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Community Showcase to be held Saturday

The St. Joseph Community Showcase, sponsored by the St. Joseph Area Chamber of Commerce, will be held from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturday, April 14 at Kennedy Community School, 1300 Jade Road, St. Joseph. Local retail, commercial, educational and service organizations will have booths to visit. Food, entertainment, including a drone presentation and Freedom Flight, along with children's games and crafts will also be featured.

Empty Bowls set April 14 at new St. Cloud location

Empty Bowls, sponsored by Place of Hope, will be held from 11 a.m.-7 p.m. Saturday, April 14 at its new location at City Hope Church, 413 Franklin Ave. NE, St. Cloud. This soup feed and silent auction benefits Place of Hope Ministries and Anne's Meal Fund which provides more than 7,200 meals a month to those in need. The event includes music, craft vendors and soup, bread and desserts from area restaurants as well as a homemade bowl to take home thanks to Art as You Like It and Central Minnesota Woodcrafters. For more information, visit placeofhopeministries.org.

'Shoe Bus' teams up with Fare for All April 16

"The Shoe Bus "will be on site during the Fare for All distribution from 3:30-5:30 p.m. Monday, April 16 at Resurrection Lutheran Church, 610 CR 2, St. Joseph. New and gently used shoes will be available for purchase for \$2-\$5 for kids and \$5-\$10 for adults. Fare for ALL offers a budget-stretching program that allows people to save up to 40 percent off fresh fruits, vegetables and frozen meats. Bulk-purchase savings are passed on to anyone who wants to stretch their food budget. Fresh foods are purchased in bulk from wholesalers. Fare for All is open to everyone and cash, credit, debit cards and EBT cards are accepted. Two of the hot buys for April will be bacon and burgers just in time to start the grilling season.

Newsleader names bunny winners

Bunny winners in the *Newsleader* Easter bunny giveaway include the following: Local Blend: Adam Hoffmann; Once Upon A Child: Terri Woods, St. Cloud; PineCone Vision Center: Lisa Spoden, Sartell; and St. Joseph Meat Market: Owen Widneier, St. Joseph.

Dorothy Day's granddaughter to speak



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Kate Hennessy, the youngest of Dorothy Day's nine grandchildren, will speak at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 17 at the College of St. Benedict Gorecki Center, 204 AB.

by Cori Hilsgen
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Kate Hennessy, the youngest of Dorothy Day's nine grandchildren, will speak at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 17 at the College of St. Benedict Gorecki Center 204 AB.

Hennessy is the author of *Dorothy Day: The World Will be Saved by Beauty: An Intimate Portrait of My Grandmother*.

The book is the story of her grandmother's extraordinary life told within the context of what it meant and how it influenced her only child, Tamar Hennessy. More than anything, it's a story of the love between a mother and daughter.

Hennessy, who was 20 when her grandmother died, said she knew her grandmother well. Day was deeply

involved in the lives of her grandchildren and they would spend as much time as they could visiting the Catholic Worker farm in upstate New York in the 1960s and 1970s.

Hennessy said she treasured those memories.

Day was a fabulous storyteller and Hennessy said she most clearly remembers her voice and laughter. She credits Day for being the person responsible for putting her on the path to becoming a writer.

Hennessy said she believes Day has much to say to us in our present difficult times. Much of what we are facing today, including homelessness and poverty, immigration, injustice and constant war are what she faced in her lifetime.

She believes Day gives us strength and a model of perseverance even in the face of

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Business leaders urged to plan for threats

by Mike Knaak
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St. Joseph Police Chief Joel Klein urged business leaders Wednesday, April 11, to develop a plan for active threats.

Klein spoke at the St. Joseph Chamber of Commerce meeting a week after an attack occurred at the YouTube headquarters in San Bruno, Calif.

"We like to talk to businesses. What is your plan? Have you thought about what you're going to do or do you think it's not going to happen to me?" Klein said.

Klein and Officer Matt Johnson shared suggestions that have been developed while working with schools that Klein can be applied to business situations.

Strategy has evolved from hiding in a corner of a darkened room to a more active response around the concept of run, hide, fight.

The officers urged businesses



Klein

to discuss the topic with employees, develop a plan and train.

There are some basic steps to take. Check to see if 911 calls are going to the correct dispatch center and that the 911 screen information lists the correct business address, they suggested. Businesses should work with their alarm company and law enforcement to check that alarms also show the proper information.

The plan should include assessing doors, windows and escape routes.

Klein said the new text-to-911

service is a good option if the caller doesn't want to speak. But he pointed out that until the system is fully implemented, the calls are routed through Mille Lacs County to Stearns dispatch.

Call if you can, he said, otherwise text. And don't hang up because dispatchers can hear what's going on even if the caller can't speak.

"We need to stop thinking that it won't happen to us. When it comes time, you won't know what to do. You may think you do, but do you actually know what to do?" Klein said.

HMML hosts 'living prayer' exhibit

by Cori Hilsgen
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An exhibit of prayer based not on concepts of time, but instead on rhythm of daily routine, is open through May in three areas of the Hill Museum and Manuscript Library and the Alcuin Library, next door, which are both located on the campus of St. John's University.

The exhibition includes the Books of Hours and following a regular schedule of prayer for lay people located in the Culhane Gallery in Alcuin Library, the St. Benedict and

Divine Office located in the entrance to the Hill Library and Books related to the Divine Office and the Liturgy of the Hours located in the Hill Museum and Manuscript Library Reading Room/Gallery.

Dr. Matthew Heintzelman, curator of the exhibition, said the idea for the exhibition is centered on our changing approach to understanding time.

Many people are now using their cell phones instead of wrist watches to keep track of time. A different way would be through prayer.

The monks at St. John's Abbey and sisters at St. Bene-

dict's Monastery have regular prayer in the morning, at noon and in the evening, as well as an optional evening compline or night prayer service.

Heintzelman said the new "Liturgy of the Hours" grew from a centuries-old practice of praying every two to three hours for a total of eight separate times of day that became the basis for a life lived through prayer.

The Books of Hours, filled with beautiful art, are each opened to different times of the day. The exhibition outlines the times of day for prayer and the prayers used at

those times, mostly from the Psalms.

St. Benedict's focus on the Psalms formed the Benedictine cycle of prayer known as the Divine Office (the word "office" comes from the word "work" in Latin).

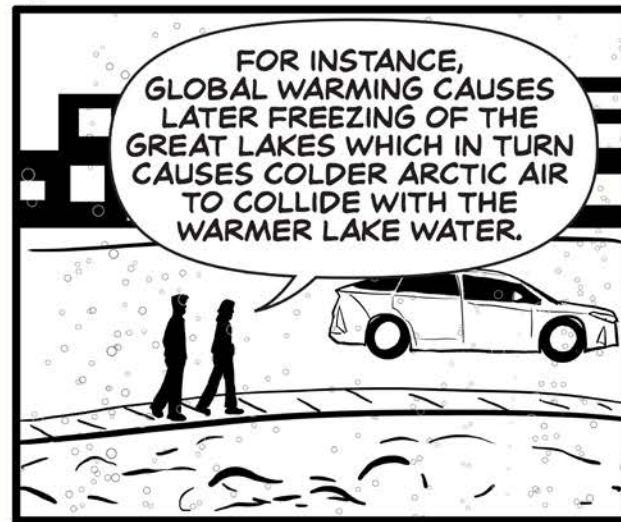
Seven manuscript Books of Hours from the 15th century and two printed Books of Hours from the 16th century are displayed.

Also displayed are two medieval woodcarvings of the Virgin Mary with the baby Jesus.

The Books of Hours are **Prayer • page 4**

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16 building permits issued in St. Joseph

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A total of 16 building permits were issued in St. Joseph in 2017, according to statistics compiled by the Central Minnesota Builders Association.

All the permits were for single-family, detached homes.

The builders' association tracks permits for 10 central Minnesota cities from statistics compiled by Stearns and Benton counties.

The area recorded 266 de-

tached, single-family permits in 2017.

The totals by city:	
St. Cloud	109
Sartell	52
Sauk Rapids	29
Cold Spring	24
St. Augusta	16
St. Joseph	16
Rice	9
Foley	6
Rockville	3
Waite Park	2

Single-family units averaged 211.5 per year for the past six years.

There were no multifamily units added in St. Joseph. But in the area, there were five permits for a total of 266 housing units.

Multi-family units averaged just under 216 units for the past six years, according to the builders' association.

The builders' association estimates the economic impact of the new permits results in 2,200 jobs and \$160,272,000 in local income.

In business

Coborn's Inc. has hired its fourth super-market registered dietitian to support the nutrition needs of its guests and employees.

Becca Brannan joined the Coborn's team April 2. She comes to the company from CentraCare Heart and Vascular Center at St. Cloud Hospital where she was a registered dietitian.

Prior to her role at CentraCare, Brannan completed 1,200 hours of supervised practice



Brannan

experience at several organizations across southwest Wisconsin. She provided medical nutrition therapy to patients at Winona (Minn.) Health, as well as Hillview Health Care Center and Gunderson Health System in La Crosse, Wis. Through her supervised practice experience, Brannan was also involved with community health outreach at about a dozen organizations, including Festival Foods in Onalaska, Wis., where she gave grocery store tours and highlighted better-for-you options to customers. She comes to Coborn's with experience pro-

viding nutrition information to diverse audiences, designing and evaluating nutritional-education programs, facilitating presentations and cooking demonstrations for people with certain health conditions and composing information for social-media sites.

Brannan graduated from Viterbo University in La Crosse. Brannan is currently enrolled at North Dakota State University where she is expecting to earn her master's degree in nutrition in December.

Blotter

If any readers have tips concerning crimes, they should call the St. Joseph Police Department at 320-363-8250 or Tri-County Crime Stoppers at 320-255-1301 or access its tip site at www.tricounty-crimestoppers.org. Crime Stoppers offers rewards up to \$1,000 for information leading to the arrest and conviction of those responsible for crimes. This information is submitted by the St. Joseph Police Department.

The renters were warned and told if officers returned they would be cited. The renters started clearing the house.

11:57 p.m. Noise complaint. Ash Street E. While on patrol, an officer heard yelling coming from the basement at 117 Ash St. E. The renter was warned and told if officers returned he would be cited.

officer found in the past 24 hours someone damaged two outlets, plumbing on a sink, a handle on a urinal and kicked the heater covers. Damage was estimated at \$500.

March 22

10:52 p.m. Driving after revocation. College Avenue S. An officer stopped a vehicle with a burned out headlight driving south and traveling 44 mph in a 30-mph zone. The driver from North Dakota said he had a revoked license. He was cited for driving after revocation and given a warning for speeding.

March 23

3:18 p.m. Equipment violation. CR 121 and Jade Road. An officer saw a sport utility vehicle traveling east on CR 75 with blue headlights. The driver was stopped on CR 121. The driver told the officer he did not have a valid driver's license. The driver was cited for driving after revocation and cited for the blue headlights The vehicle was parked and a friend drove him home.

March 24

10:45 p.m. Noise complaint. Second Avenue NW. While on patrol, an officer heard yelling coming from 31 Second Ave. NW.

March 26

9:40 a.m. Damage to property. First Avenue NE. Damage to the bathrooms at the Lake Wobegon trail facility was reported. The

March 31

12:20 a.m. Noise complaint. Fourth Avenue SE. Officers were dispatched to a noise complaint at 401 Fourth Ave. SE. Officers were told there were loud voices and music on the second floor. Upon arrival, the officer was told the noise had stopped.

Children vision screening available at Community Showcase

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Early detection of children's eye diseases can help prevent worsening symptoms. However, many children's eyes do not get checked until they begin school.

That is why the St. Joseph Y2K Lions will be screening children's eyes at the St. Joseph Area Chamber of Commerce Community Showcase from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturday, April 14 at Kennedy Community School, 1300 Jade Road, St. Joseph.

St. Joseph Y2K Lion Kathy Schmidt said the vision-screening machine can screen children from 6 months to 6 years of age. The machine is capable of detecting eye disorders that can lead to diseases such as amblyopia (lazy eye), astigmatism (blurred vision), myopia (near sightedness), hyperopia (far sightedness), anisometropia (unequal refractive power), strabismus (eye misalignment) and anisocoria (unequal pupil size).

Children can be screened while sitting on their parent's lap or while sitting in a chair.

The machine doesn't touch the child and the screening takes just a matter of seconds if the child is able to sit still. Parents will need to sign a consent form.

If anything is detected during the screening, Lions members, who are trained to do the screening, will recommend the child see an eye specialist and will follow up with the child's parent/guardian.

"We want kids to have the opportunity to be screened and diseases detected so they can get treated and prevent future vision problems," Schmidt said.

The screening is provided free of charge through the 5D 5M Lions KidSight Vision Screening Program.

The first 300 families to attend the Community Showcase will receive an insulated grocery tote. More than 30 exhibitors plan to attend the event, which will offer a variety of activities including a youth talent stage from local schools, drone presentations, food vendors, product demonstrations, children's activities and crafts, and door-prize drawings.



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Bean Manuscript no.1 from a Book of Hours, which shows the Annunciation (left) and this printed Breviary which shows St. Benedict with his followers, Maur and Placid. (right).



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prayer books intended for the laity and for individual use. The Breviaries, Psalters, Antiphonals and other books in the Reading Room are for members of religious orders to use in a communal setting.

Heintzelman said while these are parallel phenomena, they have core differences between them.

Besides the Western books, there are also examples of books related to the reading of the Psalms from other traditions such as Arabic, Ethiopic, Greek and Slavonic.

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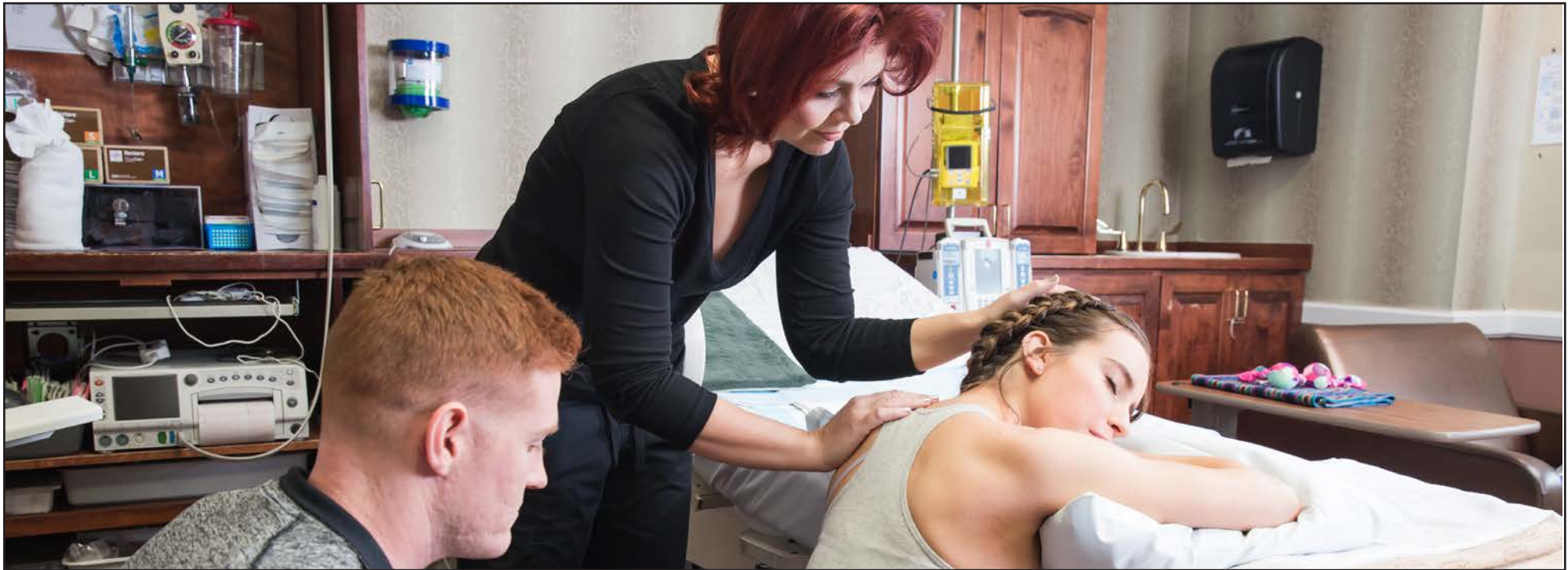
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archives; he has photographically preserved more than 250,000 manuscripts from Africa, Europe, India and the Middle East.

Heintzelman is the curator for the Austria/Germany Study Center and is responsible for about 50,000 reels of microfilm, and medieval and early modern manuscripts from Germany, Austria, Switzerland and other places. He is also the curator for Rare Books and Manuscripts and is responsible for about 11,000 rare printed books, and many manuscripts and manuscript fragments at St. John's University.

The Hill Museum and Manuscript Library entrance is located on the lower level of Alcuin Library on the St. John's University campus. The prayer exhibit is free and open to all.

For additional information, call The Hill Museum and Manuscript Library at 320-363-3514 or visit hmml.org.



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A husband and a doula help a woman relax during the birthing process. This photo was provided by a doula organization and was not taken in this area.

Doulas help hugely in birthing process

by Dennis Dalman
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When Melissa Kosloski was giving birth to her first baby, a boy delivered via C-section, she felt she just hadn’t been prepared enough for the experience.

“I thought I would just tough it out,” she recalled. “But I realized I could have had better support and could have learned more about the physiology of birth.”

That was in 2011. When she became pregnant again, she was determined to prepare more extensively for the birth. After doing a lot of research online and asking around, she discovered there are birth assistants named “doulas” who work with pregnant women before, during and sometimes after births to help make the experiences more predictable, less traumatic and far more comfortable.

Kosloski hired a doula, and in 2013, the second birth, another boy, went very well. She had the baby, attended by her husband and the doula, while reclining in a tub of water right in her own home.

“I felt so much more positive about the experience,” she said. “I felt empowered because of the doula. And I wanted to offer that empowerment to other women.”

And that’s how Kosloski herself became a practicing doula.

Now a resident of Rice, Kosloski grew up in the St. Joseph area and graduated from Sartell High School in 2002. She is a child-birth educator, a



Kosloski

part-time doula and teaches at a chiropractic clinic in Sartell as well as other places.

Doulas

The word doula derives from the Greek word for “female servant” or “labor helper.”

A doula cannot perform medical procedures relating to pregnancy or birth, but they are certified through training to do many other helpful things: massage, counter-pressure, relaxation, helping the woman maintain a supportive birth posture, providing water and soothing words of reassurance for the mother and often the baby’s father should he be present.

A huge help from a doula comes in the form of building confidence and reassurance months before the birthing process. The pregnant woman and the doula meet and discuss concerns, fears, natural-birthing techniques, what can be done if there are com-

plications, misconceptions about giving birth and irrational fears that can be internalized.

Kosloski said in the birth process, the bigger the fears, the harder the labor. That is why confidence and reassurance inspired by the doula are so helpful. It also helps the fathers.

“The dads are usually nervous and not sure what to do,” she said, “so we reassure them, too. And we do follow-up visits. It’s so good to see the dynamic of love between the man, the woman and the new child.”

Some doulas are men, but not very many, Kosloski noted. In the central Minnesota area, there are possibly up to a dozen doulas, but there are hundreds in the Twin Cities area, and many are willing to help out elsewhere. Some doulas also help out post-partum, making visits to the families, helping with light housework and offering tips on baby care, such as nursing and so forth.

There are even “sibling doulas,” who care for the siblings during the birth process.

Research shows doulas are beneficial in many ways: maternal and infant health, shorter deliveries, fewer C-sections, fewer complications of other sorts, fewer medications and a reduced use of fetal-delivery tools.

Third son

Kosloski’s third baby, yet another son, was born in 2016 also at home but not, like the second son, in a water tub.

Her husband, Loren, is highly supportive of her doula work and the two at-home births. He is also supportive in making birthing a family affair. The two oldest boys were present at the birth of their little brother and happily saw him being born.

“His (Loren’s) stepmother is a home-birth midwife,” she said. “So, naturally, he is OK with births at home.”

Loren works as an athletic trainer and with rehab-and-treatment at the Chiropractic Performance Center in Sartell.

Roufs

Kosloski credits Paula Roufs as a trailblazer for doulas in central Minnesota.

Raised in St. Joseph and now a St. Cloud resident, Roufs started a network called Birth Community of which she is president, and Roufs helped organize and operate it.

To find out more about The Birth Community, visit www.the-birthcommunity.com.

Another resource Kosloski recommends is a program called Birth Boot Camp, of which she is a member. Its website and its class schedules can be found at www.birthbootcamp.com.

Kosloski describes birth as “pain with a purpose,” and thanks to doulas like she and others, that pain is much more bearable.

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Opinion

Our View Rep. Emmer, we'd like to see you

Has anyone seen Rep. Tom Emmer?

Our Sixth District representative is running for re-election and like all members of Congress, he just completed a two-week break over Easter.

March for Our Lives organizers urged members of Congress to conduct town halls during their recess to discuss gun-safety legislation.

Emmer didn't take up the challenge, but his Democratic opponent, Ian Todd did. He scheduled five town halls across the district last week.

Emmer's last town hall in the area was in January 2017. The Sartell event was notable because about five times as many people marched outside than the crowd admitted to the limited space in City Hall.

During the Easter recess, Emmer, along with Sens. Amy Klobuchar and Tina Smith, appeared in St. Cloud to present an award to Jason Falconer, the off-duty Avon police officer who fatally shot the Crossroads Center knife attacker in September 2016. Emmer also spoke at two conferences last week – both of them outside the district.

Nationwide, Democrats want to regain control of the House of Representatives. To do that, they'll need to flip at least 24 seats now controlled by Republicans. The Democrats are targeting 25 Republicans running in districts that Hillary Clinton won in 2016.

Minnesota's Sixth District is not one of those targeted districts. The Sixth tilts red. Emmer won re-election with 66 percent of the vote in 2016. Emmer out-performed Trump, who beat Clinton with 58 percent of the vote.

Democrat Todd is a political newcomer and in the Sixth he's sailing into a headwind. But he's been running a strong grassroots and social-media campaign.

Emmer may think he can run out the clock by keeping a low profile and counting on the R behind his name to help him cruise to re-election.

He was a strong and early Trump supporter and Emmer needs to answer some questions starting with holding Trump accountable.

For example, does the firing of James Comey and the attempt to fire Robert Mueller amount to obstruction of justice? If President Clinton's lie under oath about his affair with Monica Lewinsky was grounds for impeachment, would a Trump lie under oath regarding any aspect of the Russia investigation, including potential acts of obstruction of justice, also be grounds?

Emmer hasn't always stood with Trump. He voted against the omnibus budget bill because it didn't pay for spending increases. He's been in favor of continued economic ties with Cuba because it's good for Minnesota's farmers and businesses. And he voted against reauthorization of the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act because he said he disagrees that Americans' Constitutional rights have to be violated to protect national security.

When and if Emmer makes an appearance, we also need to know his opinion on Trump's tariffs and China's reaction that includes tariffs on soybean exports. Minnesota is the nation's third-highest soybean producing state, behind Illinois and Iowa.

Rep. Emmer, it's been awhile. We'd like to see you.

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City questions could use more answers

**Mike
Knaak**
Editor



ther most people are happy and don't feel the need to offer input. Or the majority of residents didn't know about the survey.

On the main question – How would you rate the overall quality of services provided by the city? – St. Joseph's residents appeared satisfied. Four people (40 percent – the math is easy here) rated the services as Good, five rated them Fair and only one response offered a Poor rating.

Public safety – fire and police services – also received high marks.

St. Joseph's neighboring cities collected a higher rate of responses, but those numbers are far from overwhelming.

Some 23 of Waite Park's 7,500 residents responded to that city's 2017 survey. On the main question – overall quality of services – 36.36 percent responded Excellent, with another 36.36 percent responding Good, and 27.27 percent responding Poor.

In Sartell's 2017 survey, only 137 of the city's nearly 18,000 residents responded. Like the other area cities, the results tilted positive on the main

question with 24 percent responding Excellent, 63 percent replying Good, 10 percent rating Fair and only 3 percent offering a Poor rating.

At the end of each survey, citizens can offer comments. Most of the St. Joseph comments are pretty predictable such as support for the recreation center and opposition to the St. Joseph Township annexation process.

One comment did stand out though. It read, in part "I also get quite sick of the hyper liberal newspaper columns in the editor(al) section. Can we make them even a little more moderate perhaps?"

Setting aside the obvious – that the newspaper is not a part of city government – I would not call our editorial stands "hyper" liberal. But opinions are in the eye of the beholder.

If area cities continue with the survey, officials need to do more to increase participation. These sample sizes in no way adequately represent the general population. I'll put in a plug for the home team. The local newspaper with the "hyper local" editorial page can help. We reach every household each week. Local leaders, let me know when your survey is ready and I'll do my best to help pass the word.

You can indeed learn a lot by asking...and the results are even more useful with more answers.

Gun-safety students deserve praise, not slander

**Dennis
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Reporter



combine college-status snobbery with her stupid insult.

Foot-in-mouth, Ingraham announced she was going to take a vacation. She did offer an apology after big-name sponsors pulled their support from her show.

Hogg fired back: "I will accept your apology only if you denounce the way your network (Fox News) has treated my friends and I in this fight. It's time to love thy neighbor, not mudsling at children."

Gun-hugger/old rocker Ted Nugent also took pot shots at the young demonstrators, calling them "mushy-brained children." And look who's talkin'. Nugent, a board member of the National Rifle Association, has been dispensing "mushy-brained" pronouncements about guns, among other topics, for a long time.

Then there's former senator Rick Santorum. He gave the lamebrain advice that those students would do better to learn CPR (cardio-pulmonary resuscitation) rather than waste time demonstrating for gun laws. Oops. He must have meant learning TAT (tourniquet-application techniques) because people ripped apart by assault-weapon slugs often bleed to death rapidly if they don't die instantly. Santorum did "walk back" his comment later.

A good number of Republicans did

have the decency to denounce Hogg's attackers. Among them, Sen. Marco Rubio, who said, "Claiming some of the students on TV after Parkland were actors is the work of a disgusting group of idiots with no sense of decency."

As young people challenge sclerotic adherence to gun-rights absolutism, gun-huggers and many right-wing reactionaries have begun to act like panicking dinosaurs, glancing warily up at the sky, sensing imminent extinction. Maybe they are not on the right side of history, after all. Maybe voters will boot out legislators who constantly, fiercely resist any gun-safety laws, thereby refusing to represent the will of a vast majority of Americans.

Closer to home, there is state Rep. Mary Franson (R-Alexandria), whose Facebook posts compared the student demonstrators to "Hitler Youth." She apologized. That's the Franson modus operandi. She posts vile comments, apologizes, then posts more of them after the smoke clears.

Let's welcome the fresh breezes and renewed vision brought by these wonderful young people. They are, after all, the future. Their nasty detractors, hopefully, will soon be the past.

Hogg said it well at the national rally: "They (gun lobbyists and their legislators) will try to separate us in demographics," he told the demonstrators. "They will try to separate us by religion, race, congressional district and class. They will fail. We will come together. We will get rid of these public servants that only serve the gun lobby, and we will save lives."

Does a long winter slow the vibe?

Note to our readers: This column is part of a series from a blog recently started by a loosely knit independent group of area business people and residents who love and want to promote the energy and enthusiasm of downtown St. Joseph: The Joe Town Vibe. To find the column online or to read web-exclusive blogs posted every Tuesday, visit joetownvibe.com.

by John Stevens
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In Joe Town, summer has a much different vibe than fall, winter and spring. With the students gone for summer, some of the energy in the community is gone, but is found elsewhere. With summer comes warm weather and numerous outdoor events such as the farmers’ market and Joe Town Rocks. During the summer the vibe in St. Joe is created in a different way, but still makes itself pres-



ent every day. Winter may bring cooler temperatures and may limit the spectrum of activities, but still the vibe of Joe Town lives on. Students’ presence in the community brings with it numerous events on the St. Benedict campus such as musicals, ensembles, concerts and art shows. Unfortunately, even endless events around the community have a tough time combatting the dampened spirits of Joe Town residents because of continued low temperatures.

This spring has not yet felt like spring at all. Continued cold and snow are beginning to take a toll on the morale of Joe Town. The community is itching to get outside and enjoy some warm weather. Like it would on any community, the

long winter has hindered the vibe of the city. Joe Town is a resilient community and will be able to make it through the last couple of weeks of winter weather. The vibe of Joe Town still lives on in places that are indoors. Coffee shops, restaurants and bars have served as a gathering place for some time now.

If anything, the community of St. Joseph has just taken more advantage of different spaces and will just take even more advantage of the weather that is still to come this summer. The summer activities will still come and will be just as enjoyable as they have been in past years. It would be nice if the snow would stop falling and if the temperatures got warmer, but the fact is the weather is out of our control. The best solution for Joe Town is to continue to build community in the ways possible and take advantage of the warm weather once it comes.

Day

from front page

apparent failure. Hennessy attended New York University in New York City and the School for International Training in Vermont. She has traveled and worked around the world. This includes working at an international summer camp in the former Soviet Union and as an English as a second language teacher in Guatemala and to Tibetan refugees in India. She also walked 460 miles on el Camino de Santiago in Spain, a network of trails from France to Spain that make up the route of St. James. Hennessy and her husband, Garry Jones, spend time both in Vermont and Ireland. Day was a journalist and social activist who converted to the Catholic faith. She co-founded *The Catholic Worker*, a newspaper pro-

moting Catholic teachings. Founded on the principles of Day, who tried to act on the principles of Catholic social teaching by bringing persons and areas together to provide support for each other and by caring for people in need, there are many Catholic Worker Houses in the United States and abroad. A Catholic Worker consists of people dedicated to loving and serving others through prayer and clarification of thought, which includes social action and hospitality. The Catholic Worker’s focus is ecumenical and invites other faiths to join the effort. Hennessy’s talk is being presented by Central Minnesota Catholic Worker, CSB/SJU Department of Theology, Koch Chair in Catholic Thought and Culture, CSB Campus Ministry, SJU Campus Ministry and St. John’s School of Theology and Seminary.

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, April 13
Benton County Museum, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., 218 First St. N., Sauk Rapids. 320-253-9614. mnbentonhistory.org.
Saturday, April 14
St. Joseph Farmers’ Market, 9 a.m.-1 p.m., Resurrection Lutheran

Church 610, CR 2.
Community Showcase, sponsored by the St. Joseph Chamber of Commerce, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Kennedy Community School, 1300 Jade Road, St Joseph.
Central Minnesota Chapter of the Federation of the Blind of Minnesota, 12:30 p.m., American Legion, 17 Second Ave. N., Waite Park.
Sunday, April 15
“Its All God’s Work” 101 Years of St. Benedict’s Art Needlework, opening from 1-4 p.m., Haehn Museum, Art and Heritage Place, 104 Chapel Lane, St. Joseph. 320-363-7098.
“Screen Agers: Growing up in the Digital Age,” 4 p.m. First United Methodist Church, 1107 Pinecone Road. S., Sartell. Tickets available at fumcscr.org.

Monday, April 16
St. Joseph Food Shelf, open 1-3 p.m., Old City Hall, 25 First Ave. NW, St. Joseph.
St. Joseph City Council, 6 p.m., council chambers, St. Joseph City Hall, 75 Callaway St. E. 363-7201. cityofst-joseph.com.
CPR Training, 6-10 p.m., free, paid for by the Y2K Lions of St. Joseph and the St. Cloud Metro Lions, St. Joseph Community Fire Hall, 25 College Ave. N. Call 320-363-7201 to register. Limit of 20 spots per class.
St. Joseph Rod and Gun Club, 7 p.m., American Legion, 101 W Minnesota St., St. Joseph.

Tuesday, April 17
St. Joseph Lions Club meeting, 7:30 p.m., Millstream Park Pavilion 101 Fifth Ave. NW., St Joseph. Joanne Bechtold, 320-363-4483.
St. Cloud Area Genealogists, 7 p.m., Stearns History Museum, 235 33rd Ave. S., St. Cloud. stearns-museum.org.
Wednesday, April 18
S.A.L.T. (Seniors and Law Enforcement Together) sponsored by St. Joseph Economic Development Authority, 5 p.m., St. Joseph City Hall, 75 Callaway St. E. 320-363-7201. cityofstjoseph.com.
Thursday, April 19
St. Joseph Food Shelf, open 1-3 p.m., Old City Hall, 25 First Ave. NW,

St. Joseph.
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.
Friday, April 20
St. Joseph Area Historical Society, open 4-7 p.m., Old City Hall, 25 First Ave NW. stjosephhistoricalmn.org.
St. Cloud Singles Club Dance, 8 p.m.-midnight, American Legion, 17 Second Ave. S., Waite Park. 320-339-4533. stcloudsingles.net.
Sunday, April 22
Joe Town Table, 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m., American Legion, 101 W. Minnesota St., St. Joseph, every fourth Sunday of the month. centralmncw@gmail.com.

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Local man recalls Dr. King's funeral

by **Dennis Dalman**
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The Rev. Dr. Jack Eichhorst of Sartell met the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. long before that towering civil-rights leader became famous, and he was in Atlanta when the murdered King was put to rest 50 years ago.

On Jan. 1, 1960, Eichhorst, along with other students, met and talked with King when he visited an International Missions meeting at the University of Ohio. At the time, Eichhorst was a student at Luther Seminary in St. Paul. He and other students drove to the Ohio conference where King was a guest speaker.

"After his talk, about 12 to 15 of us went forward to talk with him," Eichhorst recalled. "At that time, he was not known nationally. We stood there amazed because King told us how he had forgiven a woman who tried to kill him. It happened some months before before his talk in Ohio. The woman approached him and then stabbed him in the chest with a knife. He later learned the tip of the knife was right against his heart's aorta. He told us, 'If I had coughed, I would not be here.'"

Eichhorst asked King if he would be willing to come to Luther Seminary to give a talk. King referred Eichhorst to his assignments assistant, but King later became so busy with his civil-rights work he was unable to make the trip to St. Paul.

"I had always been interested in civil rights," said Eichhorst, now 83, who grew up on a farm near Washburn, N.D.

"There was not even one black person where I was growing up," he said. "I never saw a

black person until later."

Eichhorst had a long and distinguished career as a teacher and pastor, including a doctorate degree from Yale University, study in Germany and a prestigious Fulbright Scholarship. He was also a teacher in research development at St. John's University. While there he was instrumental, along with a priest, in opening up a longtime dialogue between Catholics and Protestants, something that had long been frowned upon because of entrenched theological rigidities. Eichhorst said he is very proud of having helped start that ecumenical dialogue.

Early on, fresh out of high school, it was while studying at the Lutheran Bible Institute in Minneapolis that Eichhorst decided "to find the will of God for my life."

While teaching in Albert Lea, Eichhorst became the advisor for the Afro-American Student League and began to gather a myriad of insights into the black experience in the United States, including the cruelties and crimes, including lynchings, in the American South and elsewhere.

While at Yale University, he knew many of the young-student Freedom Riders – mostly white students who would travel to the South and help with black-voter registration and social-help programs for impoverished black people. Three of those Freedom Riders – two white men and a black man – were abducted and shot to death by white thugs in Mississippi, a crime that caused worldwide shock waves and helped bring attention to the prejudice, hatred and violence that were seething as blacks demonstrated for their rights

and then began to act upon those rights by voting.

It was while Eichhorst was teaching at the college in Albert Lea when he got a phone call from his wife, Judy, to tell him the horrifying news: Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. had been assassinated in Memphis, Tenn.

Eichhorst immediately met with black students, and they made plans for a big memorial service in Austin. Then he and others, mostly blacks, decided to fly from Minneapolis to Atlanta for King's funeral. When they arrived, Eichhorst slept on a church pew. Next day, he stood in a very long line with others to view King's body in its open casket.

Next there was a church service at Ebenezer Baptist Church, King's home church. The funeral was not open to everyone, but Eichhorst stood on a hill and watched all of the famous people who gathered for the ceremony. He remembers seeing Robert Kennedy arriving, who would himself be killed by an assassin a few months later.

After the church service, the coffin was put onto a rural Southern farm wagon pulled by mules. Thousands of people followed the casket to the burial site. Eichhorst remembers following, arm-and-arm with Minneapolis Mayor Arthur Naf-talin and a Minnesota political leader whose name he can't remember.

"It was an enormous group of people," Eichhorst said. "And everyone was so kind and peaceful. It was really quite amazing. His death was shocking, of course, but also edifying."

Edifying, Eichhorst explained, because of the millions of people King had touched



photo by Dennis Dalman

The Rev. Dr. Jack Eichhorst and wife Judy have enjoyed an extremely active life together working on behalf of the Word of God and the gospel messages of love and kindness. Now retired, they live in the Waterford Apartments in Sartell.

with his gospel messages and his civil-rights activism.

Five years after the funeral, Eichhorst heard King's father speak at a convention in Detroit not long after another horrific tragedy – the assassination of King Sr.'s wife, Alberta, during a service in Ebenezer Baptist Church where King Sr. himself was pastor for many years.

"King helped me understand the nature and depth of the hatred that was going on at that time," Eichhorst said. "The plight of black people – it was terribly important to understand that."

Meeting King, attending his funeral, were not the only brushes with history experienced by Eichhorst. On Nov. 22, 1963, in Dallas, Texas, President John F. Kennedy was assassinated in a motorcade. His wife, Jackie, sitting by his side, erupted in panic after the shots rang out and crawled on hands and knees from the open limo onto the back of it. The Secret Service agent who pushed her back into the limo was Clint Hill, who has served under five presidents. He happened to be a

high-school friend of Eichhorst so many years previously, back home in North Dakota.

In 1964, Jack and Judy Eichhorst took a trip to Washington, D.C., and were able to visit for a time in the White House with Clint Hill.

Eichhorst said he often feels King's spirit is being lost. While studying in Eastern Europe, in cities like Budapest, Eichhorst became acutely aware of the tyranny of communism and how so many naïve people in the West were taken in by such ideologies. Eichhorst does hold out for hope, however. He said he is a strong believer in the power of God as transformative experience and notes that Christianity has been increasing hugely in so many countries in Africa, Asia and South and Central America.

Eichhorst's wife, Judy, has also been tirelessly active in church activities throughout the decades. The couple has four children: Daniel, who teaches in Japan; Martha, who lives and works in Bolivia; Nathan of Boise, Idaho; and Stephen of Corpus Christi.

St. Joseph to host Old Glory Run

This year's Old Glory run will take place on Saturday, May 19, in St. Joseph.

The event consists of a 5K run/walk/wheel and 1K fun-run for children.

Funds from last year's run were used to buy a vehicle to

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