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‘Jumanji’ to show Aug. 10

“Jumangi” is the Aug. 10 selection for Movies Under the Stars, hosted by St. Cloud Park & Recreation. The free event begins at dusk at Field C-3 in Whitney Memorial Park. Concessions are available. Rain site is Whitney Rec Center. For more information, visit ci.stcloud.mn.us or call 320-255-7277.

Home-delivered-meals program seeks help

Volunteers are needed to help take carts filled with pre-packaged meals for delivery to clients from the new kitchen area on Lower Level of the CentraCare Health Plaza up to Prairie East entrance for pickup by the home-delivered-meals driver volunteers. Volunteers are needed from 9:30-11:30 a.m. Monday-Thursday. Contact Volunteer Services at 320-255-5638 or volunteer@centracare.com.

Make a difference in a child’s life

Lutheran Social Service/St. Cloud Area Crisis Nursery is in need of volunteers to staff its crisis line from home between 5 p.m. and 8 a.m. Volunteers receive training on working the crisis line and working with families in crisis. Contact Conni Orth, LSS Crisis Nursery, at 320-654-1090 or conni.orth@lssmn.org.

Transport volunteers needed for STEP

CentraCare Health is looking for STEP Force (Speedy Transport & Escort Pool) volunteers. Volunteers provide a walking escort or wheelchair transport for patients and guests throughout the facility. Volunteers work as a team to complete errands and deliver flowers, mail and packages to patients at St. Cloud Hospital. Contact CentraCare Health Volunteer Services at 320-255-5638 or volunteer@centracare.com.

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photo by Mike Knaak

The drawdown of the Mississippi River north of the Sartell dam has been postponed until 2019.

Lake/river drawdown postponed for year

by Dennis Dalman
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A proposed drawdown of Little Rock Lake and the Mississippi River north of the hydroelectric dam at Sartell has been postponed until next year, according to an announcement July 25 by the Min-

nesota Department of Natural Resources.

The drawdown had been scheduled to start Aug. 1 and to last until Sept. 15 during



Altena

which time the water level of the lake and river would drop by three feet.

The reason for the postponement is that more time is needed for further review to satisfy all federal requirements.

Just last week, in an interview with the Newsleader, DNR Area

Fisheries Supervisor Eric Altena said the only glitch in the plans would be a last-minute torrential downpour that could significantly raise the level of the river.

For many months, Altena has been meeting with residents to explain the planned lake-and-river

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Board OKs tax increase related to new high school

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The Sartell-St. Stephen school board voted on July 16 to implement the planned increase for additional revenue to finance school operations. The annual financial impact is projected to be an additional \$82 per \$100,000 of assessed value, according to the district. The revenue authorization would be applicable for 10 years.

The levy will appear on the November general election ballot.

“This was something that we had talked about back when we passed the bond issue,” said Superintendent Jeff Schwiebert. “We said we’re not going to ask for the district patrons money now because we don’t need it right away. We won’t need it until we get into that building. And guess what? A year from today we will be pretty close to getting into that building and that is about when this revenue stream will start.”

With the passage of the referendum authorizing the building of a new high school, voters OK’d an increase in taxes to fund the operation of schools in the system. Much of the increase is related to the new high school. The board deferred the collection of increased revenue until such time as the

funds would actually be needed. Now the time has arrived.

The present tax is \$37.72 per \$100,000 of valuation. The increase will add \$82.62 per \$100,000 of valuation to the tax bill increasing the tax bill on a \$100,000 property to \$120.34. A property valued at \$300,000 would see an increase three times that of a \$100,000 property for an increase of \$361.02.

Reports

Construction at the new high school and upgrades and modernizing at other district sites occupied a good portion of the July 16 meeting. The board also learned of a revamped principal evaluation program.

Lee Gruen, project manager at Bradbury Stamm Construction, highlighted his report with photographs of the construction site shot from a drone. Among the items he reported was completion or near completion of several different portions of the project. Items mentioned were the near completion of all concrete pouring. What is left should be done by the end of August.

Also noted was the completion of the major structural steel installation in the main part of the building. Some work remains to be done in the theater area, but will be finished

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photo by Dave DeMars

Principals Brenda Steve (left) and Kurt Stumpf (right) explain how the new Principal Evaluation Plan will be more aligned with state statutes. “It’s more comprehensive,” Steve told the board.

St. Stephen mayor resigns

St. Stephen Mayor Cindy VanderWeyst resigned on July 11 after the death of her mother.

The City Council appointed council member Jeff Blenkush to be mayor.

VanderWeyst explained her resignation in a letter to the City Council.

“It is with a very heavy heart I resign my position” VanderWeyst wrote. “At this difficult time in our lives, I feel it is best for the city to have an individual who can carry on the responsibilities in a full-time manner. With the death of my mother, I will now be moving to Albany to care for

my father.”

She had been mayor since 2008. The council intends to appoint someone to fill Blenkush’s city council seat at its next regular meeting scheduled for Aug. 1.

The resignation changes the lineup for this fall’s general election ballot.

There will be two council members elected for four-year terms, one council member elected for a two-year term and a mayor elected for a two-year term.

Filling dates start Tuesday, July 31 and end at 5 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 14.

People

Five Sartell students were named to the spring semester dean's list at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. To be eligible, students must complete a minimum of 12 graded degree credits. Each school or college sets its own grade-point average requirements for students to be eligible.

The students are **Chasee Boyd, Holly Greer, Morgan Gugger, Matthew Murphy** and **Jacob Schumacher**.

Twenty-two 2018 Sartell High School seniors were recognized as Honor Society Members at commencement. Students marked with an * also graduated with a perfect 4.0 grade-point average.

Brandon Carlson,* Madeline Davis, Addison DeMaine,* Courtney Deters,* Anna Ellis,* Molly O'Neill Fossen, Alana Friel,* Nicholas Juntunen,* Kali Killmer,* Alexandra Lamont, Emma Larson, Samantha Lundgren,* Elizabeth Minnerath,* Eric Minnerath,* Tristen Nies,* Jordan Och, Lexy Oftedahl,* Benjamin Rickers, Whitney Shea,* Aidan Speckhard,* Madeline Thieschafer* and Alexis Winter.

were named to the spring semester dean's list at Bethel University, St. Paul. Students must earn a minimum 3.6 grade-point average to qualify. They are: **Brooke Hubert**, sophomore, daughter of Marsha and Matthew Hubert; **Jonathan Jarl**, senior, son of Cheryl and Brian Jarl; and **Kasey Lindberg**, senior, daughter of Cheryl and Ted Lindberg.

Morgan Anderson of Sartell has been named to the spring semester dean's list at Augustana University, Sioux Falls, S.D. Students must earn a minimum 3.5 grade-point average to qualify.

Twelve Sartell students have been named to the spring semester dean's list at the University of St. Thomas, St. Paul. The students are: **Alyssa Brix, Greta Gerdes, Nathan Hahn, Christopher Hornung, Halie Kaufman, Ellie Lehto, Paige Pawlenty, Ginessa Ross, Riley Sanderson, Kiana Schuchard, Jacob Shea** and **Reid Sobania**.

Three Sartell students earned degrees from Western Governors University, Salt Lake City, Utah. The online university held ceremonies earlier this year. The students are: **Chris-**

tian Sande, bachelor's in nursing; **Kevin Jennissen**, master's in teaching in English education; and **Emily Ferk**, bachelor's in interdisciplinary studies.

Two Sartell golfers recently sunk holes-in-one at Pine Ridge Golf Course in Sartell. On July 5, **Glenn Theis** scored on the 136-yard Hole 6. On July 18, 10-year-old **Maya Hentges** sunk her shot on the 136-yard Hole 2.

Alexander Stidmon, son of Kimberly and Michael Stidmon of Sartell, was named a collegiate scholar for spring semester at Northwestern College in Orange City, Iowa. He earned a minimum 3.75 grade-point average.

Robert Sobania of Sartell recently received the spring Chancellor's Award from the University of Wisconsin-Stout. He is a junior working toward a bachelor's degree in applied mathematics and computer science. The award is presented to students who earn a minimum 3.5 grade-point average.

The Sartell-St. Stephen Education Foundation awarded \$36,000 in grants to support

leading-edge programming in the Sartell-St. Stephen school district for the 2018-2019 school year. The programs receiving grants include: Elementary Makerspace, Picture Bks for Social/Emotional Curriculum, One District One Book, Room at the Table, Afterschool Robotics, The Hub, FACS Equipment, Flexible Seating for Math, 3D Pens for Visual Arts, Living Above the Line, SMS Mentor, Family Math Night, Character Education and Sabre Splash.

SSEF has awarded more than \$407,000 in grants and scholarships throughout the years.

The partners, associates, and professional staff of the St. Cloud office of **Stinson Leonard Street** have joined Moss & Barnett. The transition includes **Robert Schumann** of Sartell who joined as a shareholder. **Shannon Wiger** of Sartell joined the firm as business development director.

Jason Lieberg of Sartell graduated from basic military training at Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland, San Antonio, Texas. U.S. Air Force National Guard Airman 1st Class Lieberg is the son of Julie and Michael. He is a 2017 graduate of Sartell High School.



Schumann



Wiger



Lieberg

Sheriff Heck to run unopposed

by **Dennis Dalman**
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Benton County Sheriff Troy Heck will be running unopposed on the ballot in the Nov. 6 election.

Heck, sheriff since 2015, filed for re-election several weeks ago. Heck has been with Benton County law enforcement for 24 years, as a patrol officer, an investigative sergeant and as a

member of the Central Minnesota Drug Enforcement Task Force.

Heck has a law-enforcement degree from Normandale Community College.

In his press releases, Heck emphasized he would like to find new ways to use state-of-the-art technology in law enforcement and strengthen the ties between law enforcement, area youth and all kinds of social groups.

National Night Out is Aug. 7

It's time to register your neighborhood gathering for National Night Out scheduled for Tuesday, Aug. 7, from 6-9 p.m.

National Night Out is an annual community building event that promotes public safety and neighborhood relationships.

To register, contact the

Sartell Police Department community service officer at 320-258-7347 or email katie.wild@sartellmn.com.

The police department encourages residents to turn on their porch lights and spend the evening outdoors visiting with neighbors and public safety officials.

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Drawdown

from front page

drawdown at Little Rock Lake near Rice and at the Mississippi River north of the Sartell dam.

When Altena learned of the drawdown postponement, he acknowledged it was disappointing news.

“For a couple years now, a lot of agencies and people have been working toward the goals of better water quality and habitat that this drawdown would bring about, so this delay is certainly disappointing,” he said. “It’s only a temporary setback, though. We’ll be back next summer with everything in order and set to go for the same time-frame.”

The message from the DNR states:

“Because the Sartell dam that would be opened to allow the drawdown is a hydropower dam overseen by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, a thorough review of potential impacts to cultural and historical resources is required before the project can proceed. Due to miscommunications, the historical-cultural review that was done did not meet strict federal requirements.”

The drawdown

For several years, the controversial drawdown has been presented and discussed at public meetings in the area, most often led by Altena, along with other lake and river experts.

The drawdown, which now cannot begin until Aug. 1 of 2019, is expected to improve water quality in Little Rock Lake and the river, as well as giving a boost to fish populations and healthy vegetation growth. For years, Little Rock Lake has

been plagued with algal blooms at times so bad they pose dangers to animals and even children. By drawing down the water level, many parts of the lake (and river) will be exposed to air, killing off the bad vegetation and boosting beneficial vegetation. The drawdown is also expected to prevent future erosion problems in some areas of lake and river.

After the drawndown in 2019, if indeed it takes place, the soonest another drawdown can take place, after the coming one, is at least 10 years, Altena said, with the decision being made by residents and hydrology experts with input from local governments and agencies. There are hopes the drawdown, along with runoff-prevention methods, will make the lake and river healthy for a long time to come.

This is the first time a drawdown will have been undertaken in the area, although drawdowns of lakes, rivers and streams have been done elsewhere in the state throughout the years.

Obituary

Clara Ann Brophy, 92

Sartell
June 17, 1926-July 11, 2018

Clara Ann Brophy, 92, died peacefully July 11 at her home in Sartell, surrounded by family.



Clara was born on June 17, 1926 to Louis and Josephine (Chakal) Barton in Brainerd. She married Donald Brophy in 1945 and they had three children. After Donald died in 1982, she continued living in Brainerd until 1988, when

she moved to St Cloud. In 2005, she moved to Sartell.

Survivors include her children: Edward (Carol) of St Joseph, Patrick (Helen) of Chippewa Falls, Wisconsin, and Jean (Blaine) Smith of Sartell; as well as her nine grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren. Preceding her in death were her husband Donald, both of her parents, her three brothers and two sisters.

Clara’s wishes were to donate her body to the University of Minnesota Bequest Program, for medical research purposes. Therefore, the family will have a private ceremony during interment, at a future date.

Brent L. Weber, 48

Sartell
Aug. 7, 1969 – July 16, 2018

Brent Lawrence Weber, 48, of Sartell died July 16 surrounded by his loving family, following a courageous two-year battle with ALS (amyotrophic lateral sclerosis). His funeral was held July 23 at St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church in Sartell. The Rev. Timothy Baltes officiated.

Weber was born on Aug. 7, 1969 to Larry and Marg (Larsen) Weber in Springfield. He grew up in Sanborn and graduated from Sanborn High School in 1987. He continued his education at St. John’s University in Collegeville and received a bachelor’s degree in business administration and management in 1991. Brent married Kelly Weedman on Oct. 8, 1994 in Springfield. They were blessed with four children: Blake, Abby, Morgan and Mallory.

Weber was employed with C.H. Robinson Worldwide in senior management for the majority of his professional career.



He began his career in Sioux Falls, South Dakota in 1993 as a sales consultant and account manager. In 1997, he accepted the general manager position in Spokane, Washington and moved his family to Liberty Lake, Washington. They lived there for eight years before moving back “home” to Minnesota in 2005. Weber opened the C.H. Robinson branch in St. Cloud in August of 2005 and was the general manager until his retirement at the end of 2016. He loved his career and looked forward to going to “work” each day.

Sports were a significant part of Weber’s life, from

childhood to his many years as a parent-coach. He excelled as a three-sport athlete in high school, earning all-conference honors in football, basketball and baseball. While at SJU, he competed in baseball, earning all-MIAC honors as a pitcher. Following college graduation, he pursued his dream of playing professional baseball when he was signed by the Atlanta Braves. He played Class A baseball for the Idaho Falls Braves and enjoyed every minute of the opportunity. After his professional experience, Weber competed for amateur teams including the Springfield Tigers (Minnesota), Dell Rapids PBR (South Dakota), and the Cheney Tigers (Washington). Both years he was with Dell Rapids PBR, the team won the South Dakota State Class B Championship. When his playing days came to a close, Weber stayed active in sports as a youth coach for many years. He was grateful to

coach “his team” one last season in the summer of 2016. He was an active member of the Sartell Baseball Association, serving as its president from 2009-2016. During that time, the organization saw tremendous growth under his leadership.

Weber thoroughly enjoyed caring for his yard and took great pride in its appearance. He loved boating with his children and looked forward to the annual Weber fishing trip in Canada.

Weber was a member of St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church in Sartell. During his ALS journey, Brent didn’t question or waver in his faith. Instead, he accepted his disease, grew in his faith and was an example of strength, courage and bravery to all who knew him.

Survivors include the following: his loving wife and children, all of Sartell; parents, Larry and Marg Weber of Sanborn; siblings, Shelly

(Shawn) Willhite of Sanborn, Brian (Amy) Weber of Edina, Susie Weber of St. Louis Park; mother-in-law, Judy Weedman of Springfield; in-laws, Jon (Nicole) Weedman of Jordan, Koree (Jim) Boyle of Morgan, Greg (Miranda) Weedman of Janesville and Kim (Stetson) Shoen of Springfield; 14 nieces and nephews and many aunts, uncles and cousins.

He was preceded in death by his grandparents Julius and Beatrice Weber and Lynden and Erna Larsen; father-in-law Gary Weedman; godparents Virginia and Wayne Kramer; and uncle Lynn Larsen.

Brent’s family would like to extend a special thank you to Dr. Patricia Nee, Erika and CentraCare Hospice, Tanya and Prairie River Home Care, and special care giver, Rosie Ranweiler, and the ALS Association of Minnesota.

Obituary, guestbook and video tribute available online: www.williamsdingmann.com.

PUBLIC NOTICES

**CITY OF ST. STEPHEN
PUBLIC ACCURACY TEST**

The City of St. Stephen will hold a public-accuracy test of its election machines at 6 p.m. Monday, Aug. 6, 2018.

The City will test its tabulation and assistive-voting device.

The public is welcome to view the test as the City prepares for the State Primary on Tuesday, Aug. 14, 2018.
St. Stephen City Hall Council Chamber, 2 Sixth Ave SE.

/s/ Cris M. Drais
City of St. Stephen City Clerk

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**CITY OF ST. STEPHEN
NOTICE OF FILING**

The City of St. Stephen will have the following positions to fill in the 2018 General Election:

Two (2) Council Member positions for a four- (4) year term each.

One (1) Council Member position for a two- (2) year term.

The Mayor’s position for a two- (2) year term.

Dates for filing are July 31-Aug. 14 at 5 p.m. The cost to file is \$2.

Please contact the City Clerk at 320-251-0964 for paperwork and assistance.

/s/ Cris M Drais
City of St. Stephen City Clerk

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**NOTICE OF FILING DATES FOR ELECTION
TO THE SCHOOL BOARD
INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 748
SARTELL-ST. STEPHEN SCHOOL DISTRICT
STATE OF MINNESOTA**

Notice is hereby given that the period of filing affidavits of candidacy for the office of school board member of Independent School District No. 748 shall begin on Tuesday, July 31, and shall close at 5 p.m. on Tuesday, Aug. 14, 2018.

The general election shall be held on Tuesday, Nov. 6. At that election, three members will be elected to the school board for terms of four years each.

Affidavits of Candidacy are available from the school district clerk, 212 Third Ave. N., Sartell, Minn. 56377. The filing fee for this office is \$2. A candidate for this office must be an eligible voter, must be 21 years of age or older on assuming office, must have

been a resident of the school district from which the candidate seeks election for 30 days before the general election, and must have no other affidavit on file for any other office at the same general election.

The affidavits of candidacy must be filed in the office of the school district clerk and the filing fee paid prior to 5 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 14.

BY ORDER OF THE SCHOOL BOARD

/s/ Pamela Raden

School District Clerk

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July 6

10:49 p.m. Third Street N. Officers were dispatched for a report of three people fighting in their home. While enroute one officer located a man involved walking west on 2½ Street. The man was taken back to the scene. At the residence all parties involved were interviewed. One of the men involved was uncooperative and began walking toward an officer. The man disregarded officer's commands and began fighting with officers. During the altercation the man swung at an officer with a closed fist. The man was cuffed and hobbled. He was later taken to Stearns County Jail and could be charged with domestic harm, obstruction and assault on a peace officer.

July 7

6:27 p.m. Traffic stop. Riverside Avenue S. While running stationary radar on Riverside Avenue an officer observed a vehicle pass. The officer ran a license plate check and observed that the registration was expired. The officer stopped the vehicle as it pulled into a driveway. The driver admitted to not having a license but provided valid insurance for the vehicle. The officer observed an odor of marijuana and asked the driver if there was anything in the vehicle. The driver admitted to having marijuana on his person. A search of the vehicle yielded marijuana, a small amount of methamphetamine and a large amount of cash in various denominations. The cash and vehicle were seized pending an investigation. The driver was placed under arrest and transported to Stearns County Jail.

July 8

9:41 a.m. Vehicle collision. CR 120 and Pinecone Road S. An officer was dispatched for a two-vehicle crash involving no injuries. The officer arrived ob-

served two sport utility vehicles that were involved and blocking traffic. A second officer arrived and controlled traffic while the vehicles were removed from the road. Witnesses said vehicle two was southbound on Pinecone Road and had the right of way. Vehicle one was eastbound on CR 120 and struck vehicle two after disregarding a red light. Driver of vehicle one was issued a citation with a mandatory court date for failure to drive with due care.

July 9

4:5.9 am. Medical. Officers were dispatched for a report of an elderly man who was having difficulty breathing. Officers arrived and provided oxygen. Officers then monitored the man's condition until paramedics arrived. Officers then assisted with loading the patient for transport and securing his residence. He was transported to St. Cloud Hospital.

July 10

1:06 p.m. Traffic stop. 23rd Street S. and Pinecone Road. An officer observed a vehicle exit the roundabout and accelerate at a high rate of speed. The officer took radar of the vehicle and received a reading of 55 in a 45-mph zone. The officer attempted to catch up to the vehicle on CR 120. The officer observed the vehicle was still traveling at a high rate of speed as it turned right onto 23rd Street from Pinecone Road. The vehicle then came to a stop. The driver admitted to not having a valid license. The driver was cited for speeding and driving without a license.

July 11

1:04 a.m. Trespass. 21 CR 120. An officer was dispatched to Walmart for a report of a man who had been asked to leave the store but was currently on the property. The officer recognized the man's name. The officer located the man in the electronics section. Dispatch had advised the officer the man had an outstanding warrant for misdemeanor theft. The officer told the man this fact and then took him into custody without incident. He was also cited for trespassing.

July 13

2:29 p.m. Traffic stop. Riverside Avenue S. and Edgewater Lane. An officer observed a ve-

hicle on Riverside Avenue that appeared to be traveling faster than the 40-mph speed limit. The officer activated his radar and received a reading of 49 mph. The driver said she was aware of the speed limit and knew she was speeding. The driver provided a valid driver's license but was unable to provide proof of insurance on the vehicle. She was cited for both violations and released.

July 14

9:49 p.m. Medical. Pinecone Road N. Officers were dispatched to an apartment complex for a report of an elderly man who had fallen in the garage. Officers located the man on the garage floor holding the right side of his head. Officers observed a pool of blood near the man. The man was alert and oriented but complained of chest and head pain. Officers treated the head wound. Gold Cross Ambulance paramedics arrived on scene and took over care.

July 15

10:36 p.m. Traffic stop. Second Street S. and Sundance Road. An officer stopped a vehicle for displaying white light to the rear. While speaking with the driver, the officer smelled an odor of marijuana. The vehicle was searched and several items of contraband were located. The driver was issued citations for possession of marijuana, possession of drug paraphernalia, unlawful possession of the drug and an equipment violation.

July 16

11:59 a.m. Medical. 19 Street S. An officer was dispatched to a healthcare center for a report of a woman having difficulty breathing. Officers were told the woman was in for a procedure but was appearing to have an allergic reaction to something. Paramedics arrived and an officer assisted the patient in breathing. She was transported to St. Cloud Hospital by Gold Cross.

July 17

7:04 p.m. Collision. 200 block of Riverside Avenue S. Officers were dispatched for a report of a three-vehicle crash possibly involving injuries. Officers arrived and observed a pickup that had moderate front-end damage, a van that had heavy

damage to the front and rear and a sedan that had rear-end damage. Officers spoke with witnesses and the drivers of the vehicles. The driver of the truck admitted he rear-ended the van, causing the crash. He was cited for failure to drive with due care. The van was disabled and had to be towed from the scene. The other two vehicles involved were able to be driven.

July 18

9:58 a.m. Domestic. Second Street N. Officers were dispatched for a report of an argument between a man and woman. Officers met outside with the man who was the complainant. He stated his girlfriend assaulted him during the argument. Officers observed injuries to the man's lip and shoulder. He stated his girlfriend was inside with their son and nephew. Officers met with the woman. She was uncooperative and intoxicated. Through further investigation officers decided they had enough to arrest the woman for domestic assault. She was transported to Stearns County Jail.

July 19

11:05 a.m. Collision. 21 CR 120. An officer was dispatched to Walmart for a report of a two-vehicle collision involving no injuries. The officer observed that the collision had occurred at the entrance to Walmart, just off of CR 1. Vehicle one slowed to turn left into Walmart's parking lot. Vehicle two was traveling just behind vehicle one and didn't see it slow down, causing a rear-end collision. There was moderate damage to vehicle two and minimal damage to vehicle one.

July 20

11:27 p.m. Traffic stop. Hwy. 15 and 12th Street N. An officer observed a sport utility vehicle pass his location that had no working license plate lights. The officer stopped the vehicle. Once the vehicle came to a stop at Highway 15 and 12 Street N. in St. Cloud the officer met with the driver. The driver stated he was unaware his license plate lights were inoperable and identified himself with a Minnesota ID card. He stated his license was suspended and he didn't have proof of insurance on the vehicle. The driver was cited for driving after suspension and no proof of insurance. He was

warned for other violations. A valid driver arrived and took possession of the vehicle.

July 21

3:18 a.m. Traffic stop. CR 1 and Hwy. 15. Sartell officers were advised of a driving complaint. An officer located the vehicle and stopped it after observing several moving violations. The officer met with the driver and observed an open container of alcohol in the vehicle. The driver admitted he had been drinking and identified himself as a minor. Officers conducted a preliminary breath test on the boy and received a reading of .06. The boy was taken into custody and could be charged with minor consumption, open container and DWI. He was transported to the Stearns County Jail without incident.

July 22

8:55 p.m. Medical. Scout Drive. An officer was dispatched for a report of a 54-year-old man who had chest pain and difficulty breathing. Gold Cross took over care. The man was transported to St. Cloud Hospital.

July 23

2:15 p.m. Traffic stop. Hwy. 15 and CR 120. While on routine patrol and running stationary radar on Highway 15 at CR 120 an officer observed a southbound vehicle that was traveling faster than the posted speed limit. The officer stopped the vehicle and met with the driver. The woman admitted to speeding and provided a valid license. She was unable however to provide proof of insurance on the vehicle. She was released after being issued a citation for no proof of insurance. She was warned for her speed.

July 24

5:59 a.m. Fire. First Street N. While on patrol an officer observed a large amount of smoke coming from behind an address. The officer made his way to the back of the property and observed that a bridge across Watab Creek from the address was on fire. The officer notified dispatch of his findings and Sartell fire was dispatched along with a deputy because the bridge was in the township. Sartell fire arrived and extinguished the fire.



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photo by Dave DeMars
Board member Mary McCabe reacts to the new Principal Evaluation Plan. “It’s about growth,” she said.

Council agrees to LED retrofitting program

by **Dennis Dalman**
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The Sartell City Council has agreed to a contract to retrofit the city’s light bulbs to LED technology, LED an acronym for “light-emitting diode.”

Part of Sartell’s current push for its Energy-Savings Program, the bulb-switching project is expected to save the city \$1 million – and perhaps more – over a 20-year period.

At its May 14 city-council meeting, members voted 4-1 to approve the contract with Apex Energy, which will do the retrofit project. Two Apex spokespeople addressed the council, outlining updates to the proposal. They had met with the council several times before, and the LED energy-saving program has been discussed by council members and city staff many times at previous meetings.

The council voted 4-1 for the contract with Apex, with Mayor Sarah Jane Nicoll casting a no vote. She had said before the vote that she strongly favors retrofitting the fixtures in the city’s street lamps and at the Bernick’s Arena but not those at city hall or the public-facilities building.

Other council members also most strongly favored the street lights and the Bernick’s lights but said they would just as soon see all the proposed projects done at once.

The total up-front cost of the project is about one-half million dollars and will be paid for out of the city’s street fund, said City Administrator Mary Degiovanni.

The energy savings are guaranteed by Apex, it was noted.

In the original proposal, it called for a city buy-out of street lighting owned by Stearns Electric, but at the May 14 meeting, the Apex spokespeople said the agreement with Stearns will not be final until possibly this fall. Apex also intends to meet with the city’s other energy supplier, Xcel Energy, to find out if that company would be amenable to a

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soon. Most of the roofing has been completed or will be by month’s end. Brick work is proceeding apace and the theater and pool areas will be completed by September.

Exterior work, including work on activity fields, is being completed with the base work on several fields already put down and ready for the next course scheduled to be installed. Irrigation systems for the fields are largely completed.

Gruen reported everything is pretty much on schedule despite some heavy rains. There are no areas of concern at this time. Gruen said on any given day, 100 to 120 workers are on the jobsite working to stay on schedule.

Schwiebert remarked there have been a number of improvements made at Pine Meadow Elementary School and that the building is in excellent shape for a 20-year-old building. Among the improvements was repaving and striping the parking sites. The sites have been widened by 9 inches meaning there will be fewer dings in the car doors, Schwiebert joked.

High School Principal Brenda Steve and Middle School Principal Kurt Stumpf reported on the Principal Evaluation Plan that is being put into effect for the 2018–19 school year. The purpose of the plan is to align with the the Minnesota statute

which aims to ensure principals of schools in the state achieve the highest levels of quality and accountability through ongoing evaluation.

“It is a more comprehensive plan,” Steve said.

Much of what the plan aims to achieve was already going on in the Sartell district, but one area of concern was lack of remediation. That means if there are areas not being addressed, the district and principals have a way to develop plans to address the shortcoming.

“I really like this with all the new standards,” said board member Mary McCabe as she paged through the document. “I think it is great you are open to doing something that is pretty standard and still incorporates getting information from your staff about how they perceive you performing. This is about growth.”

The previous plan used in the district was difficult to translate to new and incoming principals. With the adoption of this plan all of the principals will be using the same tool, Steve said. That should make for more uniform performance and advancement.

Action items

The board approved the following action items:

- Board approved actions or contractual agreements.

- Approved three-year contract with Trobec Bus Service to transport students. The contract will run through the 2019-20 school year.

- Approved 2018-19 membership in Minnesota School Boards Association.

- Approved annual membership for the Schools for Equity in Education. The renewal fee for the 2018-2019 school year is \$5,372.83. The fee for 2017-2018 was \$5,258.00.

- Approved revisions and updates in the 2018-19 District Employee Handbook. Schwiebert remarked having a standardized handbook was a very important piece in helping the workforce of the district work together smoothly and efficiently. It reduced much of the difficulties in working in the district.

- Approved Academic and Activities Handbook revisions and updates for students for the 2018-19 school year

- Approved a Long-Term Facility Maintenance 10-Year Expenditure Application required by the Minnesota Department of Education. This plan requires the district to do 10-year planning for things such as new roofs on buildings, equipment replacement, and improving indoor air quality and services.

The next school board meeting will be 5 p.m. Monday, Aug. 20 in the District Center Board Room.

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Immigrant boy: ‘Now I play soccer. I can be on a team’

by **Dennis Dalman**
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A woman named Zaina is sitting in a room against a plain dark gray wall. Her large brown eyes, tinged with a touch of sadness, stare at the viewer with a frank open look like a beam of light illuminating a place deep inside the human heart.

These are the words from Zaina, who grew up in Iraq:



photo by James A. Bowey

Yudathoo lived in a Thai refugee camp where the only toys to play with were a rubber band and a marble. Now he is thrilled to be able to play soccer – with a real soccer ball.

“I was 12 years old. All I remember is the shouting, and I see my uncle killed – that’s all. And my mother screaming.”

Zaina is one of 20 photographic portraits by James A. Bowey now on display at various businesses in Sartell, St. Joseph, Sauk Rapids and St. Cloud. The photos and their accompanying texts – all of refugees living in Minnesota – comprise a traveling exhibit titled “When Home Won’t Let You Stay.” It is sponsored by the Central Minnesota Arts Board, United Way of Central Minnesota and the Paramount Center for the Arts.

After the photographs are displayed in local businesses, they will be gathered together for a public showing and artist reception at 6 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 23, at the Paramount Visual Arts Center/Theater in downtown St. Cloud. At that event, photographer Bowey will present a slide show/talk titled “The Refugee Crisis and the Empathetic Imagination.”

In the meantime, up until the Aug. 23 showing, the photos can be seen at the following venues: the Change Hair Salon in Sartell; Daylily Salon and Spa in Sartell and St. Cloud; the Local Blend in

St. Joseph; Westwood Church in St. Cloud; Good Shepherd Nursing Home in Sauk Rapids; and Quarks American Bento restaurant in St. Cloud.

Connections

James A. Bowey of St. Paul is a documentary photographer, photojournalist and artist who explores the issues of human rights and social connections. He has covered stories from the war in Bosnia to natural disasters such as Hurricane Katrina, and his work has been featured in many publications, including The New York Times, Time magazine and Associated Press news member publications. Bowey is also an award-winning educator and taught, among other places, at Winona State University from 2008-2015.

In an interview with the Newsleader, Bowey talked about his work – specifically his traveling photo exhibit of immigrants.

He vividly remembers photographing Zaina in Minneapolis. He asked her for some comments about herself to go with the photo. She said a few lines, and Bowey left the apartment feeling as if he’d failed as an interviewing journalist, as if he came away with just a few words from the woman. But then, suddenly, Zaina’s few words about her mother screaming hit Bowey like a thunderbolt. That is because when he was a boy, his father had suffered a massive heart attack in his sleep, and Bowey recalled vividly how his heartbroken mother, like Zaina’s mother, screamed and screamed. Bowey’s memory was like a nerve synapse that fired an immediate



Bowey

emotional connection to Zaina and her words, her experience. He realized that although Zaina said such few words, the words had such connective power.

And that is the kind of connection Bowey strives to achieve in his photographs and subjects’ comments. It is a human connection sparked by an empathetic encounter with another human being by way of images and words.

“One of the most difficult things a person ever does is to truly see another,” he said. “But if we really look at someone and consider their story, we discover the shared humanity that links us all. This is the hope for this work (photo exhibit): to find ourselves in each other, one photograph at a time.”

Loss and hope

In his work, Bowey is not trying to hammer home any sort of political agenda about the refugee crisis in today’s world. Rather, though his subjects are immigrants, he strives to highlight their humanity first and foremost so that viewers can experience that encounter, that connection, that spark of recognition, one human to another.

The people in Bowey’s photographs stand or sit in front of mostly bare walls, curtains, windows or tapestries. The photos are almost stark, with strong light and dark contrasts, and yet there is a deep warmth emanating from the people – their skin, their clothing, their expressions that seem to tell the viewer, “I have survived; I live; look at me, I am human; you are human.”

The comments beside each photo are in some cases about remembered violence, trauma, loss and unimaginable suffering and yet the indomitable human spirit shines through in the words and from the people’s faces and body

language.

Tortured, survived
Here are the words of Yatha, who hailed from Burma (also known as Myanmar), words that ring with the perpetual astonishment of his own survival:

“I was beaten and tortured by six people.

I was bleeding from my ear, my eyes and mouth.

Around 11 p.m. they took off my clothes

And threw me in the river.

I was floating unconscious all night.

There was one girl who witnessed what happened.

My body was found about seven in the morning.

The whole village thought I was dead.

I survived.”

‘Somehow you continue’

Ayan, an immigrant from Somalia, expresses how the gradual abandonment of material things practically symbolizes bouts of physical suffering and the nagging pain of emotional losses.

“I was 12 years old. I wore my best dress, like we were taking a trip.

But fleeing means you let go of everything you can’t carry.

First it was the photographs and clothes, then the food, then the water.

You get to the point where you can only carry yourself, And death would be better. Somehow you continue.”

The portrait of Yudathoo, a boy who lived in a Thai refugee camp, is next to these words in broken English, simple words that unwittingly express a child’s big wide world of hope:

“I didn’t have a ball in the camp.

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I can be on a team.”

For additional photos by Bowey, visit thenewsleaders.com.

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Catholic Charities near top for food donations

by **Dennis Dalman**
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Catholic Charities Emergency Services Food Shelf gathered in more food in March than any of the 284 food-shelf services in Minnesota, except for one – the one in Rochester.

Based in St. Cloud, Catholic Charities Food Shelf distributes food supplies to people in an economic pinch throughout the area, although some cities in the greater St. Cloud area, such as St. Joseph, do have their own food-shelf services operated by volunteers. The Catholic Charities Food Shelf serves people in Sartell, St. Cloud, Sauk Rapids, Waite Park and St. Augusta.

Every March, there is a statewide drive dubbed Minnesota FoodShare Month, which is coordinated by the Minnesota FoodShare organization. It is a much-publicized effort to restock

dwindling or empty shelves depleted during the holiday season.

“We are thrilled – thrilled,” said Trina Dietz of Sartell, who is communications director for Catholic Charities. “It feels good because of all the good work the people in our communities do to help others.”

Several factors made the March food effort a success for Catholic Charities, according to its executive director, Steve Pareja.

“Events like Pack the Porches and the food drives done by local churches made a huge impact in the amount of food and funds we were able to collect,” he said. “We really appreciate the partnerships we have in the community with Coborn’s, Pioneer (Place) on



Dietz

Fifth, St. Cloud Hyundai, HealthPartners and many other businesses that did food drives during the March campaign.”

The need for food help is often forgotten in the summer months because many people associate emergency food needs with holiday times such as Christmas.

“Typically,” Pareja said, “the busiest days at Catholic Charities Emergency Food Shelf are in the summer months. Schools do a great job of supporting kids in need during the school year, but families rely on food shelves when that school assistance isn’t available in summertime.”

In an interview with the Newsleader, Dietz said in 2017 Minnesota FoodShare collected \$8 million in cash and 4.8-million pounds of food during the March campaign. Because Catholic Charities took second place this year, it will receive some incentive funds from Minnesota FoodShare, and

that amount will be announced at a later date, Dietz said.

Dietz said the Catholic Charities Emergency Food Shelf is currently very much in need of personal-care items and volunteers ages 16 or older.

Personal-care items include such things as toothbrushes, toothpaste, shampoo, deodorant, toilet paper, feminine-hygiene products, diapers and can openers.

“If people don’t have enough money for food, they probably aren’t able to buy personal-care items, either,” Dietz said.

She said she knows police officers who have gone to the scene of people who’ve injured themselves while trying to open cans of food with knives or other sharp objects because they didn’t have can openers.

In these days of brutally hot temperatures, yet another big need is for electric fans, either

in gently used or new condition, Dietz noted.

If interested in volunteering some time, call Michelle at 320-650-1550.

Donations are accepted year-round at Catholic Charities, located at 157 Roosevelt Road in St. Cloud. Items or monetary donations can be dropped off from 8 a.m.-4 p.m. Monday-Friday, and from 8 a.m.-7 p.m. Wednesday.

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Sartell man who helped build atom bomb has lifetime of problem-solving

by Mike Knaak
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Wilbur Wright solves puzzles and problems. His challenges include fixing failed rockets in Brazil, coaxing more milk out of cows in Portugal and helping companies get off the ground in Russia after the collapse of the Soviet Union.

His career of problem-solving started with a bang. He was one of the scientists who designed and built the first atomic bomb.

Wright, who lives in Sartell with his wife, turned 96 on June 9.

In 1944, he was a student at the University of Colorado in Boulder. He was studying mechanical engineering with a heavy dose of physics and “I took all the mathematics one could take,” Wilbur said.

He was selected with a number of other young engineers to help build the bomb and worked at Manhattan Project sites around the country including Los Alamos, N.M., and Hanford, Wash.

Wright’s job was to figure out how to handle plutonium and machine it at high tolerances to a shape needed for a bomb.

“I was young and I thought it was just great to be doing something that was involved with the country,” Wilbur said.

“It’s important to remember even if we were positive and looking forward as a nation,

no one, no one, knew if we were really going to win this war,” Wright wrote while recording his memories of the time. “It was a desperate time and, with big decisions to be made in a very short time.”

When the United States dropped the first bomb on Japan, Wright was on a plane heading for Hawaii when he heard the news on the radio.

“I wasn’t too surprised, but I had no idea when it would be dropped,” Wright said.

After leaving the Navy in 1946, Wright worked for the Bureau of Reclamation, General Electric and Dow Chemical.

He continued to work on nuclear projects including power supplies and designing plants to make bomb parts.

In the 1950s, he managed a Dow Chemical plant outside Denver. Local newspaper clippings from the time vaguely described the plant’s work as making precision equipment for the aerospace and scientific industries. Behind the shield of Cold War secrecy, the plant’s engineers worked with plutonium and built triggers for atomic weapons.

While living in Colorado, Wilbur’s first wife, Betty, became best friends with Elinor Detra, a teacher. Elinor and her husband moved to St. Cloud where he worked as administrator at St. Cloud State University. Elinor’s husband died in 1968.

Meanwhile in Colorado, Betty died after a battle with



photo by Mike Knaak

Wilbur and Elinor Wright in their Sartell home.

cancer.

Thanks to some matchmaking by Wilbur’s brother, Wilbur and Elinor reunited. They carried on a long-distance romance with Wilbur flying from Denver to Minneapolis on weekends.

The two finally married in 1977 and settled in central Minnesota. Elinor taught speech at St. Cloud State until her retirement.

When Wilbur retired, he was far from done with puzzles. At a Rotary meeting, a friend told him about International Executive Service Corps, an organization that provides business talent to help coun-

tries improve their standard of living and economy.

For his first mission, the IESC sent Wright to Brazil, to help with the country’s rocketry program.

“The plant I was assigned to blew up about nine months before I got there,” Wright said.

“In about two months, we had real good rockets,” Wright said.

After a short time at home, Wilbur and Elinor were off to Portugal, where he tackled a more low-tech problem – the cows weren’t producing enough milk. He consulted a friend from Boulder with a

herd of cows.

Other projects included hamburger that wouldn’t stick together (add water and fat) and growing shrimp.

“He’s good at putting together the right people,” Elinor said.

The couple’s last assignment was in Russia in the early 1990s. Wilbur’s job was to contact big companies and find out how IESC’s team could help them develop.

Wilbur said, “If a person is an organizer, he can take any subject and organize it to completion.”

Jobs panel is next step to help immigrant workers

by Mike Knaak
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The next step in an effort to connect the local immigrant population with employers seeking workers takes place on Monday, Aug. 13 in Sartell.

Cultural Bridges and Career Solutions are hosting a panel for employers from 2-4:30 p.m. at Resource Training and Solutions, 137 23rd St. S. As of earlier this week, five employers who are ready to employ immigrants have agreed to participate on the panel.

“It’s a comfortable environment for business leaders to ask questions of their peers about their successes and how they’ve overcome challenges,” said Sister Renee Domeier in an email.

The Aug. 13 panel follows an effort by Cultural Bridges to survey local businesses asking about their employee needs and their willingness to hire immigrants.

Cultural Bridges contacted 64 of about 100 local businesses

by phone or in person. Twenty-five businesses responded and 11 said they were interested in learning more about how to hire immigrants. Six businesses said they were unsure and eight said they had no interest.

“We were really thrilled with that response and a sign that people were curious about how to engage people for their success,” said Raj Chaphalkar, Cultural Bridges member.

“We believe people who have access to a job in their home town have access to a higher quality of life and the dignity of work and freedom to develop in their own town,” Chaphalkar said. “Our job is to smooth the path.”

Cultural Bridges member Di- anne DeVargas said there are more than 50 Somali families living in St. Joseph and surrounding communities and they would like to find jobs close to home.

“We realized there are lots of barriers to applying for a job. A lot of job applications are online.

(Some) people have never used a computer and they are not literate in English,” Chaphalkar said. “We needed to find out which companies are ready to hire immigrants. They are culturally aware and see a competitive advantage in having an integrated workforce and then steer applicants to them.”

In addition to the survey and organizing the panel, Cultural Bridges continues to teach English as a Second Language.

About 25 adults have completed the classes. The class meets for an hour and a half two days a week during the school year. Learning English is important for completing job applications as well as communicating with other employees on the job.

Business leaders interested in attending the Aug. 13 panel can register online at <http://www.resourcetraining.com/Event/13151>. Questions can be directed to Kari Court at kari.court@csjobs.org. There is a \$20 registration fee.

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The regular school board meeting of Independent School District 748 was called to order at 5 p.m. by Chair Jason Nies. Members present: Nies; Mary McCabe, vice chair; Pamela Raden, clerk; Jeremy Snoberger, treasurer; Lesa Kramer, director; Patrick Marushin, director; and Jeff Schwiebert, superintendent. Members absent: None.

A motion was made by Kramer and seconded by Marushin to APPROVE THE AGENDA WITH THE FOLLOWING AMENDMENTS: move Action Item 8 – Approve Trobec’s Bus Contract from action to reports, Report Item 10 – Trobec’s Bus Contract; add to Donations, St. Cloud Orthopedics; and remove from personnel omnibus Shirley Janu. All in favor. Motion carried.

A motion was made by McCabe and seconded by Snoberger to APPROVE CONSENT ITEMS A-D AS PRESENTED BELOW. All in favor. Motion carried.

- a. Minutes of the regular school board meeting held on May 21, 2018
- Minutes of the closed board work session held on June 11, 2018

b. Checks in the amount of \$1,871,492.21 as presented:	
General Fund	1,628,577.53
Food Service Fund	111,557.24
Transportation Fund	49,269.01
Community Service Fund	32,747.72
Capital Expenditure Fund	46,980.75
Summer Rec Agency Fund	2,359.96
Check numbers 171923 - 172223	
Receipts in the amount of \$6,671,531.58 as presented:	
General Fund	4,543,761.10
Food Service Fund	220,070.42
Transportation Fund	1,601.80
Community Service Fund	86,810.12
Capital Expenditure Fund	87.75
Building Fund	17,623.72
Debt Service Fund	1,730,221.67
Scholarship Trust	8,100.00
Summer Rec Agency Fund	63,255.00
Receipts 44633-44758	
Wire transfers in the amount of \$7,298.80 as presented:	
General Fund	1,795.19
Food Service Fund	4,215.73
Community Service Fund	272.87
Summer Rec Agency Fund	1,015.01
Wire transfers 201700087-201700091	
Building Fund Checks in the amount of \$4,150,390.44 as presented:	
Building Fund	4,150,390.44
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c. Accept the resignation of Katie Beckmann, PME, elementary teacher, 8/31/18; Blake Field, SMS, student supervisor, 5/31/18; Sarah Funk, DSC, early childhood coordinator, 6/30/18; Carol Kiekow, SHS, food service worker, 5/31/18; Sara Kimman, SMS, English/language arts, 8/31/18; Amy Krueger, SMS, special education, 8/31/18; David Miller, SHS, social studies, 8/31/18. Accept the retirement of Karen Evenson, Transportation, bus driver, 7/15/18; Jessie Kovall, Transportation/SMS, bus driver/food service worker, 5/31/18; Jacquelyn Lindner, SMS, Para, 6/30/18.

d. Accept the following donations: John and Theresa Law, Sartell Middle School – sixth-grade language arts, \$100, books; Vasugi and Gajendranathan Ramanathan, Sartell Middle School – Physical Education Department, \$200, stationary bike; Oak Ridge Elementary PTC, Oak Ridge Elementary, \$1,778.91, xylophone and SPED; Pine Meadow PTO Elementary, Pine Meadow Elementary, \$270.15, classroom supplies; Pine Meadow PTO Elementary, Pine Meadow Elementary, \$471.67, classroom supplies; Pine Meadow PTO Elementary, Pine Meadow Elementary, \$1,820.28, classroom supplies; St. Cloud Orthopedics, Sartell High School Physical Education Department, fitness equipment (\$3,000 value); United Way c/o Lisa Kent, ISD 748, \$80.30, ECFE.

Student Representative Report:	No report.
Construction Manager Report on Building Process:	Construction Manager Lee Gruen reported the project is maintaining its critical dates. There are currently averages of 80 workers on site each day. Precast, foundation and footings are complete. The overall project and onsite safety is going well.
Circle of Friends Special Education Report:	Sartell Middle School Teachers Lori Connolly and Amanda Holstrom along with Middle School students Madisyn Claseman, Abby Sieben and Annabelle Tautges presented an overview of the Circle of Friends program.
Superintendent Report:	Jeff Schwiebert, superintendent
	Schwiebert recognized Holly Lathe and Brandon Nordhues for receiving “Master Teacher” recognition from the Perpich Center for the Arts. School safety has been reviewed at all sites following the district’s implementation of the A.L.I.C.E. Program. Three highlights include having excellent visibility at all buildings, reiterating the importance of the Evade aspect of the training and all buildings will have “red lock-down” buttons installed to lock all exterior doors with a single push.
School Board Committee Report:	Director Kramer reported on the Drug Free Coalition meeting last Wednesday.
	Clerk Raden reported on the recent Steering Committee meeting she attended.
Community Survey Results Report:	Kay Nelson, assistant superintendent of learning services; Brenda Steve, high school principal; Kurt Stumpf, middle school principal; Kip Lynk, Oak Ridge principal; Sara Nelson, Pine Meadow principal; and Kris O’Brien, community education director shared a summary of the 2017-18 District 748 Annual Community Survey.

Solar Garden Update Report: Schwiebert provided an update on the solar garden located off Pinecone Road north of the Sartell High School currently being built.

Enrollment Report: Schwiebert reported on the final 2017-2018 enrollment numbers for each school.

End-of-Year Student Activity Account Report: Director of Business Services Steve Wruck reported on the 2017-2018 end-of-year student activity account.

Trobec’s Bus Contract Report: Schwiebert and Wruck presented on the proposed three-year contract with Trobec’s Bus Service.

A motion was made by Raden and seconded by Marushin to APPROVE #1-19:

New Employees/Changes: Nicole Bergh, SMS, SPED - ESY, \$45.08/hour, MA20, M, new position, 6/11/2018; Zach Brown, SHS, science-targeted services, \$32.50/hour, new position, 6/4/2018; Michaela Carle, SMS, seventh-/eighth-grade SPED, \$40,371, BA, A, replacing Amy Krueger, 8/27/2018; David Duininck, SMS, eighth-grade English/language arts, \$43,315, BA, D, replacing Sara Kimman, 8/27/2018; Jennifer Euteneuer, ORE, SPED, \$75,447, MA30, P, replacing Lisa Kent, 8/27/2018; Joshua Halicke, SMS, junior high boys soccer, \$2,439 (6.35 percent), BA, 0 (\$38,410), replacing Ruben Coliman, 8/27/2018; Amy Koltes, SMS, math, \$43,315, BA, D, replacing Kerry Trnka, 8/27/2018; Jennifer Lessinger, SHS, social studies-targeted services, \$32.50/hour, new position, 6/4/2018; Tiller Martin, SMS/SHS, orchestra and classroom music, \$40,371, BA, A, replacing Paul Benson, 8/27/2018; Mary Pierce-Slocum, DSC-early childhood, ECSE, \$61,119, BA30, N, replacing Katie Werle, 8/27/2018; Becky Pomeroy, SHS, junior varsity girls soccer, \$3,649 (9.5 percent), BA, 0 (\$38,410), replacing Alaina Kne, 9/14/2018; Mary Raes, SHS, sign language interpreter, \$25/hour, new position, 8/27/2018; Jacob Sailor, SHS, Summer Strength, \$1,319 (3.35 percent), BA, A (\$39,387), replacing Jarek Kunz, 6/4/2018; Sue Sathre, SHS, head girls swim, \$5,503 (13 percent), BA, C (\$42,334), replacing Dave Olson, 8/13/2018; Brad Scherer, SHS, social studies, \$49,411, BA20, E, replacing David Miller, 8/27/2018; Megan Smallman, SHS, junior varsity girls soccer, \$3,207 (8.35 percent), BA, 0 (\$38,410), replacing Elli Johnson, 9/14/2018; Jake Smith, SHS, Summer Strength, \$1,255 (3.35 percent), BA, 0 (\$37,473), new position, outside funded, 6/4/2018; Emily Torvik, SMS, seventh-grade English/language arts, \$40,371, BA, A, updated wages, 8/27/2018.

New Employees – Pending Licensure: Emily Gestach, SMS/SHS, social worker, \$40,371, BA, A,

replacing Stacy Boom, 8/27/18.

Leaves of Absence: None.

All in favor. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Snoberger and seconded by McCabe to APPROVE FUND-RAISER FOR SARTELL FOOTBALL TEAM GOLD CARD SALE (8/10/18-8/13/18). All in favor. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Raden and seconded by Marushin to APPROVE THE 2018-2019 RESOLUTION FOR MEMBERSHIP IN THE MINNESOTA STATE HIGH SCHOOL LEAGUE. All in favor. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Marushin and seconded by Kramer to APPROVE STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES YASH HINDKA, ELIJAH LAWSON AND LAUREN LINDMEIER TO THE SARTELL-ST.STEPHEN INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 748 SCHOOL BOARD FOR THE 2018-2019 SCHOOL YEAR. All in favor. Motion carried.

A motion was made by McCabe and seconded by Snoberger to APPROVE THE RENEWAL OF KEMPS DAIRY FOR MILK AND DAIRY PRODUCTS FOR THE 2018-19 SCHOOL YEAR. All in favor. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Marushin and seconded by Raden to APPROVE THE PRELIMINARY 2018-2019 BUDGET AS PRESENTED. All in favor. Motion carried.

A motion was made by McCabe and seconded by Snoberger to APPROVE PAY RATES IN THE AMOUNT OF \$12.50/HOUR FOR GROUNDS-SUMMER SEASONAL EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2018. All in favor. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Snoberger and seconded by Raden to APPROVE SUPERINTENDENT JEFF SCHWIEBERT’S ANNUAL APPRAISAL. All in favor. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Marushin and seconded by McCabe to APPROVE THE FISCAL COMPLIANCE AND PROCEDURES MANUAL. All in favor. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Snoberger and seconded by Marushin to APPROVE MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR LEAD-IN-WATER. Superintendent Schwiebert discussed the completed radon and lead-in-water testing. All in favor. Motion carried.

Schedule Work Session and Committee Meetings: Future Board Meeting – Monday July 16, 2018 – District Service Center @ 5 p.m.

Committees Committee assignments for 2018 were reviewed.

A motion to ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 6:38 p.m. was made by McCabe and seconded by Kramer. All in favor. Motion carried.

/s/ Pamela Raden, clerk

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Opinion

Our View

Ruling slightly opens courtroom doors to cameras

An open-government debate that has gone mostly unnoticed for the past 30 years cleared another milestone in early July.

The Minnesota Supreme Court filed an order permanently opening up Minnesota’s criminal courts to cameras.

The decision comes after a 2-1/2-year pilot program on camera access to criminal proceedings. The permanent rules take effect Sept. 1.

The U.S. Supreme Court held in 1981 that states may adopt rules permitting cameras and recording equipment in their courts. Since then, all 50 states have done so, but the rules vary widely. In some states visual and audio coverage is permitted in all types of court proceedings that are public, and in others such coverage is permitted only in appellate courts.

Minnesota’s rules remain among the nation’s most restrictive. Except for limited programs in the 1980s, cameras were not allowed in criminal cases in lower courts until a pilot program began in 2015. For more than 25 years, media representatives were required to file an application with the court in advance of the trial, and each of the parties to the case had a chance to refuse camera access to the courtroom. This resulted in very few cases ever being shown. It provided little evidence to determine whether having cameras in the court affected the fairness of the trial.

The permanent rules fall far short of allowing total coverage.

The new rules allow audio and video recording simply at the discretion of the trial judge — the attorneys and parties don’t have a veto. But recording will continue to be allowed only after a guilty plea has been accepted or a guilty verdict has been reached.

Reacting to the order, the Minnesota Newspaper Association called the decision “a modest but important victory.” The Court determined “the overall impact of permitted coverage on the proceedings ranged from neutral to positive,” and that there was “minimal disruption of the proceedings.”

Opponents of cameras, such as Stearns County Attorney Janelle Kendall, argue the prospect of visual coverage could discourage victims from reporting crimes and deter witnesses from coming forward. Two St. Cloud-area lawmakers, Rep. Jim Knoblach and Sen. Jerry Relph, proposed legislation that would bar video and audio use in court unless the defendant, victim, prosecutor, subpoenaed witnesses and judge agree to allow it. Their legislation also barred using state funds to expand audio or video coverage of criminal courts. Those measures failed.

Opponents also argue cameras and other recording equipment disrupts and distracts jurors, lawyers and witnesses. One hundred years ago, large still cameras that needed flash bulbs could indeed disrupt the proceedings. Early huge television cameras rested on tripods and were serviced by thick cables. Technology solved that problem. Today, tiny cameras operated by remote control from outside the courtroom produce high-quality photos and sound. Most courtrooms are already equipped with microphones and sound systems.

Video reporting on trials is no longer limited to a few minutes on the evening news. Entire trials can be streamed online so citizens can see what really happens in court. The majority of Americans have never set foot in a courtroom. Learning about and appreciating the justice system by watching a real trial beats watching “Law and Order.”

The new rules will provide evidence to eventually allow full trial coverage. With restrictions to protect some witnesses and victims, coverage should be expanded to all criminal proceedings.

Dollars, demographics point to soccer success

Mike
Knaak
Editor



We had gathered for a picnic, enjoying grilled hot dogs and hamburgers before heading to Target Field to celebrate a friend’s 50th birthday by watching a Twins game.

But instead of gathering in the backyard around the grill, most of the group, white guys in their 50s and 60s, huddled around a TV indoors on a beautiful Minnesota Sunday morning, watching the World Cup.

This group, the least likely demographic to be soccer fans, cheered for Croatia, the underdog, while analyzing the powerful French side.

For years, observers have predicted soccer (football to the rest of the world) would find more fans in the United States.

But World Cup TV ratings were down this year by 40 percent, presumably because the American team failed to qualify.

That’s too bad. If you didn’t watch, you missed several thrilling games including Croatia eliminating Russia on penalty kicks, Belgium beating Brazil and Germany knocking off Sweden in the fifth minute of extra time.

I was in Ulm, Germany, the night of the German victory. Thousands of fans filled the city square to watch on giant TVs. Around the city, crowds gathered in bars and restaurants and spilled out onto the street to see the game. Elsewhere, city streets were deserted.

Thanks to patient and knowledgeable coaches, I learned about soccer’s nuances and strategies as our oldest daughter played town, travel and school ball for 10 years. When she went to college and her soccer career ended, my spouse and I continued to

be fans, mostly by watching the English Premier League on Saturday and Sunday mornings.

The closest we came to seeing England’s top league in person was riding by stadiums in London and Manchester when visiting our younger daughter. We did get to see an English soccer team play...the York Minstermen...who, after several relegations, now play in the National League, five levels below the Premier League. Despite their recent poor record, the team, started in 1908, will be moving to a new stadium in 2019.

A few years ago, we also began following the Minnesota United Football Club, better known as the Loons, who played in Blaine. In 2017, the team moved up to Major League Soccer.

While near the bottom of the MLS standings, the Loons are drawing more than 22,000 fans per game and on July 18 attracted more than 27,000 fans.

The team is playing at TCF Bank Stadium while a new stadium rises in the Midway district of St. Paul. Allianz Field will seat 19,400. The team has more than 1,000 people on the waiting list for 14,500 season tickets and the Loons anticipate selling out all 17 home games in 2019.

Will the fans still be around if the team continues to finish near the bottom of the table and the novelty and newness of the state-of-the-art

stadium fades?

Demographics and dollars say yes.

A Gallup poll found 7 percent of Americans named soccer as their favorite sport to watch. While that may not sound like much, the figure represents a significant, three-percent-age-point gain from just four years ago. Soccer is the only sport to post such a large increase. Football (37 percent, down from 39 percent), basketball (11 percent, down from 12 percent) and baseball (9 percent, down from 13 percent) all showed declining numbers. Hockey was at 4 percent, up from 3 percent.

Among adults aged 18-34, soccer was the favorite sport of 11 percent, tying basketball. Six percent chose baseball as their favorite sport.

The 2015 Women’s World Cup finals viewership beat the NBA Finals and the Stanley Cup finals that summer.

And here’s what really matters: Twelve years ago, Toronto Football Club paid \$10 million to join what is now a 23-team league. Today, the average MLS team is worth \$223 million.

Some 3.4 billion, or nearly half the total world population of 7.6 billion, watched the World Cup.

How will America’s interest increase as domestic teams attract more fans and the country prepares for the 2026 World Cup?

Seventy-five years ago, sportswriters and newspaper sports sections focused on horse racing, boxing and baseball. Of those three pastimes, only baseball remains part of the mainstream discussion anymore.

Justices should be referees, not players on a partisan team

Connor
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Guest Writer



During the last few weeks, the country has been living through another momentous, and contentious nomination to the Supreme Court. On July 9, President Trump nominated Judge Brett Kavanaugh of the D.C. Circuit Court of Appeals to succeed the retiring Anthony Kennedy. Almost immediately, the battle lines were drawn and we as a nation will bear witness to another exhausting round of political fighting and acrimony as the nominee is subjected to relentless assault and partisan barbs are exchanged all around. Are matters really supposed to be this way?

In the Constitution, the Supreme Court was created as the head of a judicial branch coequal in power to the legislative and executive branches. The Founding Fathers knew a strong and independent judiciary was essential to checking potential abuses of power. The Supreme Court grew into its role, and throughout our long and tumultuous history established itself in determining the ultimate constitutionality of many important and controversial issues.

To check this power of review, the other two branches of government were given control over who joined the ranks of the highest court in the land. The president was given the power to nominate, or propose a candidate. This candidate would then be submitted to the Senate, who would then use its power to advise and consent to either confirm or reject the proposed nominee. If confirmed, the judge would be formally appointed as a member of the court; if rejected, the process would have to start all over again.

This sounds like a balanced process in theory, and until a couple of decades ago many nominees were confirmed by large margins or even by voice vote, meaning there was no need to even record votes for or against. For example, the retiring Justice Kennedy, who was nominated to the court by President Ronald Reagan in 1987, received a confirmation vote of 97-0 in the Senate. By comparison, the most recent Justice to join, Neil Gorsuch, was confirmed by a vote of 54-45 after being nominated by President Trump last year, with only three Democrats voting in favor.

So what has changed? You may have heard about the “factions” or “blocs” that exist on the Supreme Court. Five justices have currently been appointed by Republican presidents including Justice Kennedy, and four by Democratic presidents. Increasingly, the justices vote in line with these blocs, as many contentious cases have resulted in narrow 5-4 votes. As many issues have stalled in Congress, (think abortion, unions, gay marriage and campaign laws), the Supreme Court is increasingly becoming the institution that decides policy over many of these sensitive issues.

Accordingly, more and more stakes are being attached to the Supreme Court. Every justice on the court appointed by an ideologically favorable president means a good chance the court will rule in the direction favored by that president and their political party. Justices are chosen more on their personal ideology rather than their adherence to the law and the Constitution.

This is, in my opinion, a troubling development for our nation. The Supreme Court is supposed to be a referee, not an additional player on a team. As political parties maneuver to try and place justices favorable to them on the Supreme Court, the nation as a whole loses. To protect the Supreme Court from becoming just another political institution, we need to put justices on it who will follow the law and make rulings in a manner consistent with the court’s authority. In the Constitution, Congress is charged with making laws, and the Supreme Court with ruling on their legality. If the Supreme Court can make law from the bench, we have no way of holding it accountable like with our elected Congressional representatives.

Thus, in the nomination of Judge Kavanaugh and any future nominees, what we should be looking for are judges who will rule with respect to the Constitution and the laws rather than any personal or political ideology. Only then can the Supreme Court return to being the neutral arbiter it’s supposed to be.

Connor Kockler is a student at St. John’s University. He enjoys writing, politics and news, among other interests.

Toxins deadly as flames for firefighters

Lifesaving firefighters are risking their own lives – not necessarily because of flames and smoke but because of carcinogens.

In the years after the terrorist attacks in New York City in 2001, doctors began noticing an alarming increase in cancers among the many firefighters on the scene that horrific day.

We have since learned it’s not just the NYC firefighters; it’s firefighters far and wide, and some are battling cancer and/or dying of it as early as in their 30s, 40s and 50s. According to the Journal of Occupational and Environmental Medicine, firefighters have a 60 percent chance of developing cancer – all forms of cancer – compared with about 20 percent for the general population.

It’s not difficult to understand why. While battling fires, a firefighter’s gear is good at withstanding intense heat. However,

soot particles from the fire can and do seep into cracks of protective clothing, and the firefighter turns into what has been dubbed a “human sponge,” the body soaking up carcinogenic chemicals, and the absorption rate increases by 400 percent for every five-degree rise in body temperature.

Many of the most dangerous chemicals are those in flame-retardant materials – not to mention other chemicals – in furniture or other objects that emit a stew of toxins when they burn.

The ever-present dangers of toxins are exacerbated when – in some fire departments – there is no training or inadequate training on how firefighters should take pro-active methods on how to minimize risk. Another exacerbating factor is some departments do not have extractors in which to thoroughly wash

Dennis Dalman

Reporter



all fire-fighting gear right after a fire. As a result, the carcinogenic materials can accumulate on the gear, compounding the danger. A quality extractor can cost up to and beyond \$10,000 each.

In Minnesota there are about 20,000 firefighters, and 18,000 of them are part-time and/or volunteers. A Fox 9 News survey sent to 700 fire departments in Minnesota asked if there had been incidents of cancer among firefighters. One in five departments reported at least one firefighter diagnosed with cancer. One in 10 reported multiple cases, the most common being lung cancer and non-Hodgkins lymphoma. The

risk of cancer increases among the fighters of metro departments where bigger and more frequent fires must be battled.

It is difficult to obtain worker’s compensation for firefighters suffering from cancer because it’s difficult, if not impossible, to prove a connection between the firefighting and the cancer. It’s very much like the struggle to get the government to acknowledge the many health problems, disabilities, genetic chaos and death caused by Agent Orange, a defoliation chemical the military used in the long Vietnam War.

One possible solution is to ban the widespread use of many of these flammable-retardant chemicals, more training for fighters and fundraising drives if necessary so smaller departments can purchase state-of-the-art extractors. Another is more research to establish with certainty

a connection between firefighting and cancer. Fortunately, the U.S. Congress approved the Firefighter Cancer Registry Act, co-sponsored by Minnesota’s Sen. Amy Klobuchar, who noted cancer has rapidly become the leading cause of death among firefighters, along with cardiac arrests.

The Cancer Registry requires the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention to collect detailed data about how firefighters’ risk of cancer compares with the population as a whole. It is funded by \$2 million annually through 2022. Such a national data bank is vital because it may also point the way to how to prevent such tragic cases of cancer among those who risk their lives to save others’ lives.

In the meantime, we should all become more aware of the insidious toxic dangers firefighters face.

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.

Monday, July 30

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

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

Tuesday, July 31

Central Minnesota Market, 3-5:30 p.m., St. Cloud VA Health Care System, 4801 Veterans Drive, St.

Cloud. 320-251-2498.

Wednesday, Aug. 1

St. Stephen City Council, 6:30 p.m., St. Stephen City Hall, 2 Sixth Ave SE.

Thursday, Aug. 2

Great River Regional Coin Club, 6:30-8:30 p.m., Miller Auto Marine Sports Plaza, 2930 Second St. S., St. Cloud. 320-241-9229.

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

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

Friday, Aug. 3

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

Saturday, Aug. 4

Rock N’ Block, 6-11:45 p.m., Out-

door of Bernick’s Ice Arena: 1109 First St. S., benefiting Sartell Fire Relief. Gates open, 6 p.m.; Fabulous Armadillos, 7-9:15 p.m.; Boogie Wonderland, 9:30-11:45 p.m.

Monday, Aug. 6

Stearns County sheriff candidate forum, 7-8:30 p.m., Whitney Senior Center, 1527 Northway Drive, St. Cloud.

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

Sartell Lions Club, 6:30 p.m., upstairs of Blue Line Sports Bar and Grill, 1101 Second St. S., Sartell. 320-267-2591.

Sartell Planning Commssion, 6:30 p.m., City Hall, 125 Pinecone Road N.

Tuesday, Aug. 7

Central Minnesota Market, 3-5:30 p.m., St. Cloud VA Health Care System, 4801 Veterans Drive, St.

Cloud. 320-251-2498.

Memory Writers group develops topics and turn in stories, 10 a.m., Stearns History Museum, 235 33rd Ave. S, St Cloud.

St. Stephen Planning Commission, 6:30 p.m. 2 Sixth Ave. SE. St. Stephen. 320-251-0964.

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, Aug. 8

Free immigration services, 9 a.m.-noon, Community Outpost, 600 13th St. S., St. Cloud.

Breakfast Club, 9 a.m., Stearns History Museum, 235 33rd Ave. S., St. Cloud. Executive Director Carie Essig will present “The Importance of Local History.”

Thursday, Aug. 9

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

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

Sartell-Sauk Rapids Moms’ Club, 9-10:30 a.m., Celebration Lutheran Church, 1500 Pinecone Road N., Sartell.

St. Cloud Area Mothers of Multiples, 7 p.m., VFW Granite Post 428, 9 18th Ave. N., St. Cloud.

Friday, Aug. 10

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

Saturday, Aug. 11

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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Celebration color run-walk attracts 174 participants

by **Dennis Dalman**
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Clouds of color marked the finish line Color Walk-Run event recently held in Sartell.

The 1K-5K fundraiser attracted 174 walkers-runners of every age category to Celebration Lutheran Church on a perfect late spring day filled with warm sunshine and cool breezes.

The purpose of the event was to raise funds for a youth mission trip to Milwaukee, Wisconsin, June 24-29.

As runners-walkers approached the finish line near the church, color tossers grabbed their cups of colored powders, ready to toss the colors onto the incoming participants. Then they'd toss the powder onto the bodies, causing gentle puffy explosions of bright blue, green, pink and red. The breeze would catch the airborne powder, causing clouds that rushed to the north. Onlookers roared their approval and applauded as the suddenly colorful runners-walkers ambled off for refreshments. They looked as if they had been dusted by a rainbow. Participants clearly had a lot of fun at the festive finish.

The slogan of the event was Time to Sweat Rainbows, thus the tossing of colors.

Aaron Dowzak, Celebration church's middle-school youth and family director, organized the race with his wife, Emily. Their daughter, Gwen, 9, joined in the walk-run.

Dowzak said he was pleased by the big turnout and the pleasant weather. Many people asked Dowzak if he was going to join the race.

"No," he'd tell them, chuckling. "I run the race (event); I don't run (in) it."

The church property was filled with other fun fundraising activities the day of the walk-run, such as face-painting and lots of skill games, mainly for children. The event also featured rock/pop music by the band Radio Nation.

Mission trip

Twenty-nine students, grades six through eight, and members of Celebration Lutheran Church traveled to Milwaukee in late June. There, they spent several days with elderly residents, helping them do a wide range of tasks, such as yard cleanup or painting. They also spent

time with the young children of Milwaukee's inner city.

Celebration Lutheran Church is well-known for its many mission trips by middle-school and

high-school students. Dowzak, thus far, has been an adult member of more than a dozen missions by middle-school students. Among the cities they've

helped in are Cortez, Colorado; Harrisburg, Pennsylvania; Savannah, Georgia; Louisville, Kentucky; Green Bay, Wisconsin and Rapid City, South Dakota.



photos by Dennis Dalman

Family and friends, splashed with colored powder, had a blast during the Color Run-Walk recently held at Celebration Lutheran Church in Sartell. In the front row (left to right) are Logan Cherne, Clare Urke and Lexi Brutger; (back row) Carson Cherne, Miranda Reider and Emily Urke. The Chernes and Reider are St. Joseph residents; the Urkes and Brutger live in Sartell.



The band Radio Nation plays down-home, funky rock and pop songs for the big crowd at the Color Run-Walk recently held at Celebration Lutheran Church in Sartell.



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