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Stocks chosen as Y2K Lions July 4 parade royalty

by Cori Hilsen
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Members of the St. Joseph Y2K Lions Club appreciate their senior citizens and want them to be recognized for all the wonderful service deeds they do in the area.

That's a big reason why Y2K club members recently chose Dick and Joyce Stock to be this year's Senior Queen and King for the annual Fourth of July parade. They want them to be honored and treated like royalty.

Y2K president Kay Lemke said the Stocks were chosen for their long-time service to the area and because Dick is a lifetime resident of the area.

"When we accepted, I said I thought it was an honor reserved for folks who did a lot of service in the community," Joyce Stock said. "Ann Reischl told me 'that's why we chose

you.'"

The Stocks have been wintering in Florida for 21 years, so Joyce said they are not here during the winter to help volunteer and serve the area.

"We consider it a real honor," Joyce said. "I think there are people who are much more active in the community, but we are both very honored to be asked."

Even with being out-of-state during the winter, the Stocks have still managed to volunteer in many areas.

Dick, 83, volunteers for the Church of St. Joseph Catholic Church where he is a member of the Father Werner Council 7057 Knights of Columbus. With the Knights of Columbus, he helps with breakfasts, hamburger sales at the St. Joseph Meat Market and selling Tootsie Rolls to help benefit individuals with intellectual disabilities.

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Dick and Joyce Stock were chosen to be this year's St. Joseph Y2K Lions Senior King and Queen for the annual Fourth of July parade. Dick is a life-long resident of the area and both he and Joyce have been active volunteers around St. Joseph for many years.

Man saved as baby by Mother Teresa loves St. Joseph

by Dennis Dalman
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Patrick Norton's life was quite literally saved by Mother Teresa, and Norton and his St. Joseph family were at the Vatican in Rome for the thrilling moment when she was officially named a saint by the Catholic Church.

When Norton, an orphan in India for many years, saw and heard in news reports what is now happening at the American-Mexican border, his heart sank because all of the memories of his life came tumbling forth once again. He said he

could relate so well to the images he was seeing.

As a public speaker, Norton always avoids partisan politics, but he said he feels he absolutely must speak out against what was happening at the United States/Mexico border. After intense public outrage, President Donald Trump signed an order June 20 disallowing his previous policy of the family-member separations. Norton was happy to hear that.

"I'm was not happy with Donald Trump," he said. "He was breaking those families apart; he was treating them like criminals. I know what

that's like. I was one of those people a long time ago. Alone. No parents. And I remember how hard it was but then later I learned how wonderful it was to become an American."

Abandoned

One day in 1961, a newborn baby boy was left abandoned on a street in Bombay, India. A nun found the baby and brought it to St. Joseph Orphanage in Bombay. The orphanage had just been opened by an organization started by a missionary nun named Sister Teresa. At that time, she had

not yet become world-famous as Mother Teresa.

The baby found abandoned was named Patrick by the nuns of the orphanage. When Patrick was 7, he was placed in what was known as a "big-boy's orphanage," called Our Lady Home, also founded by Mother Teresa's Missionaries of Charity and also in Bombay. There were about 250 boys in that orphanage, and even though they had a roof over their heads, they suffered terrible privations, including frequent hunger. Some, like Patrick, had no cot and slept

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photo by Dave DeMars

City Engineer Randy Sabart adjusts information on the overhead during discussion of street projects for the coming year.

Council offers Pfannenstein chief's position

by Dave DeMars
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The St. Joseph City Council chose Dwight Pfannenstein as the new chief of police at its June 18 meeting after wrestling with the question of whether or not the position should be posted and more applicants solicited. The council made the offer on the condition Pfannenstein announce publicly that he's withdrawing as a candi-



Pfannenstein

date for Stearns County sheriff.

Pfannenstein replaces Joel Klein, who resigned recently after complaints were lodged against him. The nature of the complaints has not been divulged by the council.

Mayor Rick Schultz gave a brief rundown of the personnel-committee action, saying the committee, made up of himself, council member Dale Wick and administrator Judy Weyrens, had met and rather than posting the job, the committee recommended the council promote Pfannenstein to chief of police.

Pfannenstein had been serving as interim police chief up

until Schultz suggested he fill the position permanently. The recommendation apparently caught some council members by surprise.

"I know this is the first-time discussion and everything," Schultz said.

Newly seated council member Anne Buckvold said she appreciated everything the police in St. Joseph have done for the city but wondered about the degree of trust that had been restored.

"I am just thinking about – would it be better, in an effort to make sure we have the trust of the community in place,

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Three St. Joseph students received scholarships from Catholic United Financial. They are Ciera Ehlert, Emily Lygre and Taylor Nordine.

Keith Warzecka of St. Joseph was named to the spring semester dean's honor list at Concordia College, Moorhead. To qualify, a student must earn a 3.7 minimum grade-point average.

Samantha Smoley of St. Joseph, who is majoring in theater arts and film production, was named to the spring semester dean's list at Minnesota State, Moorhead. To qualify, a student must earn a minimum 3.25 grade-point average.

Brandon Funk of St. Joseph is one of two Apollo High

School trapshooting team members who will compete in the USA High School Clay Target League's National Championships in July in Mason, Mich. Megan Gohman is the other Apollo student. Funk and Gohman led the team this season with 21.20 and 21.10 averages respectively. Both will compete at the National Championships on the team and as individuals. The team consists of five team members and two alternates. The team completed its second Minnesota High School Clay Target League season placing second in Class 1A-Conference 9.

Katelyn Sinn of St. Joseph, who is majoring in software engineering, was named to the spring dean's list at Iowa State University, Ames. To qualify for

this honor, a student must earn a 3.5 minimum grade-point average.

Nathan Dehne was recently selected as new vice president for admission and financial aid at the College of St. Benedict and St. John's University. He will begin his new role on July 9.

Dehne currently serves as the vice president for admissions and enrollment services at Cardinal Stritch University in Milwaukee, Wis., where he also provided executive leadership for strategic planning and athletics.

Dehne succeeds Calvin Mosley, who announced his retirement earlier this year, after serving 10 years as vice president.

Amanda Theisen of St. Joseph recently graduated magna cum laude with a bachelor's degree in exercise physiology from Gustavus Adolphus College in St. Peter. Theisen was also named to the spring dean's list for earning a minimum 3.7 grade-point average.

Fifteen St. Joseph students earned academic honors during spring semester at St. Cloud Technical & Community College.

To qualify for the president's list a student needs a 4.0 grade-point average and to qualify for the dean's list, a student needs a minimum 3.5 grade-point average.

President's list: Sommer Davidson, Mitchell Jaeckels, Alexander Legatt, Bruce Walkley, Elena Drake, Kelsey Mosley

and Ethan Carlson.

Dean's list: Luke Dahlgren, Madalyn Fowler, Mikayla Kotsmith, Tianna Swanson-Wente, Jasmine Elliott, Mitchell Lowell, Logan Douvier and Amanda Meehl.

Sixteen St. Joseph students have been named to the spring dean's list at St. Cloud State University. To be eligible, students must earn a 3.7 minimum grade-point average.

The students are Anna Emerson, Lindsay Helfenstein, Lynnsey Hoffmann, Isaac Holthaus, Tyler Lahr, JoAnn Otte, Haley Walker, Taesig Ahn, Alison Fischer, Bryce Kirchner, Logan Korte, Kaylee Lodermeier, Natalie Moen, William Morgan, Ryan Peterson and MaKalla Schmitz.

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Family reunion unites those from old country with new

A family reunion on May 19 celebrated 150 years since the Schmitt/Thelen families arrived in Jacobs Prairie from Germany.

On June 16, 1868, Anton and Anna (Thelen) Schmitt and their children John, Math, Anna and Catherine arrived in New York from Eschbach, Germany. Ralph Schmitt, a resident of St. Joesph, and his brother Jerry Schmitt wanted to know what happened to the family still in Germany.

In 2016, they traveled back to the area to see if they could find anyone. A series of events led them to stopping in Siebenbach and going to a local town festival. By coincidence, they sat down next to Rudi Thelen and found out he was a descendant of the family that stayed in Germany. "It was like it was meant to be," said Ralph Schmitt. Joining the May 19 celebration was the Thelen family that was found. Rudi Thelen, his son Tobias, nephew Daniel and friend Arnold Mueller all traveled to help celebrate.



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(Left to right) Rudi Thelen, Arnold Mueller, Tobias Thelen, Ralph Schmitt, Avalyn Lassi, Daniel Thiel and Samuel Lassi. (Avalyn and Samuel are Ralph Schmitt's grandchildren.)

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The Resurrection Lutheran Church quilters surprised Evelyn Eckroth on her 91st birthday with a coffee hour at Woodcrest of Country Manor in St Joseph. Those who attended the party are (from left) Kay Reardon, Rene Krueger, Ellen Chovan, Bonnie Kabe, Cindy Klocker, Eloise Westby, Marlys Eikmeier, Nancy Holy, Kathy Haselhorst and Joan Thralow with Evelyn and her husband Charlie seated by the table.



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In recognition of their outstanding service to community, Kathryn Bjorke (second from right) and Martha Bunde (second from left) were presented with the President’s Volunteer Service Award. The awards, presented by Internal Coach Michelle McAnally (far left) and Program Manager Mishon Bulson (far right) honor those who, by demonstrated commitment and example, inspire others to engage in volunteer service. Bjorke has served full time as a tutor with Minnesota Reading Corps at Kennedy Community School in St. Joseph since 2015. Bunde has served part time at Kennedy since 2014.

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on the floor, using their folded arms as pillows. Food was always scarce, partly because of the war between India and Pakistan at that time. Patrick and others sometimes actually ate paper and erasers from pencils.

“I sometimes actually ate my homework,” Norton recalled.

Manna from heaven

Then, some years later, the orphanage children and staff experienced a sense of deliverance. Shipments of food began arriving from the United States and West Germany – mostly rations containing powdered milk, rice, wheat and cans of cooking oil. It was plain food, but to the hungry boys it was manna from heaven.

Patrick and his fellow orphans loved to play sports – football, volleyball, soccer. But they had to make their own play balls out of paper and other cast-off items. One day, while rummaging thorough neighborhood trash, looking for useful objects or broken toys to play with, Patrick found a magazine page that had the letters “USA” on it and a picture of a house. That intriguing page suddenly stirred his very soul because he longed to have a house with a family in it, like the one in the picture.

He showed his precious new object, that page, to an orphanage priest:

“Look what I found!” he exclaimed.

He learned USA was a place, a faraway country.

“But don’t bother, you’ll never go there,” the priest told him.

Every night, lying on the floor, Patrick would pray and talk to himself with variations of “God, I hope to go to this place someday. God, will you take me to that place someday, to the USA?”

One day, sometime in 1968, Pope Paul VI visited an orphanage in Bombay. He knelt before each orphan and prayed with them. The pope’s visit made worldwide news.

During the India-Pakistan war, the lights in Bombay had to be extinguished each night because of the bombers overhead. On one clear night, Patrick looked up to marvel at the scintillating stars and the glowing moon. Pointing up at them, he said, “God, forget about the war. Look how beautiful the world is. I want you to bring me to one of the greatest nations on Earth, to the USA.”

In the meantime, Pope Paul VI’s visits to India orphanages caught the attention of a Connecticut couple, John and Marjorie Norton, devout Catholics who had nine biological children but who decided to adopt five more, including two from an orphanage in India.

One amazing day, an orphanage priest said to Patrick, “Pat, you and Martin are going to America.” (Martin was another boy in the orphanage.)

Patrick was stunned and had trouble understanding what he was hearing. But, sure enough, it was true. The adoption process took a long time, but finally, one day Patrick and Martin – both beside themselves with excitement – boarded a flight to New York City. Patrick was 14 at the time. They landed on Oct. 25, 1976, the year of America’s bicentennial celebration. At JFK Airport, the two boys were greeted with hugs and words of welcome by the Norton family.

Back home in Connecticut, the boys were asked if they wanted some spaghetti. When they saw the noodles, they thought they were some kind of strange worms. They looked at each other warily. When the red sauce was spooned over the “worms,” the boys thought it was some kind of animal, freshly killed and squashed. Patrick loved the dinner, and to this day spaghetti is his favorite food.

After dinner, he was shown to his bedroom. In it there was a real bed with a real blanket and a real pillow.

“I knew then I would never have to use my elbow as a pillow any more,” Norton recalled.

Happy years

The years with the Nortons were blissfully happy ones. Mr. Norton was a well-respected judge who invented a game named “hocker,” similar to football and soccer. While promoting the game, he happened to meet famed Olympic medalist Bruce Jenner, who visited the Norton home and later appeared with the family on “Good Morning, America.”

After living eight years with the Nortons, Patrick’s beloved father died of colon cancer, sending him into an emotional tailspin. Marjorie, his mother, suggested, to comfort him, that Patrick take a trip to Medjugorje in Eastern Europe, a famed holy site where there had been sightings reported of the Virgin Mary.

Love blooms

In Medjugorje, while standing in front of a statue of Mary, Patrick turned around and saw a woman – a beautiful woman standing there.

“Hi,” he said. “My name is

Patrick Norton. I’m from Connecticut.”

“Hello,” she said. “Glad to meet you. I’m Sandy Schindler. I’m from Holdingford, Minnesota.”

Something surely clicked because the two, back in America, began corresponding, and Norton paid a few visits to Sandy in Holdingford.

One day, while both were standing in front of a statue of Mary in a church, Patrick asked her if she would marry him, and they were happily engaged. After their marriage in Holdingford in 1992, the couple eventually moved to St. Joseph where Patrick became a house painter, owning his own business. They now have three children: Maria, 24; Anna, 18; Joseph, 16. Wife Sandy, Maria and Joseph all work at Bo Diddley’s in St. Joseph. Maria is a manager at McDonald’s, also in St. Joseph. All are devoted members of St. Joseph Catholic Church.

Norton still feels a sense of awe when he thinks how, as a baby orphan, his life was saved by the St. Joseph Orphanage of Bombay, and his later years were renewed and enriched when he moved to St. Joseph, Minn., finding at long last his own home, his own family.

He’s also still amazed that his wife remembers seeing him and his family on the “Good Morning, America” show long before she even met him.

“It’s a dream come true,” he said. “I thank God every day of my life for all of this – my wife, my family, St. Joseph and the Benedictine Monastery here. I love the people here.”

St. Mother Teresa

Norton is convinced it was Mother Teresa herself who picked him up after he was

abandoned on a Bombay Street.

Years later, when he was visiting the Missionaries of Charity organization in Minneapolis, nuns there had articles of clothing once worn by Mother Teresa. He was allowed to touch the clothing.

“I felt a surge of power going through me,” Norton recalled. “I think that was a confirmation from God that it really was Mother Teresa who picked me up from that street.”

In any case, Mother Teresa’s founding of the orphanage almost certainly saved the baby’s life.

Thank you, Mother

Born in Macedonia in 1910, Mother Teresa worked as a missionary, helping the poorest of the poor in many countries, mainly India. Her foundation, Missionaries of Charity, helps the poor in 133 countries – orphanages, clinics, schools.

She received the Nobel Peace Prize in 1979. Her canonization was based on several miracles she performed as attributed by the Vatican. She died in 1997, at the age of 87.

Norton and his family were thrilled to be able to witness the canonization of Mother Teresa to sainthood Sept. 4, 2016. Their trip was made possible, all expenses paid, by an anonymous donor.

At the ceremony, the Nortons were in the front row, not far from Pope Francis.

In his prayer, Norton said, “Mother, thank you for picking me up from the street in India. I just know you are smiling down on me now.”

Anyone who would like Norton to speak at an event or to a group can contact him at painterpat123@gmail.com.

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He also has been an usher for the church since he was 17 or 18 years old and helps hang church banners and do other jobs he is needed for.

“He is always willing to pitch in and ready to help when he is called,” Joyce said.

Joyce, 79, also volunteers with the Church of St. Joseph Catholic Church and just retired from being a Eucharistic minister and lector. She also sews “prayer blankets” that are given to parishioners, who receive pastoral visits when they are ill, and white baptismal blankets that are given to children when they are baptized.

Because of her sewing talents, she has helped mend many church linens and other items. In the past, she was active with cancer drives to collect donations, taught re-

ligious education classes for seven years and was very active with the All Saints Academy-St. Joseph Campus when it was known as the St. Joseph Lab School.

Both have also been active with the Fourth of July festival for many years. Dick has helped with the setting up and taking down of the stands since he was a teenager. In past years, he has also worked security for the concerts.

Joyce recently is turning over her role of coordinating lunches for the festival workers, for four days prior to July 4, which she has done for about 12 years.

She said many other people were wonderful volunteers, helping her with the lunches.

Janelle Loehlein has stepped up to take over her coordinating position.

“She will do a marvelous job,” Joyce said.

She said throughout their married years, Dick has only missed one year and Joyce has

missed only three years, when their children were born, of helping volunteer with the annual festival.

Joyce is very actively involved in helping promote clothing for poor areas such as Haiti. She cuts out dresses and other garments and creates kits for other willing volunteer helpers to sew.

She recently recruited a couple of residents of Woodcrest of Country Manor apartments to help sew dresses and another one who doesn’t sew but is willing to press items. She encourages people to donate scraps of material and other useable items so they can be put to good use.

“It is very fulfilling and never seems like I have too much to do,” Joyce said. “Whenever I start to get a little busy, someone will call and offer to help. We welcome suggestions for garments for Haiti or other missions and are happy to share if there is a need to take them

elsewhere.”

Dick and Joyce have been married for 60 years. They are both Cathedral High School graduates and got to know each other while participating in the Stearns County Rural Youth Group activities and at dances.

Dick worked at the paper mill in Sartell for 42 years. Joyce worked in management positions at a fabric shop and Herberger’s. She also supervised about 350 volunteers for the Catholic Charities Women’s Guild program.

Their six children and spouses include Ginny and Dale Anderson, Ann Marie Stock and David Campagna, Nancy Stock, Tom and Lori Stock, Rick and Inge Stock and Greg and Kaori Stock.

They have six grandchildren who include Leta, Jake and Joey Stock, Erik and Eli Anderson and Brianna Stock-Leach.

Their family will join them in celebrating their 60th anniversary in July. Unfortunately,

it will not be over the Fourth of July so they can see them honored in the annual parade.

For 25 years the family has gathered for a week at a lake. This year they will travel from California, Canada, Florida, Hawaii and Virginia to gather at Lake Victoria by Alexandria.

Joyce said their children originally planned the vacation so they could all see each other. They didn’t want her to have to do the majority of the work by coming home, so they planned to meet at a lake and share in the chores.

Choosing a senior king and queen is an ongoing tradition for the Y2K Lions. Senior royalty are selected based on their service and volunteerism to the area.

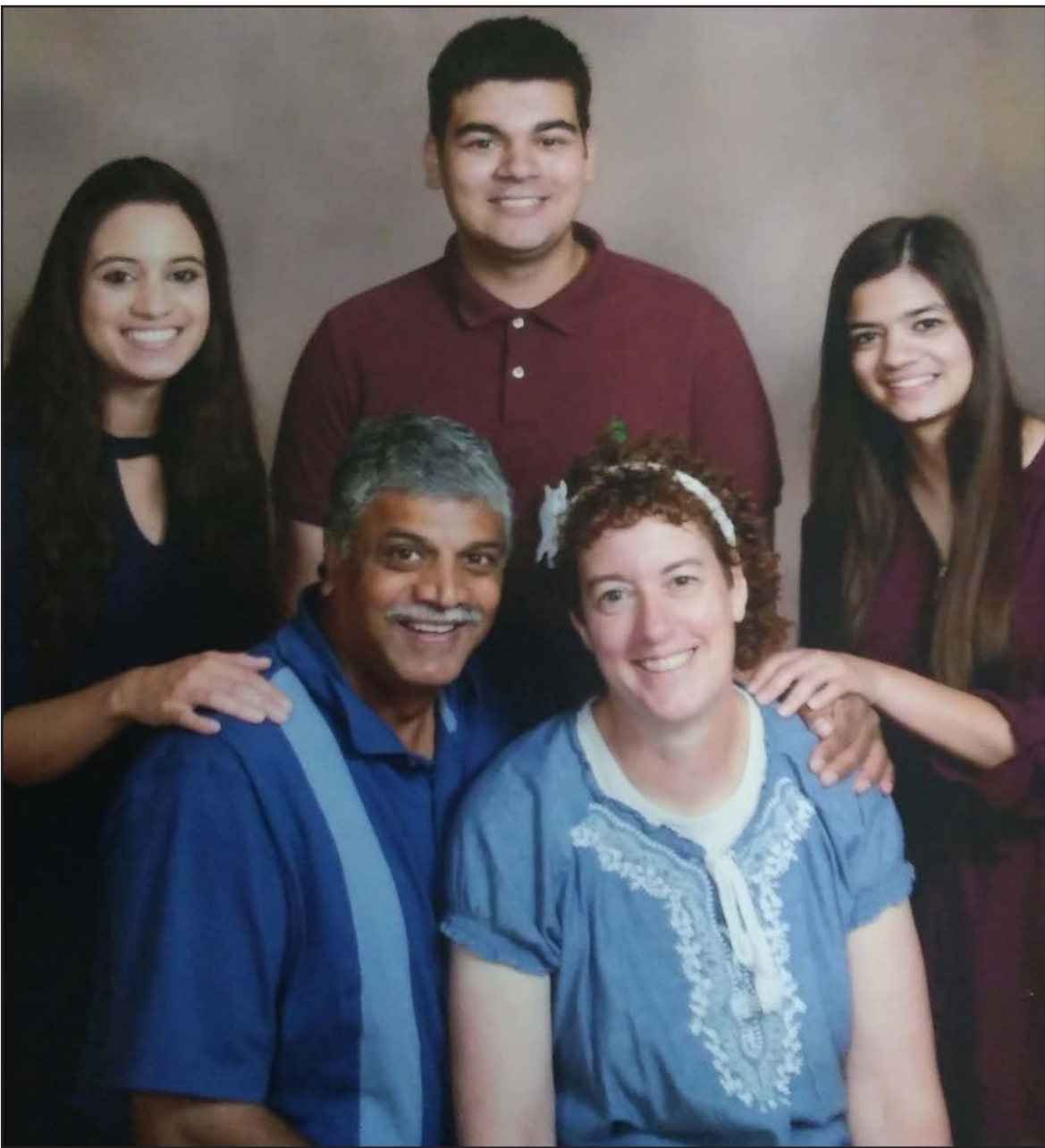
The Y2K Lions is a part of District 5M-8 Lions International and actively supports many causes in the area.

The annual parade is scheduled for 10 a.m. Wednesday, July 4, in St. Joseph.



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Pat (first boy at left, in red sweater) meets his new family, the Nortons of Connecticut, in 1976 at JFK airport in New York City. The boy in the middle is Martin, another boy from the Indian orphanage who was adopted by the Nortons. The man wearing the hat is Pat's and Martin's new father, John Norton.



This St. Joseph Catholic Church photo shows Pat and Sandy Norton and their children (left to right) Maria, Joseph and Anna.

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- 6:00 p.m. All Saints Academy Students
- 6:15 p.m. The Future
- 7:15 p.m. The Killer Vees
- 8:50 p.m. The Midtown Men
- 10:15 p.m. Fireworks sponsored by Bernick's
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Absentee voting for primary begins June 29

Absentee voting for the Aug. 14 primary election begins Friday, June 29.

Stearns added a second location to file absentee ballots this year.

The new location is License Center West at Stearns County Service Center in Waite Park.

The license center is at 3301 CR 138. Hours are 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Absentee voting will also take place in the Stearns County Auditor's Office in

the Stearns County Administration Building, Room 148, 705 Courthouse Square, downtown St. Cloud. Hours are 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Voters can apply for absentee ballots online at www.mnvotes.org. Absentee balloting can also be done by mail.

Contact the auditor/treasurer's office at 320-656-3290 or elections@co.stearns.mn.us to have an application faxed or mailed.

Last leg of Lake Wobegon Trail to be celebrated July 12



photo by Mike Knaak

The completion of the last 3.2 miles of the Lake Wobegon Trail will be celebrated with a Grand Opening at 6 p.m. Thursday, July 12. The extension runs from St. Joseph to Waite Park. A pre-celebration bike ride will take place just prior to the ceremony at the trailhead in St. Joseph. The crew will leave the trailhead at 5:20 p.m. and ride to the grand opening ceremony in River's Edge Park.

Stearns board denies trap-shooting-range permit

by Mike Knaak
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The Stearns County Board voted June 26 to deny a conditional-use permit for a trap-shooting range in St. Joseph Township.

After a June 20 public hearing, the Planning Commission recommended the county board deny the conditional-use permit.

Commissioners cited a number of concerns for denying the request including the proximity of homes, environmental effects of lead shot landing in wetlands and the proposal's in-

compatibility with the county's comprehensive plan.

The proposed range is in the southeast corner of St. Joseph Township between Hwy. 23 and Interstate Hwy. 94.

Commissioner DeWayne Mareck moved to support the planning commission's decision with Commissioner Joe Perske seconding.

Before the June 26 meeting, Mareck asked the environmental staff to provide more details to the planning commission findings.

To support denying the permit, the planning commission findings noted there are 250

homes within a mile of the proposed range and there are plans for additional residential and commercial expansions in the area.

Water contamination from lead shot falling in wetlands and noise were also cited as well as a possible 10- to 20-percent drop in property values.

Perske noted 45 people testified during the four-hour public hearing.

Bryan and Lisa Brophy proposed the range they hoped could be used by the Apollo High School trap-shooting team.

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St. Joseph baseball roundup

by Dave DeMars
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The Joes hammer Avon 9-4

Brandon Bloch went 4-4 at the plate and led the St. Joseph Joes to a 9-4 win over the Avon Lakers. Bloch drove in three runs for the Joes.

“He’s been hitting the ball well,” said Joes Manager Pat Schneider. “It shows his leadership. He’s a solid ballplayer.”

Tanner Aleshire also chipped in with a 3-5 day at the plate. In all, the Joes collected 15 hits. The Joes scored two runs in each of the first three innings.

“We kind of had our hitting shoes on,” Schneider said. “Avon is one of the better teams in the Victory League, so it was good to see us play well. The guys were knocking the ball all over the ball park. It was really fun.”

Isaac Holthaus held the hill for five innings giving up three runs on four hits, and striking out two. RJ Alpers took over the pitching duties for the last two innings and gave up one run in the seventh before the game was called.

St. Joseph blanks Clear Lake 14-0

The Joes kept the big guns at home for the June 16 game against the Clear Lake Lakers.

“We started out real strong – first inning, two home runs right off the bat – and we just kind of cruised from there,” Schneider said.

The Joes scored 14 runs on 15 hits against a squad that was short on players. Joey Atkinson held the mound for seven innings giving up four hits and striking out eight.

In the hitting department, the Joes were led by Craig Hern who went 2 for 4 on the day driving in three runs and bopping a big home run over the fence. Hunter Blommer went 2 for 5 and also popped one over the fence. Blommer drove in two runs. Hits were plentiful for the Joes, and they seem to have found some power punchers to drive the long ball.

“When we get all our guys together, we have a complete team,” Schneider said. “There are a lot of guys who aren’t starting who are anxious to get in the game.”

St. Joe bats go quiet in Foley loss 6-3

The Foley Lumberjacks unloaded some lumber on the St. Joseph Joes in their June 17 game. The Jacks jumped out to a 2-0 lead in the first inning and held it until the fifth inning when Foley pitcher Kyle Kipka got himself into a bit of trouble and gave up two runs to St. Joseph. Mitch Keeler played firefighter and put out the St. Joseph rally.

The game was tied 2-2 going into the seventh inning when the Joes managed to push across a tie-breaking run. But it wasn’t enough as Foley’s Tanner Brosh answered with one swing of the bat and parked the ball in the cheap seats over the fence for a three-run home run in the seventh to take a 6-3 lead.

“It was a good ball game all around,” Schneider said. “They had their best team out there and we were still missing a couple of starters here and there. Down the road I think we’re going to be able to handle them, it’s just that they are a very good team.”

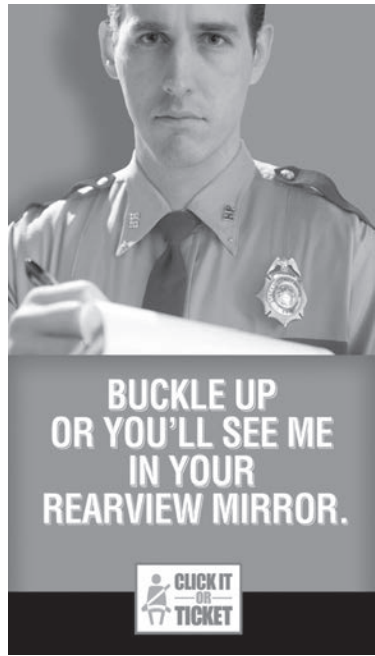
For the Joes, Greg Anderson took the loss as he held the mound for nearly seven innings. Anderson gave up five runs on eight hits including the home run by Brosh.

“It was one of those days,”

Schneider said. “When you are playing at somebody else’s ball park, you can’t be playing from behind.”

Schneider said he’s looking down the road. He has one player, Caz Novak, coming in from Boston after finishing up a year at Boston University to join the team and that will make them stronger. Still, it’s going to be a dog fight all the way, Schneider said.

This past weekend, the Joes were slated to play in a tournament in Farming starting June 22.



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Council

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to go through a formal hiring process where we open it up?” Buckvold asked.

Schultz admitted it certainly was a possibility but Pfannen-stein had sought the position once before.

“He was right behind Joel (former police chief Joel Klein) in the interview process,” Schultz said.

Schultz went on to say Pfannen-stein could well have been chosen at that time and that he was very professional and knowledgeable so far as police work was concerned. Given his previous performance, it’s likely he would end up being the chosen candidate.

Council member Bob Loso said he was in favor of opening up the process and looking at other candidates. He reminded the council Pfannen-stein, while filling the role of interim police chief, had already filed to run for Stearns County sheriff in the November election.

“He has already filed for sheriff, so that shows his dedication to this department,” Loso said. “That doesn’t rate good with me. I think we should go out and post for a new police chief. If Dwight wants to apply, he can.”

Loso went on to remind the council that previously they had filled the position from within the ranks and it did not work out well. A new face in the department might be good

for the department, he said.

Council member Buckvold said her concerns should not be construed as being about Pfannen-stein but rather just having an open and fair process.

Administrator Weyrens reminded the council of the process used the last time. With 10 candidates they had to winnow the applicants, and in the end they selected an internal candidate anyway.

Loso offered a motion for a broad public search, but the motion failed 2-3 with Loso and Troy Goracke voting for the motion and Schultz, Wick and Buckvold voting against it.

Schultz then offered his own motion to offer the position to Pfannen-stein with the condition Pfannen-stein remove his name as a candidate for sheriff. Since the time for removal from the Aug. 14 primary has passed, Pfannen-stein would have to publicly announce he is no longer in the running. Pfannen-stein accepted the offer last week.

Schultz’s motion passed 4-1 with Loso voting against it.

Other business

The council took up the issue of the cable franchise with Charter Communications. The council must post the fact they will be taking an action at the next regular meeting. Terms will be similar to what is now in effect.

The council also started the process of tinkering with the budget. Part of the discussion revolved around the building

of a new cold-storage area to house equipment and vehicles that are currently stored at various sites within the city. This would make it easier to access equipment. There is plenty of room for the building at the present maintenance facility site.

Another part of the budget discussion revolved around street improvements and what kinds of improvements the city would be planning for 2019.

A third portion of the discussion concerned itself with combining some projects started in 2018 with other projects slated for execution in 2019. The Pondview project was specifically mentioned as a possibility.

Loso put forth a request the various departments try to find ways to save taxpayer money. He also wanted the completion of alley projects.

After Buckvold raised the question of creating a skateboard park, it was acknowledged the city had skateboard park equipment, but it wasn’t being used. St. Joseph Maintenance Director Terry Thene said the equipment was not in good repair and that is why it has not been put in place.

Part of the problem is there hasn’t been a permanent site for it, and setting up and tearing down has caused excessive wear.

Schultz suggested an effort be made to rehabilitate the equipment and put it to good use.

“Otherwise it’s just sitting there and turning to rust,” Schultz said.

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Opinion

Our View
Ripping kids from parents not a fix for immigration

Good news, bad news . . .

The good news is so many Americans are speaking up to express their sadness and outrage about what has been happening at the Texas-Mexico border. The vicious forced separation of children and parents seeking asylum was – and is – a cruel tactic that puts a dark stain on this great country, almost as cruel as ripping slave children away from slave parents. We can only hope the outrage and pressure will continue so such a policy can never be put into practice again.

The bad news – the really bad news – is President Donald Trump first said he hated the ripping of children from their parents’ arms, then he blamed Democrats for it and then finally he signed an executive order for the practice to cease just a day after he said only an act of Congress could overturn the policy. It was a lie within a lie within a lie.

Three people initiated the vicious policy – Trump himself, his attorney general Jeff Sessions and White House senior aide Stephen Miller, who has long been a rabid anti-immigrant rabble-rouser.

It’s doubtful the traumatic damage can be undone. Some of the asylum-seeking adults have been deported back to their countries, without their children, most of whom are being held in unknown places throughout the nation. There was obviously no attempt whatsoever, before the forced separations, to document and to match up for the record which children belonged to which parents and where the children would be kept.

To add insult to injury, once again the president is demonizing immigrants as gang members, killers, rapists, thugs, animals. He offers absolutely no sense of moral leadership, which has been so sorely lacking for the past 18 months.

Yes, we agree something must be done about immigration, legal and illegal. We need a system that is orderly, with clearly defined rules and laws and that treats people longing to be free open-mindedly with compassion and respect rather than suspicion and contempt. In the meantime, the “Dreamers” (those brought here as very young children years ago) are still living with anxiety, wondering if they’ll be able to stay in America.

Those are just some of the reasons why comprehensive firm but fair immigration reform – so long promised but so long delayed by the U.S. Congress – must become priority number one. But, of course, in yet another spiteful, knee-jerk pronouncement, the president told Republicans to forget all about an immigration bill until after the November election.

It’s time the president drops his “I alone can fix it” mantra and starts working with both parties to mend this broken immigration system.

Tearing children from parents’ arms is not the way to do it.

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Band members connected by more than notes

Mike Knaak
Editor



Bonnie and Royce at St. Boniface High School in Cold Spring and the two couples have kept the relationship going. The French couple stayed with Royce and Bonnie when they returned for the St. Boniface 50th high school class reunion.

When we were in Germany, Bonnie and Royce also stayed with a couple from Spalt.

“That relationship goes back about 10 years when they first came to St. Cloud to start this sister city thing. We’ve stayed at their house twice and they’ve stayed at our home in Sartell twice,” Royce said.

“They came with the delegation from Spalt and I have an extra tenor and an extra alto. They just brought their mouthpieces and they played with us on the Fourth of July,” Royce said.

“The band trips have given us a great opportunity not only to see other parts of the country but to get to know other band members and spouses,” Bonnie said. “St. Cloud Municipal Band is like our family.”

For Mel and Marianne Hauck, the first Spalt trip in 2010 was all about family. For the couple’s 50th anniversary celebration, 13 Haucks made the trip. Seven family members played in the band.

New family memories were made this year for tenor horn player Tammy Krogstad of St. Cloud and her dad, Gordon Noggle of Rice. Tammy played a difficult solo and her dad, who has had recent health issues, was able to join the group to proudly see his daughter

shine.

Family members as well as band members have made unique connections because of the trips. St. Joseph Township resident and French horn player Janet Haviland and her husband, Jeff, own a business that manufactures daily processing equipment. While Janet was playing on the trip four years ago, the Spalter Beer brewmaster showed Jeff the brewery.

“He gave me a private tour throughout the brewery, which is my industry. We had a good old time,” Jeff said. “We’ve made some lasting friendships.”

During the trip I renewed a few of my old connections too.

I first met Royce and Bonnie 30 years ago when I photographed unique Christmas decorations at their Sartell home.

Flute player and band business manager Joe Fox of Cold Spring joined the band in 1972, right out of high school. Joe and I played in the Technical High School band directed by Marv Pearson...who was Mel Hauck’s office mate at South Junior High School.

The band is a tradition for the Fox family. Joe’s dad Bill joined the Municipal Band in 1938 and played until his death in 1990. Joe’s brother Terry played trumpet in the band from 1991 until he died in 2007.

In high school, Joe and I went on a double date with two girls a year younger than us. Turns out we both married our dates. Joe and Chris and Marian and I are still married and we shared our story with others on the trip.

For Marian and me, that lasting relationship started with the man who married us in 1977, District Court Judge Roger Klaphake, who plays baritone sax and made the trip with his wife Carol.

God tells Jesse he needs new jet

Dennis Dalman
Reporter



1960s rocker Janis Joplin once sang in a comic blues song, “Oh, Lord, won’t you buy me a Mercedes Benz . . .?”

Far as I can recall, the Lord never bought her one. Maybe she didn’t pray hard enough?

Still, there may be hope for modes of transportation decreed by God. For example, take the case of New Orleans-based televangelist Jesse Duplantis. Recently, he announced God told him he needs a Dassault Falcon 7X three-engine private jet.

Duplantis, who has had many conversations with God, said the latest is “one of the greatest statements the Lord ever told me.”

Here is how the conversation went, according to Duplantis, with God talking in a kind of Louisiana alligator-swamp lingo, the way “just-folks” Jesse talks to his true believers.

“Jesse, you wanna come up where I’m at?” God asked.

“And I said, ‘What do you mean?’”

“I want you to believe in me for a Falcon 7-X,” He said.

“So I said, ‘OK.’ But the first thing I thought of (was) ‘Well, how am I gonna pay for it?’ ”

Good question.

Just then, Duplantis, a long-time purveyor of what’s called “Prosperity Gospel,” had a divine flashback. He

recalled something God had told him way back in 1978.

“Jesse,” God had said to him, “I didn’t ask you to PAY for it. I asked you to BELIEVE for it.”

Duplantis has a lot of believing to do; the Falcon 7-X has a price tag of \$45 million.

Duplantis Ministries already owns three jets. So why does God want him to have such a new, expensive one? Well, there’s lots of reasons, as the televangelist explained to his followers on video. The new one will fly faster and farther with no time-wasting fuel stops; thus, it will allow Duplantis to spread the Word of God quicker to more people worldwide.

Besides, Duplantis ain’t gettin’ any younger. No sirree!

“I can’t live long enough to travel by car, or by ship, or by train, but I can do it by an airplane.”

And besides, Duplantis added, “If Jesus was physically on the Earth today, he wouldn’t be riding a donkey.”

Well, of course not. He’d be flying in a jet, quite possibly Duplantis’ very own Jet of Jets, the brand-new Falcon 7-X.

But wait, there’s more: Having a spiffy jet would guarantee Duplantis wouldn’t have to fly with pestering riff-raff. Three years ago, Duplantis and another televangelist, Kenneth Copeland, shot the breeze about their pet jets in a conversation on video. Being famous on a commercial airplane is a real pain, Copeland said, because people recognize him and then pester him to pray for them.

“You can’t manage that today,” Copeland said. “(Not in) This dope-filled world, and get in a long tube with a bunch of demons. And it’s deadly.”

Duplantis responded: “And it works on your heart. It really does.”

Poor Duplantis and his poor old heart. I sure do hope his followers send him enough nickels and dimes so he can order that Falcon 7-X soon. Time’s a-wastin’.

Maybe God will soon talk to me, too. Like Jesse, I ain’t gettin’ any younger. Will God tell me I need a brand-new baby-blue Cadillac? Well, I better start prayin.’ Meantime, Lordy Lordy, my faded, dented, arthritic 2001 Dodge Stratus is just gonna have to do.

Letters

Reader says ‘my sentiments exactly’ about Klein column

Rich Schweigel, St. Joseph

Thank you for the excellent editorial on (Police) Chief Joel Klein. Those were my feelings exactly.

For the past few years, I worked closely with Joel to assure the safety and security of the thousands of people who attend the Joetown Rocks celebration. He was always ready to help, professional and easy to work with.

It’s sad someone chose the means they did to settle whatever differences they had with Joel. It’s a sad time for St. Joseph. I’ll miss Joel.



Reader says Newsleader showed courage standing up for Klein

Hannah Hale, office manager, St. Joseph Family Chiropractic

I just wanted to let you know I really appreciated your column about Chief Joel Klein (in the June 15 edition).

It takes courage to write such a statement in a time when someone’s credibility is being questioned, with very little detail given about why.

I’m glad that you wrote what you did. It was touching and heartfelt. It affected me and caused me to think about the conclusions I sometimes jump to in such circumstances. You encouraged me to do otherwise, and I appreciate that.

I would also like to thank Chief Joel Klein and all law enforcement for their service and the sacrifices they make to provide us freedom and safety, which we so often take for granted. Thank you from the bottom of my heart, and please know that your service is not in vain, and is much appreciated!

Reader thanks Newsleader for heartfelt Klein column

Rose Janssen, St. Joseph

After reading your column today I just want to say thanks, Janelle, for the heartfelt column regarding (Police Chief) Joel (Klein). I have always had nothing but great interaction with him and nothing but respect for him. Your connecting his words and his fate are sadly so true. We will probably never know, but in my heart I believe like you it was just easier to resign than prolong a fight for a reputation already damaged by allegations. From my interactions, I find most people I have talked with feel much the same. Thanks for putting good words out there. Almost makes the ending not feel so bad as I still believe he’s one of the good guys.

CR 75 resurfacing delayed until 2019

by Mike Knaak
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The major work on resurfacing CR 75 will be delayed until the summer of 2019, Stearns County Engineer Jodi Teich told county commissioners on June 5.

The county needed federal approval before advertising for bids on the \$10 million project. The delay means work would not be able to start until August at the earliest and the entire project would not be completed this year.

“With the late start, we don’t want to disrupt up to 30,000 vehicles a day for two seasons,” Teich said.

As a result, the preparation work along the six-mile project will be done this summer, but the major resurfacing that involves limiting traffic to one lane in each direction won’t happen until 2019.

Plans call for a new road surface as well as safety and drainage improvements from just west of St. Joseph at Collegeville Road through the city to the 15th Avenue/CR 81 intersection in Waite Park.

At its June 26 meeting, the county board approved advertising for bids for the project. Those bids will be opened on July 19.

About half of the \$10 million project will be federally funded with the other half coming from the state-aid-construction fund.

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, June 29**
- Brat sale**, sponsored by St. Joseph Y2K Lions, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. St. Joseph Meat Market, 26 First Ave. NW. Proceeds benefit 23-year-old Cory Geers’ medical expenses.
- St. Joseph Farmers’ Market**, 3-6:30 p.m., near the Wobegon Trail Center, CR 2.
- Saturday, June 30**
- Brat sale**, sponsored by St. Joseph Y2K Lions, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. St. Joseph Meat Market, 26 First Ave. NW.
- Monday, July 2**
- St. Joseph Food Shelf**, open 1-3 p.m., Old City Hall, 25 First Ave. NW, St. Joseph.
- St. Joseph City Council**, 6 p.m., council chambers, St. Joseph Government Center, 75 Callaway St. E. 320-363-7201. cityofstjoseph.com.

- Tuesday, July 3**
- Central Minnesota Market**, 3-5:30 p.m., VA Health Care System, 4801 Veterans Drive, St. Cloud. 320-251-2498.
- Joetown Rocks Parish Festival**, starts at 5 p.m.; concert at 6 p.m. Church of St. Joseph, 12 W. Minnesota St.
- St. Joseph Lions Club**, 7:30 p.m., Millstream Park Pavilion, 101 Fifth Ave. NW., St. Joseph. Joanne Bechtold, 320-363-4483.

- Wednesday, July 4**
- Parade**, 10 a.m., and **Parish Festival**, Bingo, games, refreshments, music start at 11 a.m. on parish grounds. Church of St. Joseph, 12 W. Minnesota St.
- Thursday, July 5**
- St. Joseph Food Shelf**, open 1-3 p.m., Old City Hall, 25 First Ave. NW, St. Joseph.
- Family Farmers’ Market**, 2-6 p.m., River East parking lot, CentraCare Health Plaza, 1900 CentraCare Circle, St. Cloud. 320-252-2422.

- St. Joseph Planning Commission**, 6 p.m., St. Joseph Government Center, 75 Callaway St. E. 320-363-7201. cityofstjoseph.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, July 6**
- St. Joseph Area Historical Society**, open 11 a.m.-2 p.m., Old City Hall, 25 First Ave. NW. stjosephhistoricalmn.org.
- Brat and burger sale**, sponsored by the American Legion, 1-5 p.m., St. Joseph Meat Market, 26 First Ave. NW.
- St. Joseph Farmers’ Market**, 3-6:30 p.m., near the Wobegon Trail Center, CR 2.

- Saturday, July 7**
- Brat and burger sale**, sponsored by the American Legion, 1-4 p.m., St. Joseph Meat Market, 26 First Ave. NW.

- Sunday, July 8**
- Parish Festival**, starts at 10 a.m. with a Polka Mass, Church of St. Benedict, 212 First St. SW, Avon.

- Monday, July 9**
- 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 Government Center, 75 Callaway St. E. 320-363-7201. cityofstjoseph.com.
- St. Joseph Township Board**, 8 p.m., St. Joseph Township Hall, 935 College Ave. S.

- Tuesday, July 10**
- Central Minnesota Market**, 3-5:30 p.m., VA Health Care System, 4801 Veterans Drive, St. Cloud. 320-251-2498.
- St. Joseph Joint Planning Board**, 7 p.m., St. Joseph Government Center, 75 Callaway St. E. 320-363-7201. cityofstjoseph.com.
- Holistic Moms Network**, 7-8:30 p.m., Good Earth Co-op, 2010 Veterans Drive, St. Cloud. 320-252-2489.
- National Alliance on Mental Health**, 7-8:30 p.m., Calvary Community Church, 1200 Roosevelt Road, St. Cloud. 320-259-7101.

- Wednesday, July 11**
- St. Joseph Area Chamber of Commerce**,

11:30 a.m., St. Joseph Government Center, 75 Callaway St. E. stjosephchamber.com.

- Thursday, July 12**
- St. Joseph Food Shelf**, open 1-3 p.m., Old City Hall, 25 First Ave. NW, St. Joseph.
- St. Joseph Senior Citizens**, 1:30 p.m., St. Joseph Community Fire Hall, 323 Fourth Ave. NE.
- Family Farmers’ Market**, 2-6 p.m., River East parking lot, CentraCare Health Plaza, 1900 CentraCare Circle, St. Cloud. 320-252-2422.
- St. Cloud Area Mothers of Multiples**, 7 p.m., VFW Granite Post 428, 9 18th Ave. N., St. Cloud.

- Friday, July 13**
- St. Joseph Farmers’ Market**, 3-6:30 p.m., near the Wobegon Trail Center, CR 2.

- Saturday, July 14**
- Central Minnesota Chapter of the Federation of the Blind of Minnesota**, 12:30 p.m., American Legion, 17 Second Ave. N., Waite Park.

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Still time to register for ‘Tour of Saints’

by **Dennis Dalman**
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It’s no wonder the annual Tour of Saints, now in its 38th year, has become a generational event with adults still biking the tour who used to bike with parents or grandparents when they were children.

Hosted by the Bicycle Alliance of Minnesota, the Tour of Saints, is billed as a bicycle ride, not a race. It will start between 6:30 a.m. (and no later than 8:30 a.m.) Sunday, July 8, at the Haehn Center on the College of St. Benedict campus in St. Joseph. Last year, about 1,000 riders participated. They came from all points in Minnesota and beyond. There are three routes to choose from – an 18-mile one, a 35-mile trek or a 50-mile trip. The end point for all three is back at the Haehn campus center.

Tour of Saints Event Director Michael Doyle of Collegeville Township said he is always surprised by all of the social connections among people through nearly four decades of the event. The ride, for many, has become an exercise in nostalgia.

One rider, when he was a young kid living by Kraemer Lake near St. Joseph, used to ride the tour with his grandfather from Hutchinson. Later, the kid grew up, moved to the Twin

Cities and convinced six of his friends there to join him for the tour.

“One of the things I like best about the Tour of Saints is it creates bonds among families and friends,” said Doyle, who has been its director since 1991 – 27 years.

People can register for the race by going to its website at tourofsaints.com. Registration will end June 30.

Three routes

The Tour of Saints is touted as a “heavenly little ride” because its routes wind through beautiful rural central Minnesota countryside, green as Ireland in early June.

The best route for families and bike-riders not too keen on hilly terrain is the 18-mile trek, Doyle noted. It goes all along the mostly flat Lake Wobegon Trail to Avon and then back again after a rest stop with food and refreshments at the Avon trailhead.

The two other routes also follow the Lake Wobegon Trail but then one veers off one way, the other another way on journey loop routes leading back to St. Joseph. Other rest stops include Cold Spring Bakery and Collegeville Orchards.

Back on campus, there will be free showers in the Haehn Center for those who feel a need

for one, along with watermelon, sweet treats, refreshments and even beer-tasting sponsored by Beaver Island Brewing and – new this year – Bad Habit Brewing in St. Joseph, along with another new sponsor, Milk and Honey Ciders near St. Joseph, which will also offer tastings.

Background

The Tour of Saints began 38 years ago when two St. Cloud teachers (Tolly Vollen and Phil Rogosheske) and some other people started the ride from Westwood Elementary School along Hwy. 23 to Cold Spring.

Doyle became involved when he was working in public relations for St. John’s University, which was looking for a way to become more connected with a special event. The university asked Doyle if he would consider being its point-man/director. He said yes, and he’s still glad he did.

He credits so many volunteers with making the event such a success – people such as Kay Lemke of St. Joseph, a founding member of the Y2K Lions Club. For many years, Lemke has enlisted the support of fellow club members and others to help out at the rest stops. In return, the tour donates some of the proceeds to the Lions.



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Food servers get ready for hungry bikers at a rest stop along the Tour of Saints.

A great ride

Dr. Joseph and Mary Belshe, who now live in Florida, often miss the Tour of Saints. Doyle was delighted to receive an email from Mary Belshe last week. She informed him that Joe, now 97, still bikes, swims and walks every day in their retirement community, and Mary still rides up to 150 miles weekly. The Belshes at one time lived in St. Cloud and still visit now and then.

“I truly miss doing the Tour (of Saints),” Belshe wrote to Doyle. “It was just a great ride. Thank you for your steady hand all these years.”



Michael Doyle of Collegeville Township has been the event director for Tour of Saints for 27 years.

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