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Coming next week ... Our newspaper shines a spotlight on a local veteran in honor of the upcoming Veterans Day.



The Chargers celebrate their win over Win-E-Mac last Saturday! This 37-12 victory will send them to the Section Finals this Thursday in Fargo where they'll play Stephen/Argyle Storm. Photo by Deanna Coan Photography

Next stop: Fargodome

By Kari Sundberg, Eagle Editor

Once again, the Chargers are headed to the Fargodome for the Section 8 Championship game! The Chargers defeated the WEM Patriots last Saturday 37-12, in the Semi-Finals Section 8 9-man football game that was played in Bemidji (due to the snow on the field in Grygla). The GG Chargers will advance to play in the Section Final against the SAC Storm at the Fargodome in Fargo, ND, this Thursday, November 2, at 2 p.m.

More information on Thursday's game is shared below, but first, let's get to the football game against the Patriots!

Head Coach John Wilebski shared that this was a great Semi-Final win to send the Chargers back to the Section Championship game! He said, "We came out early in the first quarter and took the lead. The Patriots answered back in the second quarter, after pass interference penalty. Then the Chargers settled down and took control for the rest of the game. Lewis Jones and Blake Rychlock had great games on both sides of the ball. Owen Larson and Sawyer Jacobson really did a nice job defensively. Hats off to our lineman and our lead blockers in the backfield. They really rose to the

challenge taking control of the line of scrimmage the 2nd half of the game."

Stats from last Saturday's game in Bemidji vs. WEM

WEM: O, 6, 0, 6 = 12
GG: 8, 8, 14, 7 = 37

First Quarter
G/G - Kehan Nelson 2 yd run (Lewis Jones run)

Second Quarter
WEM - Ryan Kangas 15 yd run (pass failed)
G/G - Blake Rychlock 11 yd pass to Nelson (Jones pass to Rychlock)

Third Quarter
G/G - Jones 12 yd run (Rychlock pass to Owen Larson)
G/G - Jones 7 yd run (run failed)

Fourth Quarter
G/G - Carson Rubischko 6 yd run (Rychlock kick)

WEM - Jayden Haugen 65 yd KO return (run failed)

Passing
GG - Blake Rychlock 6/8, 78 yds, 1 TD; Landon Nordby 1/1, 15 yds

Rushing
GG - Lewis Jones 19 carries/136 yds/2 TD; Blake Rychlock 10 carries/66 yds; Kehan Nelson 14 carries/63 yds/1 TD; Carson Rubischko 7 carries/20 yds/1 TD

Receiving
GG - Owen Larson 2 rec/46 yds; Lewis Jones 2 rec/20 yds;

Kehan Nelson 1 rec/11 yds/1 TD

Defense
Blake Rychlock - 8 tackles, 1 sack, 1 fumble recovery

Lewis Jones - 6 tackles, 1 interception

Sawyer Jacobson - 7 tackles, 1 interception

Kehan Nelson - 6 tackles

Donny Johnsrud - 5 tackles, 1 fumble recovery

Carson Rubischko - 6 tackles

Andrew Englund - 6 tackles

Gavin Aune - 5 tackles

Owen Larson - 5 tackles

Hunter Vad - 2 tackles

Sebastian Groven - 1 tackle

Thursday's game
There will be no school on Thursday, November 2. However, school will be in session as normal on Friday, November 3.

Regarding Thursday's game at the Fargodome, admission is \$8/adults, \$5/students. Please note that admission is cash only transactions. There will also be Goodridge/Grygla Pep Band at the game. The band bus leaves Grygla at 9:45 a.m. and Goodridge at 10:15 a.m. Students will need money for this trip. The bus will leave when the game is over, and instruments are loaded.

Programs will be online only at this link (there will also be QR codes to scan at the game):

https://sites.google.com/grygla.k12.mn.us/fall-rosters/fall-athletic-rosters/section-8-9-man-football?fbclid=IwAR0wGUwDEecCbHtV37VA2eutmSSAW4Q-IHYiqBBQyrH1_g1fj_f4ghM-MOKMY

Backpacks and other bags are not allowed in the Fargodome.

Fargodome Schedule that day: 11:30 a.m. Section 4 9-Player Border West vs. Ottertail Central; 2 p.m. Section 8 9-Player Stephen-Argyle Central vs. Goodridge-Grygla; 4:30 p.m. Section 6 9-Player Clearbrook-Gonvick vs. Fertile-Beltrami; 7 p.m. Ada-Borup-West vs. Mahnomen-Waubun

Video Streaming and Radio Info for Thursday's Game

GG vs. SAC Video stream on YouTube.

TRF Radio 99.3 FM KKDQ, online www.TRFRadio.com and on the North Country 99.3 mobile app (free to download).

KROX Radio 105.7FM/1260AM, Listen online at kroxam.com. Video Stream also available on kroxam.com

KKCQ Radio 96.7 <http://rj-broadcasting.com/>

Please follow Grygla School social media accounts and the activities email group for any updates and changes.

Grygla School Board faces tough decisions

By Kari Sundberg, Eagle Editor

The Grygla School Board has some tough decisions to make in the days, weeks, and possibly even months ahead. The decisions surround the position of Superintendent Jamie Lunsetter at the Grygla School.

Lunsetter is currently on sick leave, not an unpaid leave of absence, as falsely reported by Neil Carlson with INewz TV. Regarding the leave, no comments are being released at this time by the Grygla School Board or school administrators. Due to legal reasons, there is a process that needs to be followed; school board members are moving forward with all matters and procedures handled in the correct, legal way.

There was a special meeting of the board on Thursday, October 26, at 7 p.m. All Grygla School Board members were present, which included Jeremy Rychlock, Tera Nordby, Gretchen Smeby, Jimmy Verbout, Luke Nordvick, Andy Oslund. Also present: Principal Derek Gieseke, Shaunna Olson, Greg Monson, Grygla Eagle Newspaper (Kari Sundberg), Alisha Anderson, Clint & Matia Brobst, Gavin Nordby, Ronnie Engelstad, and Trevor Irlbeck.

The beginning of the meeting was open for public comment, which lasted 18 minutes in length, but was then closed for private board discussion.

Jeremy Rychlock, Chairperson of the Board, called the meeting to order at 7 p.m. with the community portion being placed on the agenda at the beginning. Community members present were invited to present any comments and concerns to the board. However, Rychlock stated that the board would not be answering or replying to specific questions.

Regarding the issue at hand, Rychlock stated, "There is a lot of information going around, which is being generated by the community, not by any school board members saying anything."

Community input

To piggyback off the statement above, Alisha Anderson spoke up at the meeting. She asked the board if they feel they've adequately communicated what they can to the public. Rychlock responded and said it's a tricky question because they are limited to what they can say to the community; discussing the topic is just not an option right now. He added, "We want the community to know that we are working hard on this. We aren't taking anything lightly. The school is the backbone of our town and we're doing everything in our power to do things the right way, do what works for our school, and that's all we can really say. It's not easy when people are asking questions, and we can't give them an answer. It's not that we are hiding information, that's not the case. We just have to follow all procedures legally and in the right way, and that's why not a lot of information is going out."

Before the open meeting was adjourned, the public was invited to ask any other questions. Alisha Anderson made a request that the board includes more in their official monthly

Ronnie Engelstad took to the floor voicing his support for the board, saying, "This is the board's decision one way or another. Make your decision on what's best for the school and the future of our school."

It was asked if there is a timeline to the outcome or decision the board is facing. Rychlock, who did the majority of the speaking that night as the meeting facilitator and chairperson, said no. "We want to resolve the problem or issue at hand as fast as we can, but also as correctly as we can. A lot of this is out of our control; we have to follow the rules, post meetings, do it the right way, and it can lead to things getting drawn out," he explained.

Regarding other community input at the meeting, Gavin Nordby, a Grygla Community member who has children in school, expressed his thoughts. "We have to remember it's a small community, and it's tough, but at the end of the day, it's a conduct issue at the highest level of the school in front of staff and kids – and I'm saying kids very loudly. At the end of the day there are no second chances because, again, this is at the highest level where everyone is looking. We are a small community, but it's got to be taken care of," expressed Gavin.

Matia Brobst, fellow Grygla Community member, agreed, adding, "The school is the staple of Grygla and a lot of the surrounding area. When it comes to the students, the community, the athletics... that's the leader of this place and the damage is done." Brobst expressed the importance of the community speaking up because the board is unable to. Rychlock said that he's received many calls from community members. "I hate to make it sound like I'm joking about this, but I'm glad I've got unlimited minutes on my phone," he said. Adding, "Jim (Verbout) and I were talking about this today. You just don't want to make decisions that you can't go back on. You want to get all the information, make good, solid decisions, not knee-jerk decisions, and that's what we are trying to do."

In response to that, Alisha Anderson asked if this was an issue that wasn't addressed until it boiled up to this point. She asked if the board felt it was negligent not to handle it sooner. Rychlock replied that he wouldn't respond to that but added that it was a good question and apologized for not being able to give an answer.

At the close of the meeting, Rychlock reiterated that the board members are here to do what's best for the Grygla School. "That's where we are at and it isn't easy," he remarked.

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Looking for veterans

By Kari Sundberg, Eagle Editor

Grygla-Goodridge-Gatzke communities,

The newspaper is looking for names of living veterans, any age, that can be added to our list for potential interviews featured in the paper.

Every year, I've chosen a local vet to feature in a special issue in honor of Veterans Day and it's something I'd love to continue, but am in need of names.

Veterans that have been featured over the years (in order) are shared below:

Leland Thomas, Luke Nordvick, Jerry Sistad, Raymond Benson, Roland Klamar, Lyle

Nelson, Glenn Sundberg, Wayne Hanson, Andy Jacobson, Ronnie Byklum, a featured piece on Norman Newton, Wally Byklum, John Lovly, Glenn Limesand, Jeremy Verbout, Steve Anderson, and Shorty Wikert.

Thank you for your help! If you know anyone who has served, please share their name below, or text me at 218-689-6901, email at grygla.eagle@gmail.com or message me here on FB.

I will take it from there by adding them to my list, respectfully contacting them, and seeing if they'd be up for an interview this year or in the future.



Chargers blow smoke! That was definitely true with the chilly temperatures AND the great battle on the field against the Patriots! Photos by Grygla Eagle Newspaper



• CHURCH CALENDARS

GRYGLA LUTHERAN PARISH
Grace and Our Savior's, Grygla
Pastor Marilyn Grafstrom
Recorded services will play on Garden Valley channel 36 on Wednesdays 7pm and Sundays 9am & 7pm.
Wednesday, Nov 1
11am Bible Study, 2:15pm Release Time; 3:30 FFF night, 6pm Grace Choir, 7pm Confirmation
Sunday, Nov 5
Grace: 9am Worship
OS: 9:30am SS, 10:30am Worship

GOODRIDGE AREA LUTHERAN PARISH, ELCA
Bethany, Ekelund, Faith
Wednesday, Nov 1
Wednesday School; Confirmation at Faith 7pm w/ 6:30pm supper
Sunday, Nov 5
8am Ekelund Worship, 9am SS
9:30am Faith Worship, 11am SS
11am Bethany Worship, 10am SS
Monday, Nov 6
Ekelund WELCA 1:30pm

THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITIES OF St. Clement's - Grygla; St.

Ann's - Goodridge Fr. Bryan Kujawa
Sundays:
St. Clement's: 10:15am Worship
St. Ann's: 12pm Worship
BETHESDA LUTHERAN CHURCH Skime
Pastor Steve Bliss
Sundays
8am Worship for the month of November

UNITED LUTHERAN PARISH Gatzke
Pastor Tim Lundeen
Sunday, November 5
8:30am Worship
Fancy Work Sale 7pm

CLEARWATER LUTHERAN PARISH
St. Petri - Grygla; Mt. Olive, Nazareth - Trail; Oak Park - Oklee
Pastor Jeff Merseth
Wednesday, Nov 1
Wednesday School 5-7pm; 6:30pm Vespers, LYS 7pm
Sunday, Nov 5
Nazareth: 8:45am SS, 9:45am Worship
Oak Park: 11am Worship
St. Petri: No Service this Sunday

Community Calendar

Wed | Nov 1
Senior Meals at Grain Bin Café 11am; Grygla Library open 2-6pm; FFF night at Grace 3:30pm

Thurs | Nov 2
No School; Chargers vs. Storm at Fargodome at 2pm

Fri | Nov 3
Senior Meals at Grain Bin Café 11am

Sat | Nov 4

Sun | Nov 5
Daylight Saving Time ends; United Lutheran Church of Gatzke Fancy Work Sale 7pm

Mon | Nov 6
No School; Senior Meals at Grain Bin Café 11am

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Results from last week's StatePoint Crossword puzzle.

Fancy Work Sale

November 5, 2023 • 7:00 pm
United Lutheran Church Of Gatzke
Raffle tickets for sale for 3 great prizes:
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NOTICE OF SPECIAL ELECTION

To the voters of Town of Benville.
In the County of Beltrami, State of Minnesota.
Notice is Hereby Given, that a Special Election will be held in the Election Precinct at:
Benville Town Hall. 65510 Flintlock RD NW, Grygla, MN 56727 on Tuesday, the Seventh (7th) day of November 2023, at which the polls will be open from the hours of ten (10:00) AM to eight (8:00) PM for the purpose of selecting the funding source of the new Beltrami County Jail to be constructed.

Booster Shot Clinic for Grygla

There will be a COVID-19 Booster Shot Clinic at the Grygla Community Center on Thursday, November 9,

from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. Please bring your insurance card. Call North Valley Public Health at 218-745-5154 to register.

Gobble, gobble

Calling all to TURKEY BINGO! It's everyone's favorite time of year when each school hosts their Turkey Bingo nights. Come one, come all. Here's what we've got for you:

Grygla

Well, ham, bacon, and pork loin, too, but the frozen turkeys are the star of the show! Turkey Bingo will be held at the Grygla School on Thursday, November 14, at 6 p.m. \$0.25/ card with the last game being \$1 as its blackout for the big win! Bars and refreshments will be available. This is the same night at Parent/Teacher Conferences (4-8 p.m.), so stick around to play Bingo and win some meat for your upcoming holiday dinners. This evening is sponsored by the Grygla Student Council.

Goodridge

Don't miss your chance to win some delicious meat for the holidays at Turkey Bingo on Saturday, November 18, at 5 p.m., in the Goodridge Community Center. There will be a meal and concessions served, and a silent auction as well. All proceeds from the event will go to support students raising money to go to Washington D.C. and NYC through Close Up 2025!

Let the schools provide your main dish this holiday season.

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November 5, 2023 at 2:00 am

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Rae's Café to open in Goodridge

The Goodridge Café, now re-named to Rae's Café, will be open for business starting this Friday, November 3, at 6 a.m. The local café is now owned and operated by Jami Schultz and Darla & Les Guillemette. They are a daughter, mom and dad trio! More information will be shared next week after the Grygla Eagle makes a visit to the café for an interview (and lunch)!

Biggest buck or doe contest

The Grygla JCC's are hosting a biggest buck or doe contest for regular season that will run Nov. 4-12. The entry fee is \$20 with a payout based on entries. Must sign up by November 3 at Fourtown or contact a JCC member. Weight in will done at Fourtown nightly from 6-9 p.m. Must be fully field dressed. Must follow all hunting laws and regulations set by the State of Minn.

Benefit being planned for Greg Olson

There will be a benefit for Greg Olson on Saturday, Nov. 18, at the Grygla School, beginning at 11 a.m. Greg has been diagnosed with Squamous Cell Carcinoma and began chemotherapy and radiation treatment at the Mayo Clinic on Monday, which will be ongoing for multiple weeks.

The benefit will be in the High School Cafeteria with Taco-in-a-bag served at 11 a.m. with a free will donation. A silent auction will be held from 11 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. with meat raffles, a 50/50 drawing, and a bake sale. A cornhole tourna-

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Holiday shopping

If any local vendors or crafters want to be included in an upcoming special feature, please let the Grygla Eagle know via email at grygla.eagle@gmail.com or text 218-689-6901. The special feature will be a "shop local" holiday shopping guide, which will include

fun gifts you can get locally from our businesses, vendors, crafters, and artists. If there are any specials or gifts available that your business is offering over the holidays, please let the newspaper know and we'll include this in the holiday shopping guide.

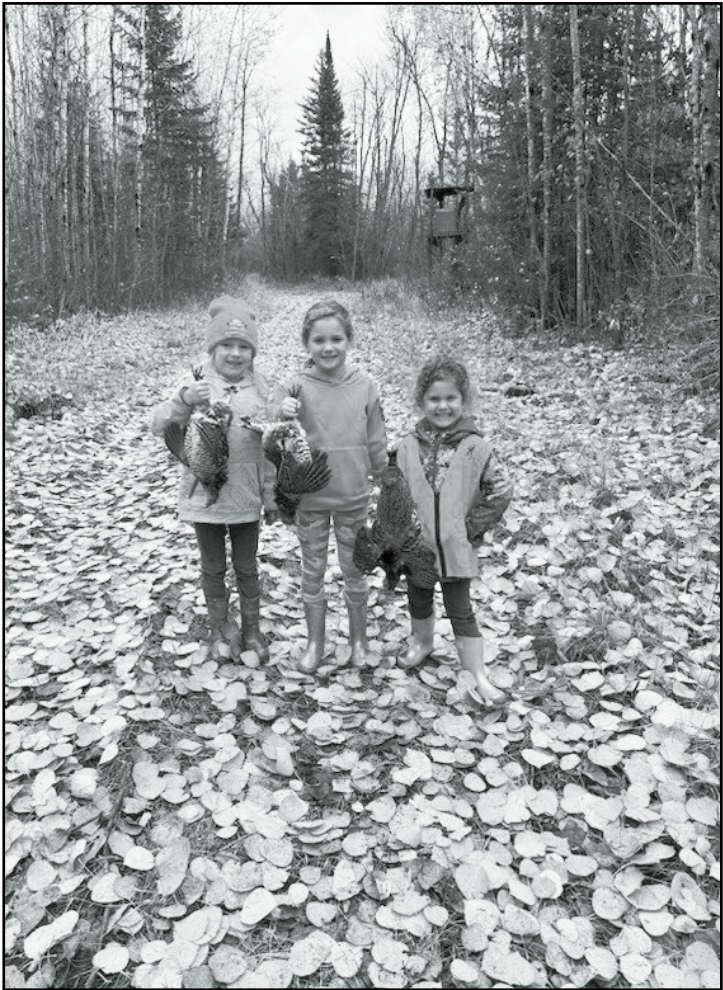
Halloween fun

The spookiest time of the year is here! Don't forget to share your costume pictures with the Eagle for our read-

ers to see. If you want in on the fun, email your pictures to grygla.eagle@gmail.com or text 218-689-6901.



Above: Lily Zavoral (10) shot her first deer near Thorholt on Thursday, Oct. 19, during the youth hunt. Below: Ivy Zavoral (5) Navy Hendrickson (5) and Raven Henrickson (4) helping during some grouse hunting near Thorholt on Saturday, Oct. 21. Pictures submitted by Mike Zavoral



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Only in Minnesota: a weekly feature in the Eagle

There's an abandoned airbase near this tiny Minnesota town – and it's for sale

During the Cold War, the United States established a series of 28 air defense stations along its northern border with Canada tasked with the mission of detecting any incoming aircraft or missiles. One such station was Finland AFS, located just north of the charming community of Finland. It was decommissioned more than 40 years ago and, eventually, auctioned off. Today, the property is up for sale once again, and you – with the right combination of resources and gumption – could own this abandoned Air Force base in Minnesota.

The former Finland AFS radar station is located less than three miles north of the town whose name it shares. The base is surrounded by the Superior National Forest - in fact, the Superior Hiking Trail passes within a mile of the abandoned air base. The base is perched atop a hill known as Lookout Mountain and consists of more than 100 acres.

The radar installation and all other technology have long since been removed. But more than 40 single-family homes, most with three or four bedrooms and a garage, are scattered across the property.

All but a handful of the homes are structurally sound. Some need windows, roof repairs, and attention to insulation. But, as the realtor says, the bones are good. A previous owner had the notion of developing the property into an enclave called “Finlandia.” This vision never materialized. But any buyer of the property would have a whole lot of work to do. Not the least of which is figuring out the water and septic systems, as significant contamination was discovered during well testing.

Yet, perhaps the romance of owning a mountaintop ghost town outstrips all those practicalities....

What do you think? Are you interested in owning this abandoned Air Force base in Minnesota? You can learn more about the property at its listing on Realtor.com.

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

HaimishHey-mish

Adjective

Homey; cozy and unpretentious.

• SIMPLY DELICIOUS

By Kari Sundberg, Eagle Editor

Cheesy Hashbrown recipe

Alright, confession. I've always thought I make the best cheesy hashbrowns, but I found myself thinking they were a little bland when I made them last week. I love almost everything about the recipe, but it needs a little tweaking. I hit up Google, found some slight, but flavorful changes, and think I'll give 'er a go again with this new recipe.

My original recipe
1 bag 32 ounce shredded hashbrowns, thawed
1 stick of butter, melted
1 can of cheddar cheese soup
2 cups of shredded marble jack cheese
1 16 oz. sour cream
Sour cream and onion chips

Additions to the new recipe

Instead of 2 cups of marble jack, use 1 cup, and then 1 cup of pepperjack cheese, giving it a little zip. Instead of sour cream, use 16 oz. of French onion dip, which will give SUCH good flavor, I think. Then, add in bacon bits, according to your

taste preference. These three changeups seem super promising and I'm probably going to give it a whirl at deer camp this weekend!

Directions
Put your thawed hashbrowns in a big mixing bowl. Add one stick of melted butter, one can of cheddar cheese soup, shredded cheese, and your sour cream (or French onion dip). Add in bacon bits (the real ones). Mix that all together, spread in a greased 9x13 pan. Bake at 350 for about one hour. Take out and sprinkle crushed sour cream and onion potato chips on top. Serve.



Go-Getters meeting



The Grygla Go-Getters 4H Club held their “Welcome” meeting last week. The club consists of 25 kids with the following students being named leaders: Presidents: Gus Jones and Cooper Aune. Vice Presidents: Christian Loken and Kamdyn Brobst. Secretaries: Callie Loken and Lakylie Brobst. Treasures: Emily Johnson and Chloe Haugen. Adult Volunteer Treasurer: Katie Stusynski. Grygla Go-Getters Club Leader: Katie Brobst.

The next meeting of the club is November 22 from 6:30-7:30 p.m. at the school cafeteria where members will learn to make butter and buttermilk! Photo by Grygla Eagle Newspaper



Our Savior's Lutheran Church in rural Grygla held their Fancy Work sale over the weekend. It's rumored that there was quite a fight for Holly Rychlock's homemade fudge. Photo courtesy of Sierra Sundberg

Salo breaks record



Congratulations to Junior Charger Volleyball player, Chesney Salo on breaking the career assists record this season. The previous record was set by Chloe Kuznia with a total of 1,279. Chesney was celebrated at the game in Goodridge on Monday, Oct. 23, against WAO. After that game, she was at 1,504!

Charger's Volleyball season wraps up



GG vs. WAO in Goodridge on Monday, October 23. Photos by Grygla Eagle Newspaper

The two photos above were from the Round 1 Section 8A Volleyball Tournament in Goodridge where the Chargers hosted WAO and beat them in 5! This win advanced them to Round 2, which was played in Hallock against KCC, but the Chargers lost, bringing their season to an end.

GG vs. WAO on Monday, October 23, in Goodridge
GG 3, WAO 2
(25-27, 25-23, 22-25, 25-19, 15-13)
Stats
Molly Cullen 2 aces, 5 digs, 1 assist, 17 kills, 5 blocks; Chesney Salo 23 digs, 45 assists, 2 kills, 1 block; Anna

Sundberg 9 kills, 1 block; Addison Severts 1 ace, 26 digs, 2 assists; Kinsley Oslund 15 digs, 6 kills; Morgan Underdahl 6 digs, 9 kills; Morgan Coan 6 aces, 10 digs, 1 assist
No stats provided for game against KCC, Chargers lost.
GG vs. KCC in Hallock on Thursday, October 26

No stats were provided for this game. However, the Chargers lost to the Bearcats in three sets during this Round 2 of the Section 8A Volleyball playoffs, bringing their season to an end.

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meeting minutes so the public doesn't have to rely on hear-say. "I don't want to be some-one who is hearing rumors and getting facts that way. I know you are in a tough position, but there has to be a better way to share information," proposed Alisha. She added that other schools do electronic versions of their agendas and min-utes, and she'd like to see the agenda ahead of time to know if it's a meeting she'd like to attend. Principal Derek Gie-seke chimed in, saying that is something the school was al-ready looking at doing, prior to this point. Rychlock voiced his approval for looking into that as well. Anderson concluded by saying she'd like to see the board give an additional level of transparency that she doesn't think the community is currently getting.

The meeting was closed at 7:18 p.m. and adjourned from open to closed. Grygla School Board meetings are held the third Thursday of every month at 7 p.m. (Nov-April) or 8 p.m. (May-Oct). Every meeting is open to the public. However, the board does occasionally close their meetings for official discussions.

Benefit...

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ment will also be taking place at the school that day. Contact Tausha Severts or Brenna Bakken (218-294-6155) to pre-register. Limit 32 teams - 3:45 p.m. registration - \$40 per team with top 3 teams splitting 50% of the proceeds.

Raffle tickets will also be sold until 5 p.m. on November 18. The drawing will be held at The Hound that Saturday, Nov. 18, at 7 p.m. Tickets can be purchased at area busi-nesses. All funds raised will help defray medical, travel and other costs that may arise.

An account has been opened in Greg's name at American State Bank of Grygla.

Leave the leaves alone

The Grygla Eagle Newspa-per sat down for a visit with local garden expert, Lisa Er-ickson, who is a great resource when it comes to all things flowers. Lisa is making all of us who didn't rake our leaves or cut back our flowers this fall feel REALLY GREAT about that decision.

This is part 1 of 2 where Lisa shares some great infor-mation regarding fall clean-up, or lack of:

Leave your leaves alone. And your flowers. Really, it's OK! Old leaves and plant de-briis will break down into or-ganic material that goes back into the soil and nourishes plants; it provides a great, nat-ural mulch.

Leaving your flowers alone provides seed for birds to eat. Also, rabbits like to forage on native plants. Not to mention, there are pollinators and other insects that are under the leaf litter until it warms up AND in the hollow stems of the plants.

Lisa says come spring, she'll hold off as long as pos-sible to mow. She won't rake unless absolutely necessary, and she'll only trim back dead plant growth a little, not all the way to the ground. Did you know bees and other insects go dormant in the colder months inside some of the stems? Lisa likes to leave her flowers stems alone to encourage bees to lay eggs in the old growth. She also does not use chemical on her lawn or in her gardens, as this harms the pollinators she so beautifully encourages in her gardens.

All weeds are controlled by hand when it comes to Lisa's gardens. She shared that in the fall, she'll pile branches in the back yard over the win-ter, which provides shelter for birds. She also pointed out that not cutting down plants pro-vides aesthetics and texture during the winter months.

When it comes to her gar-dens, Lisa shared, "I don't consider my gardens my own. They are for the birds, bees, butterflies, insects, toads, frogs, voles, rabbits and any-thing else that visits my gar-dens!" Lisa has added a lot of native plants to her flower beds, which in turn have at-tracted a lot of pollinators, which is the main reason she leaves her gardens alone. She plants them, she maintains them, but she doesn't yearn to keep them picture-perfect, but rather a little wild and natu-ral, encouraging all sorts of "visitors!"

We'll go more in depth net week where more from Lisa will be shared when it comes to trees, shrubs, and potentially some classes she may host.



It was cold on the sidelines and in the stands, but it was HOT on the field in Bemidji last Saturday! The Chargers were blowing smoke on the field as they defeated the Patriots 37-12, hoping for a chance at the Section 8 Championship, AND THEY DID IT! Action photos by Deanna Coan Photography

Chargers over Patriots in Semi-Finals



The Chargers tried to stay ahead of #11 Ryan Kangas, Win-E-Mac Senior, who is a standout on the field.



Chargers clear the way for #1 Lewis Jones, who was named player of the game last Saturday. Photos by Deanna Coan Photography

