 2 reb), Andrew Loken (2 pts, 2 reb), Jordan Coan (15 pts, 9 reb, 3 asst), Carson Rubischko (2 pts), Nick Groven (2 pts, 8 reb), Lewis Jones (17 pts, 6 reb, 3 steals), Elliott Philipp (2 pts), Tucker Verbout (3 pts), Reece Sundberg (5 pts, 7 reb)

Coach's comments: It was a physical game against the Bears. We were able to establish ourselves around the basket right away and get some easy looks for Blake and Jordan. However, I thought we were poor defensively in the first half. I was much more happy with the defensive intensity and focus in the second half. We did a great job of getting to the free throw line and cashing in (20-29 FTs). Blake, Lewis and Jordan had really nice games, and I thought Reece played very well coming off the bench.

Friday, December 17th: BBB vs. BGMR in Grygla Chargers 68, BGMR 56

Stats: Blake Rychlock (24 pts, 5 reb, 3 asst), Matt Busse (6 pts, 3 reb, 2 asst), Jordan Coan (5 pts, 2 reb, 4 asst, 4 steals), Nick Groven (3 pts, 2 reb), Lewis Jones (29 pts, 11 reb, 5 asst, 3 steals), Reece Sundberg (1 pt, 2 reb)

Coach's comments: This was a huge win for us! We really needed to win a close game against a good team for our confidence. We came out on fire and jumped to an 11-0 lead in the first couple minutes. But then the Gators made a few shots, and we went cold, and they clawed back into the game. We settled down and took a 31-30 lead into the break. In the second half, we played great defense and were poised on offense. We went 16-19 on free throws in the second half putting the game away. Lewis and Blake had outstanding games and led the way. The whole team was locked in on defense and rebounding. We've really enjoyed having these home games. Our home crowd has been awesome, and the team appreciates all your support! Go Chargers!



Spencer Coan, above, in the JV game against the Drakes. Lewis Jones, below, during the Varsity game.



Elliot Philipp and Christian Loken, pictured above.



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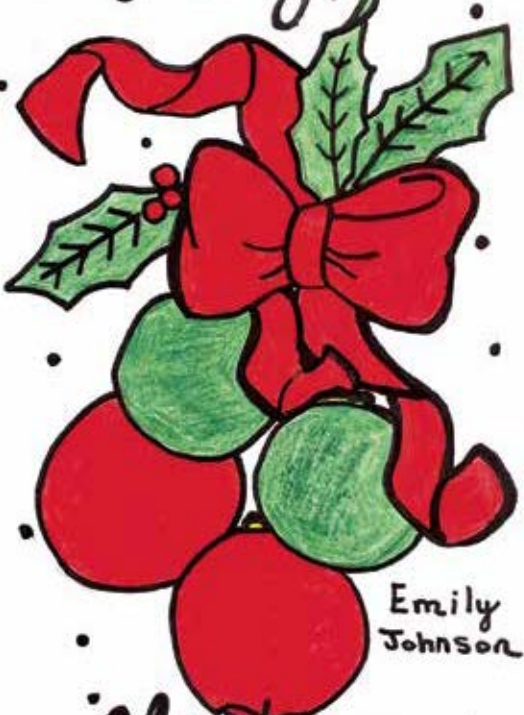
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Emily Johnson

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Merry Christmas!



Harlie H.

Grygla Lions Club



Chesney Salo gets a shot over two JV Blackduck defenders last week in Goodridge during the Double Header.

Charger's in action



Jennings Johnsrud puts up two under the hoop last Friday in the 8th grade game vs. BGMR in Grygla. More action shots, along with Varsity game stats are on page 3.
All photos by Grygla Eagle Newspaper



Jordan Coan attempts 2 of his 10 points in last week's exciting game vs. Blackduck! Jordan swished 2 free throws with 1 second left on the clock, sending the game to OT! The final score was 53-51 with the Drakes getting the win. It sure was an exciting night of Charger basketball!

HAPPY



HOLIDAYS

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Merry Christmas



Grain Bin Cafe & Gift Shop
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