



Barnesville Is Bringing Families Together

By: LaVonne Redding

The last year has been full of a lot changes in the world. So Kenneth and Pammy Moss thought why not add even more changes by moving.

The couple's move was prompted with their daughter's family choosing Barnesville as their place of residence a few years ago.

With a small grandson residing in Barnesville, and her husband retiring, they felt it was the perfect time to move to be closer to family. Having been born and raised in International Falls, the two made the big transition to Barnesville during a pandemic.

Pammy works from home as a business manager for UnitedHealth Group (UGH). When she has the opportunity, Pammy loves to quilt and do crafts.

Kenneth is retired. He is being productive with his down time by doing one of his favorite hobbies, woodworking in his shop. Along with woodworking, hunting and fishing are a few things he enjoys participating in.

Outdoor activities play a big part

of the Moss' lives. Other outdoor activities they spend their time doing include swimming, snowmobiling and going to their hunting shack.

Having purchased an established residence, the pair have had the opportunity to complete a few updates in their new home. They plan to put in a new deck, and more, this spring.

Moving for the first time in their lives, except the time Ken went off to school, was a challenge that they seem to be handling very well. Hoping the new year brings new adventures and experiences in their new community, Pammy trusts they will be able to establish new friendships when the pandemic is over. So far, meeting their neighbors his one bonus the couple acknowledges, they have all been very nice.

With the emergence of spring, and summer not too far behind, they hope to participate in local events. Especially anticipating the famous Potato Days Festival. Pammy even hopes to join a local sewing or quilting group.



Kenneth and Pammy Moss recently moved to Barnesville to be closer to their daughter and her family who have also made Barnesville their home. Pictured above are, from left, Kenneth, Pammy, their grandson Palmer, daughter Serina and son-in-law Luke Gunnufson.



Finding A Small Town That Feels Like Home

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While searching for a place that feels like home, the Johnsruds found such a place in Barnesville. Brady and Halle Johnsrud are a growing, young family that had hopes of finding a community that reminded them of the small towns they grew up in. Halle is from Glenwood, while Brady grew up in nearby Starbuck.

The proximity to both their jobs was also a requirement for putting down roots. Getting the small-town feel and still only being 20 minutes from Fargo-Moorhead was a plus for the couple. Brady is a nursing home administrator at Eventide in West Fargo. He has been employed there since 2016. Halle teaches kindergarten in Kindred. Among other things, the couple has a few friends and coworkers in the area who had spoken well of the community.

One priority with small children was a good school system. Brady went on to explain that they were excited to see that Barnesville had recently passed a referendum, along with the many updates and resources that are coming to the students.

Being an active family, the couple enjoys going for walks and

just being outdoors. In the summer time, they enjoy going back home to spend time on Lake Minnewaska, allowing them the opportunity to see their families.

Adventure is not far from this family's mind. The couple were able to travel to Italy and the Amalfi Coast for their honeymoon. Halle is usually the planner of family trips, near or far.

Brady is active in several service organizations in West Fargo, where he is employed. Also, he is a high school basketball referee, officiating many local varsity Heart of Lakes Conference contests over the last couple of years.

Enjoying her time outdoors, Halle likes to travel and spending time at the lake on the pontoon. Being the head of the house, she makes sure everything runs smoothly for the family.

Clayton is a fun loving, high energy child, who seems to be learning something new everyday. He plays with his legos, tractors and basketball, all while enjoying listening to Luke Combs.

The Johnsrud's purchased a spec home in the Del Acres/Gilbertson development, so little home

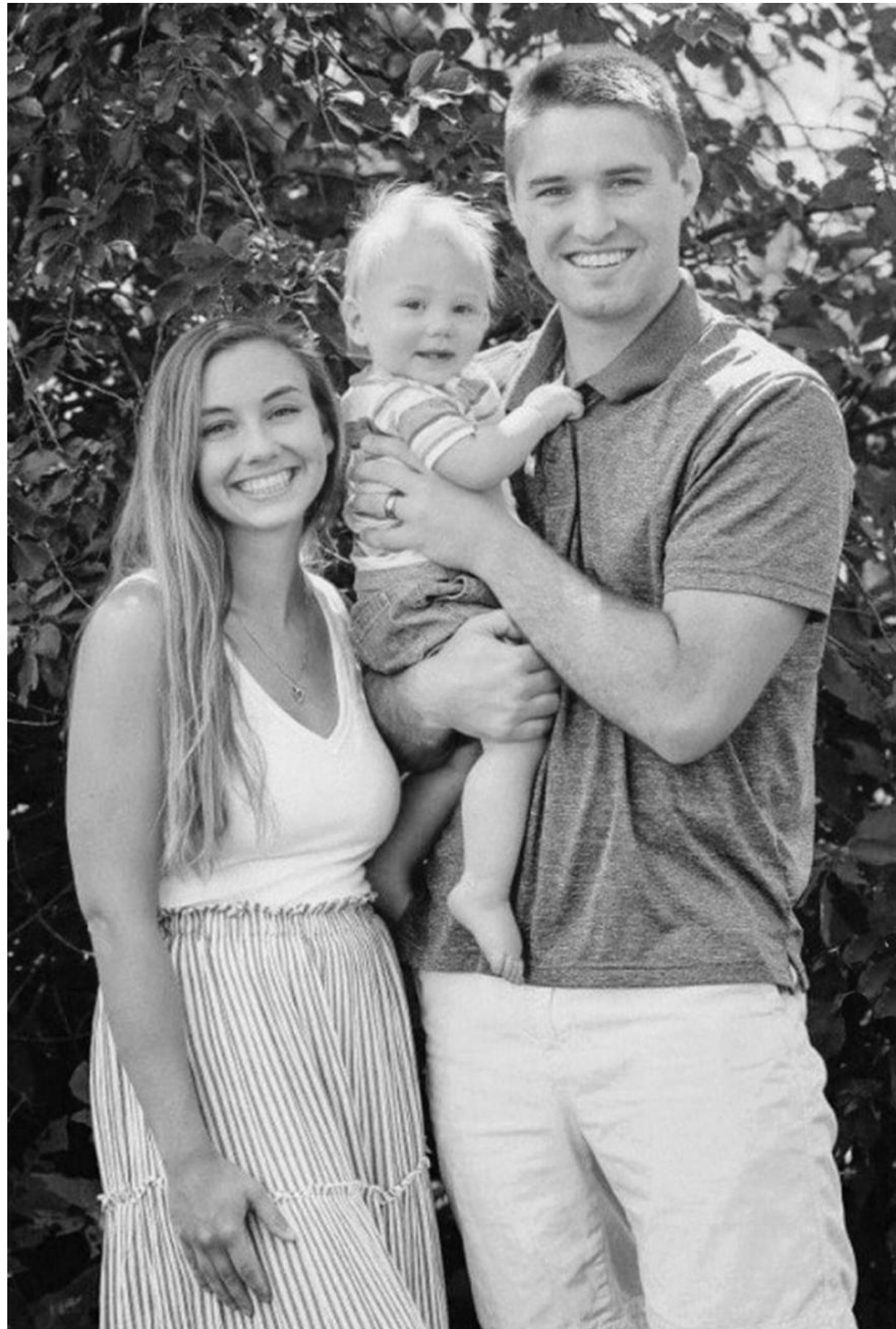
improvements need to be made. They anticipate getting their yard going and building a deck soon.

Another member of the family is their golden retriever named Curry. Moving their pet to Barnesville started off with another kind of adventure they could probably done without.

The first night in their new home, Curry managed to run outside through an open door without being noticed. After searching for a couple of hours before posting it on one of the Barnesville sell sites and within minutes had people texting Brady. Total strangers were asking if they could help look for their dog and any updates.

Eventually, they found out a neighbor just a few houses down had Curry and had put him in their garage until they found the owners. The whole ordeal wrapped up with a happy ending.

Moving during the winter amid a pandemic has obviously made it tougher to meet neighbors and other locals. They're hoping once the weather warms up to be able to meet other families in the area and get neighborhood friends for Clayton to hang out with.



The Johnsrud family of three will be welcoming baby boy number two this summer. Pictured above are Brady and Halle Johnsrud with their son Clayton.

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