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GRYGLA EAGLE

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Wednesday, April 10, 2024 **WE'RE ONLINE www.tricocanary.com** **Vol. 48 Number 8**

In this issue: Goodridge/Grygla Extracurricular Spring Celebration coming up.

The Grygla Firemen's Supper was held last Sunday, April 7th, at the Community Center in town. It's always a delicious spread that brings out a lot of folks! ***Photo courtesy of Robbie Anderson***

Grygla Firemen Supper

We are thankful for our rescue volunteers! Bottom row, L-R: Kyle Haack, Greg Monson, Andrew Holte, Paul Nordby, Brad Monson, Mark Severts and Ty Jelle. Back row, L-R: Lynn Anderson, Andy Oslund, Rodney Hagen, Dacotah Byklum, Dave Dunrud, Robbie Anderson, Jeff Lund, Jake Ahlbeck, Carson Saurdiff, Bob Thompson and Dustin Nelson. ***Photo courtesy of Robbie Anderson***

Jett Anderson was the winner of the kids fire truck at the Grygla Firemen's Supper last Sunday. ***Photos courtesy of Robbie Anderson***

Charger athletes recognized at their winter sports banquet

The GG Chargers held their winter sports banquet on Monday, March 25th, at the Grygla Community Center. The Grygla Lion's Club catered the meal, serving about 160 people. The night started with a Welcome by Lewis Jones and the Invocation by Pastor Marilyn Grafstrom. GBB coaching staff (Elroy Johnsrud, Ryan Kriel, Jason Salo and Brandon Bakken) took to the floor to recognize the hard work of the 7-12 grade female athletes. Following, the BBB coaching staff (Andrew Sundberg, Brady Olson, John Wilebski and Cole Halvorson) recognized all of the 7-12 grade male athletes. The Goodridge Lions/Lion Tamers presented plaques to their Academic Athlete of the Year. Recipients this year were Carson Rubischko and Carter Lee Johnsrud.

The program closed with the Benediction by Pastor Marilyn Grafstrom and Closing Remarks by Morgan Underdahl.

Awards/Honors for Girls Basketball

North Border All-Conference: Chesney Salo with Honorable Mention: Morgan Underdahl

Northern Galaxy All-Conference: Morgan Underdahl with Honorable Mention: Chesney Salo

Awards/Honors for Boys Basketball

North Star Player of the Year: Lewis Jones

North Star All Conference: Lewis Jones and Blake Rychlock

North Border All-Conference: Lewis Jones, Blake Rychlock & Carson Rubischko with Honorable Mention: Spencer Coan

All-Time Leading Scorer: Lewis Jones (2,186 points)

All-Time Leading Rebounder: Blake Rychlock (693 rebounds)

North Star & North Border Coaching Staff of the Year: Charger BBB Coaching Staff

Grygla Lion's Smelt Fry is cancelled

Some unfortunate news to share out of Grygla - the 2024 Smelt Fry has been cancelled. Due to circumstances beyond their control, the Grygla Lion's Club can no longer host the 2024 Smelt Fry due to there being no smelt available.

This is a big event everyone looks forward to yearly, including the Lion's Club, but without smelt, there can be no smelt fry. The crew apologizes for the disappointing news but looks forward to next year.

Date moved to this Thursday vs. Friday

The Goodridge School is hosting a basketball night that was on the schedule for this Friday, but it has been moved to this THURSDAY instead.

The 2nd Annual Seniors vs. Parents game, along with elementary basketball games will be taking place on Thursday, April 11th, at the Goodridge School. It's sure to be a fun night with a lot of ballin' on the schedule!

Games begin at 3:45pm with the kindergarten class and work their way up to the main event at 7pm, which is the Goodridge/Grygla Seniors vs. Parents.

Concessions will be available with a pulled pork meal and cheesecake. There will also be 50/50 and a silent auction. Various contests will be held in the small gym that evening including a 3-point contest, Free Throw contest and a Lightening contest – all of which will cost $1 per entry.

Goodridge K-3rd games

3:45pm: Goodridge Kindergarten

4pm: Goodridge 1st grade

4:15pm: Goodridge 2nd grade

4:30pm: Goodridge 3rd grade

Goodridge/Grygla 4th-7th grade games

4:45pm: GG 4th grade girls

5pm: GG 4th grade boys

5:15pm: GG 5th grade girls

5:30pm: GG 5th grade boys

5:45pm: GG 6th grade girls

6pm: GG 6th grade boys

6:15pm: GG 7th grade girls vs. GG 7th grade boys

7pm: GG Seniors vs. Parents

Father-Daughter dance this spring

Later this month there will be another Princess Ball/Father-Daughter dance at the Grygla School. This will be held on Sunday, April 28th, from 1:30-3pm. All communities are welcome. The event will start out with a Grand March where daughters are announced and walk down the aisle with their date. This portion is open to the public. A dance and activities will follow. Small goodie bags will be given to each of the girls in attendance.

Please RSVP to Alisha Anderson at 218-280-2121 so the group can plan accordingly.

Bear hunt lottery applications available

Prospective bear hunters have until Friday, May 3rd, to apply for a bear hunting license from the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources. Applications for the 2024 season can be submitted online, at any license agent or by telephone at 888-665-4236.

A total of 4,030 licenses are available in 15 quota areas where licenses are limited for the 2024 season, which opens Sunday, Sept. 1, and closes Sunday, Oct. 13.

The number of licenses available each year in the quota area is based on Minnesota's bear population trends for those areas. The trends indicate the bear population has stabilized and is slowly increasing, in part because of recent conservative license quotas. License quotas for the 2024 season are similar to those available for the 2023 season.

Bear hunters who plan to apply for bear permit area 51 should review the boundaries for newly created bear permit area 53 to ensure they select the right area they intend to hunt. Twenty licenses will be available in area 53, which DNR created at the request of the Fond du Lac Band of Lake Superior Chippewa.

Lottery winners will be notified by Saturday, June 1. The deadline to purchase bear hunting licenses awarded by lottery is Thursday, Aug. 1. Any remaining unpurchased licenses will be available over the counter starting at noon on Tuesday, Aug. 6.

An unlimited number of bear licenses also will be sold over-the-counter for the no-quota area that includes east-central and far northwestern Minnesota. No-quota licenses are valid only in the no-quota area.

Hunters with either a quota or no-quota license who are interested in taking a problem bear should contact the DNR wildlife manager (mndnr.gov/areas/wildlife) for their area(s) of interest to be added to the hunter contact list for any opportunities that might arise.

Complete instructions about how to apply for a bear hunting license, maps of permit areas and a listing of permit availability for each area are available on the Minnesota DNR website (mndnr.gov/hunting/bear).

Goodridge Lion's Consignment Sale & Smelt Fry

The 42nd Annual Goodridge Lion's Club Consignment Auction & Smelt Fry is happening on Saturday, April 20th. The Consignment Auction begins at 9am, located in the city of Goodridge. Lunch will be served by the Goodridge Lion Tamers. For information on the consignment items up for grabs, see the ad in this week's Tri-County Canary section. Consignment items may be brought to the Lions Hall between 12-7pm on Friday, April 189th, or prior to the start of the sale. There will also be a vendor-craft market on site, sponsored by the Goodridge Lion Tamers.

The Smelt Fry starts at approximately 4:30pm.

There will also be live music in town that day at the Goodridge Municipal Liquor Store! Live music from 2-6pm by The Honkytonk Troubadours, along with 9pm-1am music by The Acoust Hicks.

• 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, April 10
11am Bible Study; 2:15pm Release Time; 3:30pm FFF Night; 6pm Grace Choir, 7pm Confirmation, 8pm Grace Council
Sunday, April 14
Grace: 9am Worship w/ WELCA meeting to follow
OS: 9:30am SS, 10:30am Worship

GOODRIDGE AREA LUTHERAN PARISH, ELCA
Bethany, Ekelund, Faith
Wednesday, April 10
Release Time/Confirmation
Sunday, April 14
Bethany: 8am Worship, 9am SS
Ekelund: 9:30am Worship, 10:30am SS
Faith: 10am SS, 11am Worship
Monday, April 15
Parish Board Meeting at Faith 7pm

THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITIES OF St. Clement's – Grygla; St. Ann's – Goodridge
Fr. Bryan Kujawa
Sundays:
St. Clement's: 11:45am Worship
St. Ann's: 10am Worship

BETHESDA LUTHERAN CHURCH
Skime
Pastor Steve Bliss
Sundays
9:30am Worship
11am YouTube Live Broadcast

UNITED LUTHERAN PARISH
Gatzke
Pastor Tim Lundeen
Wednesday, April 10
Church Council Meeting 6pm
Sundays
8:30am Worship

CLEARWATER LUTHERAN PARISH
St. Petri – Grygla; Mt. Olive, Nazareth – Trail; Oak Park – Oklee
Pastor Jeff Merseth
Wednesday, April 10
Wed. School 5pm; 6:30pm Vespers
Saturday, April 13
Mt. Olive Worship 9am
Sunday, April 14
St. Petri: 8am Worship
Nazareth: 9:45am Worship w/ 8:45am SS
Oak Park: 11am Worship

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Community Calendar

Wed | April 10
Senior Meals at Grain Bin Café 11am; Grygla Library open 2-6pm; Baseball/Track practice

Thurs | April 11
Baseball/Track practice; Northern Blast VB practice in Grygla

Fri | April 12
Senior Meals at Grain Bin Café 11am; Baseball/Track practice; Basketball Night at Goodridge School

Sat | April 13
Northern Blast VB Tourney in Barnesville; Creative Quilting (class 1) at Lynette Jelle's home 9am

Sun | April 14

Mon | April 15
Blood Drive at Grygla School 9:30am-2:15pm; Senior Meals at Grain Bin Café 11am; Baseball game vs. NCE/UH in Karlstad; Track practice

Tues | April 16
Track practice; Northern Blast VB practice in Goodridge; Baseball vs. KCC in Karlstad; Fourtown/Grygla Sportsman's Club April Meeting at The Hound in Grygla 7pm

Grygla School spring schedule

The Grygla School said it best: "Let the spring madness begin!" As always this is a very busy time of year. Here is a list of what's on the Grygla School Schedule for the rest of the school year.

This list will be updated and changed based on weather, transportation, availability of bus drivers and officials, and all the other craziness that comes with the spring.

If you have any questions, please contact the teacher/advisor in charge of the activity, or the school office at 218-294-6155.

Wednesday, April 10th: ECFE @ 5:30pm
Friday, April 12: Track Indoor UND V
Saturday, April 13th 1st/2nd Year Honor Band Festival at Moorhead
Sunday, April 14th: Trap Reserve Week
Monday, April 15th: Baseball vs. UH/NCE
Monday, April 15th: Grygla Blood Drive
Tuesday, April 16th: Baseball vs. KCC
Wednesday, April 17th: Media Production Class at BSU
Thursday, April 18th: Baseball vs. Red Lake Co.
Thursday, April 18th: Track Bagley V
Friday, April 19th: Baseball at TRF
Friday, April 19th: Track Indoor UND V
Sunday, April 21: Trap Competition Week 1
Tuesday, April 23rd: Baseball vs. BGMR
Wednesday, April 24th: ECFE @ 5:30
Thursday, April 25th: Baseball at Sacred Heart EGF
Thursday, April 25th: Track LOW V
Thursday, April 25th: Track Bagley JH
Friday, April 26th: Baseball vs. West Marshall
Friday, April 26th: Kindergarten to Circus
Friday, April 26th: Track TRF-Twilight V
Saturday, April 27th: Prom
Sunday, April 28th: Trap Competition Week 2
Monday, April 29th: Track WAO JH
Tuesday, April 30th: Baseball at LOW
Tuesday, April 30th: Track EGF V
Wednesday, May 1st: Envirothon for 10th grade
Wednesday, May 1st: High School Music Concert @ 7:30 pm
Thursday, May 2nd: Baseball vs. Ada-Borup-West
Thursday, May 2nd: Track EGF JH
Friday, May 3rd: Baseball at KCC
Friday, May 3rd: EGF Conference Meet V at 1pm
Friday, May 3rd: Senior Class Trip Weekend
Sunday, May 5th: Trap Competition Week 3
Tuesday, May 7th: Baseball at West Marshall
Monday, May 6th-8th, 2024: 6th Grade Class Trip
Wednesday, May 8th: Senior Lions Supper TBD
Thursday, May 9th: Baseball vs. Mahnomen-Waubun
Thursday, May 9th: Track TRF JH
Friday, May 10th: Elementary Music Concert 2:00
Friday, May 10th: Track WAO V
Sunday, May 12th: Trap Competition Week 4
Monday, May 13th: High Mileage @ Brainerd
Monday, May 13: Track Roseau V
Tuesday, May 14th: High Mileage @ Brainerd
Tuesday, May 14th: Track Roseau JH
Wednesday, May 15th: ECFE 5:30-6:30
Thursday, May 16th: Baseball at BGMR
Thursday, May 16th: Track Ada V
Friday, May 17th: Track TRF V
Saturday, May 18th: Graduation 1:00
Sunday, May 19th: Trap Competition Week 5
Monday, May 20th: Baseball at Fosston
Monday, May 20th: Track LOW JH
Tuesday, May 21st: Preschool Graduation @ 5:00
Wednesday, May 22nd: LAST DAY OF SCHOOL
Thursday, May 23rd: Track LOW Sub Section V
Monday, June 10th: Trap Shooting Championship Alexandria, MN

ATTENTION BENVILLE RESIDENTS

Local Board of Appeal and Equalization Meeting is scheduled for Benville Township for Monday April 15th at 10:30 am, at Benville Town Hall.
G3-4C

SPRUCE GROVE TOWNSHIP

Local Board of Appeal and Equalization Meeting Spruce Grove Town Hall Tuesday, April 16th, at 10:30am
G4C

Storm Spotter Training

Beltrami County Emergency Management and the National Weather Service will be hosting Severe Weather Spotter (Skywarn) training on Monday, April 22, 2024, at 6:30pm at the Emergency Operations Center in the Law Enforcement Center – 613 Minnesota Ave NW, Bemidji.

The free class is open to the public and lasts approximately two hours. There are no prerequisites, and no pre-registration is required.

Skywarn is a program that provides the public training to safely observe and report severe weather. Spotters provide critical information to the National Weather Service, enhancing public safety by providing ground truth and observations that radars can't always see.

If you are unable to attend this session, there are other classes available in the region. Visit www.weather.gov/fgf/stormspotting for more information and for virtual course offerings.

Marshall County Sheriff's Office Dispatch-Jailer Job Opening

The Marshall County Sheriff's Office is accepting employment applications for the position of a iler-Dispatcher. This position starts out at ($25.12) for day shift and ($28.12) for night shift. After 6-months the wages go up to ($25.67) for day shift and ($28.67) for night shift and after 1 year of employment the wages go up to ($26.53) for day shift and ($29.77) for night shift.

This position works 12-hour shifts. The shifts are from 6:00 am – 6:00 pm and 6:00 pm -6:00 am. Shifts include working holidays and weekends. You will be required to work nights and days. If an employee works on a holiday, they receive 12 hours of overtime pay. There are always 2 dispatchers/jailers on at all times. The employee never works more than 3 days in a row.

The Marshall County Sheriff's Office has an excellent benefit package. If the employee takes a family stipend health insurance plan, they are given $1,580.00 towards the premium. If they elect a single health insurance stipend, they are given $870.00 a month towards the premium. If a spouse has health insurance, the employee is given $870.00 per month. That would make each paycheck $435.00 more. Each employee accrues 4 hours vacation and accrues 4 hours of sick time each paycheck. There are 26 pay periods in a year. On top of vacation hours each employee gets 92 hours of holiday hours they can use as vacation hours.

There is a sign on bonus of $2,000. The employee will get $500.00 on first pay check, $500.00 at 6 months once completed probation period, and $1,000 at 1 year anniversary.

Applications may be picked up at the Marshall County Sheriff's Office, 208 E. Colvin Ave. Ste #1, Warren, MN 56762 or print out an application off the Marshall County website at www.co.marshall.mn.us

Application will be accepted until April 19, 2024

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Blood Drive at GHS

There will be a community blood drive at the Grygla School on Monday, April 15th, from 9:30am-2:15pm. This will be held in the gym. To sign up for a lifesaving donation, go to donors.vitalant.org, use blood drive code: grygla

You can also call the school at 294-6155. This community blood drive is sponsored by the Grygla Student Council.

Sportsman's Club upcoming events

The Fourtown/Grygla Sportsman's Club April meeting will be on Tuesday, April 16th, at The Hound in Grygla at 7pm. On April 27th, the group will be holding their spring picnic at Grande Corner. The day will kick off at 10am with a ditch cleaning, followed by the picnic. The main dish and beverages will be provided by the club; everyone is asked to please bring a side dish to share.

Fall Fest button contest

The Grygla Celebration Committee is holding their button contest for this year's Grygla Fall Festival. Entries are due April 10th. The winner will receive four free buttons. Entries can be emailed to Jodi Schulz at jschulz@machinewell.com or dropped off with her at Machinewell.

Pictured below: The Grygla Lion's Club catered the winter sports banquet for the Chargers. Pictured are Jane Manzey, Lon Englund, President Greg Sparby and Laurie Polansky. ***Photo courtesy of Leann Wikert***

Goodridge/Grygla Extracurricular Spring Celebration coming up

The event is called "Charging Ahead", and it will be a social gathering for all of the Charger's extracurricular coaches, directors, advisors, etc. This special event is also open to businesspeople from both communities. Proudly sponsored by Machinewell, Inc. and Fourtown/Grygla Sportsman's Club.

Grygla's Athletic Director, Jeff Mumm, says, "Grygla/Goodridge does it better than the rest!" He is coordinating this event to give himself and Mr. Tomas Loberg the opportunity to thank everyone for what they do in extracurricular activities and to everyone who does things behind the scenes that normally don't get recognized for what they do. "Without them, we wouldn't be regarded as such a great co-op," says Mumm.

He also shared that everyone has a busy life, yet we have so many people going above and beyond making sure our kids have a wonderful experience in the activity that they're in. "All of these people are here before school, after school, sitting on buses, all while taking time away from their families making sure each and every one of their kids in their respected programs feels loved and valued," said Mr. Mumm.

The special event will be on Monday, April 22nd, at The Hound in Grygla. The schedule of events is as follows:

6:30-7pm: Meet and Greet & Appetizers
7-7:30pm: Welcome & Guest Speakers
7:30pm: Program begins

This spring celebration is simply to get everyone together and be proud of what's being done and what deserves recognition. Communities are identified by their extracurricular activities. Mumm said that everyone involved in extracurricular activities are unsung heroes who provide guidance, motivation and inspiration for our kids. He added, "Showing appreciation and gratitude is essential in creating a positive atmosphere and fostering team spirit."

Upcoming class: Sewing 1.0

Do you want to learn to sew? We are looking for young people ages 9 and older wanting to learn. Our first class will be Saturday, April 13, at 9am. Cost of class is $25 with all materials provided. We will be making a small table topper. Join us for a fun time and we will start your sewing journey. Contact Lynette at 218-684-5453 or email me at lyn.jelle@hotmail.com. This will take place at the home of Lynette Jelle.

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Results from last week's StatePoint Crossword Puzzle.

RATE INCREASE NOTICE

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS FOR XCEL ENERGY MINNESOTA CUSTOMERS

Xcel Energy has asked the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission (MPUC) to approve an increase to natural gas rates beginning January 2024. The requested increase is approximately 9.6 percent or $59.03 million. On average, the proposed final rate change would increase the bill for a typical residential natural gas customer by $6.93 per month.

The MPUC may either approve, deny, or modify the requested changes, including approving a lesser or greater increase than was requested for any customer class or classes of service.

The MPUC will likely make its decision on our rate request in the first quarter of 2025. If final rates are lower than interim (temporary) rates, we will refund customers the difference with interest. If final rates are higher than interim rates, we will not charge customers the difference.

If you move before a refund is issued and we cannot find you, your refund may be treated as abandoned property and sent to the Minnesota Department of Commerce, Unclaimed Property Unit. You can check for unclaimed property at www.missingmoney.com. To make sure we can send you any refund owed, please provide a forwarding address when you stop service.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Administrative Law Judge Suzanne Todnem will hold six in-person public hearings and two virtual public hearings so that customers have an opportunity to comment on our request. Any Xcel Energy customer or other person may attend or provide comments at the hearings. You are invited to comment on the adequacy and quality of Xcel Energy's service, the level of rates, or other related matters. You do not need to be represented by an attorney. The hearings will begin at their scheduled time and adjourn after everyone present has had an opportunity to comment or ask questions.

Date	Time	Location
Tuesday, April 30, 2024	1:30 p.m.	City of Big Lake Community Room 790 Minnesota Ave. Big Lake, MN 55309
Wednesday, May 1, 2024	1:30 p.m.	Merriam Park Library Rooms A & B 1831 Marshall Ave. St. Paul, MN 55104
Wednesday, May 1, 2024	6:30 p.m.	Virtual WebEx
Thursday, May 2, 2024	6:30 p.m.	The Meeting Point 14537 Dodd Blvd. Rosemount, MN 55068
Tuesday, May 7, 2024	1:30 p.m.	Northtown Library 711 County Hwy 10 NE Blaine, MN 55434
Wednesday, May 8, 2024	1:30 p.m.	Virtual WebEx
Wednesday, May 8, 2024	6:30 p.m.	Country Inn & Suites 6003 Hudson Rd. Woodbury, MN 55124
Thursday, May 9, 2024	6:30 p.m.	Red Wing Ignite 419 Bush St. Red Wing, MN 55066

Bad weather? Find out if a hearing is canceled — call (toll free) 855-731-6208 or 651-201-2213 or visit **mn.gov/puc**.

VIRTUAL PUBLIC HEARINGS

Public hearings have been scheduled as follows to be held via video conference. **May 1, 2024**, at 6:30 p.m. and **May 8, 2024**, at 1:30 p.m.

ATTEND BY INTERNET CONNECTION (AUDIO AND VIDEO)

To join the virtual hearing using a computer, tablet or smart phone, where you will have audio and video capability, go to: **https://minnesota.webex.com**. In the gray box where it says, "Enter Meeting Information," type the Event Number below for the public hearing date you are attending:

May 1, 2024 6:30 p.m.	May 8, 2024 1:30 p.m.
Event Number: **2489 035 7971** Event Password, if needed: **Xcel#**	Event Number: **2486 506 4367** Event Password, if needed: **Xcel#**

DIRECTIONS FOR APPEARING VIA WEBEX.

- Log on 5 to 15 minutes before the hearing begins. You will be asked to join the hearing through a WebEx application or through a plug-in for your web browser.
- Enter the Event Number shown in the box above.
- Next, you will be asked to enter your name, your email address, and an event password (if required). After entering this information, click "Join Now" and you will be granted access to the virtual hearing.
- When you enter the hearing, your microphone will be muted. If you would like to ask a question or make a comment during the meeting, use the chat function to send a message to the meeting moderator, who will place you in the queue to comment. When it is your turn to comment, your name will be called, and your line will be unmuted. You will then be able to ask questions or make a comment.

TO ATTEND BY TELEPHONE (AUDIO ONLY)

If you do not have access to a computer, tablet, or smart phone, or if you would prefer to attend the hearing via audio only, you may join using any type of telephone. You do not need internet access to call into the hearing; however, you will only be able to hear (not see) the speakers. You will still be able to comment and ask questions.

Use the information in the box below to dial into the hearing. You will be asked to enter the access code for the hearing, as set forth below:

May 1, 2024 6:30 p.m.	May 8, 2024 1:30 p.m.
Phone: **1-855-282-6330** Access Code: **2489 035 7971** Event password: **Xcel#** (**92350** from phones)	Phone: **1-855-282-6330** Access Code: **2486 506 4367** Event password: **Xcel#** (**92350** from phones)

If you would like to ask a question or make a comment during the hearing, press *3 on your telephone. You will then be placed into the queue to comment. When it is your turn to speak, the last few digits of your telephone number will be announced by the moderator and your line will be unmuted, allowing you to be heard.

PUBLIC HEARING AND PROCESS INFORMATION

Administrative Law Judge Suzanne Todnem will preside over the public hearings and will provide the Commission with findings of fact, conclusions of law, and recommendations after the conclusion of the evidentiary hearing.

The purpose of the public hearings is to receive public input on the proposed rate increase. At the public hearings, interested persons have the opportunity to: (1) ask questions of the utility and agency staff; and (2) offer verbal and written comments on the merits of the proposed rate increase.

Members of the public may participate without needing to intervene as a party. Representation by legal counsel is permitted but not required.

Please note that the public hearings will end when all attendees present have had the opportunity to comment and all other business has been concluded. You are encouraged to join the meeting at the scheduled start time to be placed in the queue to comment. Commenters will be called in the order they enter the queue. Therefore, it is advantageous to arrive at the beginning of the hearing.

Written comments may be submitted during the comment period before and after the public hearings. Follow the instructions below to provide written comment.

Please contact Jason Bonnett at 651-201-2235 or jason.bonnett@state.mn.us if you have questions on how to participate or have trouble accessing the public hearing using telephone or internet.

WRITTEN COMMENTS TO THE MINNESOTA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

You can still submit comments even if you do not attend a public hearing.

Comment Period

Comments accepted through July 19, 2024, at 4:30 p.m.

- Comments must be received by 4:30 p.m. on the close date.
- Comments received after the comment period closes may not be considered.

How to Submit a Written Comment

Written comments can be submitted via: (1) the Commission's website; (2) electronic mail; (3) U.S. Mail; or (4) facsimile. To learn how to submit a comment in any of these ways, please visit mn.gov/puc, select "Get Involved" from the dropdown menu on the top of the page, then select "Public Comments and How to Participate." This will take you to the Public Comment page, where you will find a list of ways to comment. Be sure to reference MPUC Docket No. 23-413 in the subject line of your comment.

If you do not have access to the internet, you may send or deliver your comment to:

Minnesota Public Utilities Commission
121 7th Place East, Ste. 350
St. Paul, MN 55101

Important: Comments can be reviewed by the public on the MPUC's website, except in limited circumstances consistent with the Minnesota Government Data Practices Act. The MPUC does not edit or delete personally identifying information from comments received.

EVIDENTIARY HEARINGS

Formal evidentiary hearings on Xcel Energy's proposal will be held on July 10 to 12, 2024, starting at 9:30 a.m. each day. The evidentiary hearings will be held at the Public Utilities Commission, 350 Metro Square Building, 121 Seventh Place East, St. Paul, Minnesota. Individuals who cannot attend in person may attend via Microsoft Teams (Teams), a video conferencing platform. Members of the public who wish to attend the hearing through Teams may request an electronic invitation by contacting MPUC staff Jason Bonnett at 651-201-2235 or jason.bonnett@state.mn.us.

The purpose of the evidentiary hearing is to allow Xcel Energy, the Minnesota Department of Commerce – Division of Energy Resources, the Minnesota Office of Attorney General – Residential Utilities Division, and parties who have formally joined the contested case, to present testimony and to cross-examine each other's witnesses on the proposed rate increase.

If you wish to formally intervene in this case, as a party to the litigation, you must serve and file a Petition to Intervene, pursuant to Minn. R. 1400.6200, by March 20, 2024.

TO LEARN MORE

Xcel Energy's current and proposed rate schedules are available at:

Xcel Energy
414 Nicollet Mall
Minneapolis MN 55401
Phone 612-330-5500
Web: **https://www.xcelenergy.com/company/rates_and_regulations/filings/minnesota_natural_gas_rate_proposal**

Minnesota Department of Commerce
85 7th Place East, Suite 500
St. Paul, MN 55101
Phone: 651-539-1534

Web: **https://www.edockets.state.mn.us/EFiling/search.jsp** Select (23) in the year field, type (413) in the number field, select Search, and the list of documents will appear on the next page.

If you have questions about the MPUC's review process or need assistance in submitting comments, contact the Commission's Consumer Affairs Office at:

Minnesota Public Utilities Commission
121 7th Place East, Suite 350
St. Paul, MN 55101
Phone: 651-296-0406 or 800-657-3782
Email: consumer.puc@state.mn.us

Anyone with hearing or speech disabilities may call through their preferred Telecommunications Relay. Please contact the MPUC staff Jason Bonnett at 651-201-2235 or jason.bonnett@state.mn.us as soon as possible if you need an interpreter or accommodation to attend a public hearing.

Proposed Rate Increases

The table below shows the effect of both the interim and proposed rate changes on monthly bills for residential, commercial and industrial customers with average natural gas use.

PROPOSED RATES

Customer Class	Average Monthly Usage in Ccf (or therms)	Average Monthly Bill Current Rates	Average Monthly Bill Interim Rates	Average Monthly Bill Proposed Rates
Residential	73	$67	$73	$74
Small Commercial	186	$157	$169	$173
Large Commercial	1,311	$968	$1,029	$1,059
Small Demand	7,765	$5,403	$5,763	$5,825
Large Demand	17,821	$11,861	$12,615	$12,818
Small Interruptible	6,639	$3,620	$3,858	$3,932
Medium Interruptible	46,065	$20,958	$21,836	$23,163
Large Interruptible	713,546	$313,983	$325,968	$341,268
Large Firm Transportation**	133,497	$18,990	$22,602	$25,702
Small Interruptible Transportation**	6,639	$1,248	$1,491	$1,559
Medium Interruptible Transportation**	195,706	$19,406	$22,940	$28,774
Large Interruptible Transportation**	2,098,693	$71,065	$85,037	$93,580

** Transportation classes bill estimates do not include the cost of gas

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2024 Severe Weather Awareness Week

Beltrami County will join other Minnesota Emergency Management Agencies participating in Severe Weather Awareness Week to promote weather safety as we transition to our summer storm season. April 8-12, 2024, is designated Minnesota Severe Weather Awareness Week with each day having a hazard topic addressing seasonal hazards. New this year is the addition of wildfire awareness. Throughout the week, additional information will be posted to the Beltrami County Emergency Management Facebook page.

Alerts and Warnings are the daily topic for Monday. All Minnesotans should have access to emergency weather alerts. These can be on mobile devices through apps, broadcast media or a weather radio. Know the difference between watches, warnings and advisories. Watches mean conditions are favorable for severe weather, while warnings mean severe weather is occurring or imminent.

Storms, hail and lightning are highlighted on Tuesday. Minnesota is impacted by severe weather every summer and brings a myriad of hazards from strong winds, large hail, tornadoes and deadly lightning. Straight-line winds from thunderstorms can produce winds over 100mph, so there doesn't have to be a tornado for destructive winds. Large hail can be dangerous and damaging, destroying crops and causing property damage. Beltrami County has experienced baseball size hail in recent years, stripping trees of their branches and leaves. Lightning strikes can be deadly, "When thunder roars, go indoors."

Wednesday's topic is flooding. Flooding, especially rapidly developing flash flooding, can be dangerous. Never drive through flooded roadways with water flowing over them. The roadway may be compromised or washed out, and you don't know how deep the water is. Six inches of flowing water can knock over an adult, while twelve inches of flowing water can float some vehicles. Most flooding deaths resulted from people being caught in vehicles, especially at night. If you encounter flooded roadways, "Turn around, don't drown."

Tornado drill day is Thursday, April 11, 2024. There will be two tornado drills, the first at 1:45pm and is intended for schools, businesses and workplaces to practice their tornado plans. The second drill is at 6:45pm and allows families an opportunity to practice their tornado plans at home. Outdoor warning sirens will be activated. During a tornado, seek shelter in a sturdy structure and get below ground if possible. If no basement is available, get on the lowest floor of your building in an interior room with no exterior walls or windows. If severe weather is possible on tornado drill day, the drill will not take place.

Extreme heat and wildfire awareness are Friday's topic. While Minnesota is better known for extreme cold, it can get hot during the summer months. When excessive heat is expected, avoid rigorous outdoor activity and schedule activities during the cooler periods of the day. Drink plenty of water and seek medical treatment for heat injuries. Never leave children or pets in vehicles. On warm sunny days, cars act like greenhouses and temperatures can quickly warm to deadly levels. With persistent drought, wildfires have also been an increasing hazard for Minnesota. During high fire danger days, avoid burning or having potential ignition sources. Red Flag Warnings are issued when a combination of low humidity, warm temperatures and strong winds result in conditions favorable for rapid wildfire growth. Protect your home by having a defensible space by clearing trees and brush away from your home.

-Christopher Muller, Emergency Management Director

The Charger's Spring Trap Season is underway. These great photos were captured by Heather Morey at the TRF Trap Club.

Spring Trap Season is here

Practice Week 1 began on Sunday, March 31st. This year's coaching staff is made up of Kenny Lunsetter, Head Coach; Shannon Nelson, RSO; Dustin Nelson, Coach; Destiny Tinnes, Coach.

This will be the last season for Kenny, Shannon and Dustin. Kenny shared, "We are stepping down from coaching the Grygla Chargers Trap Team after the Trap Championship in Alexandria. Destiny has come on board to coach and has been learning the ropes. Shannon and I have been coaching for 8 years and Dustin has been coaching since 2019. Dustin was on the original team in 2016. It's time for us to move on. We have had a great time coaching the kids and watching our kids at the same time."

Information from the Thief River Trap Club

It was approved to have Sundays and Tuesdays dedicated to the high schools for shooting activities. When that season ends (approximately end of May), the Trap Club can then use these days. When the high school shooting activities begin in the fall, these days are then again dedicated to them.

Grygla Chargers Spring League 2024 has nine shooters. Chelsie Nelson 12th, Captain; Rease Stratton 11th, Gavin Aune 11th, Brett Rychlock 9th, Captain; Matthew Brown 9th, Jens Oslund 9th, Jordan Scheving 9th, Cooper Aune 8th, and Caydun Dybedahl 8th.

Schedule for the remainder of the season

Reserve Week: Sunday April 14th 12-3 pm with Goodridge

Tuesday April 16TH 4-6pm with Goodridge and TRF

Competition Week 1: Sunday April 21st 12-3 pm with Goodridge

Tuesday April 23rd 4-6 pm with Goodridge and TRF

Competition Week 2: Sunday April 28th 12-3 pm with Goodridge

Tuesday April 30th 4-6 pm with Goodridge and TRF

Competition Week 3: Sunday May 5th 12-3 pm with Goodridge

Tuesday May 7th 4-6 pm with Goodridge and TRF

Competition Week 4: Sunday May 12th (Mother's Day) 12-3 pm with Goodridge

Tuesday May 14th 4-6 pm with Goodridge and TRF

Competition Week 5: Sunday May 19th 12-3 pm with Goodridge

Tuesday May 21st 4-6 pm with Goodridge and TRF

Fun Week starts Sunday May 26th

Final results posted Monday May 27th

Trap Shooting Championship in Alexandria Monday June 10th

MSHSL State Tournament Friday June 21st

MSHSCTL National Championship starts Wednesday July 10th

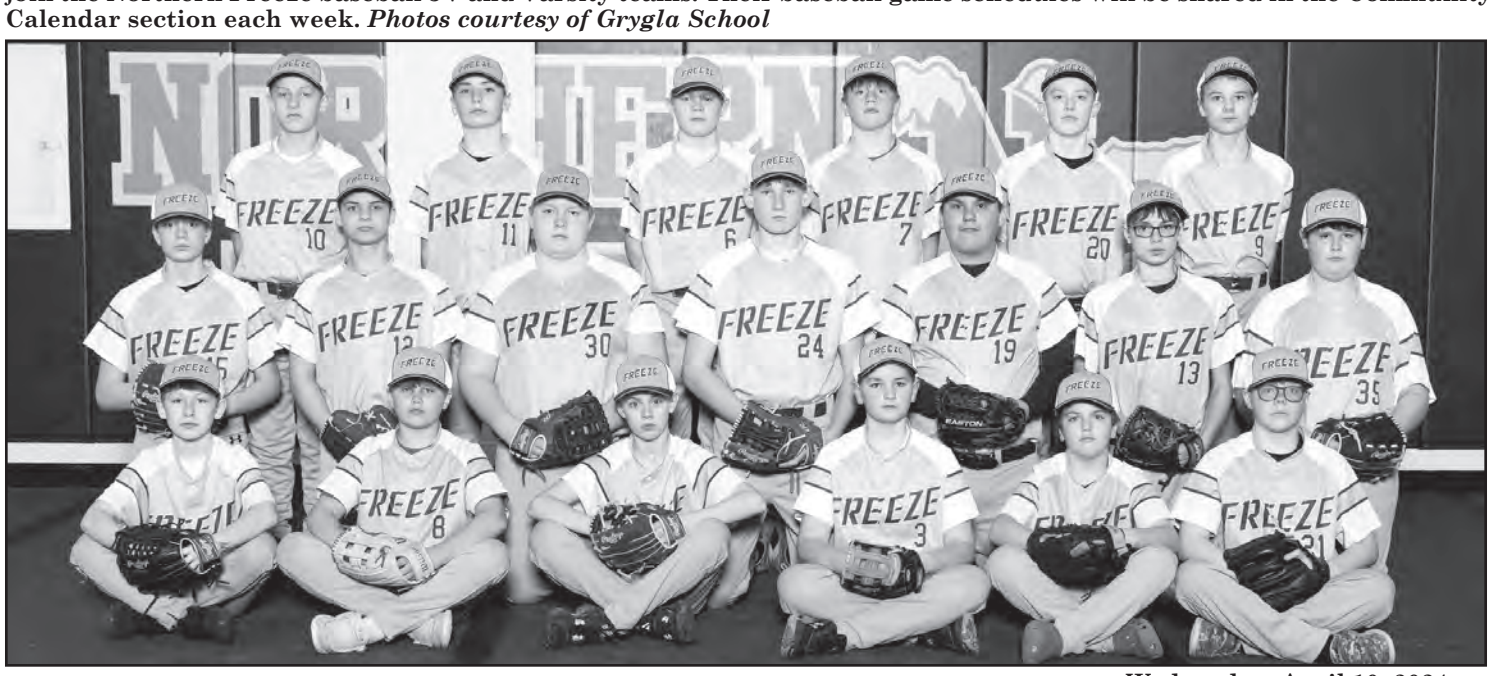
GRYGLA CHARGERS TRAP TEAM

Embryology study

The Grygla 7th graders have started their yearly Embryology study. They will be working with these eggs for the next 21 days to monitor the development of the babies from start to finish. This year's eggs were donated by the Grygla Go-Getters 4H Club. After these Chicks are hatched, they will continue teaching the 4H students by preparing them for showing chickens at the fair. ***Photo courtesy of Grygla School***

Oslund's artwork

Kinsley Oslund will have the artwork she sent to the Northwest Minnesota Arts Council displayed and traveling along with others' artwork until next March. ***Photo courtesy of Grygla School***

Charger players join Northern Freeze baseball

Good Luck this season to Gavin Aune (above #33), Landon Nordby (above #13) and Cooper Aune (below #30) as they join the Northern Freeze baseball JV and Varsity teams. Their baseball game schedules will be shared in the Community Calendar section each week. ***Photos courtesy of Grygla School***