# St. Joseph

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## **Town Crier** Market Monday

## open until Oct. 15

Sartell Market Monday is open through Monday, Oct. 15. Summer vegetables are still going strong and the winter squash and apples have arrived. Always available are baked goods, eggs, meat and much more. We are located in the Coborn's parking lot on South Pinecone Road from 3-6 p.m. on Mondays.

### 'Think We are Divided Now? A Look Back at 1968'

The Sartell Senior Connection will host "Think We are Divided Now? A Look Back at 1968" with St. John's University Professor Ken Jones from 6:30-8 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 11 at the Sartell Community Center, 850 19th St. S. In 1968, a half million American servicemen were fighting a war that was losing public support. An unlikely U.S. Senator from Minnesota (and St. John's University) challenged the sitting President of his own party, a move that would lead to the President deciding not to run for re-election. Two men who stood for peace and an inclusive society were assassinated. Riots engulfed the nation, and led to violent reprisals. Join us for the discussion as we try to use the past to get some perspective on the present.

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• Lane closures begin Tuesday on CR 75

• St. Stephen Parish Festival photo gallery

• Sartell bridge repair work begins Tuesday



St. Joseph Catholic School, formerly All Saints Academy and St. Joseph Lab School, students and staff in St. Joseph started the school year Aug. 27 with a new name and new logo on their shirts. The school was recently renamed.

# All Saints Academy students start school with new name

by Cori Hilsgen news@thenewsleaders.com

With the start of the new school year Aug. 27, All Saints Academy School students in St. Joseph are wearing some new shirts with a new logo and name on them.

Reaching Everybody!

"Staff and parents have commented that they like the new logo and that the name better represents the school since it is located in St. Joseph next to St. Joseph Parish," said Principal Karl Terhaar. "I think the St. Joseph community strongly identifies with its name. We still are a small-town community."

In April, at the All Saints Academy Board of Directors meeting, it was decided the St. Joseph campus would be renamed St. Joseph Catholic School. This was decided mostly because of the fact that all

the other Catholic Community Schools have their own distinct name and identity. The Board determined the two All Saints Academy campuses should also have their own distinct identities.

The St. Cloud campus will retain the name All Saints Academy since that school for many years was represented by the three parishes of St. Peter's, St. Paul's and St. Michael's. With

the multiple saints associated with that school, it made sense to leave the name as All Saints Academy.

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The St. Joseph campus was renamed St. Joseph Catholic School because of its pairing with the St. Joseph Parish and its location in the town of St. Joseph.

Even though many people mentioned their nostalgia for Academy • page 5

# Kennedy shines in school accountability report

### by Mike Knaak

editor@thenewsleaders.com

As students head back to school this week, teachers and administrators received their own report cards on student performance.

The state Department of Education released the latest per-

formance scores based on five indicators - achievement and progress on state reading and math tests over time, progress toward English language proficiency, graduation rates and consistent attendance.

The results recognize top performers as well as highlight areas that need improvement

#### and attention.

For the St. Cloud school district, there was some good news.

Three St. Cloud district schools were recognized for performing with the highest 5 percent of schools in the state in specific categories.

Kennedy Community School

in St. Joseph was recognized by the state for consistent attendance because approximately 97 percent of the English language learners consistently attend school. Discovery Community School was recognized for Asian student attendance and Lincoln Elementary School

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# **Commission approves** new comprehensive plan

by Mike Knaak editor@thenewsleaders.com

St. Joseph's new comprehensive plan took one more step toward final approval with a unanimous vote of the planning commission Aug. 27.

The plan replaces the 2008 document.

A city's comprehensive plan is used to guide growth and development by setting goals and identifying priorities.

The plan includes historical trends, statistics and projections.

The plan notes approximately 700 people interacted with the process to develop this plan

- including about 300 people who participated at in-person activities and meetings, as well as about 300 people who participated through the plan's online survey and about 500 visitors who downloaded information about the plan.

The plan concluded that St. Joseph's residents value the downtown core, the vibrant arts community, welcoming public space, and education and knowledge resources. Residents want the city to maintain its "small-town" atmosphere.

Following a public hearing on June 11, the commission directed the staff and consultant to address issues raised at the



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Plan survey participants identified CR 75 (running across the middle of this photo) as a challenge because it limits pedestrian mobility and safety.

### hearing.

In response, the community profile section on history, housing, income and education was updated.

Clemens Library under the community facilities and utilities section was added.

The draft changed the priority of exploring extension of St. Cloud Metro Bus service to high.

A section, Community Engagement, Participation and Communication was added to address comments made on community outreach and communication.

Next, the plan moves on to the City Council for a vote, probably at the Sept. 17 meeting.

## **Community Calendar**-

p.m., Old City Hall, 25 First Ave.

p.m., River East parking lot, Centra-

Care Health Plaza, 1900 CentraCare

sponders and other emergency per-

sonnel, 7 p.m., St. Mary's Cathedral,

25 Eighth Ave., S., St. Cloud. Bish-

op Donald Kettler will celebrate the

tiples, 7 p.m., VFW Granite Post

428, 9 18th Ave. N., St. Cloud.

St. Cloud Area Mothers of Mul-

Friday, Sept. 14

Experience Trucking, 1-7 p.m.,

Brenny Trucking, 8505 Ridgewood

Road St. Joseph. Open house fea-

tures free food, prizes and instruc-

tion on operating cars safely around

trucks. brennytransportation.com/

St. Joseph Farmers' Market,

Saturday, Sept. 15 Central Minnesota Chapter of

3-6:30 p.m., Resurrection Lutheran

Church, under the water tower near

the Federation of the Blind of

Minnesota, 12:30 p.m., American

Legion, 17 Second Ave. N., Waite

Sunday, Sept. 16

Senate District 13 and House

Quarry Park Interpretive Ses-

District 13A meet the candidates.

2-4:30 p.m., St. Boniface Church,

sion, Cacti of the North, 5 p.m.,

meet at the Quarry Park information

kiosk, 1802 CR 137, Waite Park. Ad-

vanced registration and parking pass

the Wobegon Trail Center, C.R. 2.

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Circle, St. Cloud. 320-252-2422.

Family Farmers' Market, 2-6

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NW, St. Joseph.

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required. Contact the park office, 320-255-6172.

#### Monday, Sept. 17

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

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

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

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

#### Tuesday, Sept. 18

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

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

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

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

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

#### Wednesday, Sept. 19

Free immigration services, 9 a.m.-noon, Discovery Community School, 700 Seventh St. S., Waite Park.

Advocates for Independence, 2-4 p.m., Independent Lifestyles, 215 Benton Drive N., Sauk Rapids. 320-529-9000.

St. Cloud school board, 6:30 p.m., City Council Chambers, 400 Second St. S., St. Cloud.

#### Thursday, Sept. 20

Nordic walking, 9:30 a.m., meet at the granite fountain at Lake George in St. Cloud. Call Linda at 952-475-0891.

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

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

#### Friday, Sept. 21

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

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

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

#### Sunday, Sept. 23

Joe Town Table, 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m., American Legion, 101 W. Minnesota St., St. Joseph.

**Quarry Park Interpretive Ses**sion, Birding with a Smartphone, 5 p.m., meet at the Quarry Park information kiosk, 1802 CR 137, Waite Park. Advanced registration and parking pass required. Contact the park office, 320-255-6172.

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,

#### Friday, Sept. 7

are also listed in the calendar and

may charge more.

Bake sale, 8:30 a.m. until all goods are sold, Sentry Bank, 400 Fourth Ave. NE. Sponsored by American Legion Auxiliary 328. Proceeds fund veterans projects.

St. Joseph Area Historical Society, open 11 a.m.-2 p.m., Old City Hall, 25 First Ave. NW. stjosephhistoricalmn.org.

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

#### Saturday, Sept. 8

Mental Health and Suicide Prevention Awareness Walk, 9 a.m.noon, Building 92, St. Cloud VA Health Care System. 4801 Veterans Drive. St. Cloud.

#### Monday, Sept. 10

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

St. Joseph Planning Commission, 6 p.m., St. Joseph Government Center, 75 Callaway St. E. 320-363-7201. cityofstjoseph.com.

St. Joseph Township Board, 8 p.m., St. Joseph Township Hall, 935 College Ave. S.

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Tuesday, Sept. 11

"Florida and the Civil War," 3 p.m., Stearns History Museum, 235 33rd Ave. S., St. Cloud. Dave Page will kick off the 2018-19 season of the Central Minnesota Civil War Roundtable.

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

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, Sept. 12

"The Business of Horsing Around," 9 a.m., Breakfast Club at Stearns History Museum, 235 33rd Ave. S., St. Cloud. The speaker is Teresa Cotton Johnson, owner and operator of Fieldstone Farm in St. Joseph.

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

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

St Joseph Y2K Lions Club, 6:30 p.m., St. Joseph Community Fire Hall, 323 Fourth Ave. NE. Kay Lemke 320-363-8663.

#### Thursday, Sept. 13

Nordic walking, 9:30 a.m., meet at the granite fountain at Lake George in St. Cloud. Call Linda at 952-475-0891.

St. Joseph Senior Citizens, 1:30 p.m., St. Joseph Community Fire Hall, 323 Fourth Ave. NE.

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cation. Elm Street E. An officer

10:09 p.m. Driving after revo-

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# officer learned that the crash

#### Aug. 20

11:25 a.m. Crash. CR 133 and Elm Street E. Vehicle one was westbound on Elm Street crossing CR 133. The driver did not see vehicle two and the two collided.

#### Aug. 22

6:09 p.m. Collision. CR 75 and CR 133. An officer was dispatched to handle a collision that occurred earlier because the two drivers could not exchange information peacefully. The officer collected driver IDs and insurance information and gave each driver an accident information sheet. There were no injuries.

Aug. 25 4:14 p.m. Collision. College Avenue. Two vehicles collided

at CR 75 and College Avenue. Vehicle two was traveling north to turn west on CR 75 when vehicle one was unable to stop and hit the back of vehicle two. The two drivers involved were husband and wife.

#### Aug. 28

3:01 p.m. Collision. CR 75 and 20th Avenue SE. Vehicle one was traveling east on CR 75 when the light turned yellow and the driver slowed. Vehicle two was traveling behind vehicle one and was unable to stop. The driver of vehicle two swerved to the right but collided with the rear right corner of vehicle one. There were no injuries and no tickets issued but there was moderate damage to both vehicles.

crime, call the St. Joseph Police Department at 320-363-8250 or Tri-County Crime Stoppers at 320-255-1301 or access its tip site at tricountycrimestoppers. org. Crime Stoppers offers rewards up to \$1,000 for information leading to the arrest and conviction of those responsible for a crime.

If you have a tip concerning a

#### Aug. 6

1:57 a.m. Fire alarm. 28 17th Avenue SE. A power strip started on fire in the back bedroom. Homeowner put fire out. The fire department arrived and took over the call.

#### Aug. 12

5:53 p.m. Theft. College Avenue S. A man said a man and woman had been staying at his aunt's house and left with some of his belongings. An office located the suspects at McDonald's, retrieved the two items and released the suspects.

Aug. 14

3:23 p.m. Theft. Elena Lane. A woman reported she had two cast-iron horse heads 12 to 16 inches high and weighing about 20 pounds each taken from her vard. They are valued at \$150 each. The woman provided a photo that was added to the case file.

#### Aug. 15

4:51 a.m. Vehicle struck building. 33 Minnesota Street W. An officer on foot patrol saw what looked like damage from a vehicle striking a building. In talking with the key holder, the

ran a random registration check on a vehicle sitting in front of Coborn's with its lights on. The owner's description matched the woman driving, who was listed with a revoked license.. The officer stopped the vehicle in the McDonald's parking lot. The woman told the officer she knew she didn't have a license but was just driving her cousin to the store to get milk for a child. The woman was cited for driving after revocation.

## - People -

Rachel Bedel of St. Joat the University of Minnesota-Morris. To be eligible for the seph was recently named to the spring semester dean's list dean's list, a student must earn

a minimum 3.66 grade-point average.



Hinton

The Sisters of the Order of St. Benedict presented the 2018 Mother Benedicta Riepp Award to Mary Dana Hinton, president of the College of St. Benedict. The award was presented at the 2018 Gratitude Day on Aug. 19.

The Mother Benedicta Riepp Award, named after the foundress of St. Benedict's Monastery, is awarded annually to a woman who exemplifies Benedictine and Gospel values in her daily life.

"Since she was a high school sophomore, Mary, being a woman of color, has had to advocate for herself and for those

who are under-represented," the monastery wrote in a press release about the award.

"As president of CSB, Hinton strives to provide a university culture like no other," the statement read. "She demonstrates love and generosity toward students that truly reflects St. Benedict's instruction to welcome all as Christ."

In September 2017, she was awarded the prestigious Bicentennial Medal from Williams College in recognition for "her passion for educational equity."

Hinton was named president in 2014.

# News for Refugees

Ogeysiis! Importante para Usted, por favor léalo Please read!

Announcements brought to you by Cultural Bridges of St. Joseph, a volunteer-run organization and committee of Central Minnesota Community Empowerment Organization. We are dedicated to ease your transition into our community.

Check this space to make announcements that especially apply to our Refugee Neighbors in St. Joseph as well as those whose first language is other than English. Please tell your family and neighbors about this information.

Homework Helpers and English as a Second Language

We partner with the College of St. Benedict. Student volunteers as well as community volunteers act as tutors to those students K-12 who need assistance and don't have English-speaking help at home or a quiet space to study. Tutors must complete a background review and related screening procedures before offering such assistance.

Homework Helpers will again assist K-12 students with their teachers' homework assignments during the fall 2018 semester. Help sessions will be offered from 4:30-6 p.m. Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. These sessions will be in the Henrietta Academic Building on the campus of the College of St. Benedict. Go south on College Avenue past the student dormitories on the right and take the first right turn onto the campus. Henrietta Hall is behind the dorms on the right of the parking lot.

Parents must complete a permission form for students seeking assistance. An enrollment session for parents, their students and tutors will be from 4:30-6 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 18 in the Henrietta Academic Building.

And don't forget...

Beginning Sept. 10, morning ESL classes will take place from 9-10:30 a.m. Mondays and Wednesdays at the Spirituality Center. Go west on Minnesota Street to the Third Street entrance to the College of St. Benedict and turn right at the stop sign then take the first left. The building is across from the large garage.

Evening classes will take place from 6:30-8 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays in the Lower Level of St. Joseph Catholic School (formerly All Saints Academy). This is next to Heritage Hall where you were assessed.

If you have any questions, please contact Dianne DeVargas at 320-345-0593. Please share this message with other refugees and immigrants you know who live in St. Joseph.



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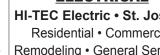
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### **EYECARE**



# Lake Wobegon Regional Trail Ride set for Sept. 8

by Cori Hilsgen news@thenewsleaders.com

Bicyclists who enjoy riding the Lake Wobegon Regional Trail and want to do so for a good cause will once again have a chance to start pedaling their legs.

For the 13th year, Chuck and Lucy Rieland and their family are helping organize the annual Lake Wobegon Regional Trail Ride benefiting Day Services at Catholic Charities' St. Cloud Children's Home.

The event will take place Saturday, Sept. 8, starting with an 8:30 a.m. check in and 9 a.m. start.

Riders will start at the trailhead in St. Joseph and ride round-trip to their preferred destinations. The event is not a race; instead, it's a leisurely ride during which riders can enjoy some beautiful scenery on the trail.

Route options include riding from St. Joseph to Avon, Albany, Freeport, Melrose or Sauk Centre. The event ends in Sauk Centre.

There will not be any return transportation back to St. Joseph.

The donation to ride is \$35 on the day of the event. Helmets are required.

Because they have learned of how much of a need there is to help so many children, the Rielands continue to fight for them.

The primary beneficiary of donations from the ride is Day Services at Catholic Charities' St. Cloud Children's Home. Working with children and their families, this program endeavors to help students with behavioral and emotional problems to increase their ability to function more successfully in their homes, schools and communities.

#### Background

Chuck and Lucy, founders

and directors of the ride, have helped organize the event since the terrorist attack on the World Trade Center in New York City on Sept. 11, 2001.

Chuck works as a first vice-president and financial adviser for Morgan Stanley Wealth Management, a brokerage firm that occupied many floors of the Trade Center. Both were greatly affected by the attacks and realized they needed to find something positive to counter them.

At the time of the attacks, many employees were able to evacuate the south tower of the center before the second plane hit, but many security personnel lost their lives after helping evacuate other people.

At the time, the couple was working on a project for the Catholic Charities' Children's Home in St. Paul.

In the middle of the night, Chuck had an idea about the Wobegon Trail and a fundraiser for a children's home, even though he didn't know there

was a children's home in St. Cloud. He did, however, know about the trail because he grew up in New Munich and was familiar with the area.

After some soul-searching, Chuck and Lucy came up with the idea for the Lake Wobegon Trail Ride fundraiser and have been helping organize the event ever since.

Chuck, Lucy, daughter Brenda and husband Max Larson, son Greg and wife Sara, son Mark and four grandchildren (Carly, Matt, Joey and Amelia) have participated in making the ride an annual tradition for their family as well as for the Morgan Stanley employees and foundation.

The Morgan Stanley foundation has donated yearly to the event and employees also offer a great deal of encouragement.

"Catholic Charities has been honored to be the recipient of the Lake Wobegon Regional Trail Ride and we want to thank Chuck and Lucy Rieland

and their families for their tremendous efforts in putting this event on for over 13 years," said Bobbie Mattison, director of organizational advancement at Catholic Charities. "Every dollar raised by the Lake Wobegon Trail Ride is used to help children in our Day Services program at Catholic Charities' St. Cloud Children's Home."

Another event the Rielands have helped organize to raise funds for the Children's Home is the Lake Wobegon Golf Benefit which also benefits Day Services at Catholic Charities St. Cloud Children's Home. The annual golfing fundraiser is held in Albany, a city on the Wobegon Trail.

This year, the 12th annual golf event was held Aug. 20.

#### **Funds** raised

Chuck said his health has been good and enables him to continue to be a part of these

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# Academy

### from front page

the "Lab School" name, the "Lab" name was dropped because the school is no longer a laboratory school for the College of St. Benedict.

St. Joseph Catholic School

will remain with the All Saints Academy Corporation for the 2018-19 school year while Catholic Community Schools finalizes its corporate structure and operations.

Beginning with the 2019-2020 school year, the St. Joseph Catholic School will become part of the Catholic Community Schools Corporation. With the renaming of the school, administrators hope to build a brand identity that distinguishes the school from other schools.

With school enrollment for K-6 at 110 and pre-k enrollment at 43 students, Terhaar said he is "looking forward to another great school year."



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St. Joseph Catholic School has a new name and logo identifying it more closely with St. Joseph.

# Kennedy

#### from front page

was recognized for English language proficiency students' consistent attendance.

The new accountability system, called North Star, expands accountability from standardized test scores to include more indicators and provides support to help schools improve.

The North Star system includes three main areas: publicly reporting data, recognizing schools for success and identifying schools for support.

School districts receive feedback for the five categories of accountability: academic achievement, academic progress, English language proficiency, attendance rates and graduation rates.

"The accountability data provides us with a more holistic view of student indicators of success," said Sylvia Huff, the St. Cloud school district's research assessment and grants director. "It allows us to look at specific student groups in order to determine strengths and areas in need of more targeted support."

Huff said the accountability scores are examined with other data collected so administrators and staff can do a better job of interpreting the scores and act to ensure student success.

"We are focused on well-rounded education and the total child," Huff said. "Test scores are just one part of a well-rounded education."

The average graduation rate for the last three years for all Apollo students is 81.28 percent compared with the state rate of 72.96 percent. At Tech, it's 79.39 percent.

At Apollo the graduation rate for special-education students fell below the 67 percent threshold, which means the school qualifies for support to improve.

The state calculates the graduation rates for students who finish in the typical four years but also for students who graduate in seven years. The seven-year group includes special-education and English learners.

Carol Potter, the district's executive director of student services, says historically

there's a been a gap with special-education scores and that the district is looking at scores for specific disability groups so they can have access to the core curriculum.

At Kennedy, the math achievement rate of 55.5 percent topped the district average of 40.3 percent but fell short of the state average of 56.2 percent. In reading achievement, Kennedy scored 58.1 percent, higher than the district's average of 46.3 percent but below the state average of 59.2 percent.

The report also scored schools for academic progress from year to year. Schools received three scores: percent of students improving, percent of students who maintained achievement level and percent of students who decreased performance or continued to not make progress.

At Kennedy, 17.9 percent of students improved their reading progress while 49.3 maintained their progress compared with 20.6 percent and 38.1 percent district wide.

In math, 8.4 percent improved and 52.3 percent maintained progress at Kennedy compared with 13.4 percent and 37.4 percent district wide.

Kennedy's English proficiency score of 69.9 percent topped both the district average of 61.3 percent and the state average of 67 percent.

The percent of Apollo students meeting or exceeding academic achievement scores are 39.6 percent for reading and 32 percent for math compared with statewide scores of 59.2 percent for reading and 56.2 for math.

Parents and community members can review North Star data online for schools and districts by visiting the Minnesota Report Card. Visitors to the site will find information about schools recognized for excellence or prioritized for support, and learn what factors led to their identifications. The report card provides information about a school's overall performance, and options to look closer at the data to identify areas for improvement or areas of success.

School officials suggest parents who have questions should contact their school or district office.



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Early childhood, community ed has new home

#### by Mike Knaak

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The St. Cloud school district's newest building, Quarryview Education Center, is now open as the new home for early childhood and community education programs.

Since the Roosevelt fire in 2014, the programs have moved around the district. For example the early child program was housed at Colts Academy in St. Joseph and Discovery Community School in Waite Park.

The 68,000-square-foot building cost \$15 million.

"This is the finest early childhood facility in the state," said John Meyer, project manager for RA Morton.

The community education and adult basic-education section of the building features eight classrooms with multimedia screens and equipment for distance learning.

The computer lab offers 30 PC workstations and there's a computer-equipped teacher workroom.

Community education programs serve about 2,500 people a year.

The early childhood family education-wing section accommodates children from birth to age 5 and their parents.

Four child classrooms and three parent classrooms line one hallway.

A library separates the parent/child rooms from the preschool wing with its nine classrooms.

In addition to the classrooms, there are two gyms for preschoolers to learn largeand small-motor skills.

Outside the preschool wing, there's a fenced-in area that includes a bicycle track and playground equipment.

Throughout the building, large windows let in natural light and room lights can be dimmed to match the natural light.

The early childhood family education program serves about 720 parents and 800 students per year. The preschool program serves about 480 children.

Quarryview is at 800 Seventh St. S. in Waite Park, just west of Discovery.

"We have a great program and staff, now we have a building," said Julie Midas, director of early childhood education. "This was the last missing piece."

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# Rock for Alzheimer's to be held Sept. 24

by Cori Hilsgen news@thenewsleaders.com

Local talent will gather for a "Rock for Alzheimer's" event from 1-8 p.m. Saturday, Sept 24, at the Bad Habit Brewing Co. in St. Joseph.

The event is being held in conjunction with the Alzheimer's Association/Walk to End Alzheimer's being held that morning in St. Cloud.

People are invited to come and join the Bobby Vee and Irene Linn families for music, beverages and more to help raise awareness and funds for Alzheimer's research and support to try to find a cure for the disease.

The Rock for Alzheimer's event will include performances by local rock 'n' roll bands Collective Unconscious, Slip Twister, The Killer Vees and Walter's Wheelhouse. The bands include various local residents who perform with them, including Bobby Vee's family and Stearns County Attorney Janelle Kendall (lead singer for Walter's Wheelhouse).

Linn of Avon is a widowed mother of five boys – Steve, Phil, Sam, Eric and Mike – who was diagnosed at age 58 in 2009 with Alzheimer's. She also has four daughters-in law and seven grandchildren.

Her husband, Ron, was killed in a farm accident in 1992. Throughout everything, the widowed mother took care of her boys traveling around in a 1980 Chevrolet Scottsdale pickup truck Ron had purchased new before his death. When the truck quit running, Eric stored it in his shop. Many years later, when his mom was dealing with Alzheimer's, Eric and the other sons decided to restore the truck to honor their parents and to try to cope with their mother's diagnosis.

Irene's sons and grandchildren worked on the truck for three years before presenting it to their mom on Mother's Day. Now, her family is seeking another way to deal with her disease by working to raise funds to help find a cure for Alzheimer's disease.

Bobby Vee, born Robert Thomas Velline, is a famous 1960s singer and musician, diagnosed at age 67 in 2011 with Alzheimer's disease. In 1959, Vee was 15 years old when he performed in Moorhead when local talent was asked to fill in after Buddy Holly, Ritchie Valens and the Big Bopper were killed that same day in a plane crash. He went on to appear on American Bandstand with Dick Clark, in four movies and various television programs. For more than 50 years he entertained audiences with top 40 hits such as "Susie Baby," "Come Back When You Grow Up, Girl," "Take Good Care of My Baby," and more. Vee produced 38 top-100 hits and earned seven gold records.

In recent years, he was involved in the production of various musical projects at his Rockhouse Recording Studio in St. Joseph. He retired in 2011 after his family learned of his Alzheimer's diagnosis. He performed at various retirement shows, including Joetown Rocks, an annual event he helped create.

He also recorded music with his family in Tucson, Ariz., known as The Adobe Sessions, which is available on CD.

His wife, Karen, died in 2015 after receiving a lung transplant about three years before. Vee has three sons, Jeff, Tom and Rob, and one daughter, Jennifer, three daughters-in-law, one sonin-law and five grandchildren.



Pictured Feb. 2, 2009, at The Surf Ballroom in Clear Lake, Iowa, are (left to right) Tommy Vee, Bobby Vee and Jeff Vee. Tommy and Jeff Vee, sons of singer/musician Bobby Vee, help organize the Rock 4 Alzheimer's event to raise awareness and funds for Alzheimer's disease research and support to try to find a cure for the disease.

Both families are fighting the disease with their loved ones.

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Eric Linn said the idea of the event began when Aaron Rieland from Bad Habit reached out to his family about organizing some type of a fundraiser if they were interested. Linn had spoken with Jeff Vee a few weeks before, and the two had discussed their parents and dealing with the disease. When the idea of a fundraiser came up, he reached out to Jeff and he said the rest is history.

"I'm thankful for Jeff and Tommy (Vees') willingness to get on board and grateful Aaron thought of us and our mission to bring more awareness to Alzheimer's and finding a cure," Linn said. "Accepting the disease and its outcome is of course the most challenging, knowing there is no cure or chance of a cure is the most difficult. Living life, trying to help each other cope and staying close to family are the most important. Mom is still Irene, still mom, still Grandma Linn. She deserves these titles, and we just try to make the best of the time we have together."

Jeff Vee said now seemed like the right time to work with an Alzheimer's fundraising event.

"We attached ourselves to the Alzheimer's Walk, which happens that same day, so they are also supporting and promoting our event," he said.

Jeff Vee said the event is the first of what he and others hope will become an annual event for the cause. He said both of their families' goal is to raise awareness and funds for much-needed care, support and research for the disease.

Donations will be accepted at the door in addition to proceeds from food and beverage sales being donated in support of the cause.

All ages are welcome. Food and non-alcoholic beverages will also be available.

Alzheimer's disease is now the nation's sixth-leading cause of death. With the Baby-Boomer generation aging, that number is expected to increase well beyond today's estimated 5.4 million people currently living with the disease in the country.







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# Planning commission approves zoning amendments to accommodate annexation

### by Mike Knaak

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Integrating St. Joseph Township into the city of St. Joseph took another step Aug. 27 when the Planning Commission approved amending three zoning ordinances.

The ordinance updates come after a July vote by the township approving annexation. The amended ordinances are intended to ease the annexation process for residents and businesses.

The three ordinances addressed concerns raised during a public hearing and were developed by a committee of four members each from the city and township.

A new rural residential ordinance was designed to establish and preserve areas within the city for agriculture, open space and very low-density residential development.

Additionally, the committee proposed a Hwy. 75 Business District and Light Industrial District to accommodate existing construction piles.

No people spoke at a public hearing and the amended ordinances were passed unanimously.

The amended ordinances now need a vote of the City Council, probably at the Sept. 17 meeting.



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# Y2K Lions donate to Anna Marie's Alliance expansion project

by Cori Hilsgen news@thenewsleaders.com

One in three women in the United States will experience domestic violence in her lifetime, most of these victims between the ages of 20 and 24, according to the nonprofit Safe Horizon.

Sandy Nadeau, director of Development and Communications of Anna Marie's Alliance, recently spoke at a St. Joseph Y2K Lions meeting about services the organization provides to the area and needs for funding.

At the August meeting, St. Joseph Y2K Lions donated \$1,276.72 from a recent brat sale fundraiser to the Alliance. Nadeau said funds donated will be directed to the Alliance's Building Hope Capital Campaign. Funding to the campaign will help them expand and remodel their facility.

"We as a club thought it was very important to support this cause to help women, children and families in need," said Kay Lemke, club president.

Some of the things Nadeau shared include that the Alliance has 36 beds in their shelter that are almost always full. The average number of women served in Anna Marie's Shelter every year is 250 and the average number of children served every year is 250. There is a licensed daycare center on site.

The alliance can shelter five dogs and five cats along with families. Often, people do not want to leave an abusive situation if it means leaving a pet behind.

On average, the alliance reaches 7,500 school students each year, teaching about nonviolence and relationships.

Anna Marie On-Scene Advocates often assist and help victims of domestic violence navigate the criminal justice system in Stearns and Benton counties. Advocates were called to assist 452 times from October 2017 to June 30, 2018. Violence against wom-

en may occur mostly behind closed doors and is the third leading cause of homelessness among families.

violence happens at home. Girls who witness domestic vi- ensuring client confidentiality olence and don't receive help are more likely to enter an abusive relationship as a teen.

Without intervention, boys from families of domestic violence are far more likely to become abusers as teens and adults.

According to the Minnesota Coalition for Battered Women, at least 24 people lost their lives to domestic violence in 2017, 21 people in 2016, 34 people in 2015 and 23 in 2014.

The impact of domestic vio-



Sandy Nadeau, director of Development and Communications of Anna Marie's Alliance, visits with St. Joseph Y2K president Kay Lemke in August. Nadeau spoke to club members about the Alliance's needs and services during their monthly meeting.

lence filters into many aspects of cities. Law enforcement, health care, businesses and schools deal with the immediate and long-term effects of relationship violence. Women and children suffer devastating physical, emotional and mental wounds that often take years to heal.

#### Expansion, renovation project

Anna Marie's Alliance, which has been in operation for 40 years, has begun a Building Hope Capital Expansion and Renovation project to improve services to effectively meet the needs of women and children, safety and security, and support the expansion of violence-prevention efforts in the area.

The project will consolidate best practices, create cost-saving measures and improve overall program effectiveness.

The project will enable Anna Marie's Alliance to expand its prevention efforts and work toward a vision where domestic violence does not exist.

The Building Hope Capital Expansion and Renovation project will:

Expand the current facility:

• Create a separate entrance Sixty percent of domestic for residents and the public to provide enhanced security, and safety.

> The addition of a second entrance will eliminate potential for breach of confidentiality and increase safety for women and children. Staff, board members and visitors will use one entrance while the second entrance will be used by shelter residents, adding another level of privacy and safety. Currently, everyone uses a single entrance.

> • Construct a Center for Family Peace, which will offer

educational options to staff, nonresidents and the area and provide additional space for nonresidential services and prevention education, growing needs for the Alliance and the area.

The Center for Family Peace will be created as a place for additional services to be provided to nonresidents where people of all ages can gather to learn about alternatives to violence and organizations can come together to form collaborative partnerships to work toward a violence-free area.

• Consolidate all staff at one location, increasing organizational effectiveness, efficiencyand productivity.

#### Remodel the current facility:

 Move from communal living to apartment-style living where residents will have individual living and dining spaces.

Instead of the current shared living spaces, residents will have independent, apartment-like rooms. This is a best practice for domestic abuse shelters promoting greater empowerment and autonomy for women and their children.

• Reconfigure space in the shelter to provide residents with easier access to advocates to achieve a more client-centered program.

A centrally located place for advocates and residents to meet will improve programming allowing for a more client-centered approach, while increasing confidentiality and accessibility.

Background

Anna Marie's Alliance, formerly Central Minnesota Task Force on Battered Women, incorporated in October 1978, to provide safe shelter for abused women and their children in Central Minnesota. The shelter first opened in a small three-bedroom home where demand for services required constant growth. After several remodels, a 36-bed facility renamed Anna Marie's Shelter was opened in January 2000. Since 1979, Anna Marie's Shelter has housed more than 15,904 women and children.

The mission of Anna Marie's Alliance is "to provide a safe place for victims of domestic abuse and to achieve systems change that reduces violence."

For additional information, call 320-251-7203 or visit the annamaries.org website. There is also a 24-hour hotline at 320-253-6900.

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# **Our View** Compromise, cooperation should be key issues for voters

It's hard to turn down a gift of \$6 million. But that's what happened because Minnesota's political leaders couldn't agree on a compromise spending bill. The bill passed by the Republican-controlled Legislature included measures they knew the DFL governor and legislators wouldn't support. The omnibus spending bill also contained noncontroversial items such as the formal request for Minnesota's share of the federal money to improve election security.

Minnesota's secretary of state would have spent the money to hire computer coders to secure the state's 14-year-old voter system. Minnesota, a state that has been attacked by foreign hackers more than once, will be the only state in the country that can't touch that cash because of a standoff between Republicans and Democrats.

Another victim of the failure to act was the urgent need to align Minnesota's income tax code with the new federal income tax tables that went into effect for 2018. Accountants expect surprises for taxpayers when it's time to file state income tax returns next spring.

These are just two examples of seemingly simple actions that stalled.

When voters are considering candidates this fall, they should ask candidates what they will do to deliver solutions. Incumbents who have stuck to "pure" positions, often funded by PACS instead of delivering results, should be voted out.

Politics in a democracy assumes we can find ways of living, working and progressing together even when we disagree.

Party purity and polarization have frozen results, both in St. Paul and Washington, D.C. Politicians who do compromise and cooperate to make deals are in electoral and fundraising danger at the hands of party extremists and PACs.

Polling organizations track public opinions on significant issues over time. Pollsters ask citizens their opinions about solutions to issues and where they stand on current legislation.

In response, citizens offer a range of opinions ranging from very liberal to very conservative. Traditionally, most people offer an opinion in the middle. Sometimes the stands are more to the left, sometimes more to the right. But mostly, the responses cluster around the middle so when the results are graphed, the graph resembles a mountain with the high point in the middle.

Not anymore.

Results now cluster at the ends...at the extremes on both the very liberal and very conservative points. As a result, the graph looks more like a valley, with the high points at the ends and the low points in the middle...the middle ground where compromise and cooperation happen.

If this approach continues, we'll see situations such as the \$6 million election security money turned down and no fix for the state tax code. In Washington, D.C., the politics of purity means that fixes and improvements to the Affordable Care Act failed, immigration policy is guided by a flurry of cruel executive orders tempered by the courts, and repairing and replacing bridges, railroads, highway and airports - something everybody agrees is needed - has been ignored.

During this fall's election, candidates need to convince us results matter more than party purity and bowing to big money.

Politics, at its best, is about creating a decent society, a task that can only be accomplished when citizens find ways of cooperating.

# **Opinion**-Visit our website, social media for the latest news

Sometimes the news can't wait. And readers can't wait until Friday to get it. That's why for the past few months we've been publishing more news on our website, www.thenewsleaders. com.

Daily updates online include significant local news from St. Joseph, Sartell amd St. Stephen that readers need to know right away such as actions by local government, election returns and road closings.

There are other stories that, if held until Friday, won't be news any more such as community events that get scheduled at the last minute, changes or updates to coming activities.

And there are space limits to print. Our usual editions are either eight, 12 or 16 pages. Sometimes we have more news than we can fit in print. Issue size is somewhat determined by the number of ads and by the number of color advertising and editorial pages needed. Because of the limits of the printing press, we need to add pages in increments of four pages.

Perhaps the "perfect" size edition to accommodate the news and advertising is 14 pages. But we're limited to 12 pages, which means we don't have enough room for everything, or 16 pages, which may upset the advertising/ news balance and leave us short of stories.

If we're tight, we'll sometimes decide to hold a story until the next edition.

Now we're putting some of the sto-

Mike Knaak Editor

ries online right away and then holding them until the next print edition.

The past few months, we've also published more photos online than we'd have room for in print. For example, we've published online photo galleries of community events such as Joetown Rocks and Sartell High School graduation.

None of these digital efforts affects the print edition. You'll still find the feature stories, news about local governments and schools, opinions, police blotters and achievements in print.

The Newsleader print edition will continue to arrive in your mailbox for free. We're proud of the fact we deliver to every mailing address in the St. Joseph, Sartell and St. Stephen zip codes. That means more than 24,000 people in those communities see each edition. No other local media can match that readership coverage.

All the stories and photos from print will continue to be posted online.

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# The Al-Gore-rhythm versus Trump

On the latest season of the brilliant show "Unbreakable Kimmy Schmidt," there's a moment when roommate Titus is explaining how computers know what you're searching for to Kimmy. "You know how Al Gore invented the internet? Well, he also invented a rhythm for it. It's a powerful rhythm. It's called the Al-Gore-rhythm."

Perhaps that's how Donald Trump thinks search engines really work. Recently, the President bemoaned the fact if one searches "Donald Trump news," the top search results are all negative stories or what the president deems "fake news." The only clear reason this would be happening is that Google is biased against Donald Trump and is giving priority to the fake news against him.

Or not.

All internet search engines, Google, Bing or even Pinterest, generate their results based on complex mathematical algorithms in order to place the result you are most likely to want closest to the top. Google is very good at letting people (marketers especially) know about changes to its algorithm and how it's ranking content. Search engines are con-



stantly changing their algorithms to make sure you find the thing you are actually looking for when you type in "that song where the guy goes 'oh oh oh oh whoa'" and get the song "Tarzan Boy" by Baltimora.

The internet contains billions of articles, sites, pages, videos, songs and images. The only way to ever be able to actually find the needle you want in that hay mountain is with complex math. As it turns out, math is actually really hard to bias. Numbers don't lie, but people do use them to stretch the truth.

On the marketing side, we use the algorithms to find out what people are searching for and advertise our products (which may not appear at the top of the normal or "organic" search results) so they appear at the top of searches. That's why you see search results that will say "paid ad" or "sponsored content."

All of this is to say that it's not impossible for a search engine to

somehow find a way to potentially have a minor tweak on results, but outside of extreme authoritarian regimes (see: China and North Korea), it's just not going to happen. The entire business models of these search engines is that they show you the content you are looking for. By giving you results you don't want, they make it more likely you won't use their product. Capitalism actually got one right this time.

That's sort of the weird thing about all this; you have a person who professes to be a businessman and big on "freedom" wanting to dictate to a private business orders that would cause it to lose customers. Trump has said Google's search results need to be "looked into." The only countries where the government looks into what search engines results are are extremely authoritarian. Authoritarianism, capitalism and freedom; one of these things is not like the other.

If Trump wants the news stories he likes to come up in searches, I advise he simply buy some Google Adwords connected to his links. Might I suggest the words "fake," "impeach" and "conspiracy?"



# Lean thinking can work professionally, personally

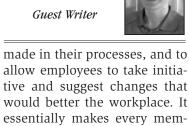
During the last year or so, my dad has been reading through a lot of books for work. They've had various titles, but they all mentioned lean thinking or the lean workplace. Though I was always interested in learning about the subject, during senior year I never managed to pick one up. During the summer though, with college on the horizon and following my dad's encouragement to read them, I started to read, and was amazed.

For those who haven't heard of lean before, it's a philosophy about how to make your life and your work more efficient and less wasteful. Now this may sound like a lot of self-help formulas that you've heard before, all of those books you've see on the shelves at stores promising to make everything great in just a few hours of reading, which is why I was kind of skeptical of the concept. After I was only a few pages into the book though, I could see this was different from other strategies I've seen before.

The book is called 2-Second Lean, and is written by a businessman from Washington state named Paul Akers. The author is a very relatable person, who has been living his own American dream of starting his own company and selling products related to his hobby of woodworking. While he gets off to a good start soon after opening for business, he realizes he needs a new way of doing things to really make his business successful. Taking a trip with other businesspeople to Japan, he learned about lean thinking and started to apply it to his business and his life.

Lean is derived from the Toyota Production System, the operational philosophy of the world's top-selling carmaker. Within their company decades ago, they decided the best way to run affairs and make it better was to always look for improvements that could be

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would better the workplace. It essentially makes every member of a company an equal contributor to finding new efficiencies and reducing waste at all levels from the entry-level employee to the CEO.

Akers applied these concepts to his company with the help of two consultants and the results were spectacular, but only after a few assumptions were challenged first. One of these revelations that really caught me was that of the inefficiency of a production-line, mass-production system. You would assume building hundreds of pieces of inventory at once and then storing them for sale would be good for a company's efficiency right? Em-

ploying lean thinking though, you can see how this is actually a bad idea. If you manufacture too much inventory, it wastes the resources needed to make it just sitting on shelves waiting to be sold. And if there are mistakes made, they could affect the whole batch. Counterintuitively, it was better for the company to build things to order, saving time, resources and mistakes.

So what can this strategy do for you? Lean isn't just for business. Akers talks about how he employs its strategies in all aspects of his life, making his morning routine more efficient for example. And that's really what lean is all about, finding small inefficiencies and slowly making your day less work and more enjoyable at the same time. Think about what loses you minutes, or even seconds each day, and little by little, you'll find more and more extra time and energy saved.

I can even employ it here at university. My German professor recently had our class read an article about how the internet and technology actually makes it harder to learn with all of its distractions. Students often talk about how they have little time to study, but if you think about all the time wasted from checking phones or clicking around tabs online while studying, you really can cut down your homework time and create more free time for yourself.

Lean thinking isn't an end all be all, but when I first took a good look at it, it really made me think about how it's really just simple and practical. Lean thinking is a great concept because it doesn't promise the world if you just do one big thing. It's about taking small steps every day to make a big difference in your life.

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

# Letter to the editor **Reader urges vote for Perske**

#### Dennis Molitor Sartell

As a long time Sartell resident and as a neighbor of Minnesota Senate candidate Joe Perske, I want to share my deep admiration for him as we all consider our voting decisions, on whom we want to represent us in St.

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