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### Turn clocks back Sunday morning

Daylight saving time, which started in March, ends Sunday, Nov. 4. At 2 a.m. Sunday, or before retiring Saturday night, residents should turn clocks back one hour to reflect the ending of daylight saving time.

### CSB/SJU to host Festival of Cultures

A free Festival of Cultures, celebrating the College of St. Benedict and St. John's University community through food, fashion and performances, will be held Saturday, Nov. 17 in the Haehn Campus Center, 37 S. College Ave., on the CSB campus. Doors open at 5 p.m. All ages welcome.

### Realities of Aging forum set Nov. 6

The second part of the Realities of Aging series will take place from 7-9 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 6 at the St. Francis Xavier Church Gathering Place in Sartell. The free event, open to all, is sponsored by the St. Francis Xavier Health and Wellness team. Part II will cover the topics of staying safe in one's home, hospice/palliative care and health directives, nutrition for aging and driving safely. RSVP to RMW8786@gmail.com or call Rose or Bev at 320-259-5794 or email to Donwiewhoff@yahoo.com or call Don at 320-253-5935.

### Food-packaging event needs volunteers

Volunteers are needed for the sixth annual We Are Thankful food-packaging event on Sunday, Nov. 18 at the River's Edge Convention Center, 10 Fourth Ave. S., St. Cloud. Three volunteer shifts are available from 9-11 a.m., 11 a.m.-1 p.m. and 1-3 p.m. Donations are also needed to pay for ingredients. For more information, call the United Way of Central Minnesota at 320-223-7991.

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## Senate, sheriff, mayor are top races for Sartell, St. Stephen voters

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A special election that will decide which party controls the Minnesota State Senate and a wide-open race for Stearns County sheriff are key races for Sartell and St. Stephen voters in the Nov. 6 general election.

In the Senate race, Republican Jeff Howe and Democrat Joe Perske are competing for the District 13 seat vacated by longtime Sen. Michelle Fischbach. Senate District 13 includes Sartell, St. Joseph, Sauk Rapids, Cold Spring, Kimball and Paynesville areas. The winner will serve a two-year term.

For the first time in 16 years, Stearns County residents will elect a new sheriff. Waite Park Police Chief Dave Benrud and Stearns County Sgt. Steve Soyka are running for that office. The sheriff will serve a four-

year term.  
In House District 13B, Republican incumbent Tim O'Driscoll is being challenged by Democrat Heidi Everett. District 13B includes Sartell, St. Stephen, Sauk Rapids and Holdingford.

**Sartell**  
Sartell residents will elect a new mayor because incumbent Sarah Jane Nicoll is not seeking re-election. Current City Council members Ryan Fitzthum and David Peterson are running for mayor to serve a four-year term.

Four people are running for two four-year terms on the City Council. The candidates are Brady Andel, Barika Davis, Timothy Elness and Jeff Kolb.

For more stories about the candidates and issues, go to our website. You'll find all the sto-

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## Council honors Weber, Raden with ALS donation

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After two beloved Sartell fathers died of ALS, so many Sartell students who knew them and their children felt the grief along with the families and decided to turn their sadness into action.

They sold homecoming T-shirts to make money. And recently, the Sartell High School Student Council was honored with the Good Neighbor award from State Farm Insurance for raising \$3,000 for the ALS Association. The donation was given in honor of Scott Raden

and Brent Weber, the two men who both died at tragically young ages.

ALS stands for amyotrophic lateral sclerosis, a progressive disease that affects the motor neurons of the spinal cord and (in some cases) the brain, causing the muscles to atrophy. ALS is also known as Lou Gehrig's disease because it took the life of that legendary baseball player. So far, there is no effective treatment or cure for the disease, although management strategies are available. About 20,000 Americans suffer from the disease, and many famous Americans have died of it, in-

## Soup for the soul



photo by Carolyn Bertsch  
**Diane Corcoran of Sartell pours soup from one kettle into another Oct. 27 during the Sartell Area Churches Craft and Bake Sale. Approximately 80 gallons of wild-rice soup were served.**

cluding jazz musician Charlie Mingus, U.S. Army Gen. Maxwell Taylor and NFL football players Steve Gleason, O.J. Brigance and Tim Shaw. Most recently the disease contributed to the death of English physicist and author Stephen Hawking.

### Homecoming cause

The student council fundraiser for the ALS Association was the annual effort dubbed "Homecoming for a Cause," said Karrie Fredrickson, faculty advisor for the student council.

There are 54 members of the Sartell Student Council. In the past two years, the council

raised money for two Make a Wish projects – one for young student Jackson Stewart to get him a golf-cart car, the other for student Sophia Lathe to give her a trip to Disney World.

"The council members like to celebrate the good," Fredrickson said.

"So many students had connection with the Weber and Raden families that they thought it would be good to raise money in an effort to help that disease from continuing," Fredrickson said. "The Weber and Raden families live across the street from each other, and they have

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## A conversation with school board candidates



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Snoberger



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With an election approaching on Nov. 6, five people have filed for seats on the Sartell-St. Stephen school board. Two of them – Jeremy Snoberger and Patrick Marushin – are incumbents. The others are Taryn Gentile, Melinda Vonderahe and Amanda Byrd. The Newsleader contacted each of them by phone and posed several questions to them. The following is a summary of their answers.

*What motivates you to want to become a board member?*

*What skills and qualities do you possess that would make you a good board member?*

**Gentile:** Sartell is a great system with great schools, great teachers, great facilities, and great technologies and I wanted to run for the board to make sure my kids continue to have access to all the wonderful assets that make up Sartell. I am an attorney and work for a bank, so I have a strong background in both finance and the legal arena and understand and am able to articulate what financial documents mean.

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