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### Sartell Winter Market set March 3, April 7

Welcome spring with great items for the grill. The Sartell Farmers' Market will be held from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturday, March 3 and April 7 inside Sartell City Hall, 125 Pinecone Road. Some items available this month include the following: meat, eggs, popcorn, treats, breads and much more. Learn about what is new for the 2018 summer season.

### Applications due April 1 for S-STEM scholarship

St. Cloud State University and St. Cloud Technical & Community College are accepting applications for the National Science Foundation S-STEM scholarship for incoming Pell-Eligible students interested in studying in science, technology, engineering or technology fields. Students who are planning to attend these schools can apply for the ACCESS S-STEM scholarship of up to \$9,000 per year.

### Earth Day Run seeks volunteers

The CentraCare Earth Day Run, April 20-21, consists of a 5k, 1k, 1/2-marathon race, and a health and fitness expo. Volunteers will be needed Thursday-Saturday, April 19-21. The Earth Day Run has more than 5,000 runners and 10,000 spectators and community visitors.

### Volunteer with animals

With more than 100 animals in their care at any given time, the Tri-County Humane Society needs volunteers. Opportunities range from working hands-on with animals to fostering them in the comfort of your own home. They also need assistance with building/grounds maintenance, clerical duties and fundraising events.

### Food donations needed

Local food shelves are in need of food to help meet the basic needs of families and individuals during the cold winter months. Drop off donations during business hours. Contact the food shelves at: Catholic Charities Emergency Services, 320-229-4560; C.R.O.S.S. Center of Benton County, 320-968-7012; and The Salvation Army, 320-252-4552

**This week's inserts:**  
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photo by Mike Knaak

Children and adults join an activity organized by the Boys and Girls Club with help from Sartell Community Education.

## Community Showcase draws record crowd

by Mike Knaak

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In its first year at the Sartell Community Center, the Community Showcase drew a record crowd Saturday, Feb. 24.

More than 1,800 attended this year's event compared with an average of about 1,300 in past years when the showcase was staged at Sartell Middle School, according to Nikki Sweeter of the Sartell Chamber of Commerce.

The event featured booths from more than 70 local business and organizations, filling the main gym while people on the walking track looked on from above.

"The best part is people are getting to see the community center. The business showcase is

a great family event," said Sonia Nordmann of the Sartell Chamber of Commerce.

"The Sartell chamber utilized the Sartell Community Center for exactly what it was intended to do and that is to bring businesses of Sartell, families of Sartell and our senior citizens together to learn more about each other and celebrate our amazing community," Nordmann said.

Cabin fever, combined with curiosity, attracted a crowd of families.

"We come for the kids' activities and to check out vendors. It's nice to get information about businesses," said Kate Bohn-Gettler. While she and her husband, Chris, watched their 5-year-old daughter burn off some energy playing a parachute activity or-

ganized by the Boys and Girls Club, their 10-month-old slept in a stroller.

Booths and displays featured entertainment geared toward children that included a costumed moose and a bear who posed for pictures while they roamed the hall drumming up business.

Many vendors handed out pencils and Frisbees in addition to brochures and business cards.

While most businesses aimed to connect with new customers, commerce was not the only reason to be there.

"I love that it's a winter break where the community can get out and come together. I like being involved in community offerings that bring people together," said the Rev. Doug Vagle, pastor at The Waters Church.

As people entered the gym, musicians from the Wirth Center for the Performing Arts greeted them. The musicians dressed in capes and masks added to the excitement.

"I get to meet businesses I don't know about and didn't know existed. I see people I know from the school and make connections with them," said Chris Goering, music school executive director. "The showcase gives people a chance to ask about the school in an informal setting. They don't need to make an appointment."

As he greeted visitors stopping by his booth, pastor Vagle observed, "People are cooped up inside and this is an opportunity to get out and be with people."

## Event to help victims of sex trafficking

by Dennis Dalman

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A memorial fundraiser dubbed Denim to Diamonds will raise money for Terebinth Refuge, an organization that is helping victims of sex trafficking in central Minnesota.

The fundraiser will take place starting at 5 p.m. Saturday, March 10 at Grands at Mulligans' event center in Sartell.

The event will include a chicken dinner, a special children's meal, silent auction and live music by Justin & Jason Ploof of The Throwbacks.

Tickets can be purchased online at [www.WWBDinc.org](http://www.WWBDinc.org).

This will be the fifth annual memorial fundraiser of an organization named What Would Bri Do? It was named for BriAnna Kruzel, an 18-year-old Sartell woman who died at home of natural causes Sept. 28, 2013. Her parents, Tami and Randy Kruzel, along with family and friends, decided to start an annual fundraiser in BriAnna's honor because she was an avid volunteer in so many causes, including her favor-

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## Beware of tax refund cyber-crooks

by Dennis Dalman

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As tax season gets busier, cyber-criminals get busier, too, working their identity-theft scams to get people's tax-refund money.

Local law enforcement is warning people to be alert to the latest tax scam. The first sign something crooked is happening is when surprised



Broda

taxpayers notice a tax refund amount in their bank balances, usually one they didn't even file for yet. The crooks try to file the erroneous tax filing well before their victims do. And that is why in the coming weeks, people should be on their guard.

Other than the surprise tax return in the bank from the U.S. Treasury Department, a sure giveaway a scam is afoot is the Internal Revenue Service never ever calls people on the telephone. If anyone gets a call supposedly from the IRS or a collection agency for the

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REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING SARTELL-ST. STEPHEN PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO 748  
JAN. 22, 2018  
DISTRICT SERVICE CENTER BOARD ROOM

The regular school board meeting of Independent School District 748 was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Chair Jason Nies. Members present: Nies; Pamela Raden, clerk; Jeremy Snoberger, treasurer; Mary McCabe, director; Lesa Kramer, director; and Jeff Schwiebert, superintendent. Members absent: Patrick Marushin, director.

A motion was made by McCabe and seconded by Raden to APPROVE THE AGENDA AS PRESENTED.  
All in favor. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Kramer and seconded by Snoberger to APPROVE CONSENT ITEMS A-D AS PRESENTED BELOW. All in favor. Motion carried.

a. Minutes of the regular school board meeting held on Dec. 18, 2017  
Minutes of the board organizational meeting held on Jan. 8, 2018  
Minutes of the board work session held on Jan. 8, 2018

b. Checks in the amount of \$3,386,888.91 as presented:

|                          |              |
|--------------------------|--------------|
| General Fund             | 2,918,920.42 |
| Food Service Fund        | 193,843.77   |
| Transportation Fund      | 122,597.35   |
| Community Service Fund   | 58,968.39    |
| Capital Expenditure Fund | 92,558.98    |

Check numbers 170292 - 170660

Receipts in the amount of \$4,154,054.46 as presented:

|                        |              |
|------------------------|--------------|
| General Fund           | 3,295,449.95 |
| Food Service Fund      | 233,899.42   |
| Transportation Fund    | 3,350.74     |
| Community Service Fund | 47,914.69    |
| Building Fund          | 20,156.65    |
| Debt Service Fund      | 553,283.01   |

Receipts 44087 - 44193

Wire transfers in the amount of \$6,185,903.24 as presented:

|                          |              |
|--------------------------|--------------|
| General Fund             | 806.96       |
| Food Service Fund        | 4,569.32     |
| Community Service Fund   | 899.46       |
| Capital Expenditure Fund | 63,725.00    |
| Debt Service Fund        | 6,115,902.50 |

Wire transfers 201700046-201700056

Building Fund Checks in the amount of \$1,903,497.63 as present-ed:

|               |              |
|---------------|--------------|
| Building Fund | 1,903,497.63 |
|---------------|--------------|

Check numbers 600182 to 600197

c. Accept the following donations:  
Wee Trees Richard and Rosie Warzecha, Pine Meadow Elementary, \$130, general donation; CentraCare Health Foundation, Sartell Middle School Choir, \$200, Holly Ball Performance.

d. Accept the resignation of Jessica Roske, PME, student supervisor, 12/22/17. Accept the retirements of Brenda Braulick, DSC, director of food service, 7/2/18; Dennis Molitor, Transportation, bus driver, 1/31/18; Patricia Ness, DSC/Early Childhood, para, 5/26/18; Tim Schreiber, ORE, kindergarten teacher, 6/1/18; Steve

Wruck, DSC, director of business services, 8/31/18.

Construction Manager Report on Building Process:  
• Project Manager Lee Gruen reported the cold weather has slowed progress, but the timeline for the building remains on schedule. Precast for the gym and theater are complete allowing for roofing to begin. Area three is all decked and area four has continuing steel work progress. The goal of a watertight roof by June 21 remains on schedule. The pilot classroom at the current High School should be ready mid-February.

Superintendent Report: Jeff Schwiebert, superintendent  
• Schwiebert reported the district received a donation of \$2,500 from Luther Honda and reviewed donation procedures with the board. Thanks were expressed for the 20 years of service for pending retirees Director of Business Services Steve Wruck and Director of Food Service Brenda Braulick.

School Board Committee Report:  
• Raden reported on the Communications and Technology Committee highlighting the launch of the new district website.

Student Representative Report: Tristen Nies, student representative  
• Nies reported on happenings around the district. Oak Ridge welcomed halftime for the school year with their video announcement last Friday. Pine Meadow will have Bingo night on Feb. 23 and host Kindergarten round-up for new 2018-2019 kindergarteners. The Middle School will host the spelling bee on Tuesday this week and conferences will be held the following week. The High School finished the second quarter on Jan. 19 with a rigorous final schedule. The Student Council hosted “Cocoa and Cram” to help students get extra help during finals week. Winter activities continue to perform well and the Sabres vs. Cancer fundraiser will begin next week.

Student Activity Account Report:  
• Director of Business Services Steve Wruck reported on the 2017-2018 student activity account.

Enrollment Report:  
• Superintendent Schwiebert reported on the current enroll-

ment numbers for each school.

Community Fundraising for Athletic Complex at New High School Report:  
• Kai Lewis from the Sartell Area Youth Football Association and Jason Smith from the Lacrosse Association presented a community fundraising proposal for enhancing our athletic complex at the new high school.

Media Center/Central Hub Report:  
• Superintendent Schwiebert, Principal Brenda Steve and Assistant Superintendent of Learning Services Kay Nelson presented on how the new Sartell High School will embrace next-generation learning through the design and function of distributed media spaces.

A motion was made by Raden and seconded by McCabe to APPROVE #1-13:

New Employees/Changes:  
Alaina Anderson, SMS, SPED – Level III, \$21,419, BA, S00, .5573 FTE, replacing Kaye Crawford, 1/2/2018; Laura Bakker, SHS, assistant Knowledge Bowl, \$1,686 (4.5 percent), BA, S0 (\$37,473), replacing Tom Ebnet, 11/18/2017; Tracy Christian, ORE, para, \$16.42/hr, RIV, S1, four hours/day, replacing Judy Pohlkamp, 1/2/2018; Karissa Gould, Early Childhood, ECFE, \$26.25/hour, BA, S00, replacing Emily Yule, 1/16/2018; Karissa Gould, Early Childhood, school readiness teacher, \$26.25/hour, BA, S00, replacing Emily Yule, 2/26/2018; Leah Klabo Summerville, SMS, junio high track, \$1,686 (4.5 percent), BA, 0 (\$37,473), replacing Laura Nordby, 3/12/2018; Jeannie Klehr, Transportation, bus driver, \$22.27/hour, Year 1, 4.5 hpurs/day, replacing Dennis Molitor, 2/1/2018; Mary Knellwolf, Early Childhood, para, \$17.68/hour, RIV, S2, 2.83 hours/day (M,T,TH,F), additional assignment/student need, 1/10/2018; Karissa Pi-etron, PME, para, \$16.42/hour, 6.25 hours/day, replacing Mary Knellwolf, 12/19/2017; Aaron Romportl, SMS, seventh-grade baseball, \$1,686 (4.5%), BA, 0 (\$37,473), replacing Dylan Hollenkamp, 3/12/2018.

Leaves of Absence:  
Nichole Perius, ORE, teacher, LOA, 4/15/18-6/1/18; Kris O’Brien, DSC, director of community education, LOA, 3/15/18-4/27/18; Susan Bechtold, ORE, custodian, LOA, 1/8/18-1/23/18.

All in favor. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Snoberger and seconded by McCabe to APPROVE REVISIONS TO POLICIES 202, 205, 206, 208, 209, 210, 533, 620 & 903. All in favor. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Kramer and seconded by McCabe to APPROVE SCHOOL DISTRICT CALENDAR FOR 2018-2019 AS PRESENTED AND TABLE ACTION ON THE SCHOOL DISTRICT CALENDAR FOR 2019-2020 AS PRESENTED. Nies, Raden, Snoberger and Kramer in favor. Nay vote by McCabe. Motion carried.

A motion was made by McCabe and seconded by Snoberger to APPROVE SARTELL-ST. STEPHEN HIGH SCHOOL COURSE CHANGES FOR 2018-2019 SCHOOL YEAR AS PRESENTED. All in favor. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Raden and seconded by Snoberger to APPROVE MEMBERSHIP DUES FOR ST. CLOUD CHAMBER OF COMMERCE FOR THE 2018 CALENDAR YEAR. All in favor. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Kramer and seconded by Snoberger to APPROVE MEMBERSHIP DUES FOR SARTELL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE FOR THE 2018 CALENDAR YEAR. All in favor. Motion carried.

Schedule Work Session and Committee Meetings:  
• Policy Committee Meeting – Monday, Jan. 29 – District Services Center at 6:30 p.m.  
• Operations Committee Meeting – Wednesday, Feb. 7 – District Services Center at 6:30 p.m.  
• Policy Committee Meeting – Monday, Feb. 12 – District Services Center at 6:30 p.m.  
• Board Work Session – Wednesday, Feb. 21 – District Services Center at 6 p.m.  
• Future Board Meeting - Monday, Feb. 26 - District Services Center at 6:30 p.m.

Committees  
• Committee assignments for 2018 were reviewed.

A motion to ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 8:14 p.m. was made by Raden and seconded by Snoberger. All in favor. Motion carried.

/s/ Pamela Raden, clerk

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# Kruzel

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ite – Big Brothers Big Sisters. What Would Bri Do has raised \$32,000 for various organizations and individuals in recent years.

This year, the Kruzels decided to raise funds for Terebinth Refuge and the needs for its transitional-living house, which will open April 2 in Waite Park.

“BriAnna had a learning disability,” said her mother, Tami. “I really feel she would have been vulnerable to some kind of a social media pitch to befriend some guy who would do her harm. That’s because BriAnna loved and cared about everybody. And sex traffickers often use social media to trick young girls and women. For those reasons, we decided to do this fundraiser for Terebinth Refuge.”

Kruzel said there are disturbing headlines in local papers frequently about the horrors of sex trafficking. She and other members of What Would Bri Do said they are all determined to help Terebinth Refuge and the abused women it works with.

Kruzel said she feels a sense of optimism that lots can be done to combat sex trafficking and to help its victims. Her optimism derives from all of the people and agencies she’s met who are working so hard to do something about it: law enforcement, education, social services and others who care deeply.

“There are people coming to the Denim to Diamonds fundraiser from the Twin Cities and as far away as Iowa,” she said. “That’s how much people care. We are super-excited about it.”

After her daughter died, collapsing in her bedroom, Tami Kruzel in the throes of her grief, found herself asking all the time, “What would

BriAnna do if she were still here?” And the answer Tami “heard” was to do something to help make people’s lives better. And that is why she and others started “What Would Bri Do?”

She calls the group her “floatie,” something that keeps her “afloat” day after day.

“If I didn’t have the WWBD organization, I would just drown,” she said. “It gets me out of bed every morning. Other people grieve the death of a child in their own ways. This is my way of grieving and dealing with the loss of my daughter.”

## Needs

There are many needs associated with Terebinth Refuge and its new six-bed capacity for victims of sex trafficking. The organization hopes to expand its services and capacity with the help of many other interconnecting agencies, including law enforcement.

The needs include a social enterprise through which the women can work on developing working skills, finding jobs so the women can help support the transitional-housing costs, a child-care class to assist with parenting classes, onsite daycare, cooking classes, physical-care classes, a holistic wellness program, a security system and arts-and-crafts supplies.

## Ways to help

People and/or businesses can donate items, such as gift certificates, for the March 10 Denim to Diamonds silent auction.

If a donated item needs to be picked up, send an email to [info@WWBDinc.org](mailto:info@WWBDinc.org) or call Tami Kruzel at 320-492-4691.

A donation can be mailed to WWBD Inc., 334 Pine Ridge Road, Sartell, Minn. 56377. Write the check to WWBD Inc. Donations are tax-deductible.

*If you have a tip concerning a crime, call the Sartell Police Department at 320-251-8186 or Tri-County Crime Stoppers at 320-255-1301, or access its tip site at [www.tricountycrimestoppers.org](http://www.tricountycrimestoppers.org). Crime Stoppers offers rewards up to \$1,000 for information leading to the arrest and conviction of those responsible for a crime. This information is submitted by the Sartell Police Department.*

### Feb. 14

3:38 p.m. Traffic stop. Seventh Street N. While monitoring traffic in the 600 block of Seventh Street N., an officer observed a vehicle approach from the rear. The officer believed the vehicle was traveling faster than the posted school-zone speed of 20 mph so she activated her rear-facing radar. The officer received a reading of 35 mph and the officer stopped the vehicle. The driver admitted to speeding and knowing the speed limit was 20 mph in the school zone. The driver was issued a normal speed citation and was warned for the school-zone violation.

### Feb. 15

2:55 a.m. Juvenile problem. 11th Avenue E. Officers were dispatched to an apartment complex for a report of juveniles being loud in the hallway. When officers arrived, a boy and girl came to the front door of the apartment building. Officers could smell odors of alcoholic beverages coming from both individuals, who appeared to be minors. The girl said she was 15 years old and the boy said he was 17. A preliminary breath test was conducted on both parties; both were twice the legal limit. The pair stated they did not live in the apartment, but were visiting a friend. Both were issued a citation for underage consumption and released to legal guardians.

### Feb. 16

3:27 p.m. Warrant arrest. Heritage Drive. Officers were dispatched to do a civil standby at a residence as an eviction took place. As officers arrived, a man was observed running from the garage. An officer pursued

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and caught up to the suspect. The man was placed in handcuffs for officer safety. While running the man’s identification, the officer learned the man had multiple arrest warrants. The man was placed under arrest and transported to Stearns County Jail.

### Feb. 17

8:45 p.m. Medical. 21 CR 120. Officers were dispatched for a possible seizure occurring in the parking lot of Walmart. Officers arrived on scene and found the vehicle. As officers approached the vehicle, they could see a man sitting in the driver’s seat huffing a can of compressed air. The man stopped when he noticed officers and opened the door. The man told officers he had been huffing cans of compressed air for about a year and was fine. Gold Cross Ambulance arrived and conducted an assessment. During the assessment, officers were notified the man had an outstanding felony warrant. The warrant was confirmed and the man was arrested. He was transported to Stearns County Jail.

### Feb. 18

3:10 p.m. Motorist assist. Hwy. 15 and CR 29. An officer came across a stalled vehicle in the left turn lane of Hwy. 15 at CR 29. The driver stated his serpentine belt had snapped. The officer assisted in pushing the vehicle out of the traffic lane and then transported the man to his nearby residence.

### Feb. 19

9:50 p.m. Intoxicated person. Second Street and Riverside Avenue S. Officers were dispatched to the Riverboat Depot for a report of an intoxicated man found lying in the parking lot behind a vehicle. Officers located a man seated in the driver’s seat of a vehicle. The man appeared heavily intoxicated. He stated he was drinking at Winners Bar and then made his way to Riverboat Depot but never made it inside. Officers observed no signs of frostbite and conducted a preliminary breath test to determine intoxication level. The man registered 0.13, nearly twice the legal limit, but appeared to be able to take care of himself. The man was transported to his nearby residence by an officer and left in the care of a family member.

### Feb. 20

12:14 p.m. Domestic. Seventh Street N. Officers were dispatched to an apartment complex for a report of a man and woman arguing and possibly throwing things inside the apartment. Officers arrived and attempted to make contact with the man and woman. After several attempts, a man answered the door. The man said he was arguing with his girlfriend but everything was fine. Officers were allowed into the apartment and observed items scattered around the apartment. A woman appeared from the back bedroom and wanted to speak with officers. The woman said the argument was over money and had at no point turned physical. The pair agreed to separate for the remainder of the day.

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# Crooks

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IRS, they should know at once it's a scam.

In the past few years, there have been “lots of” incidents concerning attempts at identity theft in Sartell, said Sartell Police investigator Tim Broda. “One year, we made an arrest and the car was filled with stolen mail.”

Most perpetrators of thefts from mail boxes, Broda explained, scour the mail items, seeking personal financial information about the recipients. They also phish for that information via computers and email messages.

As far as scams involving tax returns, Broda said he is well aware of that particular form of crookery but it doesn't – so far at least – seem to be common in the Sartell area. But as Broda and other law-enforcement personnel know all too well, such scams can and do happen anywhere and everywhere so people must educate themselves on how to avoid them, Broda advises.

He suggests people should get their tax forms done and submitted as soon as possible because

IRS scammers try to beat tax filers to the punch.

The IRS scam is called the “Erroneous Tax Refund Scam,” and it's one of the most devious, sophisticated rip-offs yet devised.

In 2017, according to the IRS, there were nearly 600,000 tax returns issued because of one form or another of identity theft. That was a decrease of about 200,000 from the year before, but the IRS cautions people that cyber-criminals are constantly changing their devious methods with always a new con scam to pull on their unsuspecting victims.

According to the Internal Revenue Service, the highly sophisticated and devious scheme began last summer. That is when cyber-criminals, posing as potential tax clients, began using phishing emails sent to professional tax preparers. That was the first step in obtaining personal information about the tax professional's legitimate clients.

They then used that information to file fake tax returns, using the direct-deposit information they had stolen. With no certain way to detect a scam going on, the IRS then auto-deposits the return in the legitimate client's bank.

Scam variation 1: The client

then receives a call he or she has been identified as participating in a tax-fraud scheme and the money they received must be returned immediately to avoid prosecution. If the client is fooled and follows the scammer's directions, that returned refund money will be sent right into the hands of the crooks.

Scam variation 2: The crook, in a phone call, poses as a debt-collection person acting on behalf of the IRS. He says the refund was deposited by mistake by the IRS and it must be sent to the debt-collection agency. Again, if the victim follows directions, the crooks collect the money.

Scam variation 3: A robocall claiming to represent the IRS threatens the person will be arrested on a warrant if the refund money is not returned immediately. Once again, if the money is sent, it goes to the crooks, not the IRS.

Broda emphasized the IRS does not contact people via phone calls nor does it make threats about confiscating money or having people arrested and jailed.

“When people get those kinds of threats on the phone, some will panic and will ‘pay up’ with information given from a

debit card or credit card over the phone,” Broda said. “Don't panic. The best thing to do is to hang up the phone and call the IRS.”

Broda and other investigators say the best way to avoid any scams, is to be very skeptical when anybody on the phone or in person asks for any personal information, such as banking account numbers. That information should never be divulged in such situations.

## What to do

Unfortunately, it's quite a hassle to deal with these erroneous refunds because cyber-crooks are lately so sophisticated, so complicated, they can tie a person up in knots.

Here are the steps for what to do as recommended by the IRS and local law enforcement:

- Do not spend any IRS refund money in your bank account unless you are positive it's the amount you actually filed for. Instead, inform your bank immediately, and the bank can return the erroneous refund, noting it was the result of a criminal scam.
- If you have been scammed, obtain a Form 14039 (Identity Theft Affidavit) or have your tax professional obtain one for you when you do your tax forms.

This will allow IRS officials to know you were the victim of a scam so your bonafide tax filing will be accepted and a genuine refund sent to you.

- In addition, as soon as you learn of the erroneous tax refund, call one of the following numbers to report it immediately: For individual filers, call the IRS at 800-829-1040; for business filers, call 800-829-4933.

- In some cases, cyber-crooks might scam the IRS into having your refund delivered in your mailbox. They hope you cash the check and leave the money in the bank so they can then rip it off. Call the IRS at one of the above numbers and find out which IRS regional office to send the check with a letter that you have been scammed.

- If you realize you have cashed an erroneous check, send a personal check or money order to your regional IRS office, being sure to write on the memo line of the check “Payment of Erroneous Refund” and tax year for which the refund was issued.

For more detailed information about this particular form of IRS tax-identify scam, go to [www.irs.gov](http://www.irs.gov), then go to “Tax Topic Number 161 – Returning an Erroneous Refund.”

## Road bond sale approved

by Dennis Dalman  
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A plan for a bond sale of up to \$7 million to pay for the Pinecone Road reconstruction and overlay project in Sartell was approved unanimously by the city council at its Feb. 26 meeting.

The council also approved the street plan itself.

Starting this spring, portions of Pinecone Road between First Street N. and 35th Street N. will be either reconstructed or overlaid. A center left-turn lane will also be added as well as two roundabouts near the north end of the road, one of them by the entrance to the new high school.

The estimated cost of the project is \$6.5 million. The council authorized a bond sale not to exceed \$7 million. There are other street improvement plans for Sartell for the next five years, but this particular project, the Pinecone Road one, required a bond sale of its own, called a general-obligation street-reconstruction bond.

The bonds are expected to be ready for sale, via Ehlers & Associates, sometime in April, with council approval. The bonds would then be sold in May.

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# Count illustrates current face of homelessness

by Vicki Ikeogu  
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It is a necessary, but difficult part of the job for AG Hout.

As program manager and Hout of care coordinator for the Central Minnesota Housing Partnership, Hout and her team spend one day every year tracking down and compiling information on those without a home.

Known as the point-in-time count, trained staff spend one day, during the last 10 days of January, tracking down and logging various characteristics about those experiencing homelessness.

This year, that date was Jan. 24.

“We do the point-in-time count for several reasons,” Hout said. “One, it is required by HUD (U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development). And we in the state of Minnesota choose to do it every year because it gives us a snapshot of where we are at with our homeless numbers.”

While the results of the 2018 point-in-time count will not be made available until later this spring, Hout said past point-in-time counts tell the story of

who exactly is experiencing homelessness within central Minnesota.

“About four or five years ago, at least in central Minnesota we had a large amount of homeless vets,” she said. “And because of the plethora of funding that has been infused to house homeless vets, we have noticed the number has gone down drastically.”

Across Minnesota, Hout said the amount of resources and funding specifically targeted toward veterans experiencing homelessness has dropped down to what Hout described as “functional zero.”

“It doesn’t mean there aren’t any homeless vets,” she said. “What it does mean is if a veteran becomes homeless and wants assistance, a homeless vet can get assistance right away.”

And while that’s been seen as a victory for CMHP and other organizations who work with populations experiencing homelessness, the new face of homelessness has been getting younger.

“There has been a shift from the number of homeless families to a large increase in the number of homeless youth,” Hout said.

She said the influx in the number of youth experiencing homelessness can be attributed to a number of reasons, including an unst-

Homeless • back page

# Snow rouses neighbors out of hibernation



photo by Carolyn Bertsch  
Addie Peterson, 9, and her sister Ronni, 6, both of Sartell, are all smiles Feb. 25 as they descend a popular Sartell sliding hill on Third Avenue N.

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# Opinion

## Our View

### There’s a gun debate closer to home

Two weeks ago, the agenda for this legislative session looked pretty routine. After a summer of court battles, Gov. Mark Dayton said he was ready to sign a bill funding the Legislature.

Work to adjust Minnesota’s tax code to the new federal tax rates began even before the Legislation convened on Feb. 20.

The Republicans are angry about the extra money needed to fix a new vehicle-registration system.

And Dayton’s \$1.5-billion bonding bill will face opposition from Republicans.

That was the scene before Feb. 14 when a disturbed man with a semi-automatic weapon killed 17 people in Parkland, Florida. Now gun-safety and firearms issues are at the top of the agenda.

Five pieces of legislation have been filed and there will probably be more. Three measures that increase restrictions have been proposed by Democrats while two, including a “stand-your-ground” bill, have been introduced by Republicans.

Rep. Brian Johnson, a Republican from the Cambridge area, chairs the House public-safety committee, and he has said he will be a strong Second Amendment advocate. These bills will need to pass through his committee.

The stand-your-ground bill, HF 238, expands situations where it’s legal to take another person’s life. The measure would allow lethal force to stop a variety of felonies, whether a person is in their home or not.

A bill called “permit-less carry” by its critics eliminates the need for a gun permit on public property entirely in most cases, except for people who cannot legally carry guns, such as felons. The bill is HF 188.

Rep. John Considine, DFL-Mankato, introduced a bill, HF 2781, that would make “bump stocks” illegal.

Sen. Ron Latz, a DFLer from St. Louis Park, has introduced two bills. SF 1261 calls for universal background checks on all gun sales, including online.

Latz has also proposed SF 1262 that would allow law enforcement and family members to petition a court to prohibit a person from possessing firearms if they pose “a significant danger of bodily injury to self or to other persons by possessing a firearm.”

When legislators returned to the Capitol, they were met by an unexpectedly large crowd for a gun-control rally of more than 200 people.

But you don’t have to travel to St. Paul to make your voice heard. Here’s how to contact our local legislators.

Rep. Jeff Howe represents the St. Joseph area. Email him at rep.jeff.howe@house.mn or call his office at 652-296-4373.

Rep. Tim O’Driscoll represents the Sartell area. Email him at rep.tim.odriscoll@house.mn or call him at 651-296-7808.

Contact Sen. Michelle Fischbach by email at sen.michelle.fischbach@senate.mn or call her at 651-296-2084.

The Republicans control the House and Senate, so it’s important to share your views with our legislators, who are all Republicans.

While gun safety and Second-Amendment debates dominate the national discussion, remember to take part in the discussion closer to home.

### Staying out of jail is easy: don’t lie

Don’t lie to the cops.

Talk about stating the obvious.

But it’s a lesson apparently not widely learned.

The current special counsel’s investigation into Russian meddling in 2016 tripped up some supposedly very smart people who didn’t learn that lesson.

Trump campaign associates Michael Flynn, George Papadopoulos and Richard Gates lied to the FBI and ended up pleading not guilty to that crime and several others.

I have a much cleaner criminal record. My only brush with the law came on a sunny Sunday afternoon in 1975 when I made an illegal left turn in downtown St. Cloud. When the police officer asked me if I saw the “No Left Turn” sign, I told the truth. I told him I saw it. He let me go with a warning. Lesson learned.

I’ve reported on cops and crime for more than 40 years and I’ve learned a few things about law enforcement. Sometimes in the course of reporting, journalists and officers butt heads. But they share one trait....they don’t like to be lied to.

Hearing what they know to be a lie, a cop or a journalist just digs

Mike  
Knaak  
Editor



in deeper to get at the truth.

Next to lying, stupidity takes a close second on the list that lands you in jail.

Indictments filed last week on Gates reveals his effort to tamper with financial documents was hampered by how to convert Word and Excel files to pdfs. Not exactly rocket science.

If you’re a regular reader of the police blotters that appear weekly on these pages, you’ve probably noticed Sartell and St. Joseph officers run across lying and stupidity all the time.

Some recent examples include the following:

- A woman was stopped for driving 52 mph in a 30-mph zone in downtown St. Joseph. Besides the speeding ticket the driver couldn’t provide proof of insurance.
- In Sartell, a driver blew through a red light. He was stopped and he

told the officer he didn’t see the light even though four vehicles in front of him passed through the intersection with a green light.

- Small violations can lead to more trouble. An officer stopped a vehicle for no license-plate light. Turns out the driver didn’t have a license...only an instructional permit.

The officer checked the driver’s history and found multiple instructional-permit violations within the last two years.

One of my favorite recent violations occurred in Sartell when a routine license-plate check revealed the driver was suspended. The officer saw a small baggie that turned out to hold meth. Lesson...if you’re going to carry drugs, make sure your license is up to date.

And perhaps my favorite:

A Sartell officer stopped a driver for going 73 mph in a 60-mph zone. The officer immediately noticed a jar of marijuana on the front driver’s seat. The driver told the officer the car and the pot belonged to his sister.

Maybe the third rule of the how-not-to-be-arrested list should be don’t blame your sister.

### Massacre survivors speak truth to power

Dennis  
Dalman  
Reporter



The survivors of the butchery at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland, Florida, are speaking truth to power – loudly, clearly.

These young people are so intelligent, articulate, passionate and determined.

Don’t you wish more legislators were? Thanks to these students’ energetic, keen-eyed truths, there just might someday be effective gun laws enacted.

Let us praise and value these students’ idealism. That is exactly what is lacking in many jaded adults who’ve been cowed so long by the gun lobby and its legislative minions.

Here is how a typical jaded adult thinks these days, at least those who succumb to gun-lobby propaganda: Yes, the shootings are horrible, but there’s always been mass killings.

Banning any kind of gun won’t stop them. Killers will steal them if they can’t buy them. They’ll use knives or bombs.

Besides, guns don’t kill people.

Now, listen to these young people who saw or heard the murders:

David Hogg, 17: “This is something we can’t let keep happening. Because if we do and we get used to it, it’s going to happen again. This is a time for our country to take a look in the mirror and realize there is a serious issue here.”

Emma Gonzalez, 17: “We are up here standing together because if all our government and president can do is send thoughts and prayers, then it’s time for victims to be the change we need to see.”

After Parkland, so many leg-

islators, as they always do like lemmings, reacted this way: “Let’s not jump to conclusions,” parroted Speaker of the House Paul Ryan.

These always distract by saying, “Let’s find the facts first, then let’s have a conversation.”

Well, folks, the facts are these: A teenager legally purchased an AR-15 assault rifle. He used it to slaughter 17 people.

Slugs smashed and shredded the flesh and organs of the victims, in one case severing the spine of a 14-year-old girl running down a hallway for her life.

Lockstep opponents of any sort of gun restrictions are making a lot of noise the FBI dropped the ball after it was notified of this deranged teenager being an imminent threat.

They note at least one deputy did not enter the school to confront the shooter. Such lamentable facts do not obscure the underlying central fact: a teenager armed with an AR-15 mowed down 17 people in a school.

The student survivors – visionary leaders – are pointing out accurately there are many interlocking components to help stop mass killings: stringent background checks, the closing of loopholes in gun purchases online and at gun shows, more attention to mental illness issues, a thorough review of the prescription drugs children are receiving, a strengthened entry se-

curity at schools and other public places, the banning of bump-stocks and most importantly, a total ban of military-style assault rifles for civilian use.

Lest we forget, the AR-15 has been used by rampaging adults, too.

Such rifles should not be protected by the Second Amendment because they are designed for one thing – killing people rapidly.

A cloud of disgrace hangs over Congress because of its stubborn refusal to do anything about school shootings.

It didn’t even have the moral courage to act after 20 sweet, innocent first-graders were blown apart by slugs from an assault rifle five years ago.

Legislators keep hoping the latest horror will be forgotten once again in a fog of national amnesia. But, as always, another massacre happens and another. And another.

Lawmakers’ mantra of “Let’s have a conversation” is a code phrase for “Let’s keep doing nothing.” That is what these students mean when they say they are tired of “thoughts and prayers.”

They don’t need sentiments; they demand action; they seek meaningful gun-law changes; they want to feel safe in their schools.

These “kids” are inspiring people throughout the nation, changing minds, compelling us to realize the Second Amendment, like the First and the others, is not absolute.

The gun lobby and its legislative puppets are under fire, on the defensive, as well they should be.

Let’s join the students’ struggle; let’s listen to them; let’s heed their warnings and their truths.

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## People

**Eleven Sartell college students** were recently named to the fall semester dean’s list at the University of Minnesota-Twin Cities. To qualify, students must attain a minimum 3.66 grade-point average. The students are the following: **Mohammad Ayyub, Joseph Becker, Samantha Carlson, Jaylia Ellis, Matthew Markman, Madeline Meier, Isaac Schneider, Kirsten Shaw, Rory Spanier, Madelyn Tillemans** and **Nicole Yang**.

**Two Sartell students** were recently named to the fall semester dean’s list at Bethel University, St. Paul. To be named to the dean’s list, students achieve a grade-point average of 3.6 or higher. The Sartell students are **Kelly**

**Dougherty-Simmons**, daughter of Kacey and Matthew Dougherty and **Kasey Lindberg**, daughter of Cheryl and Ted Lindberg.

**Five Sartell students** were recently named to the fall semester dean’s list at Gustavus Adolphus College, St. Peter. To achieve the list, students must earn a minimum 3.7 grade-point average. The students are the following: **Lindsey Martens, Elisabeth McCabe, Tianna Raden, Laura Schwichtenberg** and **Michael Volgman-Mercuri**.

**Keagen Blommer** of Sartell recently graduated from Bethel University, St. Paul. Blommer earned a bachelor’s degree in business. He is the son of Linda Blommer.

## In Business

### Gaslight Creative takes home 13 American Advertising awards

Gaslight Creative, an advertising agency in St. Cloud, took home 13 awards at the 2018 American Advertising Awards Show on Saturday, Feb. 17. The annual awards competition was hosted by the American Advertising Federation of Cen-

tral Minnesota and celebrates excellence in advertising. Gaslight’s entries included work created for local and regional clients Explorium Brewpub, Rice Cos., Reach-up Head Start and United Way of Central Minnesota.

Among the 13 awards, Gaslight Creative received the People’s Choice award for their work for United Way of Central Minnesota. Gaslight’s 10-member team is led by co-founders Kelly Zaske and Jodie Pundsack.

### Stearns Bank dontes to Wounded Warriors Family Support

Stearns Bank donated \$108,680 to Wounded Warriors Family Support to buy vehicles for Native American veterans living on remote reservations. Stearns Bank generated the

large contribution by donating all loan packaging fees and documentation fees collected from borrowers during the week leading up to Veterans Day last November.

The mission of Wounded Warriors Family Support is to help families of those who have been injured, wounded or killed during combat operations.

## Community Calendar

***Is your event listed? Send your information to: Newsleader Calendar, P.O. Box 324, St. Joseph, Minn. 56374; fax it to 320-363-4195; or, e-mail it to news@thenewsleaders.com. Most events are listed at no cost. Those events are typically free or of minimal charge for people to attend. Some events, which have paid advertising in the Newsleaders, are also listed in the calendar and may charge more.***

**Friday, March 2**  
**Benton County Museum,** 10 a.m.-4 p.m., 218 First St. N., Sauk Rapids. 320-253-9614. mnbenton-history.org.  
**Book Sale,** hosted by Friends of

the Little Falls Carnegie Library, noon-6 p.m., hardcover books \$1, paperbacks 50 cents, 108 Third St. NE., Little Falls, 320-632-6222.

**Saturday, March 3**  
**Winter Market,** 10 a.m.-1 p.m., Sartell City Hall, 125 Pinecone Road N. marketmonday.org.  
**Book Sale,** hosted by Friends of the Little Falls Carnegie Library, 10 a.m.-3 p.m., \$2 per bag, 108 Third St. NE., Little Falls, 320-632-6222.

**Monday, March 5**  
**Benton County Museum,** 10 a.m.-4 p.m., 218 First St. N., Sauk Rapids. 320-253-9614. mnbenton-history.org.

**Lunch and cards,** sponsored by Helping Hands Outreach, noon-2 p.m., Trobec’s Bar & Grill, 1 Central Ave. S., St. Stephen.

**Sartell Lions Club,** 6:30 p.m., upstairs of Blue Line Sports Bar andGrill, 1101 Second St. S., Sartell. 320-267-2591.

**Wednesday, March 7**  
**St. Stephen City Council,** 6:30 p.m., St. Stephen City Hall, 2 Sixth Ave SE.

**Thursday, March 8**  
**Coffee and Conversation,** a senior discussion group featuring Nick Novak on “Preparing for your

home sale,” 9 a.m., Sartell Community Center, 850-19th St. S.  
**Sartell-Sauk Rapids Moms’ Club,** 9-10:30 a.m., Celebration Lutheran Church, 1500 Pinecone Road N., Sartell.

**Great River Regional Coin Club,** 6:30-8:30 p.m., Miller Auto Marine Sports Plaza, 2930 Second St. S., St. Cloud. 320-241-9229.  
**Area Mothers of Multiples,** 7 p.m., VFW Granite Post 428, 9-18th Ave. N., St. Cloud.

**Friday, March 9**  
**Benton County Museum,** 10 a.m.-4 p.m., 218 First St. N., Sauk Rapids. 320-253-9614. mnbenton-history.org.

**St. Francis Xavier Parish Fish Fry,** 4-7 p.m., St. Francis Xavier Parish 219 Second St. N., Sartell.

**Saturday, March 10**  
**Central Minnesota Chapter of the Federation of the Blind of Minnesota,** 12:30 p.m., American Legion, 17 Second Ave. N., Waite Park.

**Sunday, March 11**  
**Mid Minnesota Coin Expo,** 9 a.m.- 4 p.m., Tuscan Center (Midtown Square Mall), 3333 Division St. W., St. Cloud. 320-260-1971.

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