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# **Town Crier**

# Minnesota Center Chorale to perform For the Earth

For the Earth, a Minnesota Center Chorale concert featuring "Song of Wisdom from Old Turtle" by Sartell resident Doug Wood, will be held at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, May 12 at the Paramount Theater, 913 W. St. Germain, St. Cloud. Tickets are available at the door or by visiting minnesotacenterchorale.org.

# Auditions May 22, 23 for GNTC's Annie

Auditions for Great Northern Theatre Company's performances of Annie the Musical will be held at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday and Wednesday, May 22 and 23 at Rocori High School, 534 Fifth St. N., Cold Spring. Watch for signs directing you to the location. Show dates are Aug. 2, 3, 4 and 5 and Aug. 10, 11 and 12. For more information, visit publicist@gntc1.

# Pinecone Road closure on Saturday, May 26

Pinecone Road from Seventh Street to 40th Street will be completely closed to traffic from 8:30-10:30 a.m. Saturday, May 26 for the Sartell Apple Duathlon. Avoid travel or be prepared to stop on Seventh Street N. and on 2-1/2 Street between Pinecone and Second Avenue because of cyclists and runners. The Apple Duathlon is a local, nonprofit race whose proceeds are returned to the community through donations to local service agencies and, this year, to Dan Amberg, a Minnesota paraplegic in need of a hand-crank bike. Come out and cheer on the racers!

# Volunteers needed for Apple Duathlon

Support the local race and your community by volunteering to help with the Sartell Apple Duathlon kids' race on Friday evening, May 25, and with the adult race on Saturday morning, May 26. We need people to staff registration and manage packet pickup, staff food tents and water stations, supervise parking, direct racers and more. Organizations who provide at least eight volunteers may earn \$100 for your organization. All volunteers receive a 2018 Apple Duathlon T-shirt. Bring a friend. Contact volunteer@appleduathlon.com to

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# Sauer-Brenny shares insights of life in trucking

by Dennis Dalman

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Even though it's long been her driving passion, Joyce Sauer never set out to become a trucker.

But while growing up on a farm in Collegeville, she became adept at driving all kinds of heavy farm equipment. During a recessionary period circa 1980, jobs were hard to come by, and Sauer decided to work as an over-the-road trucker for an area company. Her first job involved hauling railroad ties to the Duluth area.

Years later, in 1996, she and her husband, Todd Brenny, also a trucker, started their own company. They met when Joyce was general manager of an area trucking company and Todd was an over-the-road trucker for the same company. At first there were only three employees in a small Waite Park office. Later, the company moved to St. Joseph, where it remains, having flourished for 22 years. It now employs 100 people.

Brenny Transportation is lauded widely for its expert truckers, for its meticulous attention to customers' needs, for its unwavering support for employees and for its extraordinary safety records.

Sauer-Brenny was the featured speaker May 3 for the weekly Coffee and Conversation get-together at the Sartell Senior Connection. She shared anecdotes and insights about her years in the trucking industry and gave many safety tips for drivers on how to avoid accidents with trucks.

Joining her in the presentation was Sarah Wishnefski, public-relations director for Brenny Transportation.

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Joyce Sauer-Brenny visits with Sartell resident Jack McCann after she spoke to an audience about her years in the trucking industry, Along with her husband, Todd, she owns and operates Brenny Transportation from its headquarters in St. Joseph.

# Sartell Chamber holds annual leadership conference

by Vicki Ikeogu

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Hundreds of area business professionals and aspiring leaders from around the Sartell area had the opportunity to hear from experts and known industry leaders at the annual Leadercast event hosted by the Sartell Area Chamber of Commerce.

"I really enjoy attending the Leadercast event," said Jessica Houle, vice president of the board of directors for the Sartell Chamber. "It's a mix of personal and professional development. And everyone who attends is inspired to make postheir workplace."

Houle said this was the seventh year the Sartell Area Chamber of Commerce has hosted the international simulcasted event. The event, which took place May 4, was hosted at the Waters Church in Sartell to a sold-out crowd of 180 people.

"Each year the theme of Leadercast focuses on something different," Houle said.

The 2018 theme for Leadercast was "Lead Yourself." According to Houle, speakers focused on the aspects of how to be a good leader, how to develop those internal leadership skills, which would eventually

itive changes in their life and in carry over to daily interactions with others both inside and outside the workplace.

> The speakers for the event included: retired baseball manager and current Chief Baseball Officer for Major League Baseball Joe Torre, U.S. Navy's first female F-14 Tomcat Fighter Pilot Carey Lohrenz, author Andy Stanley, acrobat and aerialist Jen Bricker, CEO of the Michael Hyatt & Co. Michael Hyatt, NASA astronaut and first woman of color to enter space Dr. Mae Jemison, author Ian Morgan Cron, psychologist Dr. Jim Loehr, and COO and President of FOCUS Brands North America Kat Cole.

In addition to simulcasting these world-renowned speakers, Houle said the Sartell Area Chamber of Commerce makes a point to bring in a local leader to speak to attendees during the lunch hour.

"During lunchtime we try to bring in a local speaker who relates to the topic being discussed at Leadercast," Houle said. "We want to provide our participants the chance to hear from someone within their community and be able to connect with them and learn from them."

This year, that speaker was Sauk Rapids resident Sarah

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Local singer/storyteller Charlie Roth brought warmth and humor to a gathering of people at the 10th annual Lemonade and Laughter concert May 8 in Sartell.

# Roth concert sparks campfire warmth

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Singer/storyteller Charlie Roth cast a campfire spell May 8 at the 10th annual Lemonade and Laughter concert in Sartell.

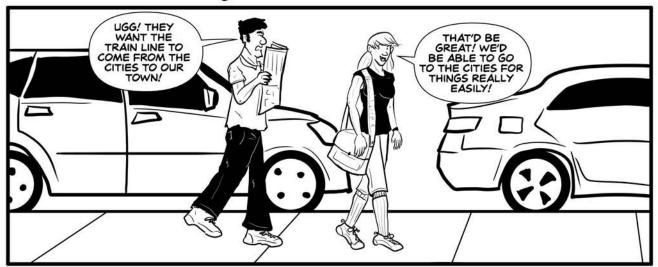
Like a friend/father/grandfather, Roth told stories and sang intimate songs that clearly captivated his full-capacity audience of nearly 300, most of them senior citizens. The afternoon concert took place at St. Francis Xavier Church's

It was sponsored by Country Manor of Sartell, the Sartell Senior Connection and the Sartell-St. Stephen Community Education District.

Roth lives in rural Benton County on a horse ranch with his wife, Beverly. He has been singing and writing songs as a member of a band for many vears. A solo performer sometimes, he is also a member of the well-known local Celt-

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# **Bennie & Johnny**



# by the Marvelous Patric



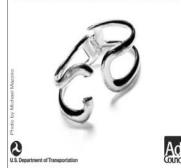






A drunk driver ruined something precious. Amber Apodaca.

Friends Don't Let Friends Drive Drunk.



SARTELL-ST. STEPHEN SCHOOL DISTRICT CALL FOR BIDS

The Sartell-St. Stephen School District Administration recommends the Board of Education authorize a Call for Bids for the following projects:

Pine Meadow Elementary School Parking Lot Reconstruction and Middle School West Access Road Reconstruction.

**PUBLIC NOTICE** 

New Tennis Courts, and visual display boards (material only) at the New Sartell-St. Stephen High School.

Sartell-St. Stephen School District will receive sealed bids at the District Offices at 2 p.m. on Thursday, May 17, 2018. Plans will be available on or after May 4, 2018. Contact the office of Winkelman Building Co. for document access at 320-253-2411.

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-In business

Matt Eggert was recently hired as a regional sales representative at Heartland Security. His position will cover the central and western Minnesota area. Heartland Security is unique to the alarm industry, as the company was created in 1999 by nine electric cooperatives in Minnesota and Iowa. Heartland Security is now owned by 13 electric cooperatives and has grown to more than 8,000 customers.



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Students of Excellence attendees include the following (from left to right): Sartell High School Principal Brenda Steve, Sarah Crandall, Karrie Fredrickson, Nicholas Juntunen, Superintendent Jeff Schwiebert, Kali Killmer, Madeline Thieschafer, Scott Hentges, Brandan Carlson, Roy Schneider and Assistant Superintendent Kay Nelson.

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### April 25

1:48 p.m. Theft. Seventh Street N. A local business manager reported a theft by an employee. The complainant reported the man had stolen more than \$1,000 worth of items and services. Officers received video evidence of the thefts and took statements. Officers requested an interview with the man suspected of committing the thefts and he agreed. Upon completion of the interview, the man was placed under arrest for an outstanding warrant.

# April 26

5:16 p.m. Traffic stop. CR 1 and CR 120. While traveling on CR 120, an officer observed a vehicle traveling directly in front in him. As the vehicle slowed to travel around a roundabout the officer observed the passenger side brake light was not working. The officer stopped the vehicle for the equipment violation. The officer met with the driver and told him of the reason for the stop. The driver provided a valid license but was unable to provide valid proof of insurance. The officer released the driver after issuing him a citation for no proof of insurance. He was verbally warned for the equipment violation.

### April 27

7:11 p.m. Road rage. CR 1 and CR 78. Officers were dispatched for a report of a roadrage incident involving two vehicles. One officer arrived on scene and met with the complainant. The man stated he was traveling on CR 1 when he was cut off by another ve-

# **Blotter**

hicle. He stated after he was cut off, the vehicle wouldn't let him merge or pass. The vehicle slammed on its brakes several times causing the man to brake hard. A second officer arrived at the residence where the suspect vehicle was registered. The officer met with a woman who said she was driving the vehicle. She admitted to the officer she had cut off the other vehicle and wouldn't let it merge or pass. After further formal statements were taken, officers issued the woman a citation for careless driving.

#### April 28

9:09 p.m. Assist agency. Amber Avenue S. An officer was dispatched to assist Sauk Rapids police with locating a man. Sauk Rapids police had probable cause to arrest the man for domestic assault. The Sartell officer and a State Trooper arrived at his last-known residence in Sartell. Officers made contact with a woman at the front door. The woman first stated the man wasn't inside but through further conversation the woman admitted the man was inside. The man met with the officers. The Sartell officer told the man he was under arrest and took him into custody without incident. Sauk Rapids police arrived and took custody of the man.

### April 29

3:17 p.m. Fire. Riverside Avenue S. An officer was dispatched along with the Sartell fire department for a report of a small brush fire. The fire department arrived on scene first and extinguished two brush piles that had been burning in a resident's yard. The officer met with the homeowner and asked him about the fire. The man said he had cut down a tree and was burning the debris and limbs. The officer told the man of the burning ban and the recreational-fire ordinance. The man stated he was unaware of both and would not burn anymore. The man was verbally warned and released.

#### April 30 6:10 p.m. Medical. Connecti-

cut Avenue. Officers were dispatched to a local business for a report of an elderly woman who had cut her leg getting into a truck and was bleeding badly. Officers arrived and observed a large pool of blood on the ground. The woman had a laceration to the lower part of her right leg. Officers controlled the bleeding until paramedics arrived and took over care. Officers assisted with loading the patient for transport to St. Cloud Hospital.

#### May 1

12:25 a.m. Traffic stop. Hwy. 15 and CR 1. While sitting at the red light to go eastbound on CR 1 and Hwy. 15, an officer observed a vehicle run the red light southbound on Hwy. 15 at CR 1. The officer stopped the vehicle. The officer met with the driver who admitted to going through the light on red and had no good reason for doing so. The man was also unable to provide the officer with valid proof of insurance. The driver was released after being issued a citation.

# - People -



Caden Larson, a fifth-grader at Sartell Middle School, and Samuel Jarnot, a fourth-grade teacher at Oak Ridge Elementary School, were presented with a Barnes and Noble "My Favorite Teacher" award on April 27 during a fourth-grade celebration at Oak Ridge. The Barnes and Noble contest asked students in middle school or high school to submit an essay, poem or letter about their favorite teacher. Caden's submission about Jarnot won at both the St. Cloud store and the district level.

Four Sartell High School seniors recently received the honor of being Students of Excellence at the Resource Training & Solution recognition event

They are the following: Brandan Carlson, Nicholas Juntunen, Kali Killmer and Madeline Thieschafer.

seniors were selected based on their academic achievement.

Carlson plans to attend the University of Wisconsin-Madison to major in engineering. At Sartell High School, he was involved with National Honor Society, football and basketball.

Juntunen also plans to attend the University of Wisconsin-Madison and will major in chemistry. In addition to serving as a student representative on the Sartell-St. Stephen school board, Juntunen was the president of Student Council and participated in track and

Killmer plans to attend the University of Minnesota-Twin Cities to major in political scitivities were mock trial and Thieschafer plans to attend

ence and pre-law. Her top ac-

Hamline University to major in legal studies and Spanish. Her activities include mock trial, softball and music.

Seniors received a plaque recognizing their achievements and a certificate from Gov. Mark Dayton. Resource Training & Solution has hosted the Students of Excellence Recognition event for 31 years and has recognized a total of 4,690 high school seniors.

Four Sartell students graduated May 5 from Minnesota State University-Mankato on May 5. They are the following: Devon Noehring, bachelor's degree in marketing; Taylor Reetz, bachelor's degree in recreation, parks and leisure services; Cassidy Ross, master's degree in communication disorders; and Alexandria Sirois, bachelor's degree in community health.

# **Stamp Out Hunger** to be held May 12

Stamp Out Hunger will return to Central Minnesota on Saturday, May 12. This one-day, national food drive is hosted by the National Association of Letter Carriers. In the St. Cloud area the drive will benefit the Salvation Army Food Shelf and Catholic Charities Emergency Services Food Shelf.

To participate, residents should leave nonperishable food items near their mail box on the morning of May 12. Cash and checks will also be accepted. Checks can be written out to either Catholic Charities or the Salvation Army.

Find more information at http:// www.stampouthungerfooddrive.us/

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A full-capacity audience in Sartell listens raptly to singer/songwriter Charlie Roth as he weaves his spells in song and words of family connections and plenty of humor.

# Trucking

# from front page

# Mission

One day in the mid-1990s, Joyce told her husband she was ready to quit the trucking business. She had become fed up with the disrespectful ways truckers were treated by so many people, including at times by some trucking firms.

She and her husband agreed if they continued in the trucking business and started their own firm, they would work very hard to see truckers are treated with the utmost respect and doing outreach educational efforts to inform the public how truckers and the work they do is often completely ignored or dismissed with the worst forms of negative stereotypes.

Their work paid off, and Brenny Transportation is now recognized far and wide as a model business for its professionalism, safety, employee satisfaction, local charitable fundraising work and community connectiveness. It has been honored with a slew of awards. They include being named one of the Top 100 Employers in Minnesota six times, the Good orn's grocery stores. Samaritan Award, Champion of Business by the St. Cloud Area

Chamber of Commerce, two Drivers of the Year awards, first-place Minnesota Business Ethics Award and countless safety awards for the business and its truckers.

### **Customers**

One of Brenny's biggest customers is the Sartell-based Dezurik Inc., a maker of giant valves. Brenny has had a contract for all of its 22 years to haul valves all over the world for Dezurik.

Brenny had a very important long-term contract with Verso paper mill in Sartell until an explosion there forced the closing of that company. The explosion, which killed a Verso worker, was a terrible shock to the staff and crew at Brenny, said Joyce Sauer-Brenny.

Brenny truckers also haul items for - to name a few -Ron's Cabinets, Park Industries, Cold Spring Granite. The truckers hauled hundreds of loads of granite to New York City for use in building the new World Trade Center.

Locally, Brenny drivers are constantly busy - everything from hauling bridge beams for the new Sauk Rapids bridge to hauling dairy cases for Cob-

Truckers and the work they do, said Sauer-Brenny, are prac-

# Roth

### from front page

ic-themed band, Ring of Kerry. He is now working on his eighth CD, mostly in Texas, a state he loves for its musical influences.

Many of the self-penned songs he performed at his May 8 concert centered around his love of family - wife, children, grandchildren. Roth, like many folk performers who do verbal riffs before and even during songs, cordially invited his listeners into the downhome meaning of the lyrics/ music.

One song he performed is called "My Chair." It was written when he was living south of San Antonio, Texas and lonesome for his wife and family in Minnesota during a blizzard there. The melodic love song/ballad, a mixture of love and humor, is a meditation about his wife back home in her terry-cloth robe, stranded by the blizzard while Roth, so lonesome, is stuck in

tically invisible to the public - out of sight, out of mind. People, she added, would be fuel-pump gas, food and drugs,

### Growing

There are more trucks on the nation's roads than ever, Sauer-Brenny said, adding more people means more trucks.

In the United States, there are currently 3.5-million trucks who drive, collectively, 279 billion miles a year. The safety records for that many truckers, that many miles, is astonishing,

Truckers generally make between \$70,000 and \$80,000 per year, but it can be a tough life, with truckers often away from their families on those long miles. And that is one reason why there is now a shortage of

Sauer-Brenny and others are meeting with legislators, school officials and other officials to help kick-start an interest in the profession. Another ongoing problem is a shortage of overnight parking spaces for truckers faraway south Texas. The song expresses how Roth wishes he were home with his wife, relaxing in a recliner chair he bought at a bargain years before. As in all of Roth's songs, his heartfelt sentiment is always balanced by an astringent humor.

Roth also sang songs and shared heartfelt comments about his grandchildren and his mother, who died last October. His mother loved to sing - loudly - as in church. When she was dying, Roth and others gathered by her bedside and sang "The Red River Valley" to her.

Then Roth launched into his tribute, "That's Where You'll Be," a moving but joyous song about how his mother's presence is still with him, how she remains "an angel on his shoulders."

The audience applauded Roth with gusto, obviously moved and entertained by his abilities to bring intimate human connections - not to mention lots of gentle humor - so alive in a big roomful of strangers.

to rest. Truckers have electronic-recording logs that keep track of the time each day they drive. After 10 hours of driving, a trucker must cease driving and get sleep. Some truckers have no choice but to break the law when they cannot find a place to park their truck and get the

Another more recent challenge is roundabouts. It is very difficult for some trucks to maneuver around them without taking up both lanes. Sauer-Brenny urges people to be courteous and to hold back, giving the truck extra space when

Transportation, there has never been a trucker who failed a drug test. She also said she thinks all professionals should be drug-tested as long as truckers are singled out for testing.

Some trucking companies have a 100-percent turnover rate in truckers every year. Brenny has been fortunate, with its 80-percent retention rate, Sauer-Brenny noted.

# Leadership

### from front page

Cords. Cords is a Coaches Training Institute-certified leadership development facilitator and motivational speaker who Cords



has worked with executives, entrepreneurs and others throughout North America on improving leadership within companies.

The Chamber continues to provide access to Leadercast, not only to Chamber members, but members of the public, because according to Houle, attendees feel re-energized and ready to implement real changes in their daily lives.

"Out of all of our attendees, many of them have attended Leadercast events for multiple years," Houle said. "They see value in returning to an event like this. To them, it is definitely worth their time and investment."

### Road safety

Wishnefski played for the audience a video tape of a Lakeville trucker who addressed safety issues.

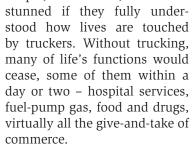
He said in his 29 years of trucking, he has witnessed from the cab of his truck an increase in unsafe-driving practices: car drivers using cell phones, texting, eating while driving, weaving rapidly lane to lane and speeding.

The trucker shared safety tips:

Do not tailgate a truck. It takes a truck almost 200 feet to come to a stop, twice as far as the stopping distance of a car.

Never attempt a "squeeze play." That means trying to "squeeze" past a truck when it is making a turn.

Do not drive for any length of time at the side of a truck. If you want to pass a truck, do it as quickly as is safely possible. When pulling into the lane in front of the traveling truck, make sure the front of the truck is visible in your rear-view mirror. That is because there are four "blind spots" a trucker cannot see while driving: up to 20 feet in front of the trucker's cab, on either side of the truck trailer and up to 200 feet in the



required sleep.

they see a truck at a roundabout. Drug testing is also required for all truckers. Sauer-Brenny said in the 22 years of Brenny

Driverless trucks, so-called, will not be seen on roads for at least 10 to 15 years, she said. Electrically-powered trucks are already being used in some companies.







# Woodcrest specializes in continuum living

by Dennis Dalman news@thenewsleaders.com

Eighteen Sartell residents, all of them members of the Sartell Senior Connection, enjoyed a guided tour of Woodcrest, the new Country Manor senior-living campus in St. Joseph.

The field trip, on the morning of April 26, was one of the ongoing series of trips and/or speakers featured in the Sartell Senior Connection's "Coffee and Conversation" programs, offered every Thursday morning at 9 a.m. – usually at the Sartell Community Center. Anybody is welcome to join the Thursday sessions. One's age is not a requirement.

On the morning of April 26, the senior citizens met for coffee and sweets in the chapel area of the living complex, known as "Woodcrest of Country Manor."

After hearing in detail about the amenities offered by Woodcrest, the seniors split up into two groups and followed their tour guides - Gail Rucks, general manager; and Jason Jones, director of operations, who, like all the tour participants, is also a Sartell resident.

Woodcrest, like its Sartell "parent" Country Manor, is a prime example of what's called a senior-living continuum facility. It is designed with meticulous attention to the needs of seniors with various living skills and/or physical and mental challenges. For example, most of its residents live independently in their apartments just as they would anywhere else. But there are many of them who can avail themselves of many conveniences not available in other kinds of living complexes. At Woodcrest, as at Country Manor and its nearby Waterford Apartments in Sartell, there is an on-campus bank, pharmacy, store, fitness center, chapel, library area, jigsaw-puzzle room, spa, salon, meals provided under guidance of a chef and communal garden. Specialized transportation is also available for those who need it, although most do not and do their own driving, their vehicles parked in heated garage stalls.

Continuum living also means Woodcrest has a Memory wing for people suffering memory loss because of a variety of causes, including forms of dementia. There are 24 living units for them, with easy access to a large common social space and other recreational rooms and services specially designed for memory-loss patients.

"Continuum" living also means the facility can accommodate any emergency. For example, an independent-living tenant might fall and break bones. During recovery time, that person can receive all kinds of specialized care right on-campus until health returns. There is a constant flexibility for variable living options, which is a concept pioneered by Country Manor years ago.

Like its parent campus, Woodcrest provides rehabilitation services for both inpatients and outpatients.

Country Manor has been an economic bedrock of Sartell for 45 years. It has undergone many expansions throughout the years, most notably the Waterford Apartments next to its main campus and most recently the facility in St. Joseph.

Woodcrest includes three options of living units - apartments, suites and patio homes - 11 patio homes so far.

There are 60 apartments in three wings, each two stories high. The categories of apartments are named after trees -Birch, Oak, Mahogany and so forth, based on an apartment's size, layout and price range. They rent from \$2,145 a month up to \$3,295.

The first tour group, led by Jason Jones, visited the Memory Center wing of the building, the chapel, fitness room, the Man Cave and an unoccupied Oak-category apartment, which tour participants admired for

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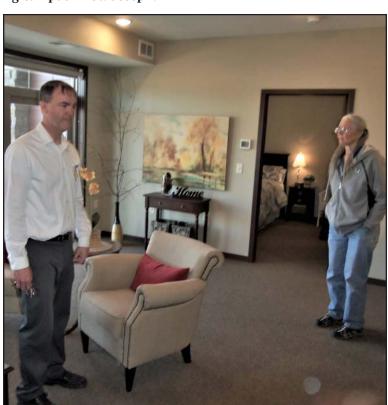
A lounge is typical of the large and well-illuminated amenities within Woodcrest of Country Manor, a new upscale senior-living campus in St. Joseph.

its large airy, light-filled rooms: huge living room, two bedrooms, spacious kitchen, laundry area, bathrooms.

The Man Cave (aka Tamarack Lounge), with a stuffed fish on the wall, is a large room where men gather for male camaraderie, TV sports shows, conversation, snacks and a wall of personal liquor cabinets for those who want to keep their own bottles on the premises.

What many residents enjoy frequently, Jones said, are the views of the wooded outdoors from all of the rooms of Woodcrest. There are often sightings of deer, ducks, wild turkeys, sandhill cranes and other marvels of nature.

Most residents of Woodcrest, Jones noted, are people who've lived in the area most of their lives. Others, however, come to live there from other places, other states, in order to be closer geographically to their children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.



Jason Jones (left), the director of operations for Woodcrest of Country Manor, shows one of the large living rooms in one of the facility's apartments to seniors from Sartell who took a tour April 26.



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NPW is celebrated across the country in many different ways. Our local police departments hold special events for families and kids, such as National Night Out and many other gatherings

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# Is it just me, or is it getting crowded in here?

A decade ago, as I was running a small preorder for my latest book on my website, a friend emailed asking me if I had heard about this Kickstarter thing and if that would work for preorders. It was in beta and looking for people to use it. A year later, Kickstarter was out of beta and the word was starting to spread.

more!), no one is charged. (Other sites such as Indiegogo have no such rules.) Once that threshold of pledges is reached, it's game on! For instance, a cartoonist may want to print their latest book, the cartoonist says they need \$1,000 to print the books. Visitors to the site can pledge to support the project to help raise that \$1,000.

Kickstarter was the first of a slew of crowdfunding sites. For those not in the know, crowdfunding relies on a small crowd of people each pledging to pay for a project before the project is completed and get various rewards for their support when the project is completed.

Kickstarter is cool because unless a project raises all the money it says it needs (or

(Other sites such as Indiegogo have no such rules.) Once that threshold of pledges is reached, it's game on! For instance, a cartoonist may want to print their latest book, the cartoonist says they need \$1,000 to print the books. Visitors to the site can pledge to support the project to help raise that \$1,000. In return, there are rewards at different levels of pledges. There are usually a lot of different levels of pledges and the more a person pledges the more they get. Someone may just want the finished book and pledge \$15 to get that, but a superfan may want the book, a signed print, a personalized drawing or other cool things and will pledge more to get that reward.

# Patric Lewandowski

Guest Writer



It didn't take long for crowd-funding to become a massive game changer. My friend Spike ran a Kickstarter to pay for the production of a comic called "Poorcraft" with a goal of \$6,000 and raised over \$13,000, which helped launch her company. Today, Iron Circus Comics is a massive comic book publisher and uses Kickstarter to fund the creation of all its books. The coolest part of that \$13,000 was it was raised by only 703 backers.

It's not just unknowns either. Amanda Palmer, former lead singer of the Dresden Dolls, left her label when they felt 25,000 sales in the first week wasn't enough. With Kickstarter, Palmer raised the most for an independent musician ever for her new album: over \$1 million with about 25,000 backers. Her album hit the Billboard Top 10.

Artists have embraced crowdfunding and entire companies are being built by crowds. Sadly, there are other uses. Another site called GoFundMe is used by people who are having financial problems to gather donations. A lot of people use GoFundMe to pay medical bills and even funeral expenses.

It just takes a small crowd to be successful. While most projects will offer amazing rewards for high-dollar pledges, the truth is most projects are funded by small pledges. A lot of times, people will pledge and select "no reward," just wanting to help artists create their art. Of course, a big part of it is also being part of the community that comes with that crowd. The direct communication between the artist (or inventor) and the audience has become a key component. People like to help their friends, and that's what crowdfunding feels like; helping your friends.

As for me, on May 14, my latest Kickstarter launches to fund the creation of my first graphic novel. I can't wait to see how the crowd likes Anna Chronism.

To see Patric's latest Kickstarter, head to www.marvelouspatric.com/anna

# 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-pur-

gatory 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 Carolyn Bertsch





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 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. "Antifreeze 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.

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# McCann recalls days as 1951 Sartell Winter Haven Queen

**by Dennis Dalman** news@thenewsleaders.com

To this day, at the age of 85, Joyce McCann is always surprised when someone from the past recognizes her.

It sometimes happens they remember how, once upon a time, McCann (nee Joyce Yozamp) was a queen – a queen of the 1951 Sartell Winter Ha-

Not too long ago, she was sitting in the Coyote Moon restaurant when she heard conversational buzz from a nearby table of women.

"Look," one of them said.
"There's Joyce."

McCann was pleased and shared some words and a few laughs with the women from the past.

"I'm still surprised when people recognize me," McCann said, with a rippling, effervescent laugh. "I don't look anything like I used to."

Some people also recognize McCann from her years of working as a bank teller in a number of banks. She retired more than 20 years ago from her last bank job, which was at St. Cloud National Bank in east St. Cloud.

To this day, 65 years later, McCann feels honored that she was selected from among two dozen area women to serve as Sartell Winter Haven Queen. She vividly remembers how they brought her a royal robe and placed the crown on her head as the crowd applauded her and her two princesses, Sue Smitten and Phyllis Hary.

"I was shocked to be chosen queen," McCann recalled. "Stunned."

For one thing, Yozamp was not a Sartell resident. She lived near Rice, in Mayhew Lake Township. However, many other candidates were from other nearby cities, and McCann did have a Sartell connection – a sponsor, a business named Case Floral.

At that time there were, at most, about 800 people who lived in the Village of Sartell.

For being named queen, Yozamp won an all-expenses-paid trip to Sun Valley, Idaho – a mecca for skiers and vacationers – then as now. As queen, she took part in many social appearances, including lots of parades, some of them in midwinter.

The coronation ceremony took place in a large quonset hut built on property of what is now part of Sartell's Watab Park. Sartell Winter Haven was a "big deal" in the 1950s, McCann recalled. Yozamp was crowned queen during the second of about six annual Winter Haven events. By 1960, the winter festival had ceased to be

McCann remembers how Winter Haven was a flurry of fun activities for all ages: skiing down the hill to the frozen Watab River, tobogganing, skating on an open rink, sledding, snowball fights and all kinds of other frosty fun in the "good old days," when snowy winter weather did not last well into April.

The "brains" behind Winter Haven, McCann said, was a priest named the Rev. Edward C. Ramacher. He was a young newcomer as pastor to the relatively new St. Francis Xavier Church in Sartell.

Ramacher, who had started a winter festival in Little Falls earlier, decided Sartell needed some healthy, local, inexpensive winter-time fun, especially for younger people. His idea, formulated in 1949, came true in 1950, and the winter festival

was an instant success.

"Ramacher was a wonderful, wonderful priest," said Mc-Cann. "And he knew how to get things done. He knew all the big shots, even some in the Twin Cities. Ramacher was quite the promoter. Oh, was he ever!"

### Miss Sauk Rapids

Before being chosen Winter Haven Queen, Joyce, who had been born and raised in Sauk Rapids, daughter of Eloise and Paul Yozamp, was named Miss Sauk Rapids 1951.

When she was a young teenager, her family moved from Sauk Rapids to a farm in Mayhew Lake Township when her father developed a lung disease from working in the granite industry. Yozamp graduated from Sauk Rapids High School.

At the time of her Winter Haven coronation, Yozamp had been engaged to a St. Cloud man, Don McCann. After her reign, after he returned from military service in Korea, they were married. He worked for a phone company, and so the couple had to move quite often, living in numerous cities, including their early years together as a married couple in North Dakota.

During those years, Joyce worked as a clerk in many banks, city to city.

"I loved that job because I like people so much," she said.

She and Don loved to travel when they'd get time off from their jobs. After retirement, they always "wintered" in Pharr, Texas.

Sadly, her husband died just two days before Christmas Day 2001. His nephew, Jack Mc-Cann, lives in Sartell.

"I miss my husband so much," Joyce said. "He was such a gem of a guy."



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### Joyce (Yozamp) McCann, the 1951 Sartell Winter Haven queen.

McCann's lifelong hobby was golf. She also did a lot of sewing. She now lives in St. Cloud.

"Church is a big thing in my life," she noted. "I've been a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church in St. Cloud for many, many years. I love that church."

### Winter Haven

Sartell resident/researcher/historian Joyce Gelle gives readers glimpses of Winter Haven in text and photos in a chapter of Sartell's 100th-anniversary memorial-history book titled "Lumber, Paper and Progress," published in 2006.

The Sartell Winter Haven grand opening ceremony took place Feb. 18, 1950, and was attended by many celebrities, including Minnesota Gov. Luther Youngdahl, who opened

the playgrounds by raising a U.S. flag made by Mrs. Ann "Ma" Bernick. The inaugural event included special dinners, speeches and music.

The quonset hut constructed was 120 feet long and 40 feet wide, known as Sunset Lodge. The lodge also served as a roller-skating rink, with a stage and concession stand.

Winter Haven, Gelle wrote, was such a success that on Sundays special "Snow Trains" arrived from the Twin Cities, bringing up to 1,000 young people who enjoyed taking part in skating contests and other fun activities, such as parades that featured marching bands, a drum corps and hand-waving royalty, one of which, once upon a time, was Sartell Winter Haven Queen Joyce Yozamp.



Joyce (Yozamp) McCann and the 1951 Winter Haven court.

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# **Our View**

# Last chance to speak as legislators race to session deadline

Now it's time to get serious.

The Legislature has been in session since Feb. 20. But there are only 10 days left before the session deadline and the Legislature must act on two huge measures affecting every Minnesotan.

Now is the last chance for Minnesotans to speak up as the legislators race to the deadline.

The state needs to align the Minnesota tax code to accommodate changes made in federal tax laws. Otherwise, Minnesotans may end up with some surprises when filing their 2018 taxes.

The House and Senate have different plans but both Republican-controlled bodies claim their measures will reduce taxes.

The Senate plan keeps some deductions the federal plan eliminated and also lowers the bottom tax rate. House members want to eliminate some deductions and lower the tax rate for about 2 million Minneso-

Gov. Mark Dayton, a Democrat, doesn't like either plan. He'd like to raise business taxes and cut taxes

Bonding bills typically dominate the second year of a legislative session and this year is no different. Four months ago, Dayton proposed bonding for \$1.5 million to fund roads, water projects and fix state buildings. The Senate has yet to unveil its bonding plan.

The current House plan includes \$2.7 million for a new fence at the St. Cloud prison, \$5 million for Waite Park's quarry redevelopment and \$4.45 million for St. Cloud armory repairs. Bonding for St. Joseph's pedestrian underpass and community center, called for by bills introduced by Rep. Jeff Howe, are not in the House bonding bill.

School-safety funding has already been included in bills passed by both chambers. But there's no agreement between Republicans and Democrats on whether gun-safety legislation should be part of school safety. Those measures include expanding back ground checks and keeping guns away from people believed to be a risk.

This is an election year, but Dayton isn't running for re-election and Senators aren't on the ballot until 2020. But House Republicans have criticized Dayton's tax plan as an increase. When they start campaigning full time after the session ends, Republicans will want to argue they are tax cutters.

This is the week to let your legislators know your

Contact Sen. Michelle Fischbach at 95 University Ave. W. Minnesota Senate Bldg., Room 2113 St. Paul, Minn. 55155 651-296-2084

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# Look past shenanigans for enduring Washington inspiration

WASHINGTON, D.C. - Watching from Area Code 320, the nation's capital appears to be the land of shenanigans and ridiculousness.

Consider these recent events:

• For the first time, a House of Representatives chaplain was fired, apparently because he offered a prayer that was not sufficiently supportive of the Republicans' tax plan. The chaplain is a Jesuit, a religious order known for its intellectual rigor and social-justice stands. He was unfired a few weeks later.

• Emmanuel Macron and Donald Trump planted a tree on the White House grounds meant to symbolize the deep ties between France and the United States. The act exposed the obvious - Trump and Macron have never used actual shovels to do actual work. Then in a few days, the tree disappeared. It was unplanted until the tree could pass quarantine as a foreign plant.

 The director of the Environmental Protection Agency, whose job it is make sure we have clean air and water, ordered up a bullet-proof Chevy Suburban, complete with lights and siren so he could get to dinner on time and respond to environmental emergencies without delay.

• The director also rented a Capitol Hill condo for \$50 a night. He unrented it on nights he wasn't in town. I was not able to find a similar deal on Airbnb or anywhere else in the shared economy during my trip to Washington last week.

I was in Washington to see my younger daughter, who works in the District. Over the last 40 years,

Mike Knaak



I've visited the city perhaps two dozen times, including living there for a few months in the 1980s. Early May is a good time to visit. The hordes of high-school students on spring break trips are long gone and the cherry blossoms have fallen. Families pushing strollers and buying trite souvenirs from streetside vendors are yet to arrive. Plus, May weather is usually breezy and pleasant before the summer heat and swamp-like humidity sets in.

I've done the standard tourist activities long ago and as much as I'd like to check out the phantom White House tree and Scott Pruitt's armored SUV, I chose a few activities that are more enduring.

There are three photo exhibits on display at the Newseum. On the 50th anniversary of the Tet Offensive, The Marines and Tet: The Battle That Changed the Vietnam War showcases the work of Stars-and-Stripes photographer John Olson.

Another gallery features the most comprehensive collection of Pulitzer Prize-winning photographs ever assembled, including photographs from every Pulitzer Prize-winning entry since 1942, when the award was first present-

The third exhibit I wanted to see was Pictures of the Year: 75 Years of

the World's Best Photography featuring seven decades of award-winning images from the archives of Pictures of the Year International, one of the world's oldest and most prestigious photojournalism competitions. The pictures were selected from POYI's archive of more than 40,000 photos, tracing the evolution of photojournalism from World War II to today.

Any visit to Washington should include a short walk to visit Lincoln, MLK, FDR and Jefferson. Starting with the Lincoln Memorial at the west end of the Mall and then heading south around the Tidal Basin, a visitor will find inspiring words.

On the north wall of the MLK memorial, a visitor can read: "The ultimate measure of a man is not where he stands in moments of convenience and comfort, but where he stands at times of challenge and controversy."

Walk another 500 yards to the south and FDR reminds us: "We must scrupulously guard the civil rights and civil liberties of all our citizens, whatever their background. We must remember that any oppression, any injustice, any hatred, is a wedge designed to attack our civilization."

The shared human moments captured by the award-winning news photos and the timeless quotations will endure, while the shenanigans and ridiculousness of the current administration will be swept away as soon as the next election or perhaps with a string of federal indictments.

# Bell's ferocious love of life wins

Bob Bell, unable to move, was on his back helpless in the hospital. Dreading the neurosurgeon's dire verdict, he finally found the courage to ask, "Will I ever walk again?"

'Son, you're a quadriplegic," said the neurosurgeon.

And Bell thought to himself, "I'd asked him if he knew whether I'd walk again. I had no idea if quadriplegics walked. Actually, let's forget this walking crap. I wanted to know if I'd have sex again.'

Bell is the author of a true-life book with an odd title (Un Moving Four Ward: Tales and Tips for Keeping Perspective Despite Life's Challenges). Bell is a survivor, and his book is brimming with a deadpan sense of humor that comes from facing impossible odds - and winning. Comedian Carol Burnett once said humor is tragedy, plus time. That well describes Bell's book.

Published in 2014, Un Moving Four Ward (a double-meaning pun) is an inspirational book with a kick. Unlike so many advice books that wallow in goo-goo pablum, this one packs a real punch, alternating between trauma and hilarity, from no-nonsense survival tips to good insights into the art of living.

Bell is an associate professor of accounting and finance at the College of St. Benedict/St. John's University.

Raised in Pensacola, Fla., he decided to study at SJU. He was on campus only a few months before the life-changing moment

**Dennis** Dalman

Reporter



happened at 6:30 a.m. Tuesday, Nov. 21, 1989, in a dorm hallway. A fellow Johnnie, in a fit of horseplay, put a full-nelson headlock on Bell. In the process, he broke Bell's neck. At the hospital, the Johnnie visited Bell and, crying inconsolably, told Bell how sorry he was, that he never meant to cause such suffering. Bell decided then and there to forgive him, an important start of his healing process.

Bell's book recounts the agonizing struggle to adjust to life as a quadriplegic. It's a rough-andtumble journey, but along the way there are plenty of triumphs. Readers learn quickly that "quitting" is not part of Bell's vocabulary.

How can a book so filled with pain and suffering be called "enjoyable?" Well, it is just that - enjoyable, mainly because of Bell's ferocious love of life and his comical remarks and observations. As a youth, Bell was a bit of a goof-off hooligan, a smart-aleck, a wisecracker, but an amusing one with lots of friends. That kind of off-the-wall, irreverent humor pervades his book.

Un Moving Four Ward is also a pleasure to read because of Bell's vivid descriptions of the campuses of SJU/CSB and student life in Collegeville, St. Joseph, St. Cloud and Bell's journeys throughout the world. He has visited more than 50

He alternates his life story with short chapters of his hard-won wisdoms and tips for readers.

Two examples:

From Life is Short - Make the Most of It: "Bizarre as it may sound, I believe my ability to handle my injury - both in the early days and today - has been helped by knowing so many people who died much too young.

From Hospital Tips: "Ask questions of nurses. Nurses often know much more than the doctors. Avoid any doctor who disregards the opinion of a nurse or disrespects a nurse."

And here's an example of Bell's deadpan humor:

"It's certainly not that I was the worst kid in the world, it's just that I wasn't always the best kid either: held back by the Juder (his mother's nickname) in second grade, a regular cigarette smoker by third grade, arrested in front of my class for burglary and vandalism in fourth grade and started drinking alcohol by eighth grade. . As my sweet, skinny, church-going granny used to say, 'We pray for C's for Bob.'"

I bought Bell's book via amazon. com, but it is also available at local libraries. It was recommended to me many times. I finally read it. Glad I did. Now it's happily my turn to recommend *Un Moving Four* 

# Council questions glaring lights, dirt piles

by Dennis Dalman

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Glaring yard lights and dirt piles. Those two issues caused concern to Sartell City Council members at their April 23 meeting.

The topics were part of the updated Zoning and Landscaping Amendment in the Sartell City Code presented to the council by Sartell Development Director and Assistant Administrator Anita Archambeau.

The council voted 4-1 to approve the extensive multiple-paged and highly detailed amendment. However, several council members said city staff should revisit a paragraph about glaring lights and then define it more precisely.

Council member Mike Chisum said he strongly believes city staff

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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

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amendment that regulates or prohibits piles of dirt left standing for weeks, months and even years in neighborhoods. Several of his constituents, he said, have complained about how unsightly such mounds of dirt are in lots near their homes. Chisum said he voted against the entire zoning-and-landscape amendment because of his conviction the city must address dirt piles in its code. Council member David Peterson agreed with Chisum, but others noted it would be difficult, if not impossible, to regulate or to ban dirt mounds in development areas.

### Lights

The "light pollution" paragraph in the document proscribes yard jacent neighbors' yards, such as very bright carport lights or bare fluorescent bulbs glaring all night.

Answering council members' concerns, Archambeau said security lights that just turn on and off rather quickly would not be considered as offenders. She also noted the lights people have now would not have to be gotten rid of - just that any new lights would have to be hooded so light shines down, not into others' yards.

Council member Peterson asked if glare from holiday lights would be considered a nuisance to some people. Archambeau said those kinds of lights were not considered as part of the ordinance.

Enforcement of the ordinance (and other ordinances in the zoning

should include language in the lights that shine glaringly into ad- and landscape amendment) would be complaint-driven, said Archambeau - that is, when a neighbor or someone else filed a complaint with the city.

> Nevertheless, there was a general consensus by the council that city staff should clarify the light-pollution paragraph and bring it back before the council.

## Other topics

The purpose of the zoning-and-landscaping amendment is "to ensure complicity to prevent urban blight, deterioration and decay and to enhance the health, safety and general welfare of the residents of the city."

The document deals with vegetation, living units, accessory buildings, patios, proscribed home occupations (taxidermy being one), private swimming pools, fences and much more.

Almost all of the lengthy document is just as it was before, though some sections were finetuned for clarity. There are relatively few new additions, one of them being that chain-link fences can now be 6 feet tall rather than 4 feet tall. Another new provision is that patios on the front or sides of homes will be allowable.

The council showed keen interest in another new addition to the document, one concerning the construction of solar panels, geo-thermal energy units and energy windmills in yards. The height of windmills is restricted, although they can be higher and placed on a pole on lots of 2 acres or more.

# **Community Calendar**

Is your event listed? Send your p.m., Cold Spring Bakery Connection, 103 Second St. S., Waite Park. 320information to: Newsleader Calendar, P.O. Box 324, St. Joseph, Minn. 253-1423. 56374; fax it to 320-363-4195; or, Mom and Daughter Vendor/

Craft Sale, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., St. Cloud Eagles Club 731-41st Ave. N.

Visit and Pet Lambs at Wooly Meadow Lamb Farm, noon-4 p.m., 2551 110th Ave. Bowlus, 320-587-5770.

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

### Monday, May 14

Benton County Museum, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., 218 First St. N., Sauk Rapids. 320-253-9614. mnbentonhis-

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

Market Monday, 3-6:30 p.m., parking lot of Hardware Hank, Seventh St. N., Sartell. marketmonday.

Sartell City Council, 6 p.m., Sar-

tell City Hall, 125 Pinecone Road N. 320-253-2171.

Disabled American Veterans Chapter 9 meeting, 6:30-8 p.m., Sauk Rapids VFW, 901 N. Benton Drive, Sauk Rapids. 320-492-9702.

**Brady Campaign Chapter Meet**ing, a conversation about gun reform, 7-8 p.m., Great River Regional Library, Bremer Room, 1300 St. Germain St., St. Cloud. www.facebook. com/events/474315339667061.

### Tuesday, May 15

Community Lunch and Entertainment, sponsored by Helping Hands Outreach, noon-2 p.m., St. Stephen Parish Hall, 103 CR 2 S. 320-746-9960.

St. Cloud Area Genealogists, 7 p.m., Stearns History Museum, 235 33rd Ave. S., St. Cloud. stearns-mu-

### Wednesday, May 16

S.A.L.T. (Seniors and Law Enforcement Together), 9 a.m., Sartell Police Department, 310 Second St. S., Sartell.

St. Cloud Area Regional Human Rights Commission open forum on Civic Engagement, 6-7 p.m. St. Cloud City Hall Council Chambers 400 Second St. S. 320-310-2246.

#### Thursday, May 17

Coffee and Conversation, a senior discussion group featuring Fire Marshall Butch Rieland, 9 a.m., Sartell Community Center, 850 19th St. S. A fire demonstration will be at the Sartell Fire Station, 220 Fourth

American Legion-Sartell, open to all veterans young and old, 6 p.m., Liquid Assets, 1091 Second St. S. No. 600, Sartell. john.denney@charter.net.

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, May 18

Communitywide Garage Sales, 8 a.m.-5 p.m., electronics, clothing, household items and more, Evergreen Village, 198 Evergreen Road, Sartell. Benton County Museum, 10

a.m.-4 p.m., 218 First St. N., Sauk Rapids. 320-253-9614. mnbentonhistory.org.

St. Cloud Singles Club Dance, 8 p.m.-midnight, American Legion, 17 Second Ave. S., Waite Park. 320-339-4533. stcloudsingles.net.

#### Saturday, May 19

Community-wide Yard Sales, 8 a.m.-noon., electronics, clothing, household items and more, Evergreen Village, 198 Evergreen Road, Sartell.

All-In-One Event, 9 a.m.-5 p.m., flea markets, garage salers, crafters, up-cyclers and vendors, Benton County Fairgrounds Sports Arena, 1410 Third Ave S., Sauk Rapids.

Community Meal, 11:30 a.m.-12:45 p.m., First United Methodist Church, 1107 Pinecone Road S., Sar-

### Sunday, May 20

1k/5k Color Run, noon-2 p.m., Celebration Lutheran Church, 1500 Pinecone Road N., Sartell. celebrationlutheranchurch.com.

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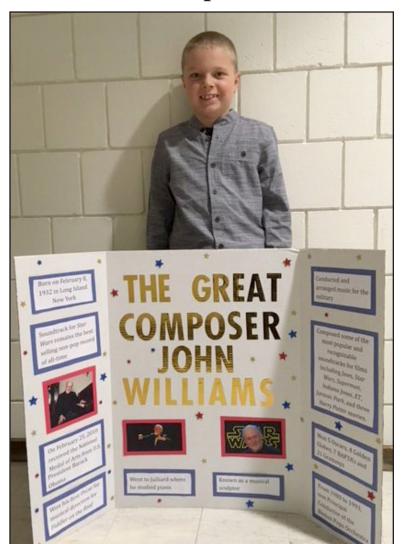
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# - People -



Aiden Roering, a second-grader at Oak Ridge Elementary School, participated in the Minnesota Music Teachers Association's Music Bridges program on April 14 at the College of St. Benedict. Roering performed four piano solos and presented a project on the composer, John Williams. He received a Superior rating.

# Ask a trooper

# What are officers instructed to do when they encounter an individual who has overdosed on opioids?

O: I've heard the Minnesota State Patrol is carrying around some stuff to help people that might have an issue with opioid abuse. Can you talk more about that? Thanks for all you do!

A: A Minnesota state trooper's job is surprisingly varied. Sure, you'd expect them to patrol the highways enforcing traffic laws and to help motorists in trouble. But saving people from drug overdoses might not have occurred to you.

Opioid abuse is becoming more and more widespread, and the State Patrol has had their eye on the issue. In Minnesota alone, drug overdose deaths increased 17.9 percent from 2015 to 2016, and those who use opioids have a lot to choose from: heroin, morphine, oxycodone, hydrocodone, fentanyl and codeine, just to name a few.

So starting in January, Col. Matthew Langer, chief of the Minnesota State Patrol, issued a general order requiring every state trooper to carry Narcan. Narcan is the brand name for a prescription medication called naloxone, and

drug overdoses.

"It's important for troopers," Langer said, "Because we're deployed all over the state and find ourselves in different situations, assisting other agencies and the public." Specifically, troopers on patrol duty, evidence handling and in situations where opioid exposure is a possibility must have naloxone at the ready. Troopers receive special training so they can recognize the signs of opioid overdose and learn to administer naloxone.

Once a trooper administers a dose of naloxone, they have to assign a case number and write a field report. They also have to fill out a form for the Department of Health. This helps them keep tabs on the opioid crises and what's being done about it.

There's another reason troopers carry naloxone. Yes, it's about keeping the public safe - but it's also about keeping troopers themselves safe. Let's say a trooper is searching a vehicle after a crash, looking in the glove compartment or center console. If their bare skin comes

reverse the effects of opioid into contact with even a dusting of fentanyl, for example, it could be lethal. Langer explains, "Narcan will help people who intentionally ingest drugs and first responders who inadvertently come into contact with them."

So next time you see them out on the roads, remember catching speeders and helping you change a flat tire aren't the only things that concern the Minnesota State Patrol. They're also working to keep Minnesotans safe from opioids. Making sure all troopers carry Narcan is, as Col. Langer puts it, "A proactive move by the Minnesota State Patrol in the interest of trooper safety and public safety."

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