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Brat sale benefits hanging basket project

A brat sale, sponsored by Y2K Lions, will be held Friday-Saturday, April 27-28 at the St. Joseph Meat Market, 26 First Ave. NW. Proceeds will be donated to the St. Joseph Flower Project. Organizers Joyce Faber and Carol Theisen said, "We want to thank the Y2K Lions for their continued support and want to urge you to support their efforts. Thank you so much to those who have already contributed."

Empty Bowls set April 28 at new St. Cloud location

Empty Bowls' Snow Make-up Day, sponsored by Place of Hope, will be held from 11 a.m.-7 p.m. Saturday, April 28 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. For more information, visit placeofhopeministries.org.

Great River Chorale presents Beautiful River

Great River Chorale presents *Beautiful River: American Folksongs, Hymns & Spirituals* at 4 p.m. Sunday, April 29 at Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 4310 CR 137, St. Cloud. Tickets at greatriverchorale.org and at the door. This activity is made possible through a grant from the Central Minnesota Arts Board, thanks to a legislative appropriation from the arts and cultural heritage fund.

Taste of St. Cloud set May 7

Taste of St. Cloud, an annual fundraiser sponsored by the Franciscan Community Volunteers, a ministry of the Franciscan Sisters of Little Falls, will be from 4:30-7:30 p.m. Monday, May 7 at the Best Western/Kelly Inn in St. Cloud. The event features an array of cuisines from local restaurants as well as live entertainment and a silent auction. Meet the Franciscan Community Volunteers and see the ways they enrich the lives of people of the St. Cloud area. You'll also have an opportunity to visit many Franciscan sisters and friends. Purchase discounted tickets online at fcvonline.org or fslf.org.

Senior Connection to host Lemonade, Laughter May 8

The Sartell Senior Connection will host the 10th annual Lemonade and Laughter, featuring musician and storyteller Charlie Roth, at 2 p.m. Tuesday, May 8 at the St. Francis Xavier Gathering Space, 219 Second St. N., Sartell.

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Kennedy eighth-graders lead Project Kindness

by Mike Knaak
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Four Kennedy Community School eighth-graders, troubled by social issues in their school and in the world at large, decided to take action.

The result, a day informally named Project Kindness.

While students around the country walked out of class on April 20 to mark the 19th anniversary of the Columbine school shooting, the Kennedy students instead pulled off a day that resembled the teach-ins of the 1960s. The four student leaders met with Principal Laurie Putnam to get approval and help plan the program of seminar topics on current social issues including school safety.

The ideas for seminar topics came from the students,

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photo by Mike Knaak

During a seminar session called "Empowerment for Women and Girls," Anna Mercedes, a gender studies professor at the College of St. Benedict/St. John's University, talks with seventh-grader Katrina Hedberg.

Police chief on leave as investigation continues

by Mike Knaak
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The St. Joseph city attorney is investigating claims made against St. Joseph Police Chief Joel Klein after the City Council voted to keep him on paid administrative leave.

The City Council met in a closed session April 23 to consider allegations made against Klein.

Klein was placed on leave April 19. Sgt. Dwight Pfannen-

stein remains acting police chief.

Mayor Rick Schultz said City Attorney Tom Jovanovich and his team will conduct interviews, including interviewing Klein. The results will be reported to the council, but Schultz said there is no timeline.

"We want this done in a diligent manner but also a



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timely fashion," Schultz said. "It's way too early to say what will happen until we have all the interviews and statements."

The next scheduled council meeting is May 7. Schultz said if a special meeting is needed, the notice will be posted on the city's website.

City councils can close

meetings to discuss personnel issues.

Klein joined the police department in 2001 as a part-time officer. He moved to full time in 2004. He became chief in 2013.

Schultz asked people not to "prejudge" the chief's actions.

"The presumption of innocence is a standard we wish to apply and this investigation is not intended to prejudge Chief Klein," Schultz said in a statement.



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Christian Gaetz (right) and his sister Marisa both attend the Massachusetts Institute of Technology in Cambridge, Mass. He graduated from St. John's Prep in 2012 and was recently awarded a national fellowship to continue his math studies.

Native Gaetz awarded national research fellowship

by Cori Hilsgen
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Christian Gaetz, son of Rose and Rick Gaetz of St. Joseph, was recently awarded a National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship.

Gaetz is currently pursuing a Ph.D in mathematics from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology in Cambridge, Mass. He graduated from St. John's Prep in 2012 and the University of Minnesota-Twin Cities in 2016.

Gaetz applied for the fellowship in fall. His application consisted of a proposal for an

original research project he plans to carry out during his Ph.D program, a description of how his research and mentorship activities will benefit society, and information about his previous research and publications.

"I feel very fortunate to have received this fellowship, which will allow me to devote more of my time to research in mathematics," Gaetz said. "I hope my research will have an impact in the field, and I plan to continue mentoring aspiring mathematicians and encouraging young people to

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People

St. Joseph individuals and organizations were recently recognized during the St. Cloud school district Board of Education Partners In Education Awards at the Great River Regional Library in St. Cloud. In it's ninth year, the awards recognized the contributions of individuals and organizations that support St. Cloud schools and students. Partners in Education Awards honor individuals and organizations for their significant contributions to public education and student success.

Partner Volunteer awards were given to **Amy Hiltner, Mimi Murphy** and "**Nellie**" (service dog), at Kennedy Community School.

Partner Organization awards were given to **Kennedy Parent Teacher Association, Heidi Everett** and **Nicole Foelkerts**.

This year, a new Distinguished Civic Award was also presented by the Board of Education and Superintendent Willie Jett to the city of St. Cloud, accepted by Mayor Dave Kleis in recognition of city and school partnership.

St. Joseph resident featured in *Green Card Voices*

by **Dennis Dalman**
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Green Card Voices, a traveling exhibit featuring the lives of immigrants to central Minnesota, will be widely seen in Sartell



Ayala

during the month of May.

One of the immigrants featured in the show is Ulises Ayala of St. Joseph, who came to the United States from Mexico and is now a captain in the National Guard who is studying for a master's degree via Minnesota State University, Mankato.

Green Card Voices will be displayed at the Sartell Community Center from April 30 through May 11. The exhibit is open to one and all and admission is free. After its Sartell debut at the community center, it will move on to all of Sartell's five schools: May 7-11 at the two elementary schools, May 14-19 at Sartell Middle School; and May 21-25 at Sartell High School.

The lives of 18 immigrants are featured in *Green Card Voices*. A photo of each one is displayed on panels that are 8-feet tall, along with text and video of each person. The immigrants featured include people from countries that include Germany, Mexico, Somalia and El Salvador.

Sponsored by Unite-Cloud.com, the exhibit opened first at St. Cloud's Whitney Center in January. The purpose of the exhibit is to promote understanding and insights into the life stories of the immigrants – their skills, their contributions, their cultural enrichments, their families, the struggles they've endured and the challenges of adapting to life in a new country.

Correction

In a story published April 20 about the busy intersection near Kennedy Community School, Rhonda Dahlgren's suggestions

for improving traffic were incorrectly reported. Dahlgren opposes building a roundabout at that intersection.

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Eighth-graders (from left) Audrey Birkholz, Bethany Knopp, Kayla Okonu and Allison Moon organized the program.



Former Kennedy Community School student Sam Brewer spoke about his participation in the national March for Our Lives in Washington, D.C., just a month ago. Brewer is a freshman at Apollo High School.

Kindness

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Putnam said. The event came together in about three weeks.

The day begin with an assembly led by organizers Audrey Birkholz, Bethany Knopp, Kayla Okonu and Allison Moon. The four led the assembly of sixth- through eighth-grade students in a silent memorial to student victims of gun violence.

"We have to not fear going to school," Birkholz said. "A small group of thoughtful kids can change the world."

Former Kennedy student Sam Brewer, who is now a freshman at Apollo High School, shared his experience

participating in the March for Our Lives in Washington, D.C., just a month ago. He rode to the rally on a bus with other young people from his synagogue.

"I was really lucky to be there with all these people and be part of something bigger," Brewer said. "We have the power to make a difference."

Following the assembly, each student could choose two discussion sessions to attend from about a dozen offered.

The session topics included school and cyber safety, gender and cultural issues and how to resolve conflicts. Community experts led the sessions.

From organizing the event, Knopp said she learned about

teamwork and how to get people involved.

Okonu added the planning taught her to be more open-minded.

From working with school leaders, Moon said she learned to appreciate how much work the principal does.

During the day, the school's younger students participated in activities appropriate for their age. For example, students wrote messages of support and pasted the stickers on every locker.

Putnam tied together the day's events.

"Instead of a walk-out without understanding the issues, we wanted to have an educational event so students know we are focusing on kindness and unity," Putnam said.



Kennedy Community School students observe a moment of silence during the April 20 program.

Gaetz

from front page

enter quantitative fields."

Since Gaetz won the fellowship, the amount of time he needs to spend as a teaching assistant is reduced and he can now focus more on research and the mentorship programs he is involved in such as MIT's PRIMES: Program for Research in Mathematics, Engineering and Science for High School Students. The program is a free yearlong after-school program offering research projects and guided reading to high school students who live in the Boston area. Participants work with MIT researchers on unsolved problems in mathematics, computer science and computational biology.

The fellowship will cover the remaining three years of his five-year Ph.D program. Gaetz's area of research is algebraic combinatorics.

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gebraic combinatorics is often used to study these systems when they have a high degree of symmetry.

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Gaetz has one sister, Marisa, who is also currently attending the Massachusetts Institute of Technology in Cambridge and plans to major in mathematics. She has participated in several summer research programs for undergraduates that are also funded by the National Science Foundation through its Research Experiences for Undergraduates Sites program. An REU Site includes a group of about 10 undergraduates who work in the research programs of the host institution. Each student is associated with a specific research project, working closely with faculty and other researchers.

Last summer she worked on research at the University of Minnesota-Twin Cities and this year she plans to work on research at the University of Minnesota-Duluth.

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Nobles selected BBBS Family of the Year

by Cori Hilsen
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Are you interested in making a “big” difference in helping shape someone’s life? If so, you might be interested in checking out the Big Brothers Big Sisters of Central Minnesota program like Sartell residents Andy and Sarah Noble did.

They and their children Alexandra, Katelyn and William, were recently selected as the 2018 Big Brothers Big Sisters Minnesota State Big Family of the Year. The family has been a mentor for two years.

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Central Minnesota annually recognizes volunteers who go above and beyond their role as a mentor.

Other mentors who were selected to receive an award for the impact they’ve had on their “Little”/mentee and for their advocating of the mentoring program include the following: Kenny Hendrickson, Waite Park, as the 2018 Central Minnesota Big Brother of the Year, who has been a mentor for 10 years; Jessica Holmgren, St. Cloud, as the 2018 Central Minnesota Big Sister of the Year, who has been a mentor for seven years; Zach Faith, Foley High School, as the 2018 Central Minnesota High School Big Brother of the Year, who has been a mentor for three years; and Hanna Ritter, Rocori High School, as the 2018 Central Minnesota High School Big Sister of the Year, who has been a mentor for two years.

Local mentor candidates represent Big Brothers Big Sisters of Central Minnesota in the statewide competition. The state selects one outstanding mentor in each category to represent Minnesota in a national competition. In addition to receiving the local title, three mentors from the St. Cloud agency were honored with the statewide title. These included Andy and Sarah Noble and their children; Hendrickson, who was selected as the 2018 Minnesota State Big Brother of the Year; and Faith, who was selected as 2018 Minnesota State High School

Big Brother of the Year.

Award recipients were recently recognized during the Big Celebration, an annual event that honors the agency’s mentors.

The Nobles who have lived in Sartell for almost seven years, have been mentors for more than two years to Jesse Lloyd, 10, and have done a wide variety of activities with him including playing outside, playing board game nights, rock climbing, going to Valleyfair and going to a Vikings football game.

They have also gone to Summerland, Airmaxx, a holiday party and the Big Celebration.

The Nobles began their journey as a Big Family in October 2015. Both Andy and Sarah had interest in becoming Bigs but Sarah said they struggled to justify time away from their own young children. Mentoring as a family allowed them to build a relationship with their Little, Lloyd, give back to the area and lead by example for their children showing the difference you can make in someone’s life.

She said they enjoy participating in anything active with Lloyd. They love sports and games of all sorts. A favorite has been pickleball, which they have been able to do at the Sartell Community Center many times.

Sarah said Lloyd has a great backhand swing.

She said becoming a Big is a decision people won’t regret.

“We’ve invited our Little into our family and through this experience,” Sarah said, “we have broadened our own horizons and exposed ourselves and our children to different types of families and relationships leading to increased awareness and acceptance of others around us. Big Brothers Big Sisters works to match you with a Big/Little with common interests so there is a natural connection. We hope our Little has experienced the same growth and friendship that we have in knowing him.”

Lloyd said his favorite thing about his Big family is having someone to talk with after school

every Wednesday, if not every other day. His favorite thing to do with the Nobles is to “just hang out, have fun and just go do stuff with them.”

Lloyd said the Nobles are deserving of the Big Family of the Year award because they are doing stuff that’s helping others.

“The Nobles are very deserving of both of these awards,” said Mary Bechtold, a match support coordinator for the Big Brothers Big Sisters program. “They have given Jesse a second family to spend time and enjoy activities with as well as offered support and encouragement to him during important times in his life.”

Bechtold, who lives in St. Joseph, said the Nobles are great mentors for the program and also a huge asset to the area.

Andy Noble connected his work place with the Big Brothers Big Sisters program to sponsor several families with youth in the program during the holiday season. Both Sarah and Andy also collected products from their coworkers for the Big Brothers Big Sisters’ hygiene product drive in January. These products were then donated to Pathways 4 Youth, a resource center for homeless youth, and are now available to people who stop at the center.

As a match, they have also volunteered at the Big Brothers Big Sisters’ Golf Fore Kids’ Sake event the past two summers.

Bechtold said Jesse now refers to the Nobles as his “Big Dad,” “Big Mom,” “Big Sisters” and “Big Little Brother.”

“We encourage anyone interested in becoming a Big to reach out to the Big Brothers Big Sisters office to learn more,” Sarah said. “We were so impressed by the professionalism and dedication they have to making successful matches. We are proof one family can make a difference no matter how “Big” or “Little.”

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Central Minnesota currently has 100 children waiting for mentors. For more information, call 320-253-1616 or visit bigbscentralmn.org.



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Sartell residents Andy and Sarah Noble and their children recently received the Big Brothers Big Sisters of Central Minnesota Big Family of the Year award for mentoring their Little Brother Jesse Lloyd. The Nobles are shown with their mentee at the award ceremony. Pictured (front row, left to right) are William Noble, Jesse Lloyd and Katelyn Noble; and (back row) Sarah, Andy and Alexandra (Lexi) Noble.



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Kate and Will Noble, Jesse Lloyd, and Sarah and Lexi Noble (left to right) finish a game of pickleball together at the Sartell Community Center. The Noble family, who is a mentor to Lloyd, was recently recognized as the 2018 Central Minnesota Big Family of the Year.



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Kate and Lexi Noble and Jesse Lloyd (left to right) spend time together at a Minnesota Vikings pre-season game in August 2017.

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Opinion

Our View

Journalism ethics are more important than ever

Journalists don't like to be part of the story.

We prefer observing, researching the facts and conducting interviews to report the news.

But sometimes we have to step forward and talk about the work we do and how we do it.

This week is Ethics Week, a yearly project sponsored by the Society of Professional Journalists.

Most years, Ethics Week passes without notice. Usually there are seminars and workshops for journalists to reinforce ethical standards and address new ethical issues that demand discussion.

This year is different. Day after day, some political leaders confuse uncomfortable and inconvenient reporting as fake news. Readers have to sort through conflicting stories found on social media to determine what to believe.

Journalism ethics have developed over time into a set of standards to ensure fair and trustworthy reporting.

You can read them at <https://www.spj.org/ethicscode.asp>.

Journalists who support these standards work in the newsrooms that provide trusted reporting that is not fake news.

Whether you get your news from the *Newsleader*, the *St. Cloud Times*, WJON, MPR or the *StarTribune*, the reporters and editors in those newsrooms strive to live by that code of ethics. They are trusted sources and trusted brands.

Ethics standards address how reporters achieve fairness, how they handle conflicts of interest and how they pursue stories with compassion and empathy.

Yes, journalists make errors. But we explain and correct them. Yes, readers sometimes disagree with what we choose to report or how we choose to report it. Journalism is not a science. Editors and reporters often disagree about the importance of a story or what angle the reporting should take.

But we don't disagree about the facts, no matter how inconvenient or uncomfortable for those in power.

Ask many people these days where news comes from and they are likely to say from Facebook or Twitter.

That's wrong. News doesn't come from social media any more than food comes from grocery stores...leaving out of course the farmer.

Good reporting takes time. The process is inefficient and expensive. Twitter and Facebook don't employ even one journalist. The costs associated with reporting are borne by mostly print-based newsrooms and their associated websites.

SPJ lists five reasons we need ethics. They are:

- Information: Ethical journalism results in quality information people need to live their lives.

- Accountability: Ethical journalism uncovers and reports on when those in positions of power abuse their office and status.

- Empowerment: Information often equates to power, and an informed public is a powerful public.

- Comfort: Ethical journalism can provide comfort and knowledge to communities seeking information on tragic events.

- Democracy: Ethical journalism is the cornerstone of an informed citizenry who can use their voices to alter lives.

Please join us in "celebrating" Ethics Week by reading trusted news sources and holding all those who use the privileges of the First Amendment to the highest ethical standards.

Take a trip to the '60s with old photo negatives

Mike Knaak
Editor



ing at the moments frozen in time.

During the 1960s, St. Cloud State grew rapidly. University photographers documented the rise of Halenbeck Hall, Garvey Commons and Atwood Center. As the campus expanded and pushed west, block after block of houses needed to be moved or torn down. My spouse grew up in one of those homes, a two-story house on Third Avenue, replaced in the 1960s by the Performing Arts Center.

Most of these images predate my own memories of the SCSU campus. I first remember visiting during the late 1960s for music or speech contests and sporting events. Later, in the mid 1970s, I returned as a student and from the early 1980s, I've taught one or two classes a year.

I've seen the dramatic change and growth first-hand.

It's fun to be reminded of how the campus used to look, but I found other images that reveal more significant changes.

Most photos show happy engaged, students. They are well-dressed: the men often are wearing jackets and ties, the women dresses. That's a big difference from today's students who often arrive for class in much more casual attire that falls below the expectation of casual Friday.

In the early 1960s, the faces of

those well-dressed students were virtually all white and young, strikingly different than today's diversity of races, ethnicities and ages.

When photographers recorded important events in the 1960s, those group photos almost always showed older, white men, a big difference from the University's leadership team today.

Several pages of photos from November 1966 revealed a stark change in how our world has changed in the last 50 years. Hubert Humphrey visited campus as part of a campaign swing for local Democratic candidates just before election day.

In frame after frame, people surround Humphrey, a former U.S. Senator and sitting vice president. Not one uniformed police officer or Secret Service agent is nearby. In today's world, there's no way that many people would be able to mob the vice president.

University archives preserve the living history of the institution's faculty and students. In addition to photographs, the collection includes administrative records, books, artifacts and copies of the university's student newspaper, *The Chronicle*. Many of the materials can be found online at www.stcloudstate.edu/library/archives/default.aspx.

Or you can visit the archives on the third floor of Miller Center or contact via email at archives@stcloudtstate.edu. If you've been a student, a former faculty member or you're a central Minnesota resident curious about history, you too can hop aboard the time machine.

We need more Paul Wellstones

Dennis Dalman
Reporter



wrestler, but quit showing off your strength. You keep shaking hands like that, you're gonna cripple your voters."

His face lit up with that wide elfin grin, and he erupted with wild laughter.

At first I thought Wellstone didn't have a snowball's chance in Hell to win the 1990 election. He was whipping up a lot of attention, though, with his impassioned speeches as he criss-crossed the state in an old green repurposed school bus that looked like a hippie jalopy from the Summer of Love.

Many people began warming up to Wellstone, viewing him as an aw-shucks-just-folks sort of fellow bursting with enthusiasm.

One fall afternoon, I experienced a kind of political revelation. Boschwitz arrived in town for a campaign appearance at the local mall's parking lot. There was the "plywood millionaire" (as he was sometimes dubbed) standing on a farm wagon by straw bales and wearing his red-plaid shirt, sleeves rolled up as if ready for some heavy-duty hay-baling. It was an almost comical attempt to project the image of the farmer's friend, a man of the people like his opponent.

Suddenly, I glimpsed a desperation

in Boschwitz, an insecurity about his chances. Wellstone just might pull off a miracle, after all.

And lo and behold, he did. He won. Six years later, he was re-elected. While pondering a presidential run, he discovered his usually manic energy was lagging. Then came the diagnosis: the onset of multiple sclerosis. Never a quitter, he decided to file again for re-election.

One morning in late October 2002, I walked into the *St. Joseph/Sartell Newsleader* office. Fellow employee Kate Wallace asked if I'd heard the horrible news. She told me Wellstone, wife Sheila, daughter Marcia and several others all died in a small-airplane crash near Eveleth while on their way to a funeral.

It was devastating news, so hard to fathom. Wellstone, only 58, was a loving family man who didn't have to crow about "family values" like some manipulative politicians do. He was the real McCoy. He was honest; he was kind; he was caring. He possessed personal and moral integrity while working hard with one thing uppermost in mind – his constituents, especially the economically disenfranchised ones who are often ignored or ground down by big-money interests and their paid minions in Congress. Unlike so many bought-and-paid-for legislators these days, Wellstone was a genuine public servant.

That is why I miss Paul Wellstone, and that is why we need more of him.

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Reaching EVERYbody!

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That one time I almost blew up, literally

So . . . we’re having people over. Those four words generally follow with a good dose of cardio and a mad dash to get the place we live in looking like no one lives in it. When you think about it, having people over is a critical component to home maintenance. It’s the only way some projects will ever get done. And thus begins the story about how I almost blew myself up.

As my husband and I deliberated about where the guests would gather and which area of our home had become “too lived in,” we decided to get to work on the garage. Our garage is a purgatory for unwanted belongings. That is where items go when they are demoted from indoor-living quarters. It’s the last stop before the trash. How long an object spends in garage-purgatory depends on how useful it once was, if a purpose, by any stretch of the mind, can be

identified for it, or if people are coming over.

With movie-star smiles we descended into our garage like a couple of celebrities on the show Hoarders. I played the role of the professional organizer/therapist and my husband comfortably got into the character of the hoarder. We sorted each item into piles. Keep, donate, discard and . . . hazardous waste.

At the end of the day the hazardous-waste pile was the clear winner and because people were coming over I painfully loaded the ancient, filthy artifacts into my luxury sport-utility vehicle the next morning. There were fluorescent light bulbs, aerosol cans, 20 cans of 20-year-old paint, dead batteries collected like fossils from every battery-operated object we ever owned, and gallons upon gallons of floor strippers and carpet-cleaning chemicals that

Carolyn Bertsch

Guest Writer



hadn’t been touched since the new millennium. At that point, it crossed my mind my vehicle might require flammable signage.

Among my toxic passengers was a glass carafe filled with a mystery fluid. Concerned that this could tip and spill all over the beautiful beige interior of my precious Lincoln, I placed it inside a small box and gave it a prominent place beside me in the center console. In order to get to the hazardous-waste site, I would have to weave through Sartell’s exhilarating array of roundabouts. It was here that my little companion in the center console jerked forward, reacting

to the quick footing of the driver ahead of us. I rescued it just in time and decided I had better hold it the rest of the way. After all, people were coming over and I didn’t need one more thing to deal with.

My sidekick and I arrived safely. I was greeted by men in gloves and safety goggles. Feeling underdressed for the occasion, I made a mental note to buy a hazmat suit for next time. They swiftly unloaded my car, advised me I was sitting on a small fortune of batteries (which it turned out, I was!) and as we said our goodbyes I’d almost forgotten about my little friend. I gingerly handed the box with the carafe inside to the worker who hastily took it from me and yanked the carafe from the box.

“Do you know what this is?” he asked.

“I don’t know,” I said. “Anti-freeze maybe? Oil? Some Kool-

Aid science project. I really have no idea.”

I was thinking, “Please take it, please take it, please take it!”

He looked inside the box and then back at me like I was crazy. “These are pool chemicals,” he said.

“OK, you take those, right?,” I said, explaining I don’t have the pool anymore and that chemical had been occupying valuable real estate in my garage for almost a decade.

“Yes, we take them,” he said. “But do you realize if this glass jar would’ve cracked you could’ve exploded?”

Apparently, pool chemicals are extremely explosive and so caution should be taken in the storage of them. Who knew?!

Seven lives down, two to go. Yikes! It turns out I had narrowly avoided death yet again. It’s a good thing, too, because people are coming over.

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 27
St. Joseph Y2K Lions Brat Sale, 9 a.m.-5 p.m., St. Joseph Meat Market 26 First Ave. NW. All donations will support the city of St. Joseph Flower Basket Project. Hearing aids and eyeglasses will also be collected.

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St. Cloud VA Career Fair for nursing, medical clerk and clinical social work occupations, 9 a.m.-noon, St. Cloud VA Health Care System, 4801 Veterans Drive Bldg. 1, 320-252-1670 ext. 7276.

Place of Hope Empty Bowls Soup Feed Benefit and Silent Auction, 11 a.m.- 7 p.m., City Hope Church, 413 Franklin Ave. NE., St. Cloud. 320-203-7881.

Sunday, April 29
Artrageous, the interactive art and music experience, 3 p.m., Paramount Center for the Arts, 913 St. Germain St., St Cloud. 320-259-5463.

Monday, April 30
St. Joseph Food Shelf, open 1-3 p.m., Old City Hall, 25 First Ave. NW., St. Joseph.

Tuesday, May 1
St. Joseph American Legion Post 328 Memorial Meeting, 6 p.m. with a memorial service honoring deceased members at 7 p.m., 101 W. Minnesota St., St Joseph.

St. Joseph Lions Club meeting, 7:30 p.m., Millstream Park Pavilion 101 Fifth Ave. NW., St Joseph. Contact Joanne Bechtold 320-363-4483 for more information.

Wednesday, May 2
St. Joseph Area Historical Society meeting, 7 p.m., Old City Hall, 25 First Ave. NW. stjosephhistoricalmn.org.
Veterans of the Year Awards Ceremony, 4:30-6:30 p.m., Tuscan Center

in Midtown Plaza, 3333 Division St, St. Cloud. 320-654-9527 ext. 107.

Thursday, May 3
St. Joseph Food Shelf, open 1-3 p.m., Old City Hall, 25 First Ave. NW, St. Joseph.

St. Joseph Planning Commission, 6 p.m., St. Joseph City Hall, 75 Callaway St. E. 320-363-7201. cityof-stjoseph.com.

Great River Regional Coin Club, 6:30-8:30 p.m., Miller Auto Marine Sports Plaza, 2930 Second St. S., St. Cloud. 320-252-8452.

Friday, May 4
Brat Sale hosted by the St. Joseph American Legion and SAL Squadron 328, 9 a.m.-5 p.m., St. Joseph Meat Market 26 First Ave. NW.
St. Cloud Veterans Job Fair, 11 a.m.-1 p.m., St. Cloud VA Health Care

System Auditorium, 4801 Veterans Drive. 320-255-6353.

St. Joseph Area Historical Society, open 11 a.m.-2 p.m., Old City Hall, 25 First Ave. NW. stjosephhistoricalmn.org.

Saturday, May 5
Brat Sale hosted by the St. Joseph American Legion and SAL Squadron 328, 9 a.m.-4 p.m., St. Joseph Meat Market 26 First Ave. NW.

Sunday, May 6
Walk MS: St. Cloud, a benefit for the National Multiple Sclerosis Society, 9:45 a.m., Apollo High School, 1000-44th Ave. N., St. Cloud, 855-372-1331 or walkMS.org.

Jason Bishop at the Paramount Center for the Arts, 1 p.m. & 3:30 p.m., 913 St. Germain St., St Cloud. 320-259-5463.

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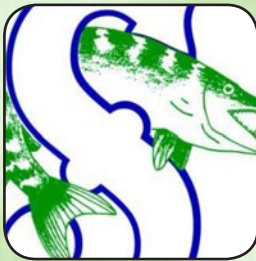
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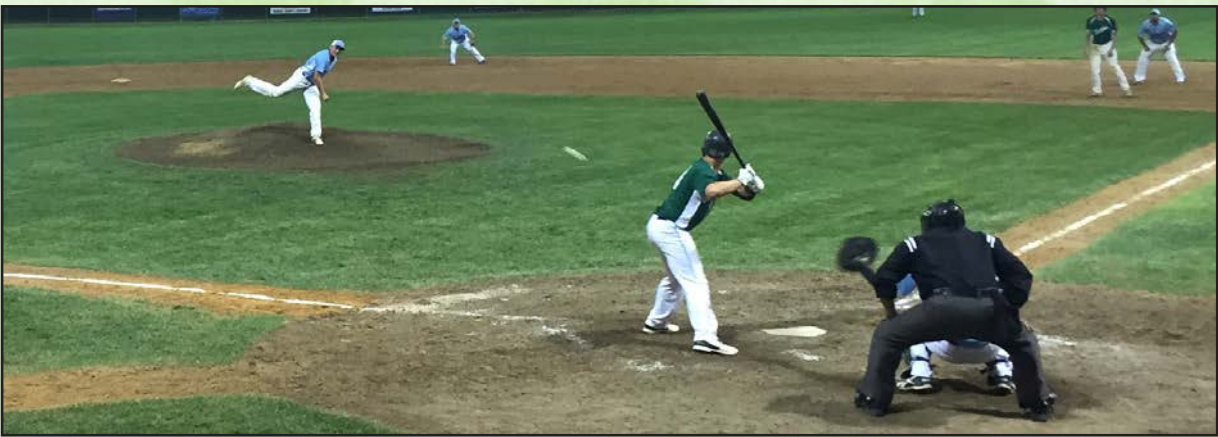
2018 Spring Baseball/Football Calendar

Sartell Muskies • Sartell Stone Poneys • St. Joseph Joes • Granite City Renegades



Sartell Muskies

4/25/18	7 p.m.	St. Augusta	Champion Field
5/2/18	6:15 p.m.	St. Augusta Gussies	St. Augusta
5/6/18	1:30 p.m.	Sartell Stone Poneys	Champion Field
5/12/18	1:30 p.m.	Clear Lake Lakers	Champion Field
5/13/18	1:30 p.m.	St. Joseph Saints	Schneider Field
5/19/18	1:30 p.m.	Foley Lumberjacks	Foley
5/20/18	1:30 p.m.	Albertville Villains	Champion Field
6/01/18	TBA	TBD	Champion Field
6/02/18	TBA	TBD	Champion Field
6/03/18	TBA	TBD	Champion Field
6/06/18	7 p.m.	Becker Bandits	Champion Field
6/10/18	1:30 p.m.	Clear Lake Lakers	Clear Lake
6/13/18	7:30 p.m.	Albertville Villains	Albertville
6/16/18	TBA	TBD	Elrosa
6/17/18	TBA	TBD	Elrosa
6/20/18	7 p.m.	Foley Lumberjacks	Champion Field
6/23/18	1:30 p.m.	Upsala Blue Jays	Upsala Varsity Field
6/24/18	5 p.m.	Becker Bandits	Becker
6/27/18	7 p.m.	Sartell Stone Poneys	Champion Field
7/07/18	12:30 p.m.	New Market	New Market
7/07/18	2:30 p.m.	Waterville	New Market
7/11/18	6:30 p.m.	Avon Lakers	Avon
7/14/18	1:30 p.m.	St. Joseph Joes	Champion Field



St. Joseph Joes

5/12/18	1:30 p.m.	Dilworth Raildogs	St. Joseph
5/12/18	3:30 p.m.	Dilworth Raildogs	St. Joseph
5/13/18	1:30 p.m.	Sartell Muskies	St. Joseph
5/16/18	7:30 p.m.	Cold Spring Springers	Cold Spring
5/19/18	1:30 p.m.	Clear Lake Lakers	Clear Lake
5/20/18	1:30 p.m.	Sartell Stone Poneys	St. Joseph
5/26/18	1:30 p.m.	Sauk Rapids Cyclones	Sauk Rapids
6/06/18	6:15 p.m.	Beaudreau's Saints	St. Joseph
6/08/18	7:30 p.m.	Albertville Villains	Albertville
6/9/18	1:30 p.m.	New London-Spicer Twins	Spicer
6/10/18	1:30 p.m.	Becker Bandits	St. Joseph
6/13/18	6:30 p.m.	Avon Lakers	Avon
6/16/18	1:30 p.m.	Clear Lake Lakers	Clear Lake
6/17/18	1:30 p.m.	Foley Lumberjacks	Foley
6/22/18	8:30 p.m.	Sauk Centre Titans	St. Joseph
6/29/18	7:30 p.m.	Sartell Stone Poneys	Sartell
7/01/18	1:30 p.m.	Albertville Villains	St. Joseph
7/07/18	1:30 p.m.	Foley Lumberjacks	St. Joseph
7/08/18	1:30 p.m.	Becker Bandits	Becker
7/11/18	7 p.m.	Beaudreau's Saints	St. Cloud
7/14/18	1:30 p.m.	Sartell Muskies	Sartell



Sartell Stone Poneys

5/04/18	7:30 p.m.	Fort Ripley Rebels	Champion Field
5/06/18	1:30 p.m.	Sartell Muskies	Champion Field
5/12/18	7:30 p.m.	Princeton Panthers	Princeton
5/16/18	7 p.m.	Avon Lakers	Champion Field
5/20/18	2 p.m.	St. Joseph Joes	St. Joseph
5/23/18	7:30 p.m.	Clear Lake Lakers	Champion Field
5/25/18	7:30 p.m.	Albertville Villains	Champion Field
6/02/18	TBA	TBD	Clear Lake
6/03/18	TBA	TBD	Clear Lake
6/10/18	4 p.m.	Beaudreau's Saints	St. Cloud MAC
6/13/18	7:30 p.m.	Foley Lumberjacks	Champion Field
6/16/18	1:30 p.m.	Albertville Villains	Albertville
6/17/18	1:30 p.m.	Becker Bandits	Becker
6/22/18	TBA	TBD	Farming
6/23/18	TBA	TBD	Farming
6/24/18	TBA	TBD	Farming
6/27/18	7 p.m.	Sartell Muskies	Champion Field
6/29/18	7:30 p.m.	St. Joseph Joes	Champion Field
7/01/18	3 p.m.	Rogers Red Devils	Rogers
7/08/18	1:30 p.m.	Foley Lumberjacks	Foley
7/11/18	7:30 p.m.	Becker Bandits	Champion Field
7/14/18	12 p.m.	Clear Lake Lakers	Clear Lake
7/18/18	7:30 p.m.	Sauk Rapids Cyclones	Bob Cross Park



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FOOTBALL

Granite City Renegades

5/5/18	4 p.m.	Stampede	Bishop Heelan Memorial Field - Sioux City
5/19/18	5 p.m.	Pioneers	Concordia University - St. Paul
6/02/18	4 p.m.	Thunder-hawks	Newton Field - Hudson
6/09/18	6 p.m.	Rough Riders	Logan High School - La Crosse
6/16/18	1 p.m.	Vipers	Clemens Stadium - SJU
6/23/18	1 p.m.	Invaders	Clemens Stadium - SJU
6/30/18	1 p.m.	Force	Clemens Stadium - SJU
7/14/18	1 p.m.	Warriors	Clemens Stadium - SJU
7/21/18	5 p.m.	Storm	Maple Grove High School



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