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Welcome to St. Joseph, a friendly city on the move.

On behalf of the citizens of St. Joseph, I would like to extend a warm welcome to visitors and residents of our city.

As the city navigates through the 21st Century, this former German settlement is moving ahead with new facilities, services and a transition plan that will be a blend of businesses, new and established restaurants and a strong entertainment base for visitors and residents.

St. Joseph retains its small-town feeling as evidenced by events such as the Art Crawl, Joetown Rocks, the Fourth of July parade, Millstream Arts Festival, Movies in the Park and a Christmas tree-lighting ceremony. These activities bring people together to celebrate and have fun. And, not to forget, we are decidedly pro-business, spurring a generous amount of development recently, including expansion and new stores within the city.

St. Joseph is the trailhead to the Lake Wobegon Trail, a 62-mile route along a former Burlington Northern Railroad line. This bike trail leads westward, reaching rural areas and towns and ending in Osakis Minn.

Throughout the year, each Friday, we are home to the St. Joseph Farmers' Market, a dedicated group of people committed to building a link between St. Joseph residents and area producers by providing an enjoyable venue for purchasing fresh, local food directly from the growers. The market offers a good variety of quality, home-produced foods in a friendly, socially pleasing environment.

Knowing St. Joseph is the safest city in Minnesota, we can boast of well-trained firefighters and first responders and a dedicated police force (including part-time and school liaison) all working to keep us secure.

We have built a close relationship with our public, private and post-secondary school systems. The College of St. Benedict, St. John's University, Little Saints Academy, All-Saints Academy and ISD 742 provide excellent education for our region.

New senior-citizen dwellings address the largest-growing demographic in our area. These centers provide a place dedicated to enhancing the lives of seniors in St. Joseph.

We enjoy a unique and charming quality of life here, and whether you're looking for a place to visit, live or build a business, please know you are welcome in St. Joseph.

I appreciate and invite your comments, opinions and feedback.

I am here to serve you and the city of St. Joseph and am very respectful of the opportunity to do so.

Mayor Rick Schultz
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Humdinger of a hummer

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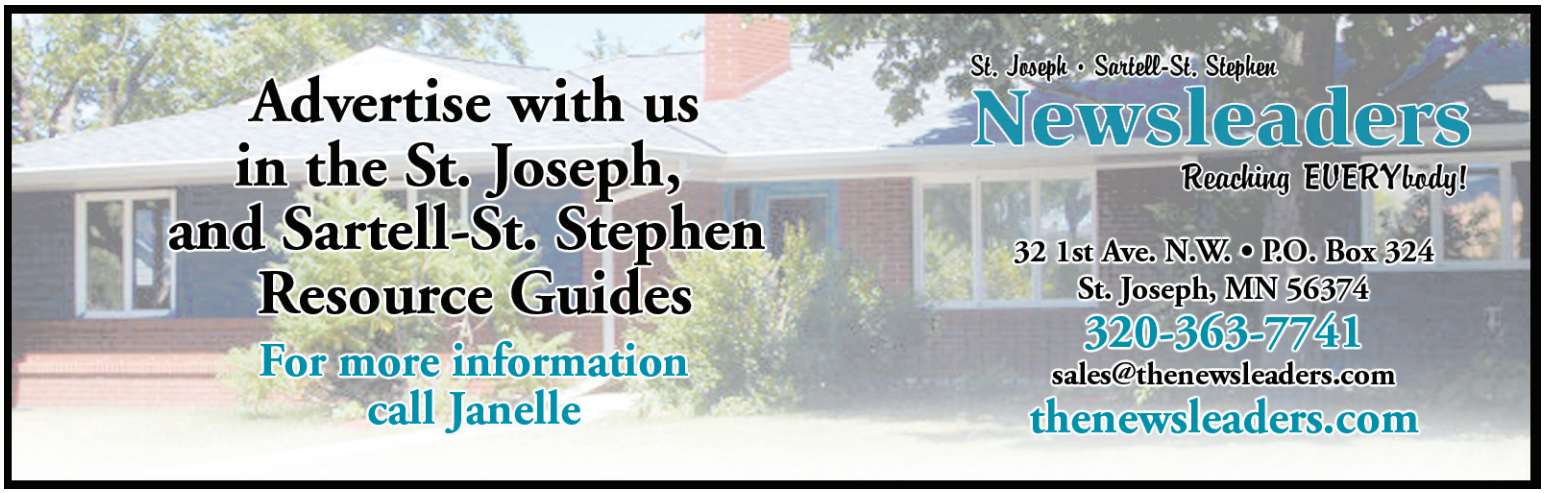
As summer arrives, so do the hummingbirds. If you don't have a hummingbird feeder you should get one! A hummingbird will use its tongue, grooved like the shape of a "W" and with tiny hairs on the tip, to lap up nectar from flowers and feeders. Its beak is generally shaped like any other bird beak, just longer in proportion to its body. Fact: hummingbirds are the only birds that fly backwards! Have a humdinger of a summer!



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St. Joseph City Hall

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The city administrator is Judy Weyrens, who leads a staff of 23 employees, including maintenance and police.

St. Joseph Township

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The St. Joseph Township Board officials are Jerome Salzer, chair; Ann Reischl, clerk; Dan Rassier, treasurer; and supervisors Ralph Eiynck and Mark Thomson. Township meetings take place at 8 p.m. the second and fourth Mondays of the month in Township Hall, located at 935 College Ave. S.

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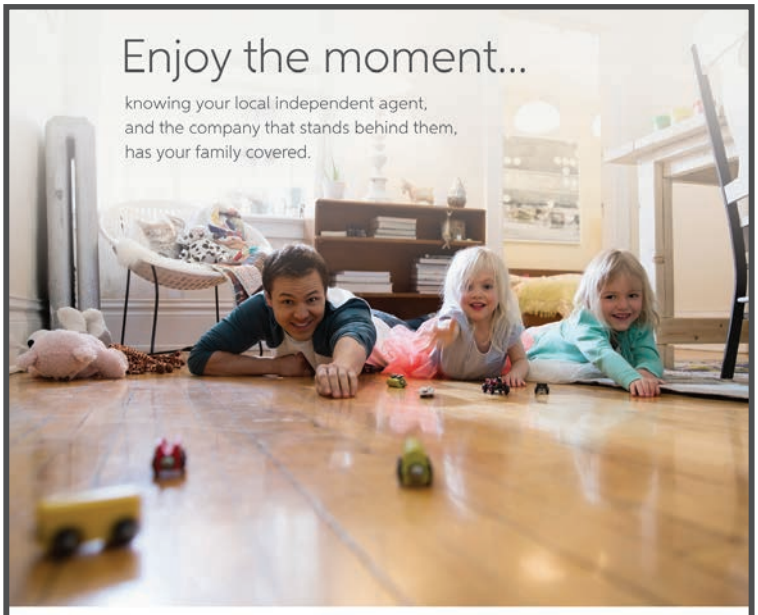
Sophia Salzer, 5, smiles proudly dressed in gear at the St. Joseph fire hall during Kennedy Community School (kindergarten- Mrs. Hoffarth's class) field trip last fall 2016.



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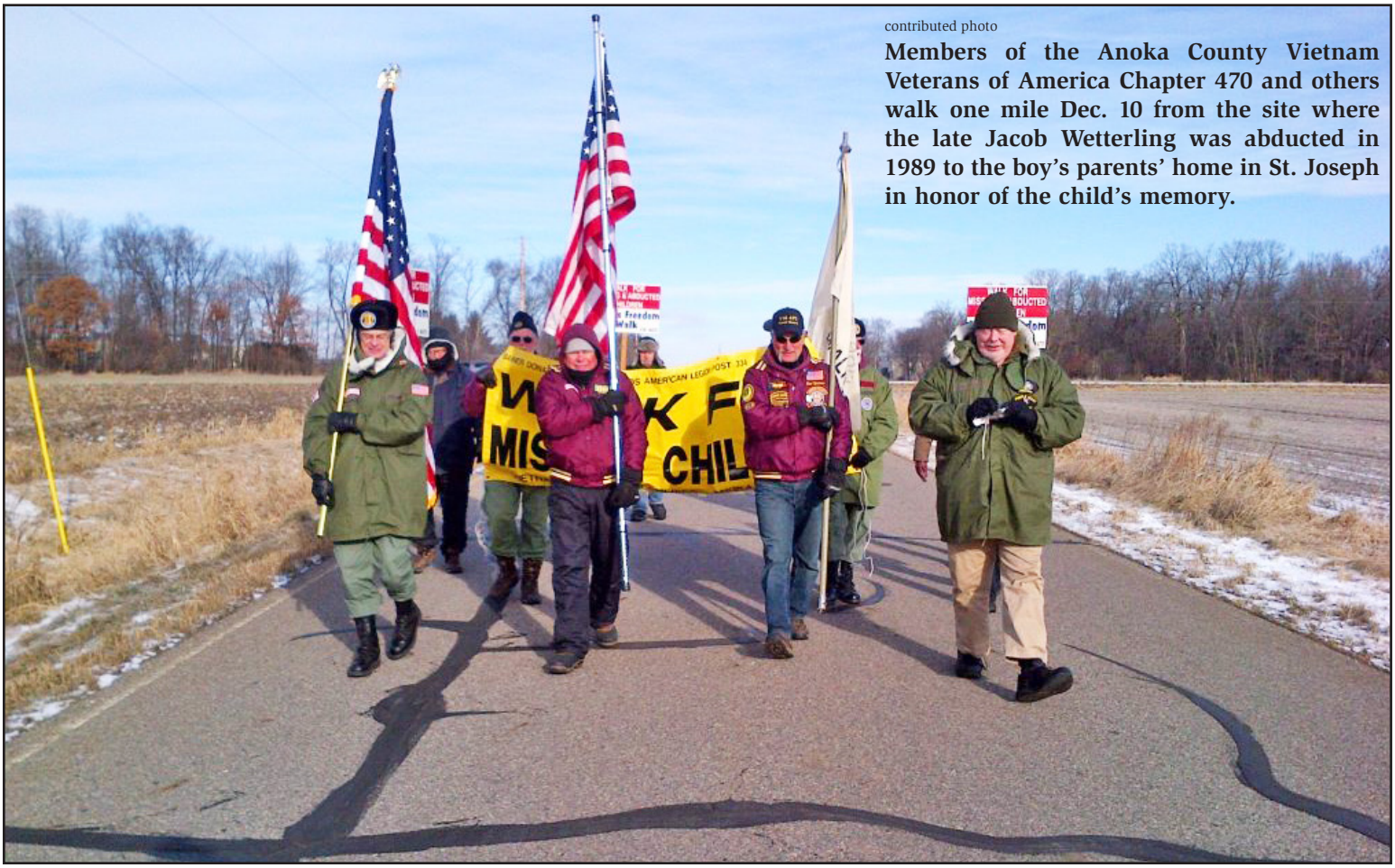

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Members of the Anoka County Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 470 and others walk one mile Dec. 10 from the site where the late Jacob Wetterling was abducted in 1989 to the boy's parents' home in St. Joseph in honor of the child's memory.

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Kennedy Community School fourth-grade students attend the Young Authors/Young Artists conference May 19 at College of St. Benedict. They include (front row, left to right) Truett Carlson, Harriet Johnson, Kyle Honer, Vinny Thompson and Hadley Carlson; (second row) Deyja Sieben, Wyatt Lemke, Rowan Haven, Will Steffes, Allie Oien, Isabelle Crue and Olivia Beniek; and (back row) Bradley Schultz, Brooke Fleck, Anthony Brown, Chloe Hasselbring, Ava Thoen and Paige Madison.

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John Bruns and his preschooler daughter, Havi Bruns, posed at the photo booth during Superhero Day at All Saints Academy.

Education

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Staff from Little Saints Academy brought seven big boxes of coffee mugs to the St. Cloud Salvation Army on April 6. A tour of the Salvation Army facility was enjoyed by all following the donation. From left to right are, Hunter Mergen of Albany, and Brayan Guevara and Taylor Brinkman, both of St. Cloud. Mergen and Guevara represented the St. Cloud campus, and Brinkman the St. Joseph campus.

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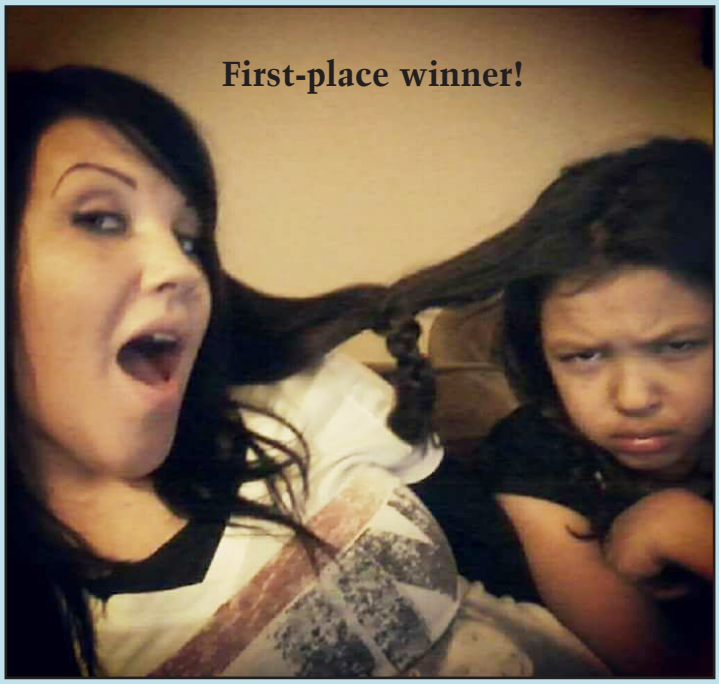

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Clockwise from top left: **Members of the St. Cloud Area Youth Leadership Academy gather at the St. Cloud Police Department for their graduation ceremony; SCYLA members march down the street at their leadership camp site near Little Falls; recruits do pushups before boarding a bus to go to leadership camp; and boys climb a wooden ladder as part of an obstacle course at leadership camp.**

Calendar of events

July

Independence Day Celebration

A tradition in St. Joseph since 1904, the Fourth of July celebration attracts many thousands of people for its Lions-sponsored parade and the Catholic church bazaar, which includes games, dinner, a quilt auction, sales of crafts and baked goods, karaoke and live-band music. On the night of July 3, the JoeTown Rocks concert, which is free and open to all, pays tribute to the music of legendary pop star, the late Bobby Vee, who – with his sons – began the JoeTown Rocks series of concerts many years ago. The Vees, who live in the area, have a recording studio in downtown St. Joseph.

Tour of Saints

A long-established tradition in the St. Joseph area is the mid-summer Tour of Saints, a recreational bicycle tour with loops of 35 and 50 miles through some of the most beautiful hilly country in Minnesota. The Tour of Saints attracts hundreds of cyclists of every skill level each year. To register, visit www.tourofsaints.com.

Hometown Pride Days - Cold Spring

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September

Millstream Arts Festival

The last Sunday in September, St. Joseph hosts a juried art sale along Minnesota Street in downtown St. Joseph. Food vendors, entertainment and music abound.

St. Stephen Parish Festival

The St. Stephen Parish Festival is held annually on Labor Day Weekend. The two-day event features live music, games, food, a rummage sale, bingo, auctions, prize drawings and a lot of socializing.

October

Community Halloween Party

Each year Kennedy Kidstop hosts a community-wide Halloween Party for local children.

October-April

Winter Farmers' Market

Two Fridays each month, the winter farmers' market hours are from 3-6 p.m; location rotates between Resurrection Lutheran Church and Minnesota Street Market.

March/April

Easter party

A community Easter party, sponsored by the St. Joseph Jaycees, is held the Saturday before Easter in All Saints Academy-St. Joseph.

May

Dollars for Scholars awards night

Each year scholarships are given to local students, including older non-traditional students, to help them pursue their post-secondary education.

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This home along 12th Avenue SE near East Able Street in St. Joseph includes a lighted holiday display featuring the No. 11 in honor of the late Jacob Wetterling. The St. Joseph boy wore a red No. 11 jersey when he played youth sports.

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Farmers' Market

The St. Joseph Farmers' Market is open every Friday during the warmer months from 3-6:30 p.m. It's located next to Resurrection Lutheran Church, one-fourth mile north of the intersection of Hwy. 75 and College Avenue. The market's annual Harvest Festival takes place in mid-September.

June

Avon Spunktacular Days

This weekend festival takes place in Avon, a city five miles west of St. Joseph. It's usually scheduled for mid-June.

Caramel Roll Bike Ride

Bicyclists ride the Lake Wobegon Trail in mid-June.

Sartell SummerFest

Each summer, the Sartell SummerFest is scheduled second weekend in June. Sartell is five miles northeast of St. Joseph.

Waite Park Family Fun Days

In early June, the Waite Park Family Fun Days is a week-long series of entertainment and celebration. Waite Park is five miles east of St. Joseph.

Rapids River Days - Sauk Rapids

This three-day event, which takes place usually on the last weekend in June, is a perennially popular gathering in Sauk Rapids Municipal Park along the Mississippi River. Sauk Rapids is about 10 miles northeast of St. Joseph.

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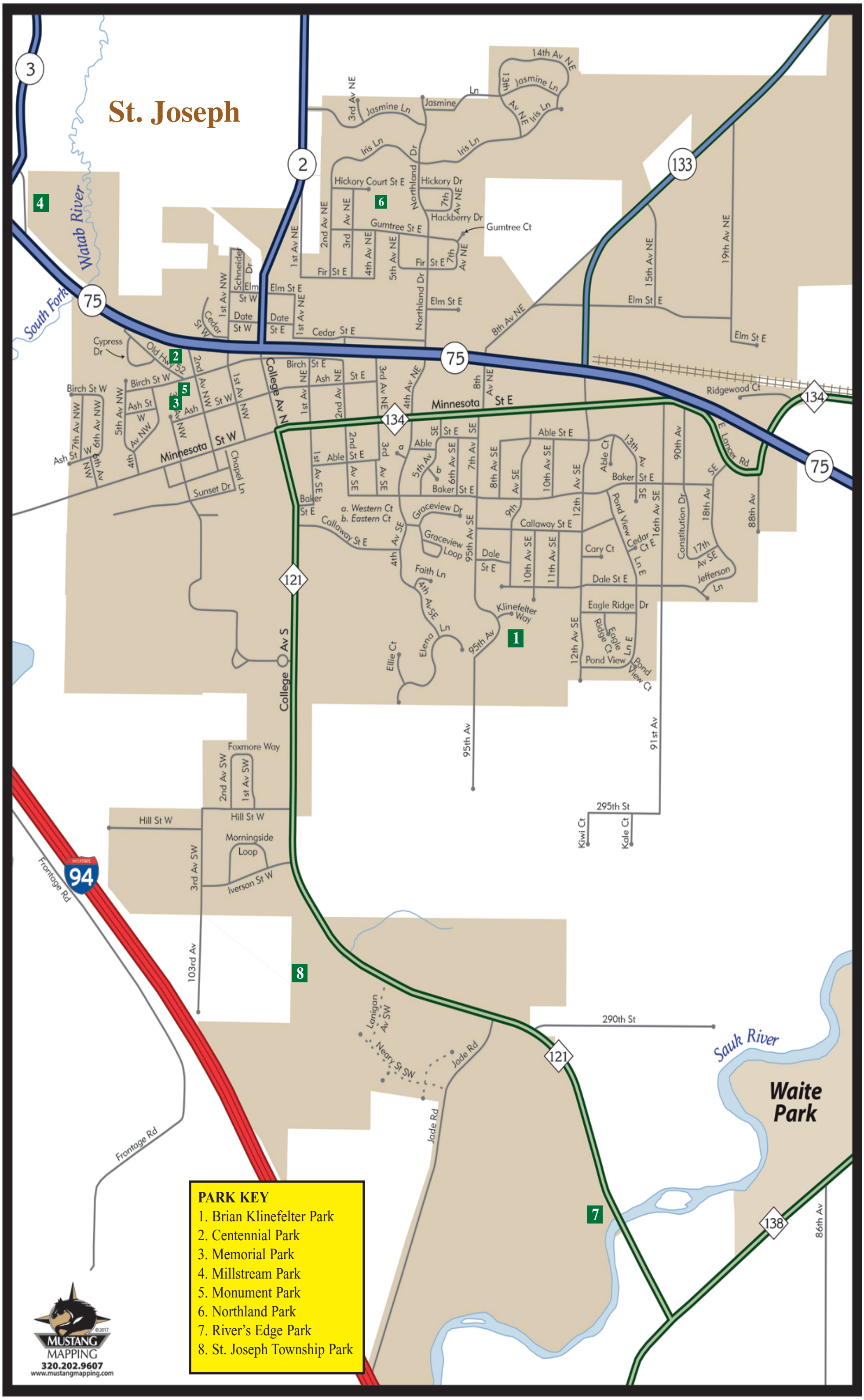

PARK KEY

1. Brian Klinefelter Park
2. Centennial Park
3. Memorial Park
4. Millstream Park
5. Monument Park
6. Northland Park
7. River's Edge Park
8. St. Joseph Township Park

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Parks

Brian Klinefelter Memorial Park
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Centennial Park
Second Avenue N.W., close to downtown

Centennial offers courts for volleyball and basketball, horseshoe pits, as well as playground equipment areas and a newly remodeled community building with new restrooms. For rental, call 320-363-7201.

Monument Park
Corner of Birch Street W. and Second Avenue N.W.

A monument featuring a bit of St. Joseph history stands by a small rest area with trees, flowers and a picnic area. A new addition is a black-marble monument honoring area veterans.

Memorial Park
28 Third Ave. N.W.

In summer, Memorial Park is very popular for its baseball games and skate park. In winter, people enjoy hockey games and recreational ice skating.

Millstream Park
Just off Highway 75, west of town

This large park with a stream meandering through it offers camping sites, nature trails, fishing, volleyball, horseshoe, baseball, a soccer field, two lit softball fields and even a disc golf course. Picnic areas are located throughout the park, and a park shelter complete with fireplace is available for rent. For rental, call the city offices at 320-363-7201.

Northland Park
West of Hackberry Drive

This 5.6-acre neighborhood park featuring a play area, sand volleyball court, picnic tables, benches and off-street parking was constructed in conjunction with the Northland Housing Development.

River's Edge Park
(to be developed next to Kennedy Community School along Sauk River)

St. Joseph Township Park and Shelter
South of town on Highway 121

This small roadside park is also a perfect place to stop and rest or to enjoy a picnic lunch. For information, call Ann Reischl at 320-363-8825.

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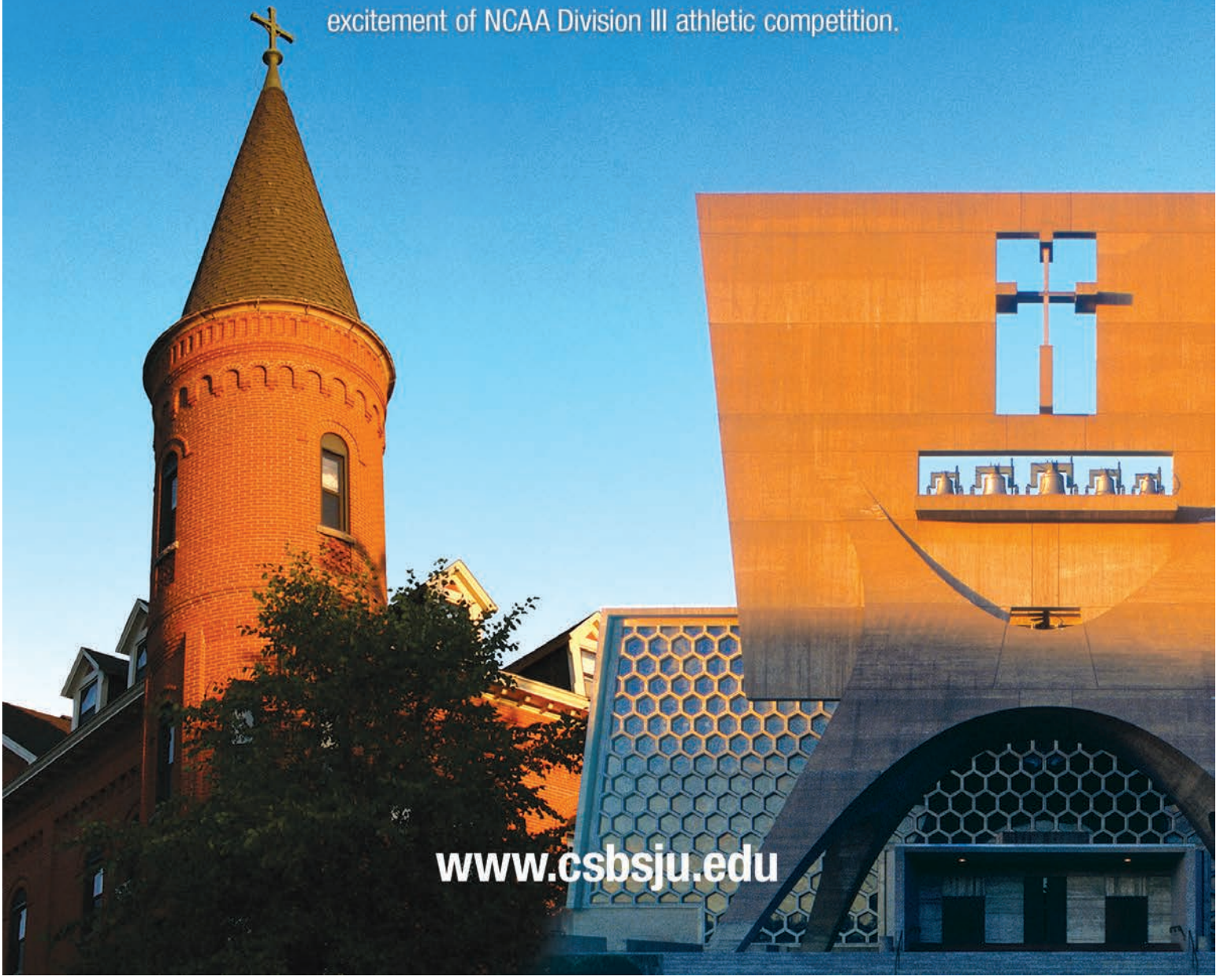

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Church of St. Joseph Catholic Church quilters (left to right) Marilyn Brinkman, Barb Heltemes, Josie Meyer, Ellie Studer and Cathy Buchheit stitch on a baby quilt which will be auctioned off at this year's July Fourth church festival.

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A pedestrian's delight

St. Joseph is proud of the many interesting and beautiful places it offers both residents and visitors. The city is exactly the right size for a leisurely stroll that takes in many sites and historical points of interest. In fact, many of St. Joseph's most beautiful areas, such as the lush green college campus with its nooks and crannies of quiet restfulness, can only be seen and appreciated during unhurried strolls. The following are just a few of the city's attractions:

College of St. Benedict
37 S. College Ave.

The campus right in the heart of downtown St. Joseph includes an intriguing blend of Old World-style and modern architecture. Visitors can enjoy lunch at the Gorecki Dining Center, stroll the tree-lined walkways, visit the museum and maybe even take in a play or other cultural event at the arts center. For more information about what the college has to offer, call 1-800-249-9840.

Sacred Heart Chapel
St. Benedict Monastery

Located on the grounds of the St. Benedict Monastery just off Minnesota Street (St. Joseph's main street), the Sacred Heart Chapel is a beautiful, quiet retreat from the busy world. Many visit the domed structure and its cloistered rooms to pray or meditate in its silent hush made soothing by filtered light and timeless stone architecture. Many visitors remark on the pervading sense of inner peace they experience while visiting the chapel. Tours and information are available by calling 320-363-7100.

Art and Heritage Center
St. Benedict Monastery

The Haehn Art and Heritage Center and Whitby Gallery, 104 Chapel Lane, are also located on the St. Benedict Monastery grounds, just west of the Sacred Heart Chapel. The building includes spacious galleries that specialize in showing exquisite Benedictine art works and historical exhibits. Its gift shop offers crafts and art made primarily by Benedictine sisters. For more information, call 320-363-7147.

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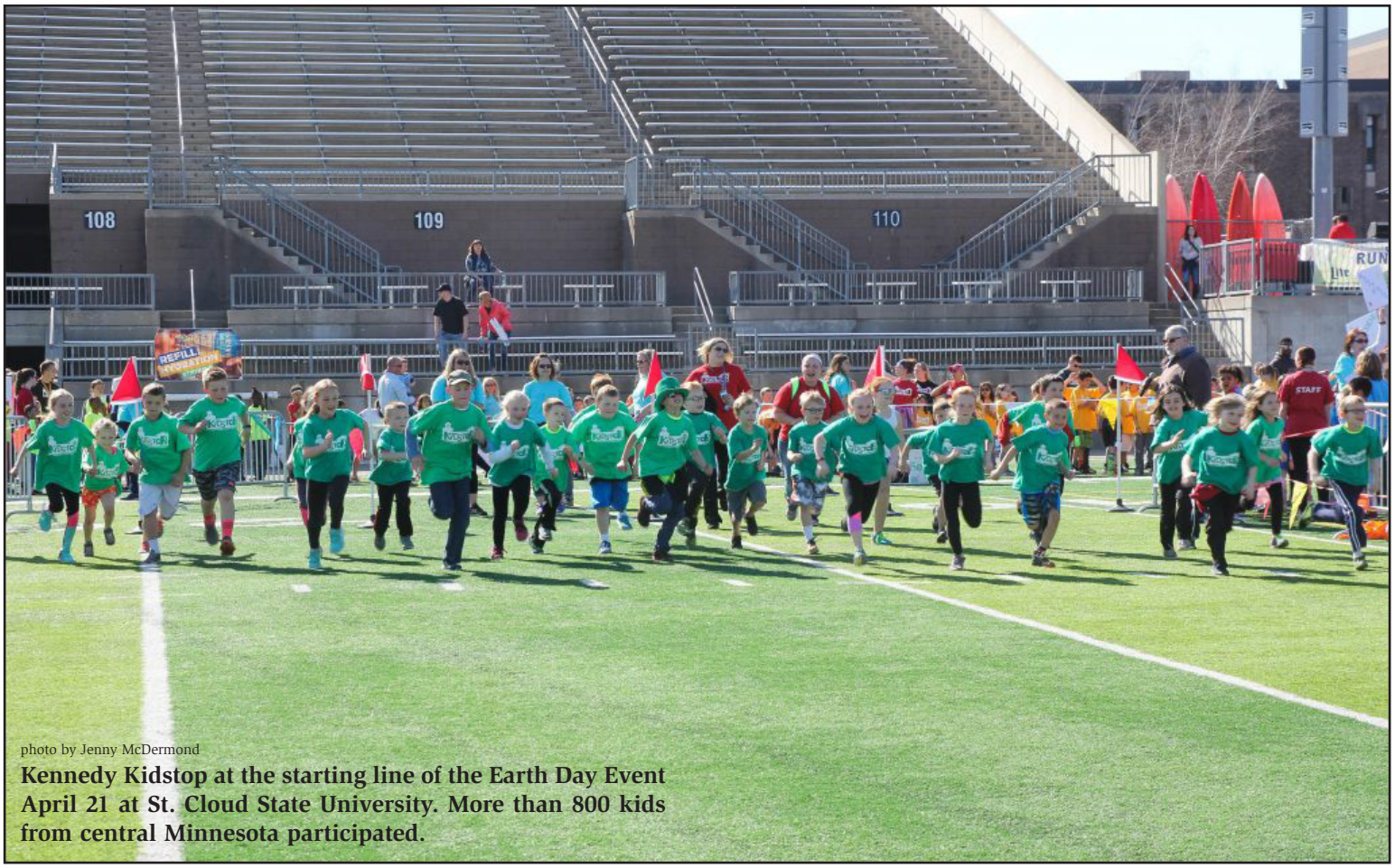

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Kennedy Kidstop at the starting line of the Earth Day Event April 21 at St. Cloud State University. More than 800 kids from central Minnesota participated.

The mission of the St. Joseph Area Historical Society is to collect and preserve the history of the St. Joseph area through family histories, interviews, photos and artifacts and to share them with residents both young and old.

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Libraries/Art Center

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St. John's University

Located five miles west of St. Joseph just off Highway 75, this great "cousin" of the College of St. Benedict is also a perfect place for a stroll among its ivy-covered buildings and its spectacular landscape of hilly wooded land. The autumn leaves around the campus are so blazingly beautiful they attract people from far and wide. For more information about the university, call 320-363-2011.

Abbey Church

The bell tower of this church rises magnificently – massive yet graceful – above the treetops and buildings of St. John's University. Designed and built by the pioneering architect Marcel Breuer in the mid-1960s, the church is world-famous as a masterpiece of the cantilevered style. Its stained-glass windows alone are worth a trip to see it.

Church of St. Joseph

This Catholic church in the heart of downtown St. Joseph was constructed more than 150 years ago with stones hauled from parishioners' fields. It's the oldest consecrated Catholic church in Minnesota and still meets the needs of the 1,200 parish families today. A parish center was added in 2013 and connects the church and the school building that houses All Saints Academy. The parish center made possible a wide expansion of social events on the church grounds. For more information, call the parish office at 320-363-7505.

Wobegon Trail

Completed in the spring of 2004, the Lake Wobegon Trail now extends all the way from St. Joseph to Sauk Centre with a northern link to Holdingford and beyond. In early summer 2004, a beautiful Welcome Center, which resembles the style of an old train station, was built at the start of the paved trail. Local residents and visitors from far and wide love to use the trail for hiking, biking, in-line skating and, in the winter months, snowmobiling and/or cross-country skiing. Winding through beautiful scenery, the trail has become the pride and joy of the cities it connects. Built on an abandoned railroad bed, the trail was named for famed writer Garrison Keillor's mythical Minnesota city. Keillor was present at the dedication ceremony when the trail's first extension was built from Sauk Centre to Avon. A connection to St. Cloud is also in the planning stages.

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Wyatt Salzer, 11, of St. Joseph, waits expectantly with his drill as Ray Bechtold, also of St. Joseph, assembles the sides of a birdhouse. Bechtold is a member of the St. Joseph Rod and Gun Club, which holds an annual birdhouse-building event at the American Legion in St. Joseph each year. The event took place March 20.

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Players and buddies participate in a Miracle League of Central Minnesota baseball game at the Miracle Field in Whitney Park in St. Cloud. The annual Miracle League of Central Minnesota bowling event took place April 23 at Great River Bowl in Sartell.

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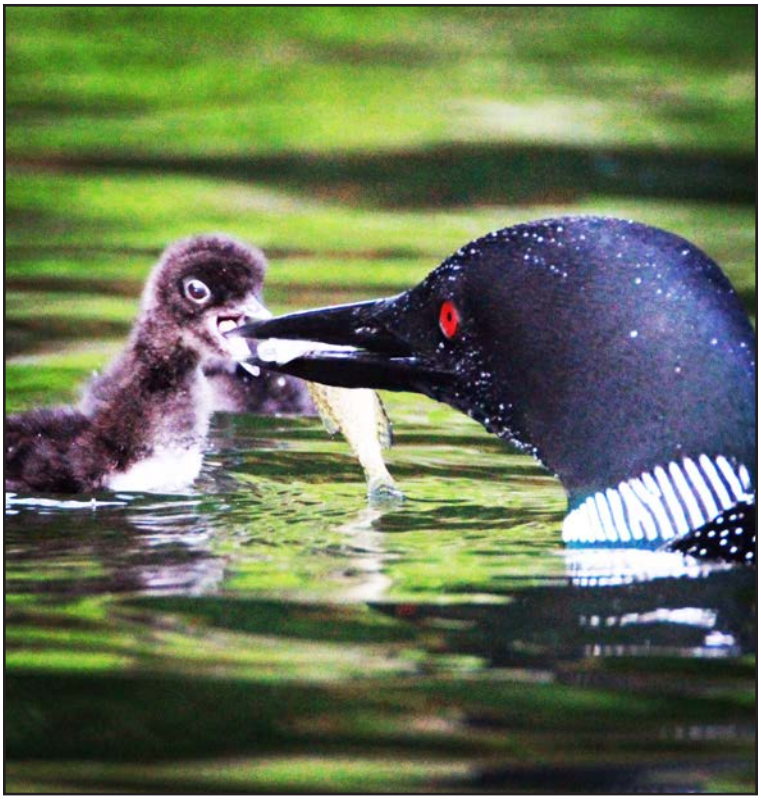

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It was fun watching mom fish for food for baby. This minnow was too large for the baby so mom got a bonus snack and resumed fishing. This is one of the most memorable wildlife experiences I've ever encountered.

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St. John's Prep students Taylor, Reid and Jaedyn Nydeen are three sisters who spent the season playing varsity basketball together. They are pictured playing together for the first time on the same court (left to right) Taylor, a senior; Reid, a sophomore; and Jaedyn, a seventh-grader.

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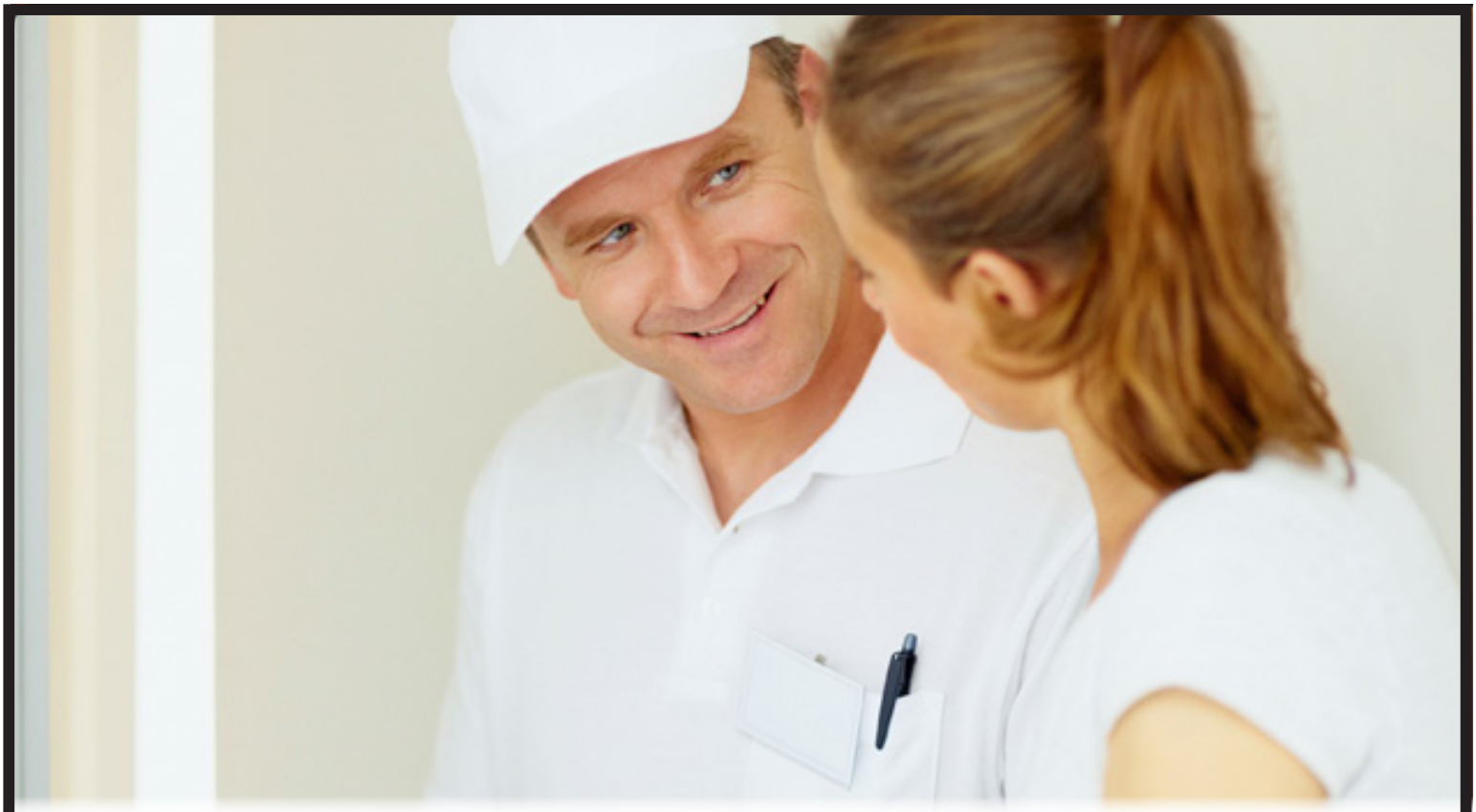

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