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MEET THE LOCALS: KOREY & MARY FRY

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Korey and Mary Fry met in college at M-State in Fergus Falls through a mutual friends.

After they were married, they moved back to Korey's home state of Michigan. They stayed for about a year before returning to Fergus Falls, Mary's hometown.

Upon their return, Korey worked at GNC before taking a job as a sports coordinator and member engagement coordinator at the YMCA. From there he worked at Lakes Country

Academy first as a teaching assistant and then a special education teacher. The school serves at-risk students, and Korey helps prepare them to transition back to general-population schools.

Mary worked in nursing at PioneerCare, Lake Region Healthcare and in-home care. Most recently, she's the director of nursing at PioneerCare.

Wanting to give back and serve the community, Korey is also a member of the Fergus Falls Fire Department. "I always looked up to firemen, just because I knew a few in the neighborhood where I grew up," Korey said.

They're also active volunteers within their church, The Naz. In all of their work, they serve their community in numerous ways. "And that's a big part of our life," Mary said. "We try to find whatever ways we can do that."

Korey has done that with coaching as well. He worked as a defensive coach and then head coach of football at M-State until 2019, before moving on to coach at Hillcrest Lutheran Academy.

Part of their return to Fergus Falls involved their family; they're raising three young children in a city that feels like home. It's a small town but one of those places where they know almost everybody and are able to learn and grow from the people in the community, Korey said.

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