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In this issue ... Fall Fancy Work Sales this Saturday around the area - check out page 2.

VP's from Machinewell travel to Chicago



L-R: Bryan Dougherty, Tonia Haack and Eric Dougherty are pictured with their sales rep and new mill from DN Solutions (Doosan). This mill will replace an older unit and should arrive on site in the next 8 weeks.
Photo courtesy of Tonia Haack

Bryan Dougherty, Vice President of Sales (Engineering Manager); Tonia Haack, Vice President of Finance, and Eric Dougherty, Vice President of Sales (Research & Development), traveled to Chicago, Illinois, last week where they were the customer over the course of their trip.

The three attended a variety of shows. The first one was DMG Mori Technology Days. Haack said this company has next-level machines that the Grygla team was eager to learn more about. "Once we become ISO Certified, which we are hoping to be by the end of 2022, we can get into a different level of customers that require this certification and could potentially create a need for this type of machine," she shared.

The 2nd Chicago-based machine show brought with it a big purchase for Machinewell, Inc. Haack explained, "We purchased a mill from DN Solutions (Doosan) for our R&D Building. This will

replace an older unit and should arrive in the next 8 weeks. We also took time to visit our ERP booth. After a lengthy discussion with an end user out of Mississippi, and a sales rep, we decided a trip to Colorado for their convention will hopefully be in our future for more learning this fall!" Another booth the group visited had an automated coolant system, based out of MN. Machinewell received a quote from them earlier this year and have listed it as a potential improvement for 2023!

Recapping their trip east, Haack concluded, "Chicago is unique and fun but we are always happy to see Grygla at the end of our trips. A lot of community members and businesses reached out with their congratulations after our latest article went out in EnterpriseMN and for that we appreciate where Machinewell is located and will always see it as an advantage!"



Ashlynn Solberg returned to the Goodridge Cafe as the head cook and waitress. *Photo courtesy of Roxann Coan*

Goodridge Café reopens

The Goodridge Café reopened last week. It's run by Goodridge Cenex with Ashlynn Solberg returning to do the cooking and waitressing. Anissia Boutain from the Cenex gas station will be on call to help when needed. The Café is open Monday through

Friday from 6am-2pm.

Senior Meals

The Goodridge Café and the Goodridge Area Development invite you out for Senior Meals at the Goodridge Café every Tuesday from 11am-1pm (or until gone) for ages 60+ with a cost of \$6.99.

Scandinavian entertainment at the Grygla Library

The Grygla Library hosted Ross Sutter and Art Bjornjeld at the Grygla Community Center last week where multiple folks from the Senior Citizens Club and the Red Hats took in the entertainment.

Art and Ross presented a program of Scandinavian music with a few jokes and humorous stories added in for a show that appealed to the whole audience. They have done thousands of shows around the Midwest, across the country, and in Scandinavia, performing both solo and with other groups at festivals, libraries, churches, schools, museums, weddings, funerals and Art's specialty—

lutefisk dinners.

For the past few years, they have been playing together and have been featured at Nisswa-stämman, the American Swedish Institute, the Nordic Music Festival and the Scandinavian Festival in Kodiak, Alaska.

Their shows include a wide variety of selections and a bit of history of Scandinavian music halls that were prevalent around the Midwest in the late 19th and early 20th century. Art's family was active in playing for dances and other performances for the Scandinavian immigrant population while Ross's background is in church and children's music.



Photos by Grygla Eagle Newspaper



Chargers Fall Trap season is here



Grygla Trap will be shooting on Sundays and started this week. The schedule is as follows:

Sunday, September 18th was practice/reserve score. 12:00-3:00pm.

Sunday, September 25th is Competition week 1. 12:00-3:00pm.

Sunday, October 2nd is Competition week 2. 12:00-3:00pm.

Sunday, October 9th is Com-

petition week 3. 12:00-3:00pm.

Sunday, October 16th is Competition week 4. 12:00-3:00pm.

MEA weekend is Thursday, October 20th, to Sunday, October 23rd.

Sunday, October 23rd is Competition week 5. 12:00-3:00pm.

If you have any questions, call Head Coach Kenny Lunsetter at 218-686-4400. *Photo courtesy of Destiny Brown*

Grygla City Council approves August Minutes

The September meeting of the City Council was held at the Grygla Civic Building on Monday, September 12th. Council members approved the August minutes, which are included below. Official minutes are taken by Grygla City Clerk and recapped by Eagle Editor. For the full version, including receipts & disbursements, visit www.grygla.govoffice2.com

The regular meeting on August 8th was called to order at 7pm at the Civic Building by Mayor Mosher with the following council members present: Gavin Nordby, Lindsay Oslund (by phone), Devin Ruud and Karla Byklum. Absent: None. Also present was Rose Aune and Crystelle Philipp from Hoffman, Phillip, & Martell, LLC.

Council approved minutes, along with receipts, disburse-

ments, checking, savings & total balances for that month. The payment of all bills was also approved. Other items included:

FIRE HYDRANT BY COOP STORE

Tabled until Spring 2023.

COMMUNITY CENTER
Council approved having Concrete Design out of TRF do the CC flooring for \$29,115.

LAGOON REPAIRS
Municipal Service Co., Inc. will repair the outlet structure where there is a sink hole at the lagoon for \$16,100.

PARK BATHROOMS
Rose is to check with the school to see if they would go half on fixing up the bathrooms by the football field.

WATER TOWER

There were some changes that the engineers needed to make on the PER and will get

back to USDA on that.

PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT

Ruud got a group of volunteers to help with setting up the equipment. They got it almost finished. Need to get some fill underneath for safety.

2021 FINANCIAL REPORT
Crystelle Philipp was present to present the audit report. Council approved the 2021 Financial Audit Report.

FALL FEST ROSTER
Council approved the Fall Fest 2022 schedule.

JCC'S LIQUOR LICENSE FOR FF

Council approved the liquor license for JCC's to serve at FF.

PICKLE BALL COURT
Rose is to check with the Oberg Fence Co. to see if they would paint the lines for pickle ball by the tennis net and fill some cracks in the court.

MEAL ALLOTMENT

Council voted to raise the meal allotment for traveling to \$15 for breakfast, \$18 for lunch, and \$25 for supper.

SIREN

Rose got information from Warren FD on their new siren system. That will be given to Chief Thompson to get storm/fire sirens working again. Council voted to proceed with installation.

FEMA REIMBURSEMENT
Rose will be going to a meeting at the courthouse to see what the next steps are for reimbursement.

BUDGET MEETING
Meeting is scheduled for August 31st at 6pm to go over the 2023 budget.

EXTRA MEETINGS
There were no extra meetings.

• CHURCH CALENDARS

GRYGLA LUTHERAN PARISH
Grace and Our Savior's, Grygla
Vicar Marilyn Grafstrom
Recorded services will play on Garden Valley channel 36 on Wednesdays 7pm and Sundays 9am & 7pm.
Wednesday, Sept. 21
No Bible Study, 6pm Grace Choir
Saturday, Sept. 24
OS Fancywork Sale 6:30pm
Sunday, Sept. 25
OS: 9am Worship
Grace: 10:30am Worship

GOODRIDGE AREA LUTHERAN PARISH, ELCA
Bethany, Ekelund, Faith Pastor Kristin Dahlen Ostercamp
Sunday services are broadcast on GVTV Channel 36 on Wednesdays at 9am and 6:30pm.
Sunday, Sept. 25
Faith: 8am Worship
Bethany: 9:30am Worship w/ 7pm Council Meeting
Ekelund: 11am Worship w/ 11:45 Council Meeting

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: N/A

BETHESDA LUTHERAN CHURCH Skime
Pastor Steve Bliss
Sundays
8am Worship w/ 9am SS

UNITED LUTHERAN PARISH Gatzke
Pastor Tim Lundeen
Sundays
8:30am Worship

CLEARWATER LUTHERAN PARISH
St. Petri – Grygla; Mt. Olive, Nazareth – Trail; Oak Park – Oklee
Pastor Jeff Merseth
Saturday, Sept. 24
Mt. Olive Worship 9am
Sunday, Sept. 25
St. Petri: 8am Worship, 9:15am SS
Oak Park: 8:45am SS, 9:45am Worship
Nazareth: 10am SS, 11am Worship
Wednesday, Sept. 28
Wednesday School 5-7pm
6:30pm Vespers

Please send calendars to grygla.eagle@gmail.com

Community Calendar

Wed | Sept 21
Senior Meals at Grain Bin Café 11am; Grygla Library open 2-6pm; FB/VB practice in Goodridge

Thurs | Sept 22
JV VB vs. Warroad in Goodridge 3:30pm; Varsity to follow vs. Warroad (approx. 5pm); JH FB vs. Roseau in Goodridge 4:45; Varsity FB vs. WAO in Goodridge 7pm (Parent's Night)

Fri | Sept 23
VB A.M. practice in Grygla for JV/V; Senior Meals at Grain Bin Café 11am; JH VB practice after school; FB practice in Goodridge

Sat | Sept 24
Grygla/Gatzke Food Shelf open 8-10:30am; Our Savior's Fancy Work Sale 6:30pm

Sun | Sept 25

Mon | Sept 26
Senior Meals at Grain Bin Café 11am; JH VB vs. RLCC in Plummer; JV/V practice in Goodridge; JH/JV FB at WAO; V FB practice in Goodridge

Tues | Sept 27
VB vs. SH in Goodridge; FB practice in Goodridge

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Fancy Work Sales

Our Savior's Lutheran Church in rural Grygla – Saturday, September 24th, at 6:30pm. Live auction: all types of handmade items including quilts, rugs, dishtowels, baked goods, candy and garden produce. Everyone is welcome to come join in the fun. Refreshments following the sale.
Bethesda Lutheran Church of Skime is having their Fancywork Auction & Bake Sale on **Saturday, September 24th.** The bake sale is at 6pm with the auction at 6:30pm. Handmade quilts, embroidered items, other crafts, jams, bars, flatbread, etc. Lunch will be served after the auction. There will also be a variety of prizes available that evening, sponsored by the Ladies Aid; tickets can be purchased that night for the prizes.

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Homecoming week update

A note from the Grygla School regarding the upcoming Charger's Homecoming. We could not get officials to cover our football game on 10/7, which is also Homecoming. We've had to move the FB game vs. LOW to 10/6. However, on 10/6, we had our Homecoming VB game scheduled against KCC in Goodridge. We have had to move that to Monday, 10/3.
The Homecoming Dance will still be in Grygla on Friday, 10/7. We are working out some plans to have "something" for the communities and students prior to the dance, since there is no game that night. We will keep you updated. Thank you!
Monday, October 3rd
10:30 Goodridge Coronation
2:00 Grygla Coronation
4:00 7th Grade VB vs. KCC @ Goodridge
5:00 8th and C VB vs. KCC
6:00 JV VB vs. KCC, followed by V (Homecoming and Pink Out game)
Tuesday, October 4th
VB @ Clearbrook-Gonvick (Times TBD)
FB Practice @ Grygla
Wednesday, October 5th
VB and FB Practice @ Grygla
Thursday, October 6th
5:00 JH FB vs. LOW @ Grygla
6:00 Merchants Tailgate
7:00 V FB vs. LOW @ Grygla (Homecoming and Pink Out game)
Friday, October 7th
Homecoming Dance @ Grygla @ 9:00

Sign up for fall color alerts
Labor Day may mark the end of summer, but the Great Minnesota Outdoor Adventure continues year-round! Next up: FALL COLORS. The bright gold and red of the changing leaves are a must-see event. Sign up for fall color alerts via email or text: mndnr.gov/fall-colors

Lions Club Meeting

The Grygla Lion's Club will be meeting on Wednesday, September 21st, at the Grain Bin Café. Supper is on your own at 6pm with the meeting to follow at 7pm.

Congratulations to Principal Carlson

Goodridge Principal Becky Carlson has received the honor of being chosen for the 2022 Aspire Region TRIO Achiever Award. This award is presented to an individual in the Aspire region, which includes all of North Dakota (including the UND TRIO program which services Goodridge School), South Dakota, Colorado, Montana, Utah and Wyoming. Photo courtesy of Goodridge School



The Marshall County Highway Department is currently accepting applications for the following full-time positions:

Survey Crew Leader
Primary duties include highway/bridge design and construction surveying and inspection, AutoCAD Civil 3D, other computer applications, and applicable engineering duties. A diploma or AAS degree in Civil Engineering Technology or related field from an accredited post-secondary institution or equivalent training and experience is preferred but not required.
Applications are available on the Marshall County website (http://www.co.marshall.mn.us/) and at the Highway Department office, 447 So. Main, Warren, MN 56762.
Pay range is set by the County Board, depending on experience from \$23.71 to \$32.09, plus \$0.71/hour hazard pay. This position is open until filled.

Engineering Technician I & II
Primary duties include highway/bridge design and construction inspection, AutoCAD and other computer applications, and other applicable engineering technician duties. Job related experience and/or Civil Engineering Technology degree is preferred, but not required.
Applications are available on the Marshall County website (http://www.co.marshall.mn.us/) and at the Highway Department office, 447 So. Main, Warren, MN 56762.
Pay range is set by the County Board, depending on experience.
Engineering Technician I: \$22.63 to \$30.44, plus \$0.71/hour hazard pay
Engineering Technician II (Certified): \$23.71 to \$32.09, plus \$0.71/hour hazard pay
This position is open until filled.

Northern Lights fishing report

Written by Ben Kucera
On this week's report hunting is in full swing. My apologies for not having a report for a while, about 2 months. Life's been busy and really haven't heard much of a fishing report. Goose hunting opened up the beginning of September and I've been on the grind chasing them. I have had a pretty successful early season that had now ended Sunday.
I'm left in wonder on how time flies, as another season comes and goes, and the camaraderie creating memorable hunts. Overall we ended with 89 geese and 2 bands. I get the week to recover and back at it as the duck season starts Saturday.
The archery season, sandhill crane season, and grouse season started last Saturday, as well. I saw a sharp tail grouse - that's about it - still too many mosquitoes and foliage for me to hit the woods yet.
As far as fishing goes, Lake of the Woods is starting to heat up. Any technique has been working in 20' or less of water. The walleyes are starting to move in shallow chasing the shiner run, and fishing is only going to get better as fall turns to winter, which is hard to think about.
Good luck with any of your upcoming outdoors adventures and stay safe.
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.



Marshall County Sheriff's Office Press Release

On September 13, 2022, the Marshall County dispatch received a 911 call about a single car accident on Marshall County 6, eight miles east of Middle River, MN. When deputies arrived on scene, they observed a male laying outside the vehicle. The vehicle had struck a power line pole.
The driver of the vehicle, Devin Johnson, was transported by ambulance to Sanford Hospital in Thief River Falls, MN. There was smell of alcohol on Mr. Johnson. Deputies did search warrant for alcohol blood test on Mr. Johnson. Devin Guy Johnson was charged with Felony First Degree DWI.

Printing correction

In the obituary of Rev. Donley Hesse, who passed away on May 21st, 2022, the name of his sister, Daphne Hesse Krueger, was omitted. She is the only survivor of the family. Daphne is living in Minneapolis, where all her children also live.

• LETTER TO THE EDITOR

UNDERFUNDED MENTAL HEALTH AND ADDICTION SERVICES
Decades of failed mental health policies have placed law enforcement on the front line of mental health crisis response and turned jails and prisons into the new asylums. Deinstitutionalization, treatment laws demanding a person become violent before intervention, discriminatory Federal Medicaid funding policies and the prolonged failure by states to fund their mental health systems drive those in need of care into the criminal justice and corrections systems, rather than into the public health system where they belong.
While many states attempt to divert people from jail if their crimes are the product of mental illness, diversion alone cannot address policies making the care of those with mental illness a law enforcement matter rather than a medical one. Criminalizing mental illness worsens the health of hundreds of thousands of people and complicates their recovery by creating additional barriers in housing, employment and education. It burdens law enforcement and correctional systems. In the process, it costs taxpayers millions of dollars. Nobody benefits, everybody loses.
Community-based mental health care encompasses a wide variety of programs and services designed to meet local needs. These programs and services are delivered primarily by community agencies and are designed to serve the most vulnerable and those with serious mental health issues. Some of these programs and services include detox units, behavioral health (psychiatric) units, and crisis centers (complete with fully staffed mental health mobile crisis intervention teams).
State and Federal policy makers have lost insight regarding their constituents' needs, especially those living with mental health or addiction issues. Community-based programs and services in many areas of the state are understaffed, underfunded and lack the resources necessary to provide quality services to those living with mental health or addiction issues. How many more people need to suffer needlessly with mental health issues, die by overdose, alcohol related accidents, or suicide?
Your help and your voice is needed so that mental health and addiction programs and services are available to all who need them and when they need them. I would like to hear your views and opinions on these issues. I may be reached at gotahavehope38@gmail.com or by letter to 559 W Broadway St., Winona, MN 55987.
Respectfully Submitted,
Mark Jacobson
Peer Support Specialist
Winona, MN
507-703-8159

FINAL ASSESSMENT
Please join us in a retirement celebration honoring
RUSS STEER
September 28th 2022
Wednesday | 1-4 pm | Marshall County Courthouse Meeting Room 1
208 East Colvin Avenue, Warren, MN
G26-27C

Flu Shot Clinic dates

North Valley Public Health will be offering Flu Shot Clinics on the following dates:
Oslo Community Center:
Tuesday, September 27th from 12 pm-1 pm
Grygla Community Center:
Thursday, September 29th from 12 pm-1:30 pm
Warren Community Center:
Tuesday, October 4th from 1 pm-3 pm
Argyle Community Center:
Wednesday, October 5th from 9 am-11 am
Strandquist Community Center:
Wednesday, October 5th from 2 pm-3 pm
Alvarado Community Center:
Friday, October 7th from 11 am-12 pm
Stephen Community Center:
Tuesday, October 11th from 12 pm-2 pm
Holt Church:
Tuesday, October 18th from 11 am-12 pm
Middle River Manor Apartments Community Room:
Tuesday, October 18th from 12 pm-2 pm
Newfolden Community Center:
Wednesday, October 19th from 10 am-12 pm
Viking Community Center:
Thursday, October 20th from 11:30 am-12:30 pm
Those with Medicare, Medical Assistance or Blue Plus can be billed. For those not insured with the plans listed, the cost is \$30 per person due at appointment. Please stay home if you feel sick. Bivalent COVID-19 Boosters will also be available at these clinics at no cost. Please call North Valley Public Health at: 218-745-5154 to schedule an appointment.

4H meeting next week

The Grygla Go-Getters will be holding their 4H meeting on September 28th at 6:30pm at the Grygla School Cafeteria. Colette Brobst & Katie Brobst will be providing a small snack.



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Szczepanski Family recognized as a 2022 ‘U of M Farm Family’

(Submitted) The Szczepanski family of Stephen, MN, has been named Marshall County's "2022 Farm Family of the Year" by the University of Minnesota.

The Szczepanski family farm in northwest Minnesota was first purchased by Keith's grandparents, Alex and Sophie, in 1936. The couple lived on the farm raising three children. The family also raised livestock, grains and potatoes. In 1964, they retired and moved to Argyle. Keith's parents, Alen and Gail, purchased the farm two years later and discontinued the livestock. The couple raised six children: Patti, Keith, Lynn, Vicky, Brian and Darren. Keith graduated in 1984 from Stephan High School and started farming with his father. Keith's brother, Lynn, joined the operation in 1992 after graduating from East Grand Forks Area Vocational Technical Institute with a degree in mechanics.

The family currently farms about 2,000 acres of seed potatoes, wheat, soybeans and canola.

Keith married Stacy Bergeron after she graduated from MSU. They have three boys: Kalen is a journeyman for Right Choice Electric; Kyler graduated from North Dakota State University with a degree in wildlife resource management, and Kole is currently in an electrical apprenticeship program. Stacy is an Early

Childhood Home Visitor with Northwest Community Action.

Over the years, all family members have worked on the farm, especially at potato harvest. Alen is still involved in the farming operation along with Keith and Lynn. Kole just started to farm some land last year.

Keith has been a member of the Stephen Volunteer Fire Department for 21 years. He currently serves as a manager on the Middle-Snake-Tamarac Rivers Watershed District. Stacy served on the Early Childhood Family Education board and the First Lutheran Church of Stephan's board of directors.

The families will be officially recognized in a ceremony Thursday, August 4th, at the annual Farmfest near Redwood Falls, Minn. Profiles of the 2022 honorees and information on the recognition event can be found on the University's farm family website, <https://extension.umn.edu/farm-families>.

Honored families are chosen, one per county, by local University of Minnesota Extension committees based on their demonstrated commitment to their communities and to enhancing and supporting agriculture.

"These farm families are a major driver of Minnesota's economy and the vitality of Minnesota's rural communities," said Bev Durgan, dean of the University of Minnesota



Extension. "The University of Minnesota is proud to recognize these farm families for their contributions to agriculture and their communities." Along with Farmfest, University units sponsoring the recognition event include the University of Minnesota Extension, Minnesota Agricultural Experiment Station, the College of Food, Agricultural and Natural Resource Sciences, and the College of Veterinary Medicine.



Volleyball action shots from last week's home games



GG vs. Roseau

Chargers vs. Rams in Grygla on Thursday, September 15th.

GG 3, Roseau 1 (23-25, 32-30, 28-26, 25-20)

GG

Caitlyn Jacobson: digs 25, assists 4, kills 14, blocks 3; Sadie Anderson: ace 1, digs 14, kills 18, blocks 1; Chesney Salo: ace 2, digs 16, assists 44, kills 6; Molly Cullen: digs 11, kills 9

Congrats on the 1st victory over Roseau in 12 years!



GG vs. BGMR

Chargers vs. Gators in Grygla on Monday, September 12th.

GG 0, BGMR 3 (12-25, 12-25, 12-25)

GG

Caitlyn Jacobson: kills 10, digs 12, blocks 2; Sadie Anderson: kills 7, digs 8, blocks 1; Chesney Salo: assists 18

BGMR

Riley Gust: kills 8, blocks 3; Kinsley Hanson: kills 7, ace 1; Kenzie Dahl: kills 6, ace 1; Cassie Dahl: assists 25, kills 4, blocks 1, ace 1

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

Ersatz

Adjective

Serving as a substitute; synthetic; artificial.

Er-Zahts, -sahts\

Food Shelf news

Submitted by Cheryl Sistad

The Grygla-Gatzke Food Shelf will be open on Saturday, September 22, from 8-10am. (Located in the Motel 89 building.) Recent statistics show that food prices have risen 13% or \$460.00 per month for an average family. If you are experiencing a shrinking food

budget, the food shelf is here to help. Even if you just need temporary help for a month or two, or need to stretch your budget to cover other expenses, the food shelf can help you close that gap. No preregistration needed, just show up to the food shelf on Saturday.

• OF INTEREST

Warroad will be home to a new arts, culture and event center

(Submitted) Inspired by a purpose-driven mission, River Place will become a welcoming place for everyone and a way of life that will promote inspired living through creative expression, art education, human connectedness, and appreciation for beauty throughout the entire Warroad area community. The new River Place facility will be built in the greenspace lot along the banks of the Warroad River along Highway 11 and targeted for completion spring of 2024.

In October 2021, a strong and strategic Board of Directors was formed to guide and govern River Place, a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. The Board felt it was paramount to recruit an experienced Executive Director to see that this mission comes to life, to engage with the community and to establish a strong operational and programming plan.

It is with great pleasure for the River Place Board of Directors to announce that the organization's first ever Executive Director will be John Davis.

the top 100 small arts towns in America. At New York Mills, John also created the Great American Think-Off philosophy competition and the Kids Philosophy Slam program, both of which continue to this day.

John is passionate about small town America and has devoted his life to helping rural communities transform themselves into arts and culture champions. He has been a Bush Fellow as well as a Senior Policy Fellow with the Rural Policy Research Institute. Mr. Davis is also a national Resource Team member with the National Endowment for the Arts' Our Town Program, helping rural communities use arts and creativity to solve local challenges and drive sustainable economic development. John is a national speaker on rural arts issues, and his work has been featured on National Public Radio and broadcast on C-SPAN. John has also been featured in USA Today, The New York Times, and the NBC Today Show.

The River Place Human Resources Committee was very impressed with John throughout the interview process. Board Chair, Paul Marvin said, "The Human Resources Committee exceeded expectations and identified a well-respected and seasoned Executive Director. John Davis brings a depth of experience that we never could have imagined. With John's expertise, River Place will be off to an excellent start and he is fully endorsed by our Board of Directors."

John will officially begin his role as Executive Director on September 19th. Upon learning about his appointment Davis said, "I am honored to have been selected as the first Executive Director of River Place in Warroad. I am very excited to be a part of this big vision for arts, culture, community engagement and growth."

For more information about River Place, contact Brenda Baumann, River Place Board President.

2022 Red River Valley Outstanding Farm Leaders for Marshall County

(Submitted) Red River Valley Development Association has named Neil and Leslie Widner as their 2022 Red River Valley Outstanding Farm Leaders for Marshall County.

served on various local boards including the school board, church boards, and elevator board. In addition, Neil has served on the RRV Sugar Beet Growers board, The American Sugarbeet Growers board, the Sugar Association board and the board of directors for American Crystal Sugar Company. They say, "We believe that our greatest gift in life has been our five children and fourteen grandchildren and that is now where we like to focus most of our extra time."

When asked to share their agricultural background Neil and Leslie stated that their farming operation consists of raising sugar beets, wheat, soybeans and sunflowers. They are currently transitioning the farming operation to one of their sons.

Leslie has been a homemaker, a partner in the farming operation, as well as a church pianist and piano teacher. She is also the former choir director at Heritage Christian School in Karlstad, MN.

Beyond the farm, Neil has

Congratulations to Neil and Leslie Widner and thank you for enriching Marshall County through agriculture and your local and regional community service.





Chargers vs. Patriots



A friend of Alyssa Nelson's, Joe, who traveled from the cities, took these photos of the Chargers football game in Erskine last Friday night. Joe took hundreds of photos at the game and made the trip free of charge. He got some really great action shots of the Goodridge-Grygla win!



Chargers over Patriots last Friday

GG 29, WEM 12
Passing: Blake Rychlock 2/4 11 yds
Rushing: Matt Busse 12/114/2 TDs; Blake Rychlock 10/63/1 TD; Lewis Jones 10/47; Kehan Nelson 8/54/1 TD
Receiving: Lewis Jones 1/7; Dane Arveson 1/4
Defense: Elliot Philipp 10 tackles, Tre Alten 8, Lewis Jones 7/1 Interception; Dane Arveson 6/1 Fumble Recovery; Blake Rychlock 7, Kehan Nelson 6
Scoring 1st Quarter
GG - Blake Rychlock 25 yd run (Dane Arveson kick)
GG - Matt Busse 70 yd run (Arveson kick)
GG - Busse 20 yd run (Arveson kick)

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2nd Quarter
WEM - Jonas Spry 13 yd run (run failed)
3rd Quarter
WEM - Spry 14 yd run (pass failed)
4th Quarter
GG - Kehan Nelson 5 yd run (Lewis Jones pass to Nelson)
Coach's comments: Charger's football team defeat Win-E-Mac 29 to 12 on a drizzly Friday night, using all facets of the game. Offense, defense & special teams play. The Chargers offense exploded to three first quarter touchdowns off of the play calling of offensive coach Mike Gast. With a touchdown run by Blake Rychlock

and two by Matt Busse. This put the Patriots on their heels. As we knew the Patriots would not go down without a fight. Scoring a touchdown just before half, leaving the score 21 to 6.
The second half, the Chargers relied on their defense to make some big stops & a huge kickoff return by Lewis Jones to bring the momentum back to the Chargers and help set up field position for a 4th quarter touchdown by Kehan Nelson to put the Patriots away.
Now this Thursday night it will be the battle of the undefeated when the Chargers host the Warren-Alvarado-Oslo Ponies in Goodridge at 7pm.

