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Market Monday open Memorial Day

Sartell Market Monday will be open from 3-6 p.m. Memorial Day Monday in the Coborn's Market-place parking lot on Pinecone Road. Come find fresh asparagus, meats, eggs, breads, treats, plants, everything to end your holiday weekend with a great meal.

Summer get-together seeks volunteers

Each year, Opportunity Matters hosts a summer get-together for the individuals served by the organization and their family members. This year, the event will be on Wednesday, June 6, at their office in Sartell and volunteers are needed between 3-8 p.m. to assist in decorating, setting-up, tearing down, serving beverages, passing plates and running carnival games. Open to groups, families and volunteers of all ages. Contact Brenda Eggerth, Opportunity Matters, at 320-240-1900.

Veterans protocol team seeks members

The Stearns County Veterans Protocol Team is recruiting new members. The Veterans Protocol is a treatment-focused program for military veterans who are charged in court with a mental health or substance-related offense. Mentors need no legal background or experience, just a desire to help a fellow veteran. Mentors are expected to make weekly contact with assigned veterans through a phone call or an in-person meeting. For more information on becoming a mentor, contact Cory Vaske, Stearns County Veteran Service Officer, at 320-656-6176.

Mow lawns this summer

Central Minnesota Habitat for Humanity needs volunteers to mow lawns on properties that Habitat owns but there is no homeowner yet on the property. Locations are in St. Cloud. Volunteers are asked to adopt a property and mow as needed throughout the summer. The time is flexible to the volunteer's schedule. Contact Mary Amann, Central Minnesota Habitat for Humanity, at 320-248-8256 or mamann@cmhfh.org.

Help provide support

Lutheran Social Service/St. Cloud Area Crisis Nursery is in need of volunteers to staff the crisis line from home between 5 p.m. and 8 a.m.. Volunteers will receive personal 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.

Cuts, technology, more occupy board

by Dave DeMars

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Cuts in probationary personnel were among the actions taken by the Sartell-St. Stephen school board at its May 21 meeting in the Sartell-St. Stephen High School Media Cen-

Superintendent Jeff Schwiebert said it's one of the most unpleasant tasks he has to perform, but it's something that has to be done in order to rightsize the district. In accordance with state statutes, the district severed contracts with eight probationary teachers. Depending on student numbers and other circumstances some of the nonrenewed teachers may be rehired.

"Economically we are fairly well off," Schwiebert said, "but at the same time the demands for our dollars are as strong

for all of us as administrators and board members. One of the most hated times of the year is in the spring of the year when we have to plan our staffing needs for the next year."

Other actions of the board included approval of non-union contracts and calendars, approval of extended field trips for the choir and band, approval of the District Literacy Plan, and approval of the Language Instruction Educational Program for non-native speakers of the English language. The board also approved bids for reconstruction and upgrades of several roadways and projects in the district that are in need of repair.

Food service

The board also received a number of reports dealing with a broad range of subjects Board • page 4

High school principal Brenda Steve and Activities Director Ryan Hauge explain why the district embarked on updating the district logo and how the process was undertaken as well as what was discovered in trying to update the logo.

Memorial Day ceremony set for Veterans Park

by Dennis Dalman

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A former college professor, a police officer and the Sartell American Legion commander - all of them veterans – will **Morgan** be three of the



main speakers at the Sartell Memorial Day ceremony in Veterans Park.

History author and former professor Bill Morgan of Sartell will be the keynote speaker at the Sartell Memorial Day ceremony in Veterans Park.

The event will begin at 9 a.m. Monday, May 28. If it should rain, the ceremony will be moved to the Sartell Community Center.

The title of Morgan's talk is "Wounds of War: Honoring America's Veterans." Morgan will share Sartell-based stories of wartime as well as some experiences from his own family background.

Morgan said he feels honored he was asked to speak at the ceremony.

"My talk will not be a long one," he said. "It will last 10 minutes, right to the second."

Chuck Haselkamp, Sartell American Legion commander, will also address the gathering, along with Adam Vande Vrede, a Sartell police officer who is also a veteran.

Political leaders who will speak are State Sen. Majority Leader Michelle Fischbach (R-Paynesville) and State Rep. Tim O'Driscoll (R-Sartell). O'Driscoll is the one who began the successful, annual Memorial Day ceremony at Sartell's Veterans Park about a dozen years

Along with the speakers' comments, there will be the Posting of the Colors, a gun salute, the Pledge of Allegiance, the national anthem, a blessing by a pastor, a patriotic medley by the Sartell-St. Stephen High School Marching Band, the placement of flags by Scouts and refreshments following the ceremony.

This is the first time a professor/historian was chosen to speak at the annual Sartell ceremony. Born in Pipestone, Morgan taught American Studies at St. Cloud State University from 1978 to 2000, when he decided to retire. He is the author of several books about local history and is a specialist in architectural history. For years, he has written

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Lisa Feuling, manager of The Pantry, holds one of the framed prints titled "A Time to Remember."

Sale of paper-mill prints to help good causes

by Dennis Dalman news@thenewsleaders.com

An artistic rendition of Sartell's paper mill will be up for sale starting May 25 at The Pantry at Rolling Green II mall in Sartell at the corner of Second Street S. and Pinecone Road.

The print of an oil painting by a commissioned Iowa artist, J.D. Speltz, was created about five years ago. There are still a few dozen limited-edition prints left, both framed and unframed, and those will be up for sale at The Pantry. Lisa Feuling, manager of the Pantry, quickly agreed to sell the prints in order to help a good been a landmark and economic

to the Retired Sartell Firefighters years. The news of its permanent organization to help fund that group's volunteer civic activities, such as helping elderly residents check and install smoke detectors and batteries.

Retired firefighter Ken Schulte explained how the art print came about. On Memorial Day 2012, there was an explosion at the Verso paper mill that killed one employee, Jon Maus of Melrose, injured a few others and - ultimately - caused the permanent closure of the plant. The mill had

bedrock for Sartell and the sur-Proceeds of the sale will go rounding area for more than 100 closure was devastating emotionally to so many individuals and families who had earned a good living because of the mill work.

The Retired Firefighters organization, in an effort led by members Schulte and Dennis Molitor, decided the mill should be memorialized in a print, and they commissioned the Iowa artist to paint a picture from which prints could be made. The painting, titled "A Time to Remember,"

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REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING SARTELL-ST. STEPHEN PUBLIC SCHOOLS **INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO 748** APRIL 16, 2018 DISTRICT SERVICE CENTER BOARD ROOM

The regular school board meeting of Independent School District 748 was called to order at 6:31 p.m. by Chair Jason Nies. Members present: Nies, chair; 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 Raden and seconded by Snoberger to APPROVE AGENDA WITH THE FOLLOWING AMENDMENTS to personnel omnibus - Laura Arndt and add to leaves of absence Carmen Peterson, Angela Seutter. All in favor. Motion carried.

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

Minutes of the regular school board meeting held on March 19, 2018

Minutes of the board work session held on April 11, 2018

b. Checks in the amount of \$1,873,782.64	as presented:
General Fund	1,466,059.10
Food Service Fund	107,917.31
Transportation Fund	180,687.11
Community Service Fund	32,215.92
Capital Expenditure Fund	85,403.20
Summer Rec Agency Fund	1,500.00

Check numbers 171337 - 171573

Receipts in the amount of \$2,186,297.61 as presented:

General Fund	1,881,811.59
Food Service Fund	223,841.91
Community Service Fund	44,813.15
Building Fund	10,355.96
Summer Rec Agency Fund	25,475.00

Receipts 44421-44519

Wire transfers in the amount of \$7,349.02 as presented:

General Fund	2,129.57
Food Service Fund	4,140.72
Community Service Fund	1,078.73

Wire transfers 201700072-201700078

Building Fund Checks in the amount of \$6,577,078.76 as pre-

Building Fund 6,577,078.76 Check number 600213-600246

Accept the resignation of Katharine Berg, SMS, cashier, 4/6/18; Katie Silverberg, SMS, SPED teacher, 6/1/18. Accept the retirement of Claude Dingmann, DSC, supervisor of buildings and grounds, 6/30/18; Laure Lanz, PME, social worker, 5/31/18.

Accept the following donations:

Timothy and Josephine Ehle, Sartell-St. Stephen Community Education, \$500, gym equipment; Sabres All Sports Booster Club, Sartell High School, \$1,445.13, summer strength training; Sartell-St. Stephen Education Foundation, ISD #748, \$83.36, Sartell Middle School snacks.

Student Representative Report: Nicholas Juntunen, student representative

•Juntunen reported on happenings around the district. Oak Ridge hosted its art show on April 5. Pine Meadow will host its art show on May 10, "Mornings with Mom" on May 11 and "Donuts for Dad" on May 18. At the Middle School, fifth-grader Yazaan Anjum was one of 100 students from around the state to compete in the State Geography Bee in Mankato, Sarah Bolton won a prize in the Scholastic Poetry Contest, 16 students will compete at the Prairie Woods Environmental Contest and the Battle of the Books will begin in the coming weeks. At the high school, the Knowledge Bowl team took first place at state competition, Prom tickets are currently on sale, the NHS Induction Banquet was on April 9 and Student Council elections are occurring in the next two weeks.

Construction Manager Report on Building Process:

Construction Manager Lee Gruen reported progress is

ing while adapting to the continued cold weather. An intense schedule update occurred last week and will be posted today; no concerns with the dates, but will stack trade workers in the future. Plumbing and foundation work are finishing in the next weeks. Mechanical and electrical contractors are working where they are able. There was a roofing materials fire, but there are no concerns or issues with the project timeline due to the fire. Both Winkelman and McDowall held all company safety meetings and will enact some new procedures.

Superintendent Report: Jeff Schwiebert, superintendent

 Schwiebert reflected on the events that occurred at Sauk-Rapids Rice and reminded the board our district's policy and procedures are almost identical to the one's they follow. A clarification from last meeting was made that he misspoke on how kids are different today, rather kids are not different today, but kids' behavior is different today which means we have to be prepared to follow the district training and procedures. Along with Jason and Lesa he met with the City of Sartell and Police department to discuss safety. He let the staff know in an email of this meeting and reminded staff to wear their staff badges when in student environments.

School Board Committee Re-

- •Chair Nies and Director Kramer reported on the safety meeting with the City of Sartell and Police Department.
- •Director Snoberger did not have a committee report, but reported on the KIVA project at the High School that he attended.

Enrollment Report:

•Superintendent Schwiebert reported on the current enrollment numbers for each school.

Building Program Report:

•Karl Schwarnweber, physical education/health teacher; Roy Snyder, social studies teacher/coach; Ryan Hauge, activities director; and Nick Peterson, high school assistant principal presented on high school physical education and activities.

A motion was made by Snoberger and seconded by Marushin to APPROVE #1-22:

New Employees/Changes: Laura Arndt, SMS, interim assistant principal, \$83,585, replacing Michelle Raml

(\$37,473), replacing Rachel Tisdale, 4/9/2018; Elizabeth Brylski, DSC, child care attendant, \$13.87/hour, 5.75 hours/ day, Monday-Thursday, replacing Linda Coleman, 4/2/2018; Brenden Bruss, SMS, fifth-/ sixth-grade soccer, \$908 (2.25 percent), BS 3 (\$40,344), replacing Joe Perske, 4/10/2018; Dorothy Ferguson, Transportation, van driver, \$20.04/hour, 1-1.5 hours/day, new position, 3/26/2018; Amy Finnern, SHS, assistant track, \$1,780 (9.5 percent), BA 0 (\$37,473), 50-percent contract, outside funded, new position, 3/30/2018; Kelly Hanson, SMS, cashier, \$16.46/ hour, R1, S3, three hours/ day, teplacing Katharine Berg, 4/9/2018; Laura Johnson, SHS, marching band assitant director, \$3,560 (9.5 percent), BA 0 (\$37,473), replacing Ethan Gerzema, 4/9/2018; Carol Kiekow, SHS, food service worker, \$14.90/hour, R1, S1, two hours/day, replacing Ty Rassier, 3/20/2018; Felicia Kittok, DSC, assistant director of food service, \$196/day, up to 20 days, replacing Jayme Ericson, 5/7/2018; Felicia Kittok, DSC, assistant director of food service, \$43,353, .80 FTE, Jayme Ericson, 7/1/2018; Darin Morrison, SHS, assistant track, \$1,780 (9.5 percent), BA 0 (\$37,473), 50-percent contract, new position, 3/30/2018; Matthew Peterson, SHS, Target advisor, \$279 (3.35 percent), BA 0 (\$37,473), April/May, new position, 3/30/2018; Jake Sailor, SHS, assistant lacrosse, \$3,129 (8.35 percent), BA 0 (\$37,473), outside funded, new position, 4/2/2018; Jeremy Scott, District, seasonal grounds-summer/winter, \$10.50 summer, \$14 non-CDL, \$16 CDL-B, oncall position, on call.

7/1/2018; Paul Benson, SHS,

marching band drumline,

\$3,560 (9.5 percent), BA 0

Leaves of Absence:

Sarah Hensel, SHS, teacher, LOA, 8/27/18-11/2/18; Tania Jensen, ORE, teacher, LOA, 4/3/18 - 4/20/18; Kaylee Johnson, DSC/Early Childhood, child-care attendant, LOA, 8/27/18-11/12/18; Carmen Peterson, SMS, teacher, LOA, 8/27/18-10/22/18; Michelle Raml, SMS, assistant principal, LOA, 18-19 school year; Karl Scharnweber, SHS, teacher, LOA, 1/21/19-6/3/19; Angela Seutter, PME, teacher, LOA, 4/23/18-6/1/18.

All in favor. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Snoberger and seconded by Marushin to APPROVE FUND-RAISER FOR SARTELL CLAY

TARGET TEAM AND SARTELL BOYS GOLF. All in favor. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Mc-Cabe and seconded by Raden to APPROVE RESOLUTION DIS-CONTINUING AND REDUCING EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS AND POSITIONS. All in favor. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Snoberger and seconded by Mc-Cabe to APPROVE CALL FOR BIDS FOR RECONSTRUCTION OF PARKING LOT AT PINE MEADOW ELEMENTARY, RE-CONSTRUCTION OF MIDDLE SCHOOL WEST ACCESS ROAD, CONTRUCTION OF NIS COURTS AT NEW HIGH SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION PROJECT AND MATERIALS ONLY FOR VISUAL DISPLAY BOARDS AT THE NEW HIGH CONSTRUCTION PROJECT. All in favor. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Marushin and seconded by Snoberger to APPROVE PER-MANENT UTILITY, DRAIN-AGE, TRAIL AND ROADWAY EASEMENT AND TEMPORARY CONSTRUCTION EASEMENT AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY OF SARTELL. All in favor. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Marushin and seconded by Snoberger to APPROVE THE CHAMPION FIELD AGREE-MENT. All in favor. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Mc-Cabe and seconded by Marushin to APPROVE THE 2017-2018 BUDGET REVISIONS FOR THE 2017-2018 BUDGET YEAR END-ING JUNE 30, 2018. All in favor. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Snoberger and seconded by Kramer to APPROVE ADOP-TION OF POLICY 423 EMPLOY-EE-STUDENT RELATIONSHIPS. All in favor. Motion carried.

Schedule Work Session and Committee Meetings:

•Future Board Meeting - 6:30 p.m. Monday, May 21 - Sartell High School Media Center

•Board Work Session - 6 p.m. Wednesday, May 9 - Sartell District Center Board Room Committees

 Committee assignments for 2018 were reviewed.

A motion to ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 7:53 p.m. was made by Kramer and seconded by Raden. All in favor. Motion carried.

/s/ Pamela Raden, Clerk

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Contact Katie Potvin at 651-310-9425 or Katie.Potvin@lssmn.org for more information.



CDS promotes Brent Ascheman



Brent Ascheman, CPA was recently promoted to Senior Accountant at Conway, Deuth & Schmiesing, PLLP (CDS). He joined CDS in 2013 as a Staff Accountant. Brent graduated from St. Cloud State University in St. Cloud, MN with a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Management. He received his CPA certification from the Minnesota Board of Brent Ascheman Accountancy in 2017. Brent earned his Certified

QuickBooks ProAdvisor certification in 2015. His focus areas are QuickBooks, tax preparation, bookkeeping, financial statements, reviews, compilations, business consulting, and the petroleum industry.

Brent is a member of the AICPA and the MNCPA. He is a member of the Central Minnesota Networking group. Brent is a member of the Sartell Chamber of Commerce and the St. Cloud Chamber of Commerce. He is also involved with the Central Minnesota **Builders Association.**

Brent, his wife, Kassie, and their children reside in Avon, MN.



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The good, the bad and the ugly

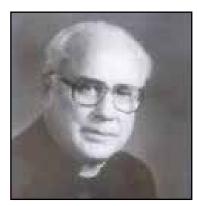
In 1920, Father Paul Marx christened as Benno, meaning "Brave like a Bear," was born into a dairy farming family, one of 17 children, near St. Michael, Minn. In the economically hard times of the early 20th century, Fr. Paul was toughened by the rigors of poverty, manual labor and the discipline of early to bed and early to rise. He was sustained by the energy and excitement of a household of many siblings and the family piety of daily Mass. He later joined St. John's Abbey as a priest.

Seemingly perceived as an extremist by many of his fellow monks for his uncompromising position on the dignity of human life, there was a collective sigh of relief when he left the monastery to found Human Life International in 1981, and later co-found the seminal Population Research Institute in 1989. Tirelessly fighting for the cause of human life, Fr. Marx was ever traveling and exhorting truth. Pope Saint John Paul II referred to him as the Apostle of Life. After 40 years of world travel Fr. Marx retired in seclusion at St. John's Abbey until his death at age 89. This great man is hardly known beyond the pro-life movement and is ignored by his surviving fellow monks. However, Fr. Paul Marx will - in our children's children's lifetime be elevated to sainthood and his

detractors will be forgotten. One detractor of Fr. Marx's message was St. John's University and Abbey confrere, Fr. Godfrey Diekmann. Unlike Fr. Marx, who was faithful to the Church's timeless moral teaching on human life, Fr. Diekmann dissented. According to his biographers, during his youth, Diekmann was in dread of a perceived wrathful God. He would later devote his life deconstructing the Church's liturgy. However, if tearing apart the Church's liturgy, its seamless garment with 1st century Jewish liturgy and ritual, was not enough, he was a co-signatory of a letter rebelling against Humanae Vitae. Humanae Vitae was Pope Paul VI's 1968 re-statement of Jewish and Christian timeless moral teachings on contraception. The American clerical rock-throwing mob, led by Fr. Charles Curran, went ballistic; they denounced this prophetic encyclical. Moral relativists, they called for "personal conscience," while many U.S. bishops remained timidly silent. And look what their yeast fermented 50 years later:

- 1. Out-of-wedlock births in the United States now approaching 50 percent of all births, near par with the divorce rate.
- 2. Center for Disease Control finds at any given time, 110 million Americans have an STD.
- 3. A U.S. opiate-overdose death rate approaching more than 60,000 per year. Drug abuse, teen sexual activity and prostitution have been correlated by many National Institute of Health stud-
- 4. A U.S. suicide rate that is almost 43,000 per year. Many are youth who are sexually active, sexually abused and substance abusers.
- 5. Since Roe v. Wade, more than 600,000 Minnesotans have been killed by abortion, surpassing the total military and civilian death toll from the U.S. Civil War, which was our bloodiest conflict, until now.

Yet, our two U.S. Senators rhetorically wring their hands about youth shooting youth in our



The Good Fr. Paul Marx, OSB schools, or the shortage of labor in Minnesota. On the other hand, they proudly support their slaughter in the womb; in fact, Sen. Tina Smith was once vice president of the region's Planned Parenthood before replacing disgraced Sen.

6. Then, there is the growing phenomenon of mass shootings. Although causing a fraction of deaths compared to all the above. nevertheless, it was unheard of 50 years ago. The horrible irony is that those mostly young killers are abortion-era survivors and were exercising the moral relativism of personal conscience - taken to its absurd end. Moral relativism always leads to evil.

In the last 75 years, the late David Rockefeller deftly used the Rockefeller Foundation and its titanic political and financial resources (the Rockefellers had the greatest concentration of wealth in world history) in the founding of the United Nations on priceless Manhattan land, which they donated. Apparently, having influence over the UN was not enough for Rockefeller, as he also became intimately involved with the Council of Foreign Relations and the Bilderberg Group in Europe. Closer to home, Rockefeller extended his financial influence into various organizations, from public radio and television, to Planned Parenthood, and even Catholic Relief Services, all under the guise of philanthropy. Thus, Rockefeller constructed a deep, hidden, transnational quasi-state unknown to most Americans;

A father of six, David Rockerfeller followed his father's footsteps and made war on human population. Like the elder, John Rockefeller Jr., who also had six children, David was relentless in trying to get the world's religious leaders and governments to join his cause. The Rockefellers spent much of their unimaginably vast wealth promoting artificial contraception, abortion and government-imposed population control. They found University of Notre Dame President Father Theodore Hesburgh an insatiable glamour hound, and a useful Judas. With his help, they secured an audience with the then recently installed Pope Paul VI and lobbied him to change Church teaching on artificial contraception in order to stop the post WWII baby boom. The man who walked with Martin Luther King, Hesburgh, was also keen on walking to the bank for the annihilation of future generations through worldwide distribution of artificial contraceptives, abortifacients and abortion. Rockefeller rewarded Hesburgh with a board seat on the family's Chase Manhattan Bank, and even the chairmanship at the Rockefeller Foundation. Well, Pope Paul VI saw through the Rockefeller-Hesburgh duplicity and counter punched with Humanae Vitae a year later.

Undeterred, David Rockefeller

da, whether it be with money or naked force. With vast Rockefeller family wealth, David directed the United Nations Family Planning Agency to assist China and India in implementing coercive sterilization and even infanticide programs. (Shockingly, St. John's Prep in Collegeville sought and received the ignominious designation as a UN Charter School. Invincibly ignorant or worse are those at St. John's Preparatory School who made that decision). While advisor to President

Richard Nixon, Rockefeller's Council of Foreign Relations sycophant, Henry Kissinger, authored the notorious and then classified National Security Study Memorandum (NSSM 200) which outlined the need to impose murderous measures, including holding back food deliveries to force Third World compliance into population control. Moreover, NSSM 200 even suggested mandatory limits on American fertility as well. However, the Kissinger/David Rockefeller plan could never have been pulled off; Americans are not the Chinese or the East Indians. Americans have the second amendment and most exercise the right to own and bear arms. The grotesque and ugly personal machinations from David Rockefeller ceased with his death in May of 2017. In the Washington Post it was no other than his kept henchman, Henry Kissinger, who wrote a flowery eulogy, extolling him as a family man, even though David Rockefeller devoted his life to preventing millions of others from becoming family men...

Central Minnesota has seen

unprecedented social instability that has touched ALL of our families, in some way. Tens of thousands of its residents are missing. For they were never born. This was due to the premeditated efforts by super wealthy, powerful and evil people. The cowardice by local leadership, be it academes, bishops, religious or political figures allowed the frontal attack on morality and this horrible slaughter of our people. We can't just wish away effete leadership, but we can at least stop subsidizing them at the collection plate or buying their stuff. We can teach our children and grandchildren to know their history, and to think logically. We must inform them their first-amendment right is only guaranteed if they are willing to fight for it. They need to understand ultimately the first amendment is predicated by the second amendment as envisioned by our Founding Fathers. This is the essence of American Exceptionalism. If the second amendment is undermined, the freedom of worship and speech, or even to have children, will surely follow. Finally, we have to make it clear to our children that nothing, nothing just randomly happens. They and their children's children face a supernatural, a spiritual battle, between good and evil that is making the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan seem comparatively quaint. The ultimate weapons in this grueling battle will be fasting from the cultural outlets of Hollywood, social media and consumerism and much, much prayer. ~ Fr. Paul Marx, "Brave Like a

Bear," please pray for us.

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Board

from front page

that are part and parcel of the modern-day education system. Among the reports was a food-service report.

Food Service leadership members Brenda Braulick, Jayme Ericson and Felicia Kittok presented a report to the board on the state of the food service lunch program in the district. There will be some major changes in the management of the food service as longtime director Braulick will be retiring from that position on July 2. Ericson is scheduled to take over the position at that time.

Other noteworthy changes include the fact the district has the fewest number of students on free-and-reduced lunch when compared with similar surrounding districts; 63 percent of St. Cloud students are on free-and-reduced lunch while only 15.4 percent of Sartell students use that program.

Braulick also reported the food service has undergone review to determine strengths and weaknesses in the program. As a result, some changes will be made. Among the included changes is the move from a universal lunch menu to a more individualized menu to meet the tastes of different-aged children. Some menu items are not popular with younger children,

Braulick said.

Along with that will come a three-tiered pricing system, elimination of the Sabre menu and a combining of favorite dishes to create one menu.

Instructional tech

The instructional technology report was presented by Kyle Breitkreutz, director of technology, and instructional technology specialists Amy Moe from Pine Meadow, Amanda Holstrom from the middle school and Tom Kuhn from the high school. Titled Telling Our Story, the report highlighted the successes of the technology area in facilitating a continuous learning model filled with a variety of technology-rich experiences.

Moe mentioned the success primary-school students enjoy in the area of coding for computers. Technology of all kinds makes learning more enjoyable for students and calls for new skills for teachers.

Holstrom described how green screens are being incorporated into the teaching plans of several different teachers. Various teachers, other than language arts, are finding ways to use green screens to produce more exciting and engaging lessons for students.

The use of technology takes what might have been a tedious task and turns it into something that engages students and keeps them interested in learn-

ing, Holstrom said.

Kuhn highlighted a number of different types of technology programs at the high-school level. Among the projects discussed was the library-card project which garnered ways to access not only the electronic library of Minnesota, but also the Great River Regional Library from the school.

Learning to incorporate graphics and layout slide shows and presentations in new and effective ways is also part of the technology program. Teachers also learned a variety of ways to improve their calendars and use the Schoology program more effectively.

District logo report

High School Principal Brenda Steve and Ryan Hauge, activities director, reported on the new district logo and the process used to refresh and create a new district logo. According to Steve, a large number of stakeholders including alumni, coaches, teachers and parents took part in the discussions. A professional designer was hired.

During discussions, several stakeholders made clear some parts of the logo were sacrosanct and should not be removed from any new logo. Among the things that were defended were the shield, the color blue, the sabres and the scrolled ribbon around the shield. Presently

there are some 25 or more logos of various types that are used to represent Sartell.

"We don't have an official logo right now," Schwiebert said. "We say here is the logo, but there is no defined one to use."

There is no copyright on any logo and there probably will not be a copyright in the future.

As a result it's likely Sartell will have a family of logos. The logos will be slightly different depending on where they are used and what they are used for. Presently there are a num-

ber of logos used in different ways; some are used for sports, others for activities and still others for different programs.

It seems many schools often have more than one logo to represent programs within a school rather than just the school itself.

Meeting change

The next school board meeting will be on Tuesday, June 19, at the District Service Center starting at 5 p.m.



photo by Dave DeMars

Tristen Nies (left) and Nick Juntenen compare sweatshirts they received at the May 21 Sartell-St. Stephen school board meeting. Nies and Juntenen, both seniors, have served as student representatives to the board and have faithfully given their reports on student activities at monthly meetings for the past two years. Nies will be attending the University of Minnesota and hopes to major in computer science while Juntenen will attend the University of Wisconsin-Madison and major in chemistry or physics.

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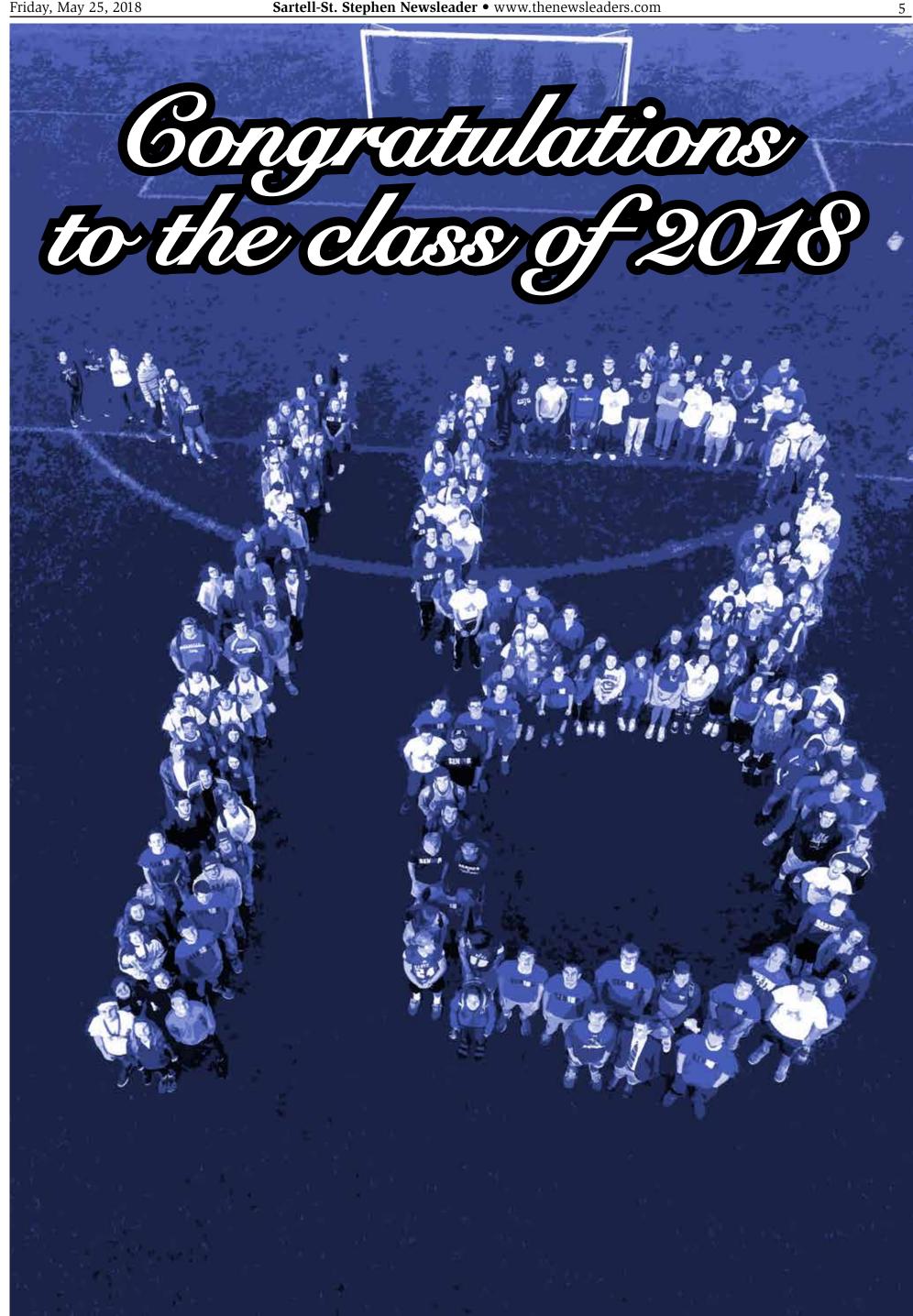
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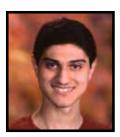
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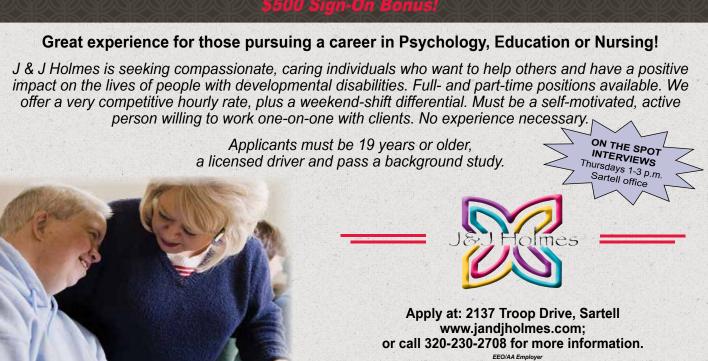


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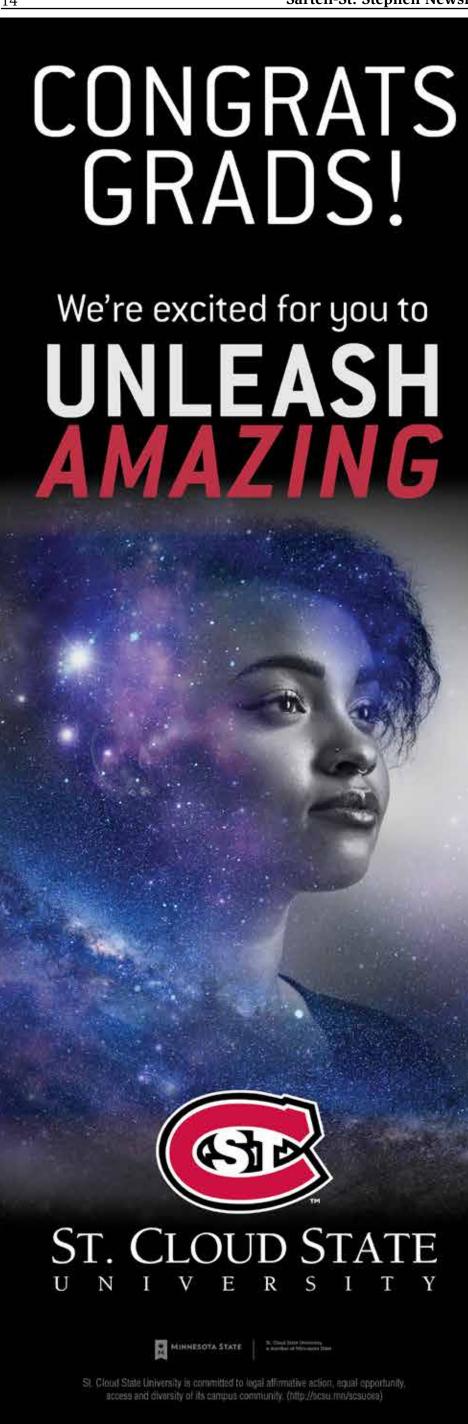


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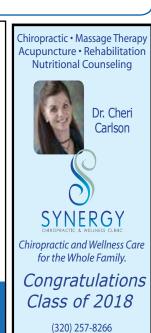




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The nearly completed Marine Corps painting in artist Charles Gilbert Kapsner's studio.

Marine Corps painting unveiled at veterans cemetery

by Mike Knaak

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The fourth of five paintings in the Veterans Historic Art Monument will be unveiled Saturday, May 26.

The paintings are installed at Committal Hall at the Minnesota State Veterans Cemetery north of Little Falls.

The unveiling of the recent painting,

which captures significant events in Marine Corps history, will take place at 2:30 p.m.

Previous paintings highlighted the Army, Navy and Coast Guard. All were painted by Minnesota Artist Charles Gilbert Kapsner.

Each painting captures the spirit of each branch of the service by portraying the stories, faces and sacrifices of the nation's

miliary.

The dedication and ceremony program includes veterans and active-duty personnel, some of whom served as models in the painting, dignitaries, Marine Corps re-enactors and the artist.

The Minnesota State Veterans Cemetery Committal Hall is at 15550 Hwy. 115, Little Falls.

Election filing period continues until June 5

by Mike Knaak

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The filing period for lot. this fall's election continues through June 5 for offices with potential primaries, including Sartell city officials.

Minnesotans will elect a governor, lieutenant governor and other constitutional offices as well as members of the state House of Representatives. Minnesota's two U.S. Senators and all eight U.S. tary of state, county can-House of Representative didates file with the audiseats will be on the bal-

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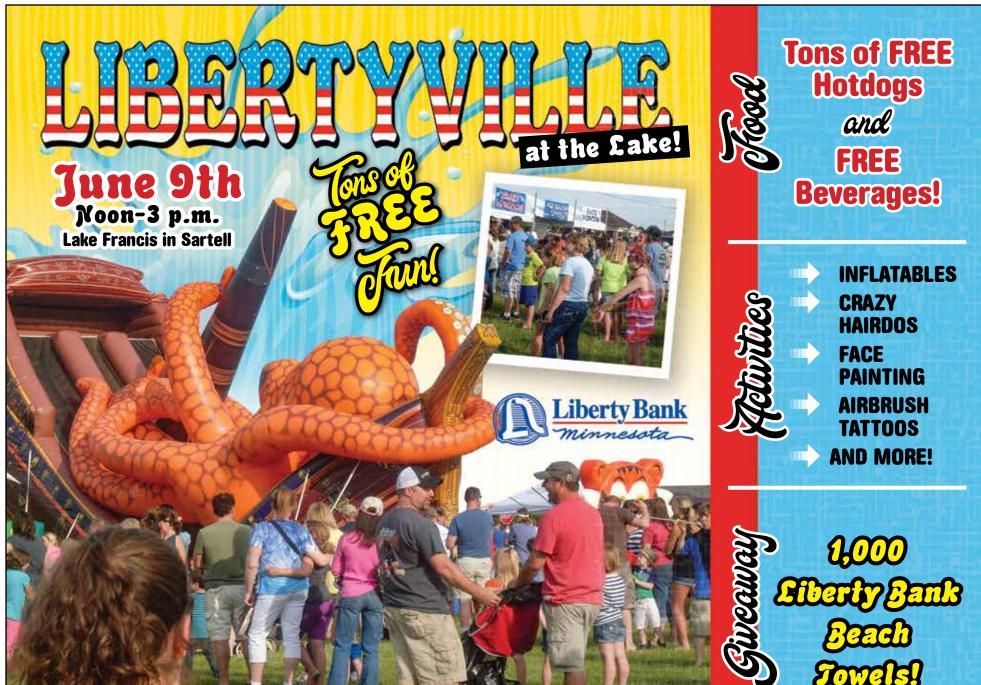
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Artist Charles Gilbert Kapsner signs the painting.



Opinion-

Our View

Are today's grads ready to lead?

"It was the best of times, it was the worst of times." High school students graduating this month may have read Charles Dickens' words from "A Tale of Two Cities" in a literature class. Now the words may have more meaning.

Graduation marks the transition to adulthood. Recent graduates will attend college, enter the workplace or join the military – all options that take them away from the adults who have guided them.

The choices these new adults make will determine if these indeed are the best of times.

While the immediate choices of college and careers are exciting, the choices about how to behave in a civil society are crucial.

Millennials are expected to overtake baby boomers in the population in 2019 as their numbers swell to 73 million and boomers decline to 72 million. This year's high school seniors are at the tail end of that generation, which because of its numbers, will dictate the future.

Will today's graduates be swayed by the voices of anger, fear, resentment and the politics of grievance? Will they embrace diversity and globalization?

The internet and social media opened the windows to friends and ideas from around the world. Will to-day's graduates put down the screen, step away from the keyboard and actually visit nations around the globe and experience new culures?

Every higher-education experience should include at least a semester abroad.

Voters of all ages must help today's students with a renewed effort to fund public higher education so the price of college doesn't become a lifelong burden.

In the workplace, will today's new employees reject discriminatory traditions? Will the high-tech jobs that offer so much promise for innovation continue to be dominated by men who also create a hostile culture for women?

In the community, will today's new citizens insist on public policies that embrace the contributions of immigrants, respect diverse lifestyles and listen to dissenting opinions even when the message is uncomfortable?

Opinion polls reveal today's new adults support these ideals, but will they really take action to back up their opinions?

Some recent events show they are ready to lead. Hundreds of thousands of young people participated in March for Our Lives events this spring. Young women fearlessly are speaking out in the #MeToo

Elections are next and there's mixed evidence of how active young people will be. According to the United States Elections Project, only about 20 percent of voters under 30 cast ballots in midterm elections. But the "New York Times" reported last week the pace of new-voter registrations among young people in crucial states is accelerating.

The top item on the To Do list should be registering to vote. If college, work or military service takes you away from home, either register in your new home or take the effort to file an absentee ballot.

Voting turns choices into policies that shape the

The plot for Dickens' historical novel centers on the years leading up to the French Revolution. After the first two lines, what Dickens wrote next deserves more attention even though it is not quoted as often: "It was the age of wisdom, it was the age of foolishness."

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Sports should be about fun, not foul mouths

You kids get off my lawn!

That's a phrase we've all heard as a shorthand description for cantankerous, aging baby boomers who can't tolerate young people having fun.

At the risk of being tagged with this stereotype, I'd like to offer some observations on youth sports.

I don't think I'm cantankerous or aging, so I'll push ahead with my comments.

Minnesota's spring sports season is, even with the best of weather, extremely short. School teams must squeeze in a season of games in a few short weeks between early April and Memorial Day.

This year's mid-April snowstorm and chilly weather shortened the season even more.

When the teams finally started playing, conversations about "How's the team doing?" popped up.

I soon noticed a trend laced through many of these casual game reports. The common thread unfortunately, made me angry and also sad. Instead of hearing about young athletes and their adult coaches enjoying the game, I heard tales of players using profanity to bully and intimidate opponents as well as coaches setting bad examples of poor sportsmanship.

I'll share two examples. The details have been changed to protect the guilty.

Example one: A friend who

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Editor



coaches at the junior high level described a star player from an opposing team who taunted players with a vulgarity generally not seen in print without a bunch of asterisks representing the actual letters. Did this player's coach allow this star player to stay on the field because of her ability while ignoring her speech? Let's hope not. But if the players could hear the words, I find it heard to believe the coach didn't.

Example two: Another friend's son plays high school baseball. At an away game, the coach went after the umpire for a supposedly bad call. The coach bolstered his argument with a few profane words directed at the ump.

The tirade was loud enough for the players and the fans to hear. I hope that coach was reported to his athletic director and that he was fired.

I spent lots of time watching youth sports. Both my daughters played on school and travel teams throughout high school. I don't remember seeing or hearing that sort of behavior. Sure, there was a parent or two who thought he or she knew more than the coach, but those comments usually were spo-

ken softly on the sidelines.

It's been nearly 10 years since my daughters last played so maybe the sports environment has changed for the worse.

Athletic directors and league organizers will tell you it's harder and harder to find people who will officiate youth sports because of abuse from players and parents. How sad.

I've also covered sports, from pee-wees to pros, in more than 40 years as a journalist. I'd much rather cover the Prep Bowl than the Super Bowl. I've photographed thousands of games and captured the stories of young athletes who played for fun and the satisfaction of giving their best. High-school athletes compete with so much joy and team pride.

While some parents and maybe even a few coaches may think otherwise, almost all young athletes will not receive a Division I scholarship or play professionally. All they will earn from their efforts are life-long lessons of teamwork, building confidence and tackling personal challenges.

Profane bullying and foulmouthed adults are not part of the formula for fun on the field.

At the risk of being tagged as grumpy and cantankerous, adults should insist on respect, good sportsmanship and civility. Adults who fail those standards themselves have no place in the game.

Pay attention; democracy is under assault

As comic-strip character Pogo Possum once famously said, "We have met the enemy and he is us."

We should heed those words; we should pay attention.

Pogo could well be describing the homegrown threats to free-and-fair elections and to our trust in American democracy.

The Russians, insidious cyber-invaders, meddled in the last election. That is a fact. Efforts to prevent it from happening again are in limbo because of partisan warfare. Whether cyber-subversion was decisive in a Trump victory is not known. However, the real danger is Russians like Vladimir Putin don't much care who wins, who loses. Their more sinister purpose is to stir up discord to the point of weakening Americans' faith in our institutions. Russian oligarchs are mafia-style tyrants who cannot stomach democratic ways. Democracy makes them look bad. They are

The grim irony is some Americans just don't care or deny it happened. That includes the current president who has denied or minimized Russian meddling, even though just about every time the investigating Bob Mueller turns over another rock, a Russian is found squirming under it. Denial or minimization in this case is tantamount to giving aid and comfort to the enemy.

Russians or not, there are plenty of other threats to democracy we should pay attention to.

One threat is the gerrymandering process, which draws congressional district lines to favor one party over another. The party that controls a

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Reporter



state legislature at the end of each decade, after the U.S. census is taken, is the one who gets to determine how those legislative boundaries will be re-drawn. Both parties have long been guilty of it. In recent years, Republicans have controlled most state legislatures so currently there are vastly more districts gerrymandered to favor Republicans than Democrats. The courts have been striking down some gerrymandered boundary lines, most recently in Pennsylvania, but the skewed process remains a threat to free-and-fair elections.

Another homegrown domestic threat comes from voter-suppression laws, ways to discourage wide participation in elections. Their aim is to discourage certain demographic groups from voting by erecting barriers such as restricting voting times and opportunities, requiring only certain photo I.D.s and other onerous restrictions/requirements.

The creaky rationale for such laws is "voter fraud," even though that is virtually non-existent, according to multiple independent studies.

Another threat to our democracy is big money, especially since a lamentable 2010 Supreme Court decision opened a floodgate to billions of corporate campaign dollars. That kind of big bucks can now, more than ever before, "buy"

candidates, fund smear campaigns and send battalions of lobbyists to pull strings. Enacting tougher campaign-finance laws has never been so urgent. But will that happen? Only if we demand it.

Yet another danger are the constant assaults on our institutions: the Department of Justice, the FBI, the courts, the mainstream media - to name just four. Sewing seeds of doubt will result in a harvest of distrust, more divisionism and a quick erosion of vital checks and balances. The nefarious goal, as it is with the Russian meddlers, is to weaken democracy by infecting society to the point that almost nobody agrees with anybody else on anything, and where each person, each tribe, has its own self-manufactured "facts," to the point where some will insist a circle is not round but square. Such lies and distortions constantly pop up on social-media postings and - make no mistake not just by Russian meddlers.

Former U.S. Secretary of State Rex Tillerson, fired by President Trump in March, spoke persuasively about such dangers in a recent speech warning against "twilight in America." He urged us to "preserve and protect our freedom by recognizing what truth is and is not, what a fact is and is not" and "to demand our pursuit of America's future be fact-based, not based on wishful thinking, not (based on) hoped-for outcomes made in shallow promises."

Tillerson's advisory could serve as a perfect primer when choosing candidates in the next election, and

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a guest column about local history for the "St. Cloud Times."

Morgan is himself a veteran, having served two years in the U.S. Army at Fort Eustace, Va., from 1955 to 1957. He and his wife, Judy, have lived in Sartell since 1999. Both are active members of the Sartell Senior Connection.

Rep. O'Driscoll of Sartell said this year's Memorial Day, here as everywhere, is special because Nov. 11, 2018, will mark the end of World War I.

Furthermore, this year is the 100th anniversary of the founding convention that established the American Legion in Minneapolis, locally and for the entire nation.

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, May 25

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

from front page

depicts in glowing nostalgic colors the paper-mill site as seen from across the Mississippi River. Old brick buildings from the early 20th century are visible, as well as the much-later addition - the huge baby-blue building with its iconic condensation tower. The foreground evokes riverside flora and fauna, including some flying

Schulte grew up across the street from the paper mill, which was started in 2005. He was a volunteer firefighter for 20 years before retiring a few years ago. He is also now retired from his job as branch manager of Edward Jones in Sauk Rapids.

PUBLIC NOTICE

CITY OF SARTELL NOTICE OF HEARING ON IMPROVEMENT TO CELEBRATION NEIGHBORHOOD

Notice is hereby given that the City Council of the City of Sartell will meet at 6 p.m. Monday, June 11, 2018, in the Council Chambers of the City Hall to consider the improvement to the Celebration Neighborhood and 20th Avenue area drainage and alleys pursuant to Minn. Stat. §§ 429.011 to 429.111.

The area proposed to be assessed for such improvement is the parcels abutting and benefiting from the proposed drainage and alley improvements. The estimated cost of the improvement is \$1,085,984 to \$373,309, depending on the alternative to be selected by the Council. A reasonable estimate of the impact of the assessment will be available at the hearing. Such persons as desire to be heard with reference to the proposed improvement will be heard at this meeting.

Mary Degiovanni

City Administrator

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

Tuesday, May 29

Red Cross Blood Drive, 8 a.m.-2 p.m., St. Cloud VA Health Care System, CD 135 Volunteer Services, 800-733-2767.

Wednesday, May 30

Red Cross Blood Drive, 9 a.m.-2 p.m., Minnesota Department of Transportation, 3725 12th St. N., St. Cloud. 800-733-2767.

Thursday, May 31

Coffee and Conversation, a senior discussion group featuring Investigator Kay Bluhm of the St. Cloud Police Department, 9 a.m., Sartell Community Center, 850 19th St. S.

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.

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Red Cross Blood Drive, 11:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m., Seven Dolors Catholic Church, 140 Second St., Albany. 800-733-2767.

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Students, staff and families from Sartell High School WE and Sartell Middle School Student Council packed 8,208 meals May 16 at Kids Fighting Hunger in Sauk Rapids.



-People –

Heather Wensel of Sartell was named to the spring president's list at Minnesota State Community and Technical College, Fergus Falls. Students must earn a minimum 3.5 grade-point average to qualify for this honor.



Fourth-graders from Oak Ridge Elementary School and Pine Meadow Elementary School visited their future school, Sartell Middle School. They toured the school, tried lunch in the cafeteria and more with SMS staff and eighth-grade Happy Helper volunteers. These preview days were started a few years ago to help with the transition from elementary to middle school.

Conway, Deuth & Schmiesing PLLP promotes Ascheman as senior accountant

Brent Ascheman was recently promoted to senior accountant at Conway, Deuth & Schmiesing PLLP. He joined CDS in 2013 as a staff ac- Ascheman



countant. Ascheman graduated from St. Cloud State University in St. Cloud with a bachelor's degree in business management. He received his CPA certification from the Minnesota Board of Accountancy in 2017. Ascheman earned his certified QuickBooks proadvisor certification in 2015. His focus areas are QuickBooks, tax preparation, bookkeeping, financial statements, reviews, compilations, business consulting and the petroleum industry.

Ascheman is a member of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants and the Minnesota Society of Certified Public Accountants. He is a member of the Central Minnesota Networking group. He is also a member of the Sartell and St. Cloud Chambers of Commerce and is involved with the Central Minnesota Builders Association.

Brent, his wife, Kassie, and their children reside in Avon.





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