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‘Star Wars: The Last Jedi’ to show July 20

“Star Wars: The Last Jedi” is the July 20 selection for Movies Under the Stars, hosted by St. Cloud Park & Recreation and sponsored by Capital One. The free event begins at dusk at Field C-3 in Whitney Memorial Park. Concessions are available. Rain site is Whitney Rec Center. The Aug. 10 movie is to be determined by a community vote. Check out Facebook for community vote @cityofstcloudmnparkandrec. For more information, visit ci.stcloud.mn.us or call 320-255-7277.

Sartell’s Market Monday boasts summer produce

Sartell Market Monday is held from 3-6 p.m. Mondays in the Coborn’s parking lot, South Pinecone Road. Summer is here and so are the vegetables. You can now find tomatoes, peppers, cucumbers, zucchini, beans, potatoes, berries and much more. Also available are flowers, breads, baked goods, canned goods, meats, eggs and caramel corn. Coming soon – sweet corn and melons.

Fare for All set July 16

Fare for All’s next distribution will be from 3:30-5:30 p.m. Monday, July 16 at Resurrection Lutheran Church, 610 CR 2, St. Joseph. Fare for All is a budget-stretching program that allows people to save up to 40 percent off fresh fruits, vegetables and frozen meats. Distribution is once a month. This event is open to everyone who wants to stretch their grocery dollar. Cash, credit, debit cards and EBT cards are accepted. For more information, visit fareforall.org or call 1-800-582-4291.

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Cornerstone Buffet
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‘The Future’ rocks at JoeTown Rocks



photo by Dennis Dalman

An all-woman band dubbed “The Future” performs a series of sizzling rock songs during the July 3 JoeTown Rocks concert in St. Joseph. The band gave its first public performance just before the main attraction, The Killer Vees, took the stage. For more photos from JoeTown Rocks and the Fourth of July Parish Festival, visit thenewsleaders.com.

Council frustrated with lack of annexation progress

by Mike Knaak
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Frustrated by lack of action on annexation, the St. Joseph City Council issued an ultimatum to St. Joseph Township at its meeting July 2: either act on previous promises or face legal action and enforcement of the entire orderly annexation agreement.

Council members expressed frustration and accused the township of dragging its feet after the city’s attorney, Susan Kadlec, updated the council on her communications with township attorney Mike Couri.

After meetings in April, the

city and township had agreed to finalize a draft of an annexation agreement by July 1. The city still has not received the draft and outstanding zoning issues have not been resolved.

In addition, Kadlec’s letter to the township stated the township hasn’t provided building permit applications to the city and “sidestepped” the city on development issues as required by the agreement.

After the April meetings, the city and township agreed to a tiered approach, with some land annexed right away. The city and township also agreed to settle tax and zoning issues so the deal could be approved by the

council at the July 2 meeting.

Council members discussed options to move the deal along including giving the township two more weeks to act.

“If they don’t act by (July) 16th, we revert back to the original annexation process,” said Council member Bob Loso.

Mayor Rick Schultz expressed the general frustration. “I don’t want to keep drawing another line in the sand,” he said.

After discussion, the council directed Kadlec to inform the township that the outstanding issues need to be settled by July 16 and that the city is willing to meet anytime with township officials.

“It’s being dragged out too long,” Loso said.

City and township officials met on July 6 and the township has scheduled a meeting for residents for Tuesday, July 17.

The township mailed a letter to residents outlining the current proposal. It will be discussed at a public hearing scheduled for 7:30 p.m. at the AMI Auction building, 30865 Kohler Court.

After the public hearing, the board plans to vote on the agreement.

Go to thenewsleaders.com to read the letter to township residents and see a detailed annexation map.

St. Joseph man ready for 500-mile fundraiser

by Mike Knaak
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Gene Boysen is getting ready to roll...and roll and roll and roll.

Boysen takes off Sunday, July 15, for the 500-mile Habitat 500 Bike Ride.

The 54-year-old St. Joseph veterinarian hopes to raise as much as \$2,000 through pledges for Habitat for Humanity. The nonprofit organization helps families build and improve affordable housing.

“I’ve wanted to do it for a long time, but I’ve never made the time to do it,” Boysen said.

“It’s always been a work issue. This year I decided to do it. So we set aside the time.”

One of Boysen’s friends, Jim Parsons, told him about the event.

“I went to an informational meeting and sat around and talked to people from around central Minnesota who have done it for a number of years,” he said. “They talked about meeting some of the people that this benefits and what kind of experience they had with them and how appreciative those people were. These people aren’t just handed

the house. The organization makes possible for them what wouldn’t be because they are not in a position for good housing. It just changes their life.”

Boysen said he’s ridden a little more than 1,600 miles this year training. He regularly rides with the Scheels group that meets once a week.

“I pick the level of ride,” Boysen said. “I try to hold on to the fast guys. They push me and that’s fun.”

The Habitat ride starts and ends in Becker. Starting with breakfast around 6:30 or 7

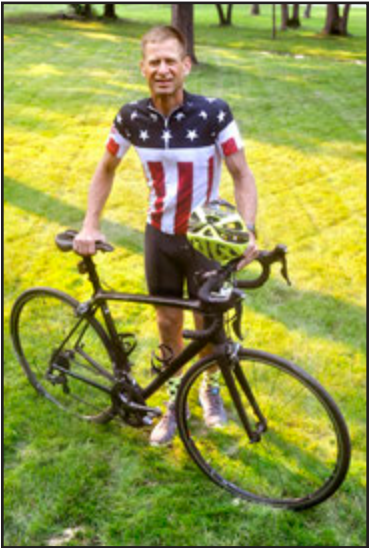


photo by Mike Knaak

Gene Boysen is ready for the Habitat 500 Bike Ride that begins July 15.

People

Anniversary

St. John’s Fire Chief Steve Berhow received the Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve Patriot Award June 28 at the St. John’s fire station.

Leonard Gerten, a junior theology major from Hastings and an officer cadet in the Minnesota National Guard, presented the award to Berhow. The award was given in recognition of Berhow’s and St. John’s strong support of Gerten’s service in the Army National Guard.

Two St. Joseph students graduated May 13 from St. John’s University.

They are the following: **Tyler Meyer**, son of Jeny Meyer, who received a bachelor’s in physics; and **Noel Teigen**, son of Cliff and Marcia Teigen, who received a bachelor’s in biology. **Denis McDonough** ‘92, former White House chief of staff, received an honorary Doctor of Laws degree.

Emily Boysen of St. Joseph has been named to the spring dean’s list at Augustana University, Sioux Falls, S.D. The dean’s list recognizes full-time students with a 3.5 minimum grade-point average.

Stearns Bank was named Best in Class for Large Companies at Minnesota Business Magazine’s 100 Best Companies to Work For, the top prize for this size group of companies. In 2017, Stearns Bank earned second place in the large company category.

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Leela Cofell, daughter of Monica Cofell of St. Joseph,

graduated May 12 from the College of St. Benedict. Cofell received a bachelor’s in political science, also earning honors of cum laude. The 2018 graduating class included 505 women, the third-largest class in school history.

Two St. Joseph students were named to the spring president’s honors list at Bemidji State University. To be eligible, students must earn a perfect 4.0 grade-point average. The students are **Margaret Donnay** and **Brittany Smith**.

Grace Phillipp of St. Joseph was named to the spring semester dean’s list at Ridge-water College. To be eligible, a student needs a minimum 3.5 grade-point average.

Clay Nixon was named May’s featured Technician of the Month for Minnesota Trucking Association Month. The MTA Technician of the Month award began in 2015. Trucking companies nominate their top maintenance technicians throughout the year and each month someone is selected. Nixon has been with Brenny Specialized Inc. since 2015.

Five St. Joseph students were named to the spring dean’s list at the University of Minnesota Twin Cities. The students are: **Justin Barg**, senior, liberal arts; **Carmen Ebel**, senior, biological sciences; **Theresa Schneider**, senior, biological sciences; **Mitchell Shimak**, sophomore, biological sciences; and **Ilsa Shobe**, freshman, science and engineering.

To qualify for the dean’s list, a student must earn a minimum 3.66 grade-point average.

The following eight St. Joseph students received degrees on May 4 from St. Cloud State University: **Taylor Brinkman**, bachelor’s in elementary/K-6 education, magna cum laude; **Kalene Knoblach**, bachelor’s in psychology, cum laude; **JoAnn Otte**, bachelor’s in nursing, summa cum laude; **Rachel Peterson**, master’s in communication sciences and disorders; **Shannon Osendorf**, bachelor’s in elementary/K-6 education, magna cum laude; **Special Jones**, bachelor’s in social work, cum laude; **Logan Korte**, bachelor’s in ecology and field biology, cum laude; and **Natalie Moen**, bachelor’s in mass communications.



Stocks celebrate 60th

Joyce (Schwinghammer) and Richard Stock, St. Joseph, will celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary with a coffee social following the 8 a.m. Mass on Sunday, July 15 at Church of St. Joseph, 12 W. Minnesota St.

Their children will host the event. They are Ginny and Dale Anderson, Cold Spring; Ann Marie Stock and David Campanga, Williamsburg, Virginia; Nancy Stock, Orlando, Florida; Tom and Lori Stock, Cold Spring; Rick and Inge Stock, Quincy, California; and Greg and Kaori Stock, Honolulu, Hawaii.

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June 4

2:56 a.m. Gunshot. Second Avenue NW. An officer met with a women at Kwik Trip who said she heard a loud bang. A customer also reported he saw a flash and heard a gunshot or explosion. The officer checked the area.

8:59 a.m. Harassment. 19th Avenue NE. A man reported a woman who friended him on Faceback and they appeared nude in a video chat. The woman said she recorded the exchange and demanded money. The man reported the event to Facebook and the account was deleted.

June 7

1:05 p.m. Expired tabs. CR 133 and 19th Avenue NE. An officer saw a car roll through a stop sign and then travel at 72

mph in a 55-mph zone. The car was stopped and the driver admitted speeding. The driver was cited for expired tabs.

June 8

7:45 a.m. Revoked license. CR 75 and CR 134. An officer checked the records of a license plate and found the registered owner’s license was revoked. The vehicle was stopped and the driver was cited for driving after revocation.

2:45 p.m. Stolen license plate. College Avenue S. A person reported the theft of a rear license plate. The plate was recovered on a suspicious vehicle call.

5:02 p.m. Counterfeit money. Fourth Avenue NE. Casey’s reported a counterfeit \$5 bill. Using the transaction records, the officer learned only one person paid with a \$5 bill during the date and time in question. Security video showed the man who made the transaction and the person was identified. The man said he didn’t know the bill was counterfeit and he returned to the business to pay them \$5.

June 9

10:16 p.m. Loud music. 13th Avenue NE. The loud mu-

sic was coming from a block party outside the city limits.

11:33 p.m. Loud music. Iris Lane. The music was coming from a block party outside the city limits.

June 11

2:39 p.m. Collision. CR 75 and Fourth Avenue NE. Two vehicles were traveling east on CR 75. The second vehicle slowed as the light turned green and was struck from behind by the first vehicle. The driver of the first vehicle was transported by Gold Cross Ambulance.

June 12

5:24 a.m. Theft from vehicle. 10th Avenue SE. A woman reported documents including a license, insurance card and Powerball tickets were stolen from her vehicle. A neighbor noticed a door was open on the woman’s vehicle.

11:45 a.m. Theft. Ash Street E. A man reported a chainsaw and gas can had been stolen from his yard after 9 p.m. on June 11. The chainsaw is a green Poulan valued at \$160. The gas can and contents were valued at \$15.

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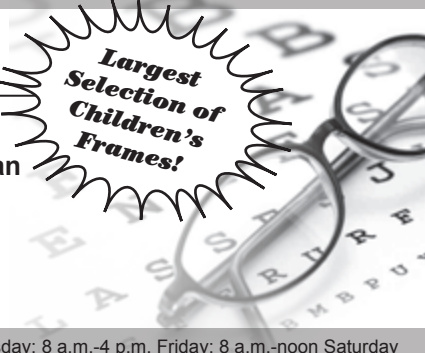
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China’s cleanup raises recycling costs

by Mike Knaak
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China’s efforts to clean up its environment could hit St. Joseph residents in the pocketbook.

The United States accounts for 40 percent of recyclables sent to China.

In March, China lowered acceptable contamination levels from 3 percent to .5 percent in paper and plastic and banned all mixed paper.

As a result, prices paid to recyclers crashed from \$97.50 per ton to \$5.

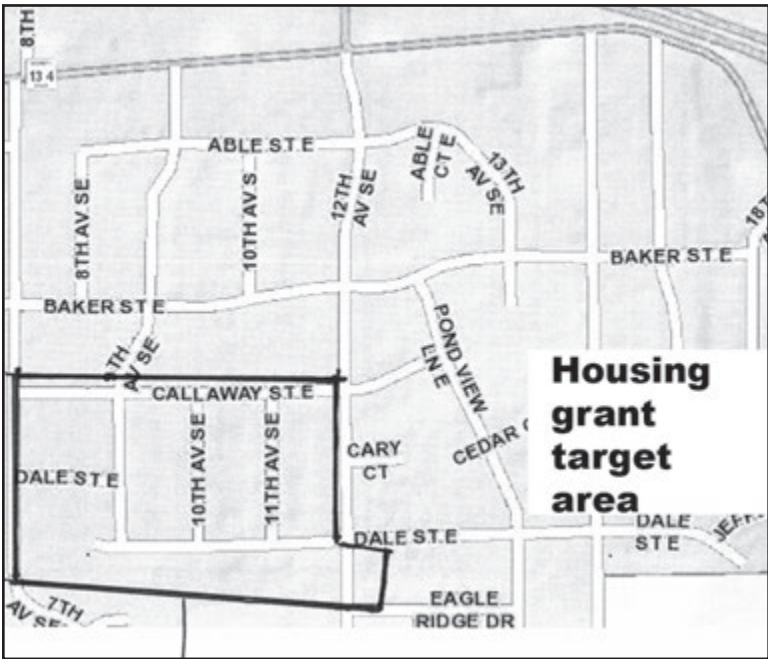
St. Joseph’s waste hauler, Re-

public Services, asked the St. Joseph City Council to consider raising rates in 2019 by 75 cents per household per month. Revenues from recycling are not covering collection costs.

Although Republic told the city it would honor the prices for the last two years of its contract, the company asked the council to consider an increase.

In addition to a fee increase, Republic urged public education on what to recycle to cut down contamination in the recycling stream.

The council took no action at the July 2 meeting.



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Eligible homes must be inside the border of the target area.

St. Joseph approved for home-improvement grant

A federal grant will help low- and moderate-income St. Joseph homeowners repair and improve their homes.

The city of St. Joseph and the Central Minnesota Housing Partnership have been approved for a grant of \$178,624. There are some final steps to complete before the money is available from Minnesota’s Small Cities Development Program.

The program provides homeowners with zero-interest, forgivable seven-year loans. Eligible improvements include roofing, siding, window and door replacements and furnaces. To be eligible, homeowners must meet income guidelines.

The homes must be in the targeted area (see map above):

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The area does not include any properties that exit onto Seventh Avenue SE., then east on Callaway Street E., including properties on both sides of Callaway up to 11th Avenue SE.

The area also includes properties that exit onto Ninth Avenue SE., then south on 11th Avenue SE. to Dale Street including properties on both sides of 11th Avenue SE.

Ride

from front page

a.m., the riders cover about 71 miles a day in seven or eight hours. The route takes them to Royalton, Alexandria, Staples and Pierz before returning to Becker.

Ride organizers provide food and a place to sleep, usually a community center or gym floor.

Boysen is taking an inflatable bed, a phone charger and laundry detergent.

Gene and his wife Terri have two adult children. They met while they were students at Augustana University in Sioux Falls, S.D., where Gene was on the wrestling team in the early 1980s.

“I’m not gifted sports-wise but I certainly benefited from playing in high school and college,” Boysen said.

He said he was inspired by other participants who had met people for whom Habitat for Humanity’s help was a “life-changing” event.

“We take a lot of that stuff for granted and there are so many people who are not in a position to have that luxury,” Boysen said.

While on the ride, Boysen will have plenty of time to think.

“Having that much time to pedal and know you’re doing something positive is kind of fun,” he said. “I’m amazed there are more than 2,500 houses in Minnesota built by Habitat.”

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Pfannenstein sworn in as police chief



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New St. Joseph Police Chief Dwight Dwight Pfannenstein takes the oath of office from Mayor Rick Schultz at the July 2 city council meeting. Pfannenstein replaces Joel Klein who resigned May 31 in the midst of an investigation of a complaint against him. Pfannenstein, who had been serving as acting chief, was offered the job June 18. He joined the police department in 2001 and was promoted to sergeant in 2007.

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Transparency questionable in recent council decisions

Let us be perfectly clear.

In no way is this meant to tarnish what we're sure is an impeccable reputation nor is this meant to cast aspersion regarding the capabilities of Dwight Pfannenstein as St. Joseph police chief.

That being said, we do seriously question the motives behind two recent decisions by the St. Joseph City Council.

Newly christened council member Anne Buckvold was correct in challenging a recent city council discussion and ultimate vote that resulted in a 3-2 split about whether or not to open the candidacy of police chief to a wider pool of applicants. Her argument to open the position was valid for multiple reasons as follows:

- After a two-month paid administrative leave of former Police Chief Joel Klein during an internal investigation regarding allegations the public will never know whether or not were valid, the council then selected a police chief from within its ranks, which seems to verge on nepotism and "the good ol' boy" syndrome.
- Klein chose to resign when the accusations surfaced. However, a ludicrous state law bases transparency of appointed officials on a city's population size rather than finding out the truth. Thus, because St. Joseph is a smaller city, population-wise, city officials are not required to divulge to those they serve the specifics of the complaints (in this case, against Klein). That shadowy murkiness is reason enough to open up the field of candidates because city residents have no idea what happened or what did not happen regarding Klein. Opening up the field to multiple candidates would perhaps dispel some of that non-transparent murkiness.
- Those opposed countered if the pool was widened, most likely the internal candidate would be chosen anyway after an exhaustive search, which would be costly both in time and money. This was based on previous experience, it was reported, though whose past experience is open for discussion.
- And ultimately, the other argument for hiring from within was based on the fact Pfannenstein was runner-up to Klein when Klein was first offered the position in early 2013. Five years is a long stretch of time to dismiss the possibility there may be other worthwhile candidates seeking this important job.

Too bad Buckvold backed down and chose to vote against her own gut instincts. All we can say is "You go, girl!" to Buckvold; please stick to your guns when you know the status quo should be questioned and the council needs to do the right thing.

The other decision, which is minor in comparison yet is subject to interpretation, is the fact the city council recently chose the **St. Cloud Times** as its legal newspaper after supporting its hometown newspaper, the St. Joseph Newsleader, as its legal newspaper for more than 25 years. While some may call this sour grapes on our part, the fact remains, the Newsleader reaches 100 percent of the council's constituency while the Times reaches less than 17 percent of St. Joseph residents.

The argument by city staff/council here is that the recent business decision by Publisher Janelle Von Pinnon to print *the Newsleaders* every other week, which is still within the confines of the law according to Minnesota Newspaper Association attorney Mark Anfinson, is causing havoc with timing for certain legals pertaining to building schedules and deadlines. To that we say "rubbish" because the City of St. Joseph may always use the Times as a back-up secondary legal publication in circumstances where timeliness is an issue with the Newsleaders. Thus, this feels more like a political move rather than a judicious one.

Though the deed has been done regarding the selection process of police chief, we do hope the council reconsiders the latter decision as it would be in their best interests to do so, so as not to cast any further aspersions on their transparency or lack thereof.

Back on the trail, Pawlenty campaigns by asking questions

Not all political campaigning happens at rallies for thousands of supporters or in summer festival parades.

Sometimes, politicians seek votes in very small informal groups.

Recently, I followed Tim Pawlenty and Michelle Fischbach on two St. Cloud visits focused on jobs and workforce development.

Pawlenty served two terms as governor, from 2003 to 2011. He bypassed the state Republican convention this year and he'll face GOP-endorsed candidate Jeff Johnson (who Gov. Mark Dayton beat in 2014) in the Aug. 14 primary. Pawlenty chose current lieutenant governor (and former longtime state senator) Michelle Fischbach to run with him.

Pawlenty and Fischbach first stopped at the St. Cloud Area Chamber of Commerce office. President Teresa Bohnen gathered a small group of people to talk about jobs, skills and education issues.

Over box lunches, Pawlenty asked the group about many workforce issues.

After eight years as governor and 10 years before that in the state House, Pawlenty knows the nuts and bolts of state policies and programs, but he's been out of Minnesota politics for eight years, working as a lobbyist for the financial services industry. Reconnecting with past contacts and supporters and hearing about current issues in an informal setting is a smart form of campaigning.

Pawlenty and Fischbach heard about successes with apprenticeships, ideas for certificate programs and alternatives to four-year college degrees.

Pawlenty zeroed in on a current problem, workforce participation. The former governor told the group Minnesota's workforce participation rate has improved to 70 percent, but the answer to the state's worker shortage is "How do we bring back the other 30 percent?"

Mike Knaak
Editor



Pawlenty and Fischbach focused their questions on what the state could do to lower barriers to that goal.

As an example, Pawlenty suggested legislation that would give employers "safe harbor" to hire people with a non-violent criminal past or with chemical dependency issues who need a second chance.

The business leaders cited recent local ordinances, such as one approved in Minneapolis, that raised the minimum wage in the city to \$15 by 2022. Currently, state law sets the minimum wage at \$9.65. Paying the same people different wages for work done in different jurisdictions is a barrier to business that should be removed, the business people asserted.

Although a court ruling supported Minneapolis' ordinance, Pawlenty said labor and wage and hour laws are by tradition and custom set at the state or federal level.

After the meeting, Pawlenty and Fischbach moved on to St. Cloud Technical & Community College where they were met by a small group of administrators.

Here was another chance for Pawlenty to reconnect with past successes. His hosts shared with him a photo that was taken when he cut the ribbon for an SCTCC expansion during his second term.

The SCTCC educators talked about their successes building relationships with local businesses.

Other topics included how to deal with the expected layoffs when the Electrolux plant closes and the need for

health-care professionals.

When Pawlenty asked what they needed, a medical simulation center that could be shared by the education community as well as health-care providers topped the list.

Pawlenty asked the group about being "nimble and agile" as workplace needs change for emerging programs as well as fading programs.

When I covered Pawlenty when he was governor, I always found him to be informal, inviting and low-key in small groups. When I was president of Minnesota's chapter of the Society of Professional Journalists, he agreed to speak at our annual meeting and awards dinner. A few years before that, Gov. Jesse Ventura spoke at the same event. Although Ventura enjoyed a love-hate relationship with reporters, I'll just say Pawlenty's approach was a little different.

Whether meeting with reporters or voters, he fielded questions, even hostile ones, with patience and a smile. In today's climate of anger and fear, Pawlenty's style is almost shocking.

But behind his easy manner, he has a long record to defend after eight years as governor. He's taken strongly conservative stands on social issues, and critics can justifiably attack his record on financing public education, especially higher education.


Pawlenty won 44 percent of the votes in the three-way 2002 race and was re-elected with 46 percent in 2006. He left office with approval ratings around 50 percent.

During his visit to St. Cloud, he asked significant policy questions. I hope if voters return him to the governor's office, he comes up with answers that move away from the right and more toward the middle so he can unite a solid majority of Minnesotans.

deal, why do we not hear as much about it in the United States? This can be explained by two major reasons. For one, the U.S. men's soccer team is not very successful on the global stage. We were defeated by Belgium in Round 16 in 2014, and failed to even qualify for the 2018 World Cup. Secondly, the United States is known for its strong domestic sports leagues. Football, basketball, baseball, hockey and other sports leave less room for soccer than in other nations where it's the primary sport.

However, I do think this is changing. Soccer is a popular sport among young Americans such as myself, who have grown up playing it in the summer and in school. Our nation's own domestic soccer league, Major League Soccer is also growing, with Minnesota United FC joining as our local team. On the world stage, the U.S. women's team has been very successful, and the United States also recently won its bid to host the World Cup in 2026, along with Mexico and Canada, which will bring even more awareness to the sport in our nation. As a soccer aficionado myself, I look forward to seeing the sport continue to grow and pick up new players and fans. Who knows, maybe someday our country could win the World Cup trophy ourselves.

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World Cup finding its way into Americans' hearts

Every four years, one of the largest sporting events in the world takes place, with billions of fans from around the world watching. Many teams, though starting with high hopes, are faced with some of the toughest competition the globe has to offer, leaving only one champion. No, this isn't the Olympics, but the FIFA World Cup, the world's most prestigious soccer competition. But in the United States, its television ratings are outpaced by more local events such as the Super Bowl and the World Series. How can a country as large as our own be so removed from this international phenomenon?

For those who do not know as much about it, the World Cup brings together the 32 best soccer teams in the world for an elimination-bracket-style tournament, almost like March Madness. The host country qualifies automatically, and the other 31 spots are distributed amongst the different regional soccer associations in the world, such as CONCACAF for North America, Central America and the Caribbean. Teams within these associations play each other to earn qualification to the larger tournament.

The difference, though, is every team in the World Cup gets to play at least three games. Before the first ball is kicked, the teams are randomly sorted into eight groups of four, and each team plays every team in their group once. A win is worth three points in the standings, a tie one and a loss

zero points. After this group stage has been completed, the two teams in each group with the most points advance to the knockout round, with ties being broken based on how many goals teams have scored.

In the knockout stage, no tie games are allowed, and a loss sends a team straight home. To break ties in soccer, there is first a 30-minute overtime, followed by a penalty shootout much like in hockey. Passions run high in these games, and you can see the excitement of the fans as their country's fate lies with the 11 players on the field, hoping to score and protect their net from the opposing team.

By the time the final is reached, the two best soccer teams in the world are now face to face with each other. The anticipation has been building throughout the weeks of the tournament, and a victor will finally be crowned. The final in 2014, between Germany and Argentina, was watched by more than 1 billion people, almost 10 times what the Super Bowl can claim here in the United States.

So if the World Cup is such a big

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, July 13

St. Joseph Farmers’ Market, 3-6:30 p.m., Resurrection Lutheran Church, under the water tower near the Wobegon Trail Center, C.R. 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.

Monday, July 16

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

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

St. Cloud Area Parkinson’s Disease Support Group, 1 to 2:30 p.m., Independent Lifestyles, 215 Benton Drive N., Sauk Rapids.

Market Monday, 3-6: p.m., parking lot of Coborn’s Market Place, 1725 Pinecone Road S., Sartell, marketmonday.org.

St. Joseph City Council, 6 p.m., council chambers, St. Joseph Government Center, 75 Callaway St. E. 363-7201. cityofstjoseph.com.

St. Joseph Rod and Gun Club, 7 p.m., American Legion, 101 W Minnesota St., St. Joseph.

Tuesday, July 17

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

Central Minnesota Market, 3-5:30

p.m., VA Hospital, 4801 Veterans Drive, St. Cloud. 320-251-2498.

Private well drinking water testing, 4-7 p.m., Lions Park, 935 College Ave. S., St. Joseph. The first 150 households pay \$10 for a sampling kit.

St. Joseph Economic Development Authority, 5 p.m., St. Joseph Government Center, 75 Callaway St. E. 320-363-7201. cityofstjoseph.com.

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

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

Wednesday, July 18

St. Cloud school district personnel and negotiations committee, 10 a.m., district office, 1000 44th Ave. N., St. Cloud.

Biblical archaeologist Tom Meyer, 6:30 p.m., Grace Baptist Fellowship, 1197 Pinecone Road, Sartell.

Thursday, July 19

Coffee and Conversation, a senior discussion group, 9 a.m., Sartell Community Center, 850 19th St. S.

Family Farmers’ Market, 2-6 p.m., River East parking lot, CentraCare Health Plaza, 1900 CentraCare Circle, St. Cloud. 320-252-2422.

Sauk Rapids Farmers’ Market, 3-6 p.m., Coborn’s parking lot, 110 First St. S., Sauk Rapids.

Friday, July 20

St. Joseph Farmers’ Market, 3-6:30 p.m., Resurrection Lutheran Church, under the water tower near the Wobegon Trail Center, C.R. 2.

St. Joseph Area Historical Society, open 4-7 p.m., Old City Hall, 25 First Ave NW., St .Joseph. stjosephhistoricalmn.org.

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

stcloudsingles.net.

Sunday, July 22

Pet Blessing, 10 a.m., Unity Spiritual Center, 931 Fifth Ave. N., Sartell.

Joe Town Table, 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m., American Legion, 101 W. Minnesota St., St. Joseph. every fourth Sunday of the month. centralmncw@gmail.com.

Monday, July 23

Lunch and cards, sponsored by Helping Hands Outreach, noon-3 p.m., Rusty Nail, 4 CR 2 S., St. Stephen. (through February)

Market Monday, 3-6: p.m., parking lot of Coborn’s Market Place, 1725 Pinecone Road S., Sartell, marketmonday.org.

St. Joseph Park Board, 6 p.m., Klinefelter Park, Dale Street E. and 12th Avenue SE.

Tuesday, July 24

Central Minnesota Market, 3-5:30 p.m., VA Hospital, 4801 Veterans Drive, St. Cloud. 320-251-2498.

Wednesday, July 25

Biblical archaeologist Tom Meyer, 6:30 p.m., Grace Baptist Fellowship, 1197 Pinecone Road, Sartell.

Thursday, July 26

Coffee and Conversation, a senior discussion group, 9 a.m., Sartell Community Center, 850 19th St. S.

Family Farmers’ Market, 2-6 p.m., River East parking lot, CentraCare Health Plaza, 1900 CentraCare Circle, St. Cloud. 320-252-2422.

Sauk Rapids Farmers’ Market, 3-6 p.m., Coborn’s parking lot, 110 First St. S., Sauk Rapids.

St. Cloud School Board, 7 p.m., location to be determined.

Friday, July27

St. Joseph Farmers’ Market, 3-6:30 p.m., Resurrection Lutheran Church, under the water tower near the Wobegon Trail Center, C.R. 2.

Obituary

Roman Buermann, 91 St. Joseph July 29, 1926-June 30, 2018

R o m a n Buermann, 91, of St. J o s e p h , died June 30 at Assumption Home in Cold Spring



surrounded by his family after a courageous battle with lung cancer. His funeral was held July 7 at the Church of St. Joseph in St. Joseph. Entombment was in the parish cemetery.

Buermann was born in Richmond, to John and Elizabeth (Blonigan) Buermann. He married Lorraine Libbesmeier on June 6, 1951 at Holy Cross Catholic Church in Pearl Lake. He worked in maintenance at Electrolux (formerly Franklin Manufacturing) for more than 41 years. He was also a carpenter, mechanic and hobby farmer. Buermann could fix anything and was always helping others. He enjoyed fishing, hunting and trapping. He was

an avid mushroom hunter and outdoorsman. He had a keen sense of adventure and loved to impart that on his wife and children through travel. Buermann was a wonderful father and provider for his 12 children. He will be greatly missed.

Survivors include the following: his wife, Lorraine; children: Ron (Judy), Pat (Bill) Post, Charlie (Shelly Walberg), Roger (Gail), Sue (Mike) Brickweg, Laurie Birr (Daniel Wojciechowski), Gene (Mary Ann), Steve (Bonnie), Mike; siblings, Irma, Martha, Herb and Joe; 20 grandchildren and 21 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by the following: his children, Tommy, Mary Kay and Debra; son-in-law, John Birr; siblings, Martin, Edmund, Alma, Norbert, Robert, Rosalia, Eleanor and John; and granddaughter, Hope Buermann.

Buermann’s family would like to thank the care teams from Assumption Home, CentraCare Hospice and St. Croix Hospice for their love and care.

Arrangements are with Wenner Funeral Home, Richmond.



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- Wow Extreme!!
1. Skatin' Place
 2. Ringsmuth Riders
- Cool Youth
1. St. Joseph Cub Scouts
 2. Chinese Immersion #742
- Fourth of July Theme
1. Foley Ambassadors
 2. Sauk Rapids Ambassadors
- Best-Dressed Business
1. Woods Farmers Seed and Nursery
 2. SuperAmerica

- Classy Vehicles
1. Johnson, Madison, Minn.
 2. St. Cloud Toyota
- Animals
1. Notsch's Belgians
 2. Plafcan Ponies
- Honorable Mention:
- Pineview BMX
- Great Northern Theatre Company
- Kay's Kitchen
- Finken Water



photo by Dennis Dalman

Fourth of July King and Queen Dick and Joyce Stock are applauded as they ride down the street during the parade in St. Joseph. They were honored by the St. Joseph Y2K Lions.



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A perennial favorite, Notsch's Belgian horses bring applause from the spectators at the St. Joseph Fourth of July parade.



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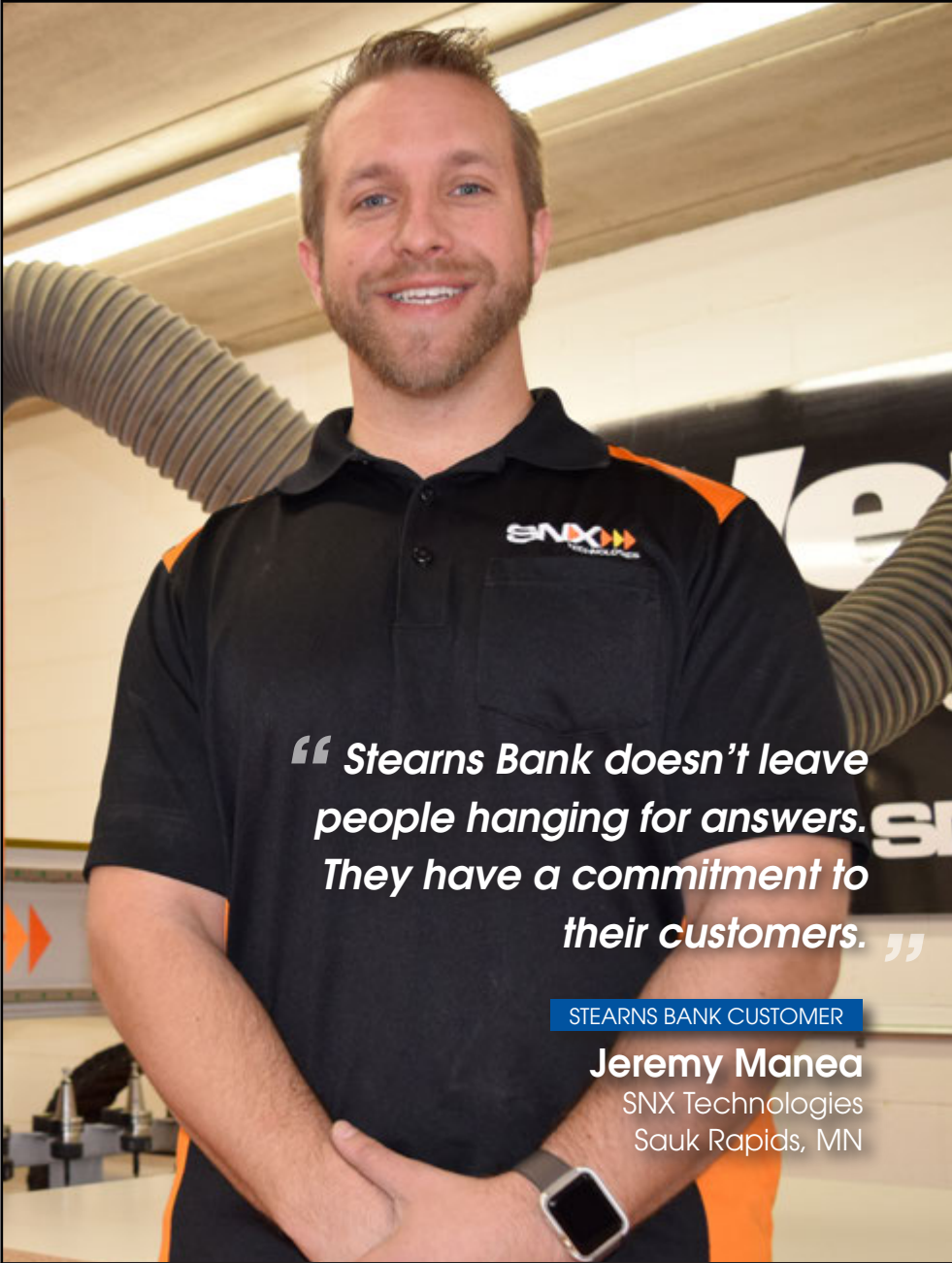
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