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Many came out to support the 4th annual Freedom Festival in Goodridge last Saturday! Freedom Fest started the day off with the 2nd annual Freedom Run and Freedom Fun Run. Funds from the race were donated to Mission 22. All photos courtesy of Freedom Festival Committee

4th Annual Goodridge Freedom Fest



The veterans program and presentation of the quilts made by the Red White & Blue Quilters took place after the parade on Saturday. Starting off with the Presentation of Colors, then followed by Jordynn Johnsrud singing the National Anthem. Special honored veterans, Rodney Hoffman, John Lovly, Roger Pittman and David Schlofer received the quilts. Larry Eureka read the names of the POW/KIA veterans from the community and following was the firing of the guns by the color guard. Ending with Taps played by Jeremy Wiskow and the retiring of the colors by the VFW and American Legion color guard. (Veterans honored, L-R: David Schlofer, Rodney Hoffman, John Lovly and Roger Pittman.)



(Left) Back for his 4th year at the Freedom Festival, Caricaturist Trevour was a hit! It is fun to watch him draw and to see how excited the kids are when they see the caricature of themselves. (Right) Featured artist, Al Beliveau, was a hit once again! The kids had so much fun welding metal pieces that they picked out to make their own masterpiece! Al said that 29 sculptures were made by the kids last Saturday! All photos courtesy of Freedom Festival Committee



Talented watercolor artist, Debbie Aune, painted on site at the Freedom Festival! Debbie painted this picture of the veterans park and also one of the Goodridge Farmers Coop Creamery!



The Holy Rocka Rollaz were just one of many great musical performances during the day. Eric Mickelson, wife Patty and his brother started off the day with great music. Next on stage was Tami Lee and the Northern Lights; they performed again later that night, along with Corey Medina, who also put on a great show for the crowd. All photos courtesy of Freedom Festival Committee. This event is funded in part by the NWMAC and local sponsors.

Postponed until 2021



Taken from Fully Charged Foundation's public Facebook page

After working closely with the entertainment acts and the venue, we have made the difficult decision to move the event to Sunday, May 9th, 2021. The Bellamy Brothers were willing to come play, but the venue is not opening per local and state officials. Individuals who purchased tickets for the original dates will automatically be granted entry to the new event date. For any questions or concerns, visit Ticketmaster online/app or call the Ralph Engelstad Arena box office at 218-681-2183.

"When we rescheduled the

first time, it was the day after the centennial county fair in my hometown of Sidney, MT. We picked the date because the logistics worked for David & Howard to make the trip across North Dakota to play for us. I knew when Sidney cancelled their fair, it was not looking promising for our event. I'm honestly sick and tired of everything being blamed on Covid-19. This is taking an economic toll on our people, towns, venues and entertainers. The unintended consequences of the mass hysteria we are in is unfathomable. This was a logistical and economic decision, one that was not easy to make. We were prepared to have all protocols in place to have a safe event, but were not afforded the opportunity to even present something to local & state officials. However, this allows us to make 2021 even better with the possibility of more acts to join. We will be announcing our 2020 scholarship winners in the coming days and look forward to building our program for years to come. I sincerely thank all of our sponsors for believing in our program."

- Patrick Hackley, Executive Director

Wendy Sandsmark Memorial Scholarship



Taken from Fully Charged Foundation's public Facebook page

Since there were no applications received from any Grygla or Goodridge graduates, the committee decided to award this year's \$3,000 scholarship to an applicant with immense qualifications and character from the field of nominees.

We are proud to announce the 2020 Wendy Sandsmark Memorial Scholarship winner is Kally Wojciechowski, a 2020 graduate of Greenbush-Middle River High School. Kally will be attending Northland Technical & Community College in Thief

River Falls to study Farm Business Management. Kally has plans to continue living in the Greenbush area to pursue her dream of owning and operating her own farm & ranch. She also helps her parents Keith & Dana with Wojo's Rodeo. Kally enjoys the western lifestyle, time with family and helping young children with western sports lessons in barrel racing, team roping and breakaway. Kally is a tremendous advocate for agriculture and was highly recommended to our foundation. Please join us in congratulating Kally on her achievements!

Grygla City Council filings open

The Grygla City Council filings open July 28-August 11 by 5pm. Open positions are for Mayor (2 year term) and two council members (4 year terms). Applications can be received by contacting Rose Aune at cityofgrygla@gvtel.com or 294-6292. The newspaper will soon introduce each candidate that will be on the ballot, along with their primary reasons for wanting to be elected.



Grygla/Gatzke School Board filings open

3 spots are open to serve on the Grygla/Gatzke School Board. The deadline to file is August 11th. Once the candidates have all filed, they will be turned into the county on August 13th. At that time, the

newspaper will be in touch with each person for an interview, introducing each candidate that will be on the ballot, along with their primary reasons for wanting to be elected.



CHURCH CALENDARS

GRYGLA LUTHERAN PARISH
Grace and Our Savior's, Grygla
Pastor Ken Bowman
Grace Lutheran has started having in-person worship. For the time being, Worship will be each Wednesday evening. During that time, Pastor Ken will be recording the video service that will continue to air on GV channel 36 at 9am Sunday and 7pm Sunday, as well as be posted on the Grace Lutheran website.

People who attend the worship service are asked to wear masks out of care and concern for each other. Physical distancing will be in effect, and safety precautions will be in place. Please do not attend if you are feeling sick, showing symptoms of being sick, or if you have been in contact with someone who is sick.

For those in attendance on July 1st, there will be a congregational vote on the call committee for a pastor.

UNITED LUTHERAN PARISH
Gatzke
8:30am Worship in church

GOODRIDGE AREA LUTHERAN PARISH, ELCA
Bethany, Ekelund, Faith
Pastor Kristin Dahlen Ostercamp
No services in church at this time, still Facebook Live. Follow the Facebook page for updates.

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THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITIES OF
St. Clement's - Grygla; St. Ann's - Goodridge
Fr. Adam Hamness
Sundays:
St. Clement's: 10:15am Worship in church
St. Ann's: 12pm Worship in church
BETHESDA LUTHERAN CHURCH
Skime
Pastor Steve Bliss
Sundays:
9:30am Worship w/ 11am Facebook Live Broadcast

LIBERTY CHAPEL
Grygla
Congregation-Led
Calendar/information not available at this time.

CLEARWATER LUTHERAN PARISH
St. Petri - Grygla; Mt. Olive, Nazareth - Trail; Oak Park - Oklee
Pastor Jeff Merseth
Saturday:
9am Worship at Mt. Olive
Sunday:
St. Petri: 8am Worship
OP: 9:45am Worship
Nazareth: 11am Worship

Please email your updated calendars to grygla.eagle@gmail.com

GG CHARGERS
Junior Varsity Volleyball
Coaching position open
Please contact Jamie Lunsetter at Grygla (218-294-6155), or Tomas Loberg at Goodridge (218-378-4133), if interested.

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Northern Lights fishing report



Written by Ben Kucera
This week, we stayed at Long Lake for 4 days tenting and to fish rainbows. The trout were hard to come by Thursday with only one being caught but lots of sunfish and crappie were stacked up on the edges in 10'-15' of water.

Friday around 10:30, we made it out and had better luck catching 15 trout, but the bite died again at 12:00. Those times we were fishing in that 60' and slip bobbering them at 30' down.

We went out again Saturday night to the other end of the lake and anchored on the drop off in 50' of water. I was marking tons of fish and we caught 5. We went back to that spot Sunday and finished our limit with a fast jigging bite. When jigging for them, I like to use a small 1/16 or less jig, most of the time tungsten, and drop to 36' down and move it up to 30' and back down.

Lake of the Woods is still going strong. A lot of fish being caught out in the flats still, in the 30'-34' of water. Whiskey flats is still doing really well; most are pulling crank baits either by lead core or down rigging and others are having great success on crawler harnesses. The sandbar by Springsteel has also been producing

fish anywhere from 6' out to 20' same with the blinker, as well. In the Long Point area, the flats off of Twin Islands and LEMs reef are still going strong with any method of fishing working from trolling cranks to harnesses to jig and shiner. Off of Garden and Bridges is still producing out deep. Pine Island is still going strong, as well, but like the blinker, anywhere from 6' out to 30'.

As long as you can safely get out on the lake with all the storms lately, the fish are biting and may take a little hunting to find an active school.

Blackduck is still slow on the walleye end of things but catching a lot of perch and a few big blue gills fishing with crawlers in 6-12' of water. The walleye are there, as well, but haven't been active for the most part. I will be slowing down on rod building for the time being but can tack on a couple orders.

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.

Miss North Star will stay

Due to covid-19, the 2020 Miss Minnesota competition was canceled this summer. The competition will not be held until June 2021. The Miss North Star committee is proud to announce your current Miss

North Star O'Brien Stromsodt will be representing the Northwest corner of Minnesota another year and competing in the Miss Minnesota pageant 2021!

Bank guidelines begin

Beginning Monday, July 27th, ASB will require customers to wear a face mask upon entry. Please use the front

entrance only as the back entrance will be locked. Thank you for your cooperation.

Must renew applications in August to receive benefits

More than 20,000 (SNAP) Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program and Minnesota Family Investment Program recipients must renew their applications in August to ensure they receive their benefits for September onward, unless the federal government allows Minnesota continued flexibility in how the benefits are administered.

The Minnesota Department of Human Services will notify SNAP and MFIP recipients who reached the end of their certification period any time from March through August via a written notice in the mail beginning next week. Some of the Minnesotans receiving these benefits are elderly, children, people with disabilities, and workers with low wages, many of whom have already been disproportionately impacted by COVID-19.

"We appreciate that the process of re-certification will be a hardship for recipients who may be hard to locate or who may have barriers to producing their applications without technology and with county and tribal offices still partially closed," said Human Services Commissioner Jodi Harpstead. "We are sending notices now to make sure that people who are entitled to SNAP and MFIP benefits understand what they need to do to continue receiving them so they will not lose these vital supports."

In March, the USDA approved waivers that allowed SNAP and MFIP recipients to continue to receive benefits without having to gather the documents to verify their ongoing eligibility as normally required. Prior to the COVID-19 waiver, Minnesotans who applied for and were eli-

gible for SNAP and MFIP were "certified" to receive benefits, periodically renewed their applications, and notified counties and tribes if their circumstances had changed. To renew, current SNAP and MFIP recipients must complete the Combined Application Form or 6-month Report, which they will receive in the mail, and provide proof of changes, such as a decrease in income, increase in housing costs, or change in number of members in their household as they did prior to COVID-19.

At the same time as notifying recipients, the department is working with the United States Department of Agriculture to reconsider states' requests for continued flexibility for the SNAP and MFIP recipients during the COVID-19 pandemic. The USDA has been denying waiver extensions al-

lowing states to suspend renewals. Minnesota, like most states, has requested an extension.

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Pine Cone Apartments
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First month free
**with a 1-year lease
Section 8 Accepted.
Located in Grygla, MN
Call Dave at 218-294-6266

Update from GG Athletics

The Governor's mask mandate is in effect until further notice from the Governor. Staff and students have to wear a mask when indoors (school and activities), except when they are performing tasks that require exertion. There is also an exemption for those who have medical conditions or who cannot handle wearing a mask. These exemptions are spelled out in the Governor's executive order. Please communicate with your son or daughters coach if

they qualify for an exemption.

All athletes must bring and wear a mask to practice. They may take it off at practice when directed by their coach if they are going to perform an activity that requires exertion as spelled out in the executive order.

Please let your son or daughters coach know if you need a mask. Thanks for your help and compliance on this matter. Let Mr. Lunsetter or Mr. Loberg know if you have any questions.

STATE OF MINNESOTA
NOTICE OF STATE PRIMARY ELECTION
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that State Primary election will be held in Marshall County, Minnesota on Tuesday, the 11th day of August, 2020 in the Election Precincts listed below:
Townships Polling Location Voting Hours
Warren Warren City Office 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.
NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the voters in the following cities and townships will be receiving ballots and voting by mail, as requested by the respective township and city boards:
TOWNSHIPS
Agder, Alma, Augsburg, Big Woods, Bloomer, Boxville, Cedar, Como, Comstock, Donnelly, Eagle Point, East Park, East Valley, Eckvold, Espelie, Excel, Foldahl, Fork, Grand Plain, Holt, Huntly, Lincoln, Linsell, Marsh Grove, McCrea, Middle River, Moose River, Moylan, Nelson Park, New Folden, New Maine, New Solum, Oak Park, Parker, Rollis, Sinnott, Spruce Valley, Tamarac, Thief Lake, Valley, Vega, Veldt, Viking, Wanger, Warrenton, West Valley, Whiteford, Wright
CITIES
Alvarado, Argyle, Grygla, Holt, Middle River, Newfolden, Oslo, Stephen, Strandquist, Viking.
Voters that did not receive a ballot in the mail by July 28, 2020, may vote by absentee ballot - contact the Marshall County Auditor-Treasurer's Office, Marshall County Courthouse, 208 E Colvin Ave, Ste 11, Warren, MN 56762, 218-745-4851. Absentee voting is allowed for mail ballot precincts until 8:00 P.M. on August 11, 2020.
FEDERAL OFFICES
U.S. Senator (vote for one)
U.S. Representative District 7 (vote for one)
STATE OFFICES
State Representative District 1A (vote for one)
This notice is given for and on behalf of the Clerks in the cities and townships listed and complies with the provision of M.S. 204B.34
Dated this 1st day of July, 2020
Scott Peters
Marshall County Auditor-Treasurer

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SAMPLE BALLOT
Official Ballot
State Partisan Primary Ballot
Marshall County, Minnesota
August 11, 2020
Instructions to Voters:
To Vote, Completely fill in the oval(s) next to your choice(s) like this (●)
This is a partisan primary ballot. You are permitted to vote for candidates of one political party only.
Legal Marijuana Now Party Grassroots-Legalize Cannabis Party Republican Party Democratic-Farmer-Labor Party
Federal Offices Federal Offices Federal Offices Federal Offices
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Mural comes to life in the Marshall County Area Veterans Memorial Park

The Marshall County Area Veterans Memorial Park is coming to life. Artist Nick Reitzel is working hard on the mural in the courthouse. The sketch that is attached shows the progress from a week ago. Nick is doing an amazing job and researches every detail portrayed in the mural. His attention to detail is what reflects the importance he sees in the task. We are blessed to have him be a part and the start of the project. It will be a must see when completed.

On another note just an FYI: The MCAVMP committee would also like to share that July 29th we will be officially breaking

ground on the exterior portion of the park. We plan to have a low key ceremony in these unique and challenging times. We do invite you to take a photo or we can submit one if you would rather have us do that. The ground breaking will take place at 10:30 A.M. on the courthouse lawn. Due to the Covid 19 restrictions, it will be a low key ceremony and small group. We will continue to keep you informed as we move forward. Also thank you for all you have done to promote this project. For more information contact myself, Russ Steer at 218-289-3330 or Cindy Anderson at 218-745-5232.



The Charger Volleyball program brought in Performance Coach Rick Rassier last week to meet with the 7-12 grade players for teamwork motivation training. Head Coach Katelyn Tharaldson commented, “Rick does an amazing job of building teamwork and holding great thought-provoking discussions.” Rassier has traveled to many different places to play volleyball. He has played 8,000 “1 against 6” games and never lost one! (Yes, you read that correctly!) *Photos courtesy of Katelyn Tharaldson*



Pictured left is the 7-8 grade volleyball players; on the right is the 9-12 graders.

Best garden fertilizers for our area



Written and submitted by Joni Anderson, Co-Leader of the Grygla Garden Club

Hands down, the best choice for our type of soil is Ammonium Sulfate. The type to buy

is the one labeled 20-0-0-20 because it contains 20% sulfur, which is vital for our area.

You won't hear about this type of fertilizer on TV or in books geared toward a national

audience because most of the nation requires lime to raise the PH rather than sulfur to lower the PH.

Ammonium sulfate is a granular fertilizer and can be mixed with water. It can also be sprinkled on top of the soil. It is an ideal fertilizer for lawns as well. It does not contain phosphate so you won't be polluting lakes.

1/4 cup should be added to every new shrub or tree. Just apply the granular fertilizer to the top soil after planting. Do not add it to the soil while planting it may burn the roots. Read the prescribed rates on the bag before using.

Be sure to buy ammonium sulfate not ammonium nitrate or aluminum sulfate.

The other fertilizer you need is 10-10-10 this should be tilled into the soil before planting.

To read more on the story of fertilizer you can find it in Eric Bergeson's book "Successful Gardening on the Northern Prairie" - I have this book sitting on my end table and look to it for advice often.

Joni Anderson has been submitting various columns about gardening all summer long. She is an avid gardener and is Co-Leader of the Grygla Garden Club.

FSA reminds producers to complete Crop Acreage Reports

Producers are reminded that they must file a crop acreage report with the Farm Service Agency (FSA) by the August 14 deadline. August 14, 2020 is the deadline to timely file an acreage report with FSA for all crops, including CRP.

Due to the pandemic, FSA has implemented acreage re-

porting flexibilities. FSA can work with producers to file timely acreage reports by mail, e-mail and/or fax. Please note that FSA County Offices are not open for in-person appointments at this time.

Marshall County producers who have not yet contacted the FSA County Office to get their

acreage reporting maps should do so as soon as possible. After completed maps and all acreage reporting information is received, FSA will make software updates and send producers the completed Report of Acreage form (FSA-578) to sign.

Producers must return the signed form certifying their

acreage report to the FSA office through mail, e-mail, fax or the drop box located at the FSA County Office by August 14 deadline. Producers with questions about acreage reporting should contact the Marshall County FSA Office at 745-4251 ext. 2, or their local FSA County Office.

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

Taciturn
Inclined to silence; reserved in speech; reluctant to join in conversation.

\Tas-i-turn\
Adjective

SNAP apps... Continued from page 2

The department has also asked for approval to permit county, tribal and community SNAP eligibility staff to complete applications over the phone, and accept verbal signatures.

To avoid a second burdensome round of re-certifications and to mitigate confusion, renewals will also begin again for Minnesotans receiving cash assistance through General Assistance, Minnesota Supplemental Aid and Housing Support in August to ensure benefits are issued in September. Many of the recipients of these supports also receive SNAP

and MFIP, and they could take care of all of their benefits at one time. DHS will notify all households that have to recertify their eligibility in August, alerting them of what they need to do. For more information, program participants can contact their county or tribal social service agency.

Information about SNAP and other hunger resources is available on the DHS food emergency webpage. Information about MFIP can be found on the department's MFIP webpage. Food help is also available through the Minnesota Food HelpLine, 1-888-711-1151 or www.mnfood-helpline.org.

Minnesota County Cropland Rental Rates Available

Average, Median, Ten Percent Lowest Average Rents and Ten Percent Highest Average Rents are listed by county in the recently released publication titled "Cropland Rental Rates for Minnesota Counties." The rental rates come from rents paid by farmers who participate in Adult Farm Management programs across Minnesota. This publication provides a historical perspective on rental rates paid by a group of Minnesota farmers and trends in those rental rates over the past five years. This information is meant as a guide and starting point. The information and data is not meant to establish, determine, set, fix, or even hint at what actual rents should be. It is simply a reporting of historical land rental rates in Minnesota.

The land rental data shown in the publication is extracted from FINBIN, a database of farm record summaries of over 2,000 Minnesota farms. The farmers participate in the Minnesota State College Farm Business Management program as well the Southwestern Minnesota Farm Business Management Association. The rental rates are based on analysis of the financial records of participating farmers and represent the actual rents paid for the years listed.

To compile this report, rental rates are extracted for cash rented land. All row crop acres, small grain acres, canning crop acres, etc. are included in the data analysis. Not included in the analysis are acres allocated to pasture, aftermath grazing, hay and haylage acres, CRP acres, fallow, and prevented planted acres. Data is organized by county. Counties with a minimum of 10 farms with cash rented acreage are included. If a given county does not have rent data listed for 2015-2019, there were not enough farms reporting data.

Historical rental data is included for years 2015 through 2019. Weighted average rental rates are listed by county for each year. The 2019 data also includes the median cash rent and the 10th and 90th percentile range, explained under "data results". There is really no way to statistically project future rental rates. Keep in mind the numbers listed are weighted averages. That means there are rents both above and below the numbers listed. Again, these numbers are merely a starting point.

Also included is the 2019 county rental data gathered by the USDA National Ag Statistical Service (NASS) in cooperation with the Minnesota Department of Agriculture. The USDA/NASS data is collected by mail-out survey and the 2020 results should be available in September 2020. This document will be updated to include the new NASS numbers

The publication can be found at: <https://www.cffm.umn.edu/wp-content/uploads/2020/07/MN-Land-Rental-Rates-2019-final-7-15-20.pdf>

Regional numbers indicate the total percentage change in land rental rates for the last five years from 2015 through 2019 and the last column is the change from 2018 to 2019. 2 of the 8 regions had increased in the last five years, and one region had increased from 2018 to 2019. Minnesota as a whole declined by 7.5 percent over five years and declined 0.4 percent from 2018 to 2019.

Attend U of MN Virtual Cover Crop Field Day: Setting up for Success

Submitted by: Liz Stahl, Extension Educator in Crops

On August 18 at 1:00 p.m., U of MN Extension will host a virtual Cover Crop Field Day: Setting up for Success. Through this live webinar, researchers and educators will highlight U of MN research that provides management tips and considerations to help farmers and ag professionals successfully incorporate cover crops into Minnesota cropping systems.

Outreach Center, Waseca

- Balancing the pros and cons of planting green in Minnesota – Elizabeth Stahl, Extension Educator – Crops, Worthington Regional Extension Office, Worthington
- Strategies for inter-seeding cover crops into corn – Axel Garcia y Garcia, Associate Professor, Cropping Systems, Southwest Research and Outreach Center, Lamberton
- Cover crop roundtable – Anna Cates, Extension Soil Health Specialist, Department of Soil Health, Water, and Climate, St. Paul (in addition to our speakers above)

The program will run from 1:00 to 2:30 p.m., with presentations from 1:00 to 2:00 followed by a cover crop roundtable from 2:00 to 2:30. Although there will be time for questions and answers after each presentation, the roundtable will provide an opportunity for additional open discussion with attendees. Registration is free, thanks to support from the Minnesota Sustainable Agriculture Research and Education (MN SARE) program.

Topics & speakers include:

- Cover crops as a tool in waterhemp management? – Gregg Johnson, Associate Professor, Biomass Cropping Systems, Southern Research and

We hope you will join us! For more information and to register, go to: <https://z.umn.edu/covercropVFD>. If you cannot attend in person, a recording of the session will be made available through the above website at a later date.

Lizbeth Stahl is an Extension Educator in Crops with University of Minnesota Extension Source: Lizbeth Stahl, University of Minnesota Extension, 507-372-3900 ext. 3912, stah0012@umn.edu

SIMPLY DELICIOUS

Written and made by Kari Sundberg, Eagle Editor

Easy Taco Dip

This recipe couldn't be easier and it's thrown together in under 10 minutes.

Ingredients

- Half block cream cheese
- 1/2 cup sour cream
- 1/2 cup french onion dip
- Shredded Lettuce
- Cheese
- Taco Sauce

You guys can add WAY more to the top of this dip if you want, but I was forced to stop at that as my kids were eating it.

But good additions would be: green onions, tomatoes, green olives (NEVER black olives, YUK!), green peppers, etc.

Bring this to your next potluck with some chips and you're good to go! Also, I like to splurge on shredded lettuce in a bag for this recipe. It's way easier.

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COVID-19 Preparedness Plan for Marshall County

Submitted by Josh Johnston, Marshall County Environmental Services Administrator /Emergency Management Director

Marshall County is committed to providing a safe and healthy workplace for all our employees and customers. To ensure we have as safe and healthy workplace, we have developed the following COVID-19 Preparedness Plan in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. Supervisors and employees are all responsible for implementing this plan. Our goal is to mitigate the potential for transmission of COVID-19 in our workplaces and communities, and that requires full cooperation among our employees and customers. Only through this cooperative effort can we establish and maintain the safety and health of our employees and workplaces.

Employees are responsible for implementing and complying with all aspects of this COVID-19 Preparedness Plan. Marshall County supervisors have our full support in enforcing the provisions of this policy.

Our employees are our most important assets. We are serious about safety and health and keeping our employees working at Marshall County. Employee involvement is essential in developing and implementing a successful COVID-19 Preparedness Plan. We have involved our employees in this process by conducting planning meetings, listening to employees concerns, and discussing the situation with the Marshall County Board of Commissioners. Our COVID-19 Preparedness Plan follows Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and Minnesota Department of Health (MDH) guidelines, federal OSHA standards related to COVID-19 and Executive Order 20-56, and addresses:

- hygiene and respiratory etiquette;
- engineering and administrative controls for social distancing;
- cleaning, disinfecting, decontamination and ventilation;
- prompt identification and isolation of sick persons;
- communications and training that will be provided to Supervisors and employees; and
- management and supervision necessary to ensure effective implementation of the plan.
- communications and instructions for customers.

Screening and policies for employees exhibiting signs and symptoms of COVID-19

Employees have been informed of and encouraged to self-monitor for signs and symptoms of COVID-19. These symptoms include, but are not limited to: fever, cough, shortness of breath, muscle aches, chills, headache, sore throat and new loss of taste or smell. The following policies and procedures are being implemented to assess employees' health status prior to entering the workplace and for employees to

report when they are sick or experiencing symptoms. It is recommended that all employees check their temperature prior to leaving their residence for work. If employees are sick or experiencing symptoms while at home they must stay home and contact their supervisor, if a worker gets sick or starts experiencing symptoms while at work, they will contact their supervisor and leave work immediately.

Marshall County has implemented leave policies that promote employees staying at home when they are sick, when household members are sick, or when required by a health care provider to isolate or quarantine themselves or a member of their household. Employees are directed to follow the Marshall County Sick Leave Policy and Family Medical Leave Act (FMLA) and other policies that have been established by the county. Accommodations for employees with underlying medical conditions or who have household members with underlying health conditions have been implemented.

If an employee, customer, or visitor is diagnosed with COVID-19, North Valley Public Health and/or the Minnesota Department of Health will be conducting contact tracing of individuals who have been exposed to that individual. North Valley Public Health/MDH will then be informing employees if they have been exposed to a person with COVID-19 at their workplace, which could require them to quarantine for a period of time specified by the contact tracer.

Face Covering

As per Executive Order 20-81 (EO 20-81), beginning on Friday, July 24, 2020 at 11:59 p.m., Minnesotans must wear a face covering in indoor businesses and indoor public settings, as described in this order and the related industry guidance, available at the Stay Safe Minnesota website (<https://staysafe.mn.gov>), as well as any other guidance referenced in this order. Workers must also wear face coverings outdoors when it is not possible to maintain social distancing.

A "face covering" must be worn to cover the nose and mouth completely, and can include a paper or disposable face mask, a cloth face mask, a scarf, a bandanna, a neck gaiter, or a religious face covering.

Exempt individuals

The following individuals are exempt from face covering requirements of EO 20-81:

- a. Individuals with a medical condition, mental health condition, or disability that makes it unreasonable for the individual to maintain a face covering. This includes, but is not limited to, individuals who have a medical condition that compromises their ability to breathe, and individuals who are unconscious, incapacitated, or otherwise unable to remove a face covering without assistance. These individuals should consider using alternatives to face coverings, including clear

face shields, and staying at home as much as possible.

b. Children who are five years old and under. Those who are under two-years old should never wear a face covering due to the risk of suffocation. Those who are at least two are encouraged to wear a face covering if they can do so in compliance with CDC guidance on How to Wear Cloth Face Coverings, available at <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/how-to-wear-cloth-face-coverings.html> (i.e., without frequently touching or removing the covering).

c. Individuals at their workplace when wearing a face covering would create a job hazard for the individual or others, as determined by local, state or federal regulators or workplace safety and health standards and guidelines.

Situations where face coverings are mandatory

Except for individuals who are exempt under paragraph 8 of EO 20-81, and except for the circumstances described in paragraphs 10 through 12, Minnesotans are required to wear a face covering:

a. In an indoor business or public indoor space, including when waiting outdoors to enter an indoor business or public indoor space.

i. This requirement does not apply in living units except that (1) workers entering another person's living unit for a business purpose are required to wear a face covering when doing so; and (2) visitors, patients, residents, or inmates of hospitals, shelters or drop-in centers, long-term care facilities, residential treatment facilities, residential programs licensed under Minnesota Statutes 2019, Chapter 245D, or correctional facilities must wear a face covering even when in a living unit if required by the facility.

ii. This requirement also does not apply in a private vehicle that is being used for private purposes.

b. When riding on public transportation, in a taxi, in a ride-sharing vehicle, or in a vehicle that is being used for business purposes.

c. In any other business, venue, or public space which has opted to require a face covering when it would not otherwise be required by EO 20-81.

d. For workers only, when working outdoors in situations where social distancing cannot be maintained.

Circumstances where mandatory face coverings may be temporarily removed

Face coverings required under Paragraph 9 of EO 20-81 may be temporarily removed under the following circumstances:

a. When testifying, speaking, or performing in an indoor business or public indoor space, in situations or settings such as theaters, news conferences, legal proceedings, governmental meetings subject to the Open Meeting Law (Minnesota Statutes 2019, Chapter 13D),

presentations, or lectures, provided that social distancing is always maintained. Face shields should be considered as an alternative in these situations.

b. When eating or drinking in an indoor business or indoor public space, provided that at least 6 feet of physical distance is maintained between persons who are not members of the same party.

c. When asked to remove a face covering to verify an identity for lawful purposes.

d. While communicating with an individual who is deaf or hearing impaired or has a disability, medical condition, or mental health condition that makes communication with that individual while wearing a face covering difficult, provided that social distancing is maintained to the extent possible between persons who are not members of the same household.

e. When an individual is alone, including when alone in an office, a room, a cubicle with walls that are higher than face level when social distancing is maintained, a vehicle, or the cab of heavy equipment or machinery, or an enclosed work area. In such situations, the individual should still carry a face covering to be prepared for person-to-person interactions and to be used when no longer alone.

f. When a public safety worker is actively engaged in a public safety role, including but not limited to law enforcement, firefighters, or emergency medical personnel, in situations where wearing a face covering would seriously interfere in the performance of their public safety responsibilities.

Handwashing

Basic infection prevention measures are being implemented at our workplaces at all times. Employees are instructed to wash their hands for at least 20 seconds with soap and water frequently throughout the day, but especially at the beginning and end of their shift, prior to any mealtimes and after using the toilet. All customers and visitors to the workplace will be required to wash or sanitize their hands prior to or immediately upon entering the facility. Hand-sanitizer dispensers (that use sanitizers of greater than 60% alcohol) are at entrances and locations in the workplace so they can be used for hand hygiene in place of soap and water, as long as hands are not visibly soiled.

Respiratory etiquette: Cover your cough or sneeze

Employees, customers and visitors are being instructed to cover their mouth and nose with their sleeve or a tissue when coughing or sneezing and to avoid touching their face, in particular their mouth, nose and eyes, with their hands. They should dispose of tissues in provided trash receptacles and wash or sanitize their hands immediately afterward. Respiratory etiquette will be demonstrated on posters and

supported by making tissues and trash receptacles available to all employees, customers and visitors. These instructions and reminders will be communicated through email to employees and by signs posted in our facilities.

Social distancing

Social distancing of six feet will be implemented and maintained between employees, customers and visitors in the workplace through the following engineering and administrative controls:

- Employees will be required to work from home if they can and/or are allowed to work flexible hours, staggered shifts and additional shifts to reduce the number of employees in the workplace at one time.

- Signage, markings and instructions for employees, customers, and visitors with information about social distancing will be posted.

- Glass Barriers have been built to limit face to face interaction with the public. Cloth masks have been supplied to staff. Face shields are available to staff.

- Work stations will be spaced to increased distance between employees. If possible, personal protective equipment, phones, pens, computer equipment, desks, cubicles, workstations, offices or other personal work tools and equipment will not be shared and, if used by more than one person, cleaned and disinfected between users.

- Meetings will be limited to 10 individuals in a space where attendees can socially distance. If they are not able to meet those standards, they shall conduct a virtual meeting.

- Riding in or sharing of vehicles will be reduced as much as possible.

- The public will only be allowed access to all county buildings by appointment and will be screened prior to entering the building. Appointments will be spaced out to meet all occupancy requirements.

Cleaning, disinfection, and ventilation

Regular housekeeping practices are being implemented, including routine cleaning and disinfecting of work surfaces, equipment, tools and machinery, and areas in the work environment, including restrooms, break rooms, and meeting rooms. Frequent cleaning and disinfecting will be conducted in high-touch areas, such as phones, keyboards, touch screens, controls, door handles, elevator panels, railings, copy machines, etc. Sanitization spray and/or wipes will be used to disinfect all of the areas described above. The high traffic areas will be cleaned throughout the day by maintenance staff and employees will be required to sanitize their own work areas. If an employee, customer, or visitor is diagnosed with COVID-19 Steam Matic will be contracted to disinfect their work area.

Appropriate and effective cleaning and disinfectant supplies have been purchased and are available for use in accordance with product labels, safety data sheets and manufacturer specifications and are being used with required personal protective equipment for the product. The maximum amount of fresh air is being brought into the workplace, air recirculation is being limited and ventilation systems are being properly used and maintained.

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Communications and training

This COVID-19 Preparedness Plan was communicated emailed/ and or handed to all employees [date] and necessary training was provided. Additional communication and training will be ongoing emails or handouts and provided to all employees who did not receive the initial training. Instructions will be communicated to customers and visitors about: how services will be provided in a safe manner. Customers and visitors will also be advised not to enter the workplace if they are experiencing symptoms or have contracted COVID-19. Signs will be posted on all entrances and public information will be posted on our website. Department Heads and supervisors are to monitor how effective the program has been implemented. Management and employees are to work through this new program together and update the training as necessary. This COVID-19 Preparedness Plan has been certified by the Marshall County Board of Commissioners and was posted throughout the workplace [date]. It will be updated as necessary.

Communications and instructions for customers

Customers to Marshall County buildings will be conducted by appointment only. Customers will need to contact each county office to set up an appointment to be allowed into county buildings. During the call employees will go through a screening procedure list with the customer. Customers will also be advised not to enter the workplace if they are experiencing symptoms or have contracted COVID-19. It will be recommended that all customers wear masks to their appointments and follow proper handwashing guidelines. Each customer will be escorted, while meeting social distancing standards, into and out of the building. Signs will be posted on all entrances and public information will be posted on our website. Supervisors are to monitor how effective the program has been implemented. Employees are to work through this new program together and update the requirements as necessary.

This COVID-19 Preparedness Plan has been certified by the Marshall County Board of Commissioners. It will be updated as necessary. Certified by: Ken Borowicz, Marshall County Board of Commissioners Chair

Charger's Summer Baseball wraps up for the season



Small Fries finished with a 5-2 record despite only having 7 players on the team.



The Midgets were 5-1, and many of the younger players played up a level or two to help out the team. Photos courtesy of Andrew Sundberg



The Pee Wees had a 6-1 record and were undefeated until their last game.

Goodridge Class of 2010



Trent and Ashley Nerhus hosted Trent's 10-year class reunion at their house over the weekend. Back row, L-R: Tim Nelson, Prestan Marquis, Adrian Prestbak, TJ Jones and Trent Nerhus. Front row: Heather Phelps, Rachel (Hanson) Jaeger and Kylie (Johnson) Haugen. Not pictured: Merrit Olson and Courtney Jones.

Photo courtesy of Ashley Nerhus