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ABC Kinder Olympix set Saturday at Whitney

Explore letters and numbers while being active with your children! ABC Kinder Olympix will be held from 8:30-11:30 a.m. Saturday, March 9 at Whitney Recreation Center, 1529 Northway Drive, St. Cloud. The morning will be filled with fun activities for improved reading skills and healthy lifestyles! Events include the following: inflatables, arts and crafts, obstacle course, alphabet games, healthy snacks and much more! This event is for ages 6 and under and their families. A nominal fee will be charged.

Daylight Saving begins

Daylight Saving Time begins Sunday, March 10 at 2 a.m. Clocks should be moved forward one hour, giving us more daylight in the evening, and less in the morning.

GNTC to holds auditions for 'Nun of your Dam Business'

Great Northern Theatre Company will hold auditions for the world premiere of "Nun of your Business," a comedy, at 6:30 p.m. Monday and Tuesday, March 11 and 12 at GNTC "Off Broadway" facility at 12383 234th St., Cold Spring. Performances will be held Friday-Sunday, April 26-28. For more information, visit gntc1.com or call director Amy Hunter at 218-894-1925.

March is Food Share donation match month

Food donations are matched during the month. During this time of year, many area families are using local food shelves more than ever before. Consider leveraging the match by running a food drive within your work place, church or service club and donate to your local food shelf. The local food shelves are Catholic Charities Emergency Services 320-229-4560, C.R.O.S.S. Center of Benton County 320-968-7012 and The Salvation Army 320-252-4552.

Friends of the Library volunteers needed

St. Cloud Friends of the Library seeks volunteers for two-hour shifts every other week in the Friends Bookstore. Ability to relate well to people, promote reading and to move carts of books are requirements. Training provided. Pick up an application at the Friends Bookstore in the St. Cloud Library or email Marcia at marciakgarden@gmail.com.

Renovation confirms foundations run deep

by Stephanie Dickrell
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Locals have always known the foundations of the Church of St. Joseph run deep. But a recent renovation has confirmed it. Underneath the worship space runs two hand-built, stone-wall foundations the length of the church.

The foundations have held up the roof for 150 years, but are getting an update this winter. Construction crews will reinforce the structure, make the church more accessible and add sprinklers to prevent major fires. Dating back to 1863, the church has gone through other renovations, adding stained glass in the early 1900s and doing a major remodel of the church interior in the 1970s.

This time, they're being more thorough.

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Once new foundations for the Church of St. Joseph in St. Joseph were complete, crews hauled in 500 yards of fill and added a vapor barrier.

Council considers new 'shovel-ready' industrial park on east side of city

by Stephanie Dickrell
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St. Joseph could soon be home to new industrial businesses, if a plan to develop an industrial park comes to fruition.

The City Council approved March 4 a preliminary plat of an industrial park development southeast of CR 133 and east of 19th Avenue NE. The development is just northeast of the St. Joseph Coborn's.

If the plan moves forward, construction could begin as early as May, said Randy Sabart, city engineer.

The first phase of the park would include about 53 acres zoned for light industrial businesses, he said. That includes

26 to 27 lots ranging in size from one to 10 acres.

City utilities would need to be extended into the park, Sabart said. In a feasibility report, he estimated it would cost the city about \$4.2 million to build the necessary sewer, water and storm-sewer infrastructure.

Part of that cost will likely be covered by state money, he said. Last year, the city received a state grant of about \$1.25 million to help build infrastructure which supports business development, including sewer and water lines.

The city would need to apply for loans of about \$2.9 million to complete the project, said Judy Weyrens, city administrator. Those costs can be

assessed to the lot owners once the lots are sold, Sabart said.

Council member Bob Loso expressed concern about the city paying for those costs up front, relying on the full development of the park to be repaid. He cited developments in other cities, including housing developments in Avon, in which expected growth never happened and the city was left with the costs.

Weyrens said the city is developing a legal agreement with the property developer to address those issues. But she doesn't expect the lots to remain empty for long, she said.

"There are very few shovel-ready industrial lots out there," Weyrens said.

Weyrens said that so far, there is one business interested in a 10-acre property in the park.

The project would include some updates to existing city infrastructure to accommodate the extra flow of water into the city system, Sabart said. If development continues beyond this additional phase, the city will have to build a new wastewater pump station. The project is next to what city planners call north corridor, a proposed east-west route north of CR 75.

The road is part of the city's future transportation plan to accommodate more traffic as the city grows, Sabart said.

St. Joseph to host 4-day bicycle tour

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St. Joseph will host 300 bicyclists and support crew members this summer for the start and finish of the Bicycling Around Minnesota Tour.

The riders will arrive on Wednesday, Aug. 14, and camp overnight before heading out on the four-day ride on Thursday, Aug. 15. They will return

on Sunday, Aug. 18. The riders will camp in the parking lot behind the Government Center.

The BAM 2019 loop includes Sauk Centre, Spicer and Hutchinson. Each day cyclists will ride between 60 to 70 miles on paved roads and trails. BAM began in 2006 and the ride is aimed at moderate to experienced cyclists. Registration for this year's ride is full.

"Each year we move to a different part of the state," said Mary Derks, tour director. "We look at the communities and see if they have the time and resources to support the tour. We need camping, hotels and great roads. It all came together for us in St. Joseph."

BAM promotes Share the Road, bicycle safety, fitness, state tourism and the scenic

bikeways System in Minnesota and bicycling as a transportation mode.

The riders stop at attractions each day.

"Part of our mission is to promote tourism and showcase what Minnesota has to offer," Derks said. Riders come from about 20 states.

After leaving St. Joseph, riding will continue to the next location.

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Church

from front page

"We're back down to the dirt," said Andy Loso, facility manager.

Church volunteers completed the demolition inside the church earlier this year, in a shorter period of time than the contractor predicted, he said.

"They said it would take two or three weeks and we were done in a week and a day," Loso said. "They don't know how the St. Jo(seph) parishioner guys work when they've got something to do."

Loso said it was a good project for the community.

"Because there isn't much in the church that the men can bond (over) but they seem to like to do that," Loso said. "That's the neat part about the story, in my opinion, is the parishioners buckling down and helping."

There were an average of 25 volunteers each day, he said.

"The average age was probably 75 (years old)," Loso said.

While the extreme snow and cold of the past few months may have hindered outside construction, the remodel may have benefited.

"When it was bitter cold, they sent everybody in here and they were working," Loso said.

The renovation includes a reinforcement of the foundations.

"We knew these stone footing lines were here, but we didn't know how good or bad they were," Loso said. They decided to remove portions of the wall and replace them with concrete.

While crews used jackhammers to make room, the columns were held up by make-shift steel anchors. Watching the process was nerve-wracking, Loso said.

"(The beams) hold the entire roof up," Loso said.

With the new concrete foundations poured, crews hauled in about 500 yards of fill. Loso said the first pour of cement should happen in early March. The floor will taper down to the front of

the church to increase visibility.

The church has always had a partial basement, which crews are reinforcing to house new electrical and heating equipment.

"Prior to that, when there was something broke I had to crawl around in here underneath the floor. But at least we had the flexibility to do that," Loso said. "Now, when we pour a brand new floor in here we won't have that option any more."

Making old new again

Because they're so old, the demolished materials are of some value.

Most of the lumber, mostly from the 6,000 to 7,000 square feet of flooring, was salvaged and sent to Big Wood Timber Frames in Brainerd. Bad Habit Brewing Company bought some of the lumber to incorporate into their remodel of the old city offices. Some parishioners bought some of the wood as well.

The wood was nailed down with old square nails. Loso carries a few in his pocket to show the curious. He plans to use a few for cribbage pegs on a cribbage board he'll make from some of the floor wood.

"A couple parishioners grabbed a bunch of stuff that wasn't sellable to anybody," Loso said. "They're busy making crosses, mementos for whoever wants one."

The pews were sent to Maserter Cabinets in Rockville for restoration. They date back to the '70s, Loso said.

They've also had a few unexpected finds during deconstruction, including a mural.

On the back wall of the sanctuary, crews discovered more wall paintings, which could also be restored, Loso said.

READ MORE: Workers uncover mural during church renovation at thenewsleaders.com.

How it started

All of this started five or six years ago, when Loso and the Rev. Jerome Tupa talked about redoing the worship space floors.

"Originally, we were just going to repaint everything and put new carpet down,"

Loso said.

But a priest friend of Tupa's who's also an expert on liturgical church design provided some informal advice.

"He came in and started presenting ideas," Loso said. "It made sense, because while we were at it, the diocese wanted sprinklers no matter what."

Sprinklers were key to preventing another major fire in one of the churches of the Diocese of St. Cloud. In 2016, the Church of St. Mary in Melrose received significant damage in a fire. It was built around the same time and in a similar fashion to the church of St. Joseph, and so likely had a similar fire risk.

Adding fire protection included making holes in the ceiling for sprinkler heads as well as running water up to the roof. It will be a dry sprinkler system, Loso said, because the attic isn't heated and the winter temperatures get below freezing.

"There's a whole other city above that ceiling," Loso said. "It's about 16-18 feet of room up there."

The church floor was also getting more and more uneven.

"This floor here had moved a lot over the years. And in the last five years, there were spots that were 2 inches lower, ¾ of an inch higher," Loso said.

It also had some accessibility issues, like the Church of St. Mary did. The church also used to have fully enclosed rooms for taking confession. They looked like ice houses, Loso said. They didn't look great and they weren't up to current church standards. A major renovation could solve a lot of problems.

Loso is trying to be a steward of the property as he directs the project.

"I'm trying to plan ahead for 100,000 years from now, which is impossible," Loso said. "This is home for me."

For photos and videos on the progress of construction, visit facebook.com/Church-of-Saint-Joseph-of-Saint-Joseph-1307057259422520. To donate to the renovation, visit churchstjoseph.weshareonline.org.



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Volunteers from the Church of St. Joseph in St. Joseph helped demolish the old flooring to start a major renovation of the church.



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The pews were taken out for restoration and will return once the floor is finished.

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People

Five St. Joseph students graduated Dec. 21 from St. Cloud State University. The students and their degrees and majors are: **James Ano**, bachelor's in English; **Shane Ganley**, bachelor's in chemical dependency and community psychology, cum laude; **Justin Nathe**, bachelor's in biochemistry; **Adam Reischl**, bachelor's in mechanical engineering; and **Cecilia Schmit**, bachelor's in psychology, cum laude.

Twelve St. Joseph students were named to the fall semester dean's list at St. Cloud State University. To be eligible for the honor, students must have a minimum grade-point average of 3.75. The students are: **Taesig Ahn**, **McKayla Beard**, **Anna Emerson**, **Crystal Giffen**, **Lindsay Helfenstein**, **Lynnsey Hoffmann**, **Brittany Kluver**, **Tyler Lahr**, **KayLee Lodermeier**, **Jaida Romsdahl**, **Elizabeth Solarz** and **Sydney Wolf**.

Seven St. Joseph students have been named to the fall

semester dean's list at the University of Minnesota, Twin Cities. To qualify for the dean's list, a student must attain a minimum 3.66 grade-point average. The students are: **Kate Bechtold**, **William Clark**, **Carmen Ebel**, **Jonathan Maleska**, **Mitchell Shimak**, **Nicole Shimak** and **Alex Theisen**.

In business

Central Minnesota Credit Union of Melrose and Soo Line Credit Union of Savage announced on Feb. 27 their plans to merge. The combined institution will have \$1.1 billion in assets and serve 68,000 members.

Under the agreement, the two credit unions will legally become one entity and operate under the Central Minnesota Credit Union name and Minnesota state charter. CMCU has a branch in St. Joseph. The combined organization will have 21 branch locations throughout Minnesota.

Vietnam-era veteran Klein enlisted in the Navy at 17

The American Legion is celebrating its 100th birthday in 2019. In addition to national and statewide activities commemorating this milestone, American Post 328 of St. Joseph is planning a number of festive and patriotic activities for the community.

One of those special events will be profiles of St. Joseph-area veterans published in each Newsleader during 2019. The Newsleader is joining with Post 328 to recognize veterans and Legion members who served during World War II, Korea, Vietnam, Iraq, Afghanistan and other theaters of conflict and Cold War tensions.

by **Tom Klecker**
St. Joseph American Legion
Ronald Leo Klein, 72, U.S. Navy, Vietnam era.
Prior to enlisting in the

Navy, Ron grew up in St. Joseph. He was an altar boy for 10 years and he attended Cathedral High School. After high school, Ron worked at the local lumber yard.

Ron enlisted in the Navy at 17 – one day before his 18th birthday. The program under which he enlisted was called “the Kiddie Cruiser Program” – go in as a teenager and complete your period of active duty in three years at age 21.

Ron completed his basic training in San Diego, California, and Class A Schooling for machinist mate at Great Lakes, Illinois. After graduating from Class-A school, Ron was given orders to report to the USS Mississinewa.

The Mississinewa was a large refueling ship that had the capacity to carry 10 million gallons of fuel.

If you have a tip concerning a 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.

Feb. 12
11:21 a.m. Revoked license. Jade Road. An officer running a random license plate check found the vehicle's registered owner had a revoked license. The vehicle was stopped and the driver cited.

4:41 p.m. Revoked license. Jasmine Lane. An officer observed a known revoked driver and stopped the vehicle. The driver was cited and a passenger with a valid license drove the vehicle.

7:41 p.m. Vehicle in the ditch. CR 75 and Cedar Street E. A

vehicle ended up in the ditch between the roads. The vehicle sustained front-end damage and needed to be towed out.

Feb. 14
2:49 p.m. Collision. Cedar Street E. Vehicle one was pulling into the parking lot and collided with vehicle two that was backing out. Vehicle two hit the rear passenger side of the trailer pulled by vehicle one.

Feb. 16
2:38 a.m. Noise complaint. Baker Street E. A woman called about a neighbor banging on the walls. The neighbor told the officer they would be more careful.

10:45 p.m. Suspicious activity. Old Hwy. 52. An officer saw heavy student traffic heading toward Old Hwy. 52 and saw a man urinating by a garage. The officer contacted a resident and told him a group of about 50 people was coming and that he

had observed a man urinating on the property

Feb. 20
8:23 p.m. Suspicious smell. Minnesota Street E. A smell of natural gas was reported near the water tower. The fire department checked out the area and did not get a meter reading.

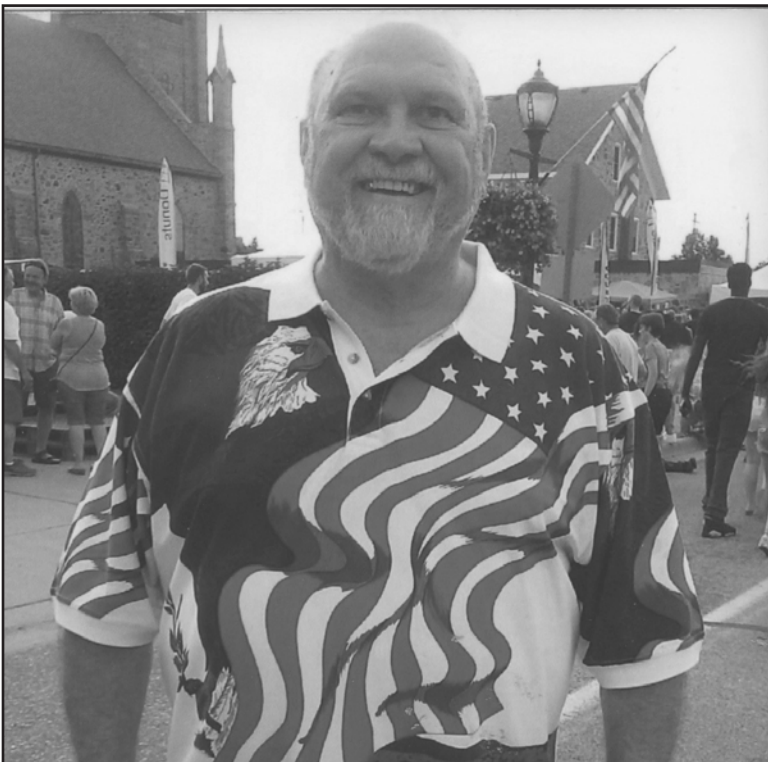
Feb. 25
12:57 p.m. Personal injury accident. College Avenue S. An employee of the College of St. Benedict operating a utility vehicle collided with another vehicle in the parking lot. The utility vehicle driver was taken to the hospital.

Feb. 26
10:02 p.m. Vehicle in the ditch. Cr 75 and CR 3. When the driver lost control, the vehicle hit a sign and skidded into the ditch. There were many vehicles in the ditch along CR 75 because of the snow and ice.



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Ron Klein in 1966, age 20.

Ron's home ports for this Sixth Fleet ship were in Naples, Italy, and Newport, Rhode Island. Ships refueling at sea, particularly two ships simultaneously, was not without risk. On one particular occasion, there was a near



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Ron Klein.

Correction

Several corrections and clarifications are needed for a Feb. 22 story headlined “Schwartz has keen eye for rescuing critters.” The woman in the story referred to as “mom” by Kylie Schwartz is, in fact, not her mother but rather a family friend of Schwartz’s (Cassandra Schatz of rural Foley), whom

Schwartz calls the nickname “mom.” It was Schatz and her mother, Eva, who did follow-up work for the cat that Schwartz found in a ditch. In addition, it was Schatz and her mother who rescued the horses mentioned in the story. The clinic Schatz and her mother took the cat to was not the veterinary clinic in Rice; it was the Boysen Animal Hospital in Waite Park.

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Hommerding's nursing skills touch many

by Cori Hilsgen
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St. Joseph resident Brenda Hommerding isn't a person who likes having everyone's attention focused on her, but she is a person who likes to focus her attention on other people. Especially if that means helping them when they need medical care.

Hommerding has spent the past 32 years working as a nurse in the Medical Oncology Unit at St. Cloud Hospital.

Throughout those years, she has had many significant and impactful experiences as a nurse.

One of those experiences took place 23 years ago on Jan. 29, 1996, when St. Joseph Police Officer Brian Klinefelter was shot after he tried to arrest three suspects connected to a liquor store robbery in Albany.

According to the Officer Down Memorial Page website, Klinefelter was shot as he approached the suspects' pickup, with bullets striking him in his neck and waist.

The suspects split up after a chase. The shooter forced himself into a house, taking the owner hostage, forcing him to drive around police roadblocks and then locking him in the trunk of the car.

A Benton County Sheriff's deputy shot the suspect after ordering the man to drop his gun, and he refused to do so. The other two suspects were located hiding under a deck, arrested and charged with first-degree murder.

Nurse hero

That night, Hommerding had received a call from her co-worker, who was not feeling well, asking if Hommerding could come to work early. She said she remembers sitting for a few minutes before deciding she should probably get going.

While she was driving to work on CR 75, she saw a squad car with its lights flashing, slowed down and saw Klinefelter lying in the middle of the road. Hommerding said she pulled over and immediately went to his side to see what she could do.

Another officer arrived and assisted until the St. Joseph Fire Department Rescue Squad arrived. She remembers thinking to herself that she was never so glad to see anyone.

Hommerding also remembers the care and compassion the rescue workers showed for Klinefelter, a friend of theirs.

"Deep in my heart, and my nurse eyes, I knew he was gone, but I held out hope," she said.

It was bitterly cold that night and Hommerding was dressed in hospital scrubs. When she arrived at St. Cloud Hospital, one of her co-workers brought her some clean scrubs to replace the blood-stained ones she was wearing. Another co-worker washed her coat in the unit's laundry room.

"I think back and remember being so numb, but also felt so taken care of for them to do that for me without me even asking," Hommerding said.

After this incident, she said she totally lost her sense of security. Hommerding worried about what she was going to encounter when she was driving and couldn't drive on CR 75 without having flashbacks.

For several months, she drove the long way around to avoid CR 75. Her heart would drop to her toes each time she saw flashing lights at the side of the road. She walked around her family's house making sure the doors were all locked.

"There were always things that would bring back the memories," Hommerding said. "The cold, driving at night and more."

In the past, a retired nurse volunteer read an article in the St. Cloud Visitor looking for nurse heroes. The volunteer went from unit to unit asking staff if there was someone they knew who might qualify for this recognition. One of Hommerding's co-workers gave her Hommerding's name.

After that, Hommerding said the volunteer seemed to be on a mission, sending in the nomination and letters from numerous people to support the nomination.

In April 1996, Hommerding received a congratulatory letter stating that she had been selected for a Nurse Hero Award, which was sponsored by the American Red Cross and the American Nurses Association. The award was presented in Washington, D.C.

But, Hommerding said she doesn't feel like a hero.

"More so that Brian had been lost and there were so many people whose lives were touched that night," she said. "I just stopped and did what I could. I wasn't held up at gunpoint, kidnapped and forced in the trunk of a car and my home wasn't broken into. I just stopped because that's who I am, a nurse. Not a hero. And that is why I felt so guilty."



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Brenda Hommerding doesn't consider herself a hero but has been a hero for many patients in her nursing career, including police officer Brian Klinefelter Jan. 29, 1996 after he had been shot on CR 75.

Family connections

In December, Hommerding was assigned to take care of Klinefelter's father, Dave, who had been diagnosed with cancer. The morning she received the assignment, all of those feelings came back to her. Her heart was racing and she was full of anxiety.

"I didn't know if I had it in me to care for him," she said. "But I did. I knew in my heart that I could do it. I didn't want the family or Dave to know who I was or what my connection to them was. My only wish was to take care of Dave and the family."

Hommerding said it wasn't about her or Brian, but about Dave. Shortly before Dave was discharged from the hospital, Brian's mother, Lois, figured out Hommerding's connection to him.

Hommerding said she had such a feeling of relief that she was given the chance to connect with the family and talk. She

was able to tell them about her feeling of guilt for all these years.

Having the chance to meet Brian's parents and brother, Jason, has given Hommerding a huge feeling of compassion for her career.

"Hearing their words and what it meant to them (that their son didn't die alone) just warmed my heart," she said. "I knew God had put me there that cold night for something so powerful to happen so many years later. I always wondered and asked, 'why.' Now I know. It truly was divine intervention."

Caring for her husband

Hommerding said caring for Dave and the Klinefelter family was a big step for her because she had recently started taking care of comfort-care patients after losing her husband, Glenn, almost six years ago to amyotrophic lateral sclerosis, also known as ALS, a progressive neurodegenerative disease which affects nerve cells in the brain

and the spinal cord.

Hommerding said she needed to care for herself first and needed to put up a protective wall that allowed her to have the compassion to protect her heart from all the feeling that the families she was caring for were experiencing before she could take care of comfort-care patients.

Glenn was diagnosed with the disease Nov. 2011. At the time, he was a route driver for the Epilepsy Foundation, a position he retired from in Dec. 2011.

"Our ALS journey lasted until Feb. 24, 2013, when he passed away in my arms with our family surrounding him," she said.

Brenda and Glenn met in 1984 at a dance in Spring Hill, married in September 1987 after she finished college at St. Cloud Hospital School of Nursing, and were married 25 years.

Their family will forever be connected to ALS. They participate with a family team called "Glenn's Harley Walkers" at the "St. Cloud Walk to Defeat ALS." Hommerding also volunteers with the St. Cloud ALS Support Group as a co-facilitator

"It was so easy to internalize their feelings and feel the hurt and pain of losing your best friend all over again," she said.

Leaving fingerprints

Hommerding goes about her job every day with the thought that she has the ability to make a difference in her patients' world, for that moment or that day. Whether it is teaching them about their diagnosis, treatment or just being present for them.

Her goal is to leave a small fingerprint in her patients' world.

"I still remember being a student nurse and walking through the tunnel from the school to the hospital thinking I was never going to find my way around that big place," she said. "Sometimes I still think that."

Brenda and Glenn's children include three sons, Matthew, Jeremy and Tyler. Matthew is married to Kathy Hansen; Jeremy is engaged to Rachel Lange; and Tyler is engaged to Kayla Zabinski.

Hommerding also has a cat, Fritz, and seven grand dogs and three grand cats.

Brenda grew up in a family of 11 children, five girls and four boys, on a farm near Elrosa. Glenn grew up in a family of seven boys, near Spring Hill.

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Why are people so fearful of dental visits? Many people associate pain or uncertainty when thinking about their dental experiences. It doesn't have to be this way. Your dental professionals are there to ensure your comfort and wellbeing.

Instead of treating a trip to the dentist as an inconvenience, think of it as the most effective way of making sure your teeth are as healthy as possible. If you let fear overtake your mental connection with the dentist, you may put off critical appointments or procedures. Doing so is a surefire way of opening the door for future dental health issues.

TALK ABOUT YOUR FEARS

Studies have proven that the most important factor in overcoming dental anxiety is good relationship with your dental professional and his or her staff. If you trust your dentist, you are more likely to feel at ease in the dentist's chair.

Open the lines of communication with your dentist to share how you're feeling. Be honest and frank by explaining why you are anxious. Dentists are trained in easing patient fears and delivering outstanding bedside manner.

If you feel like your dentist is lacking in any of these areas, it's time to search for a new dentist.



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WHAT TO DO AT THE DENTIST

There are also things you can do when the time comes to walk through your dentist's doors. Follow these tips from Delta Dental:

- Focus on breathing regularly, deeply and slowly during dental procedures. This will help facilitate the flow of oxygen throughout your body and decrease any feelings of panic.

- Ask your dentist if you're allowed to wear earbuds to listen to your favorite band or podcast during your visit. Doing so can serve as a welcome distraction from any sounds of the dentist's office that make you feel uncomfortable.

- Avoid caffeine before a dental appointment. Instead, eat high-protein foods that produce a calming effect.

- Try to choose a time for your dental visit when you're not under a time crunch. This means avoiding tight windows such as lunch breaks or before work.

- If you are looking for a dentist, ask friends and relatives for their experiences and recommendations. A good review from a trusted source can start you off on the right foot.



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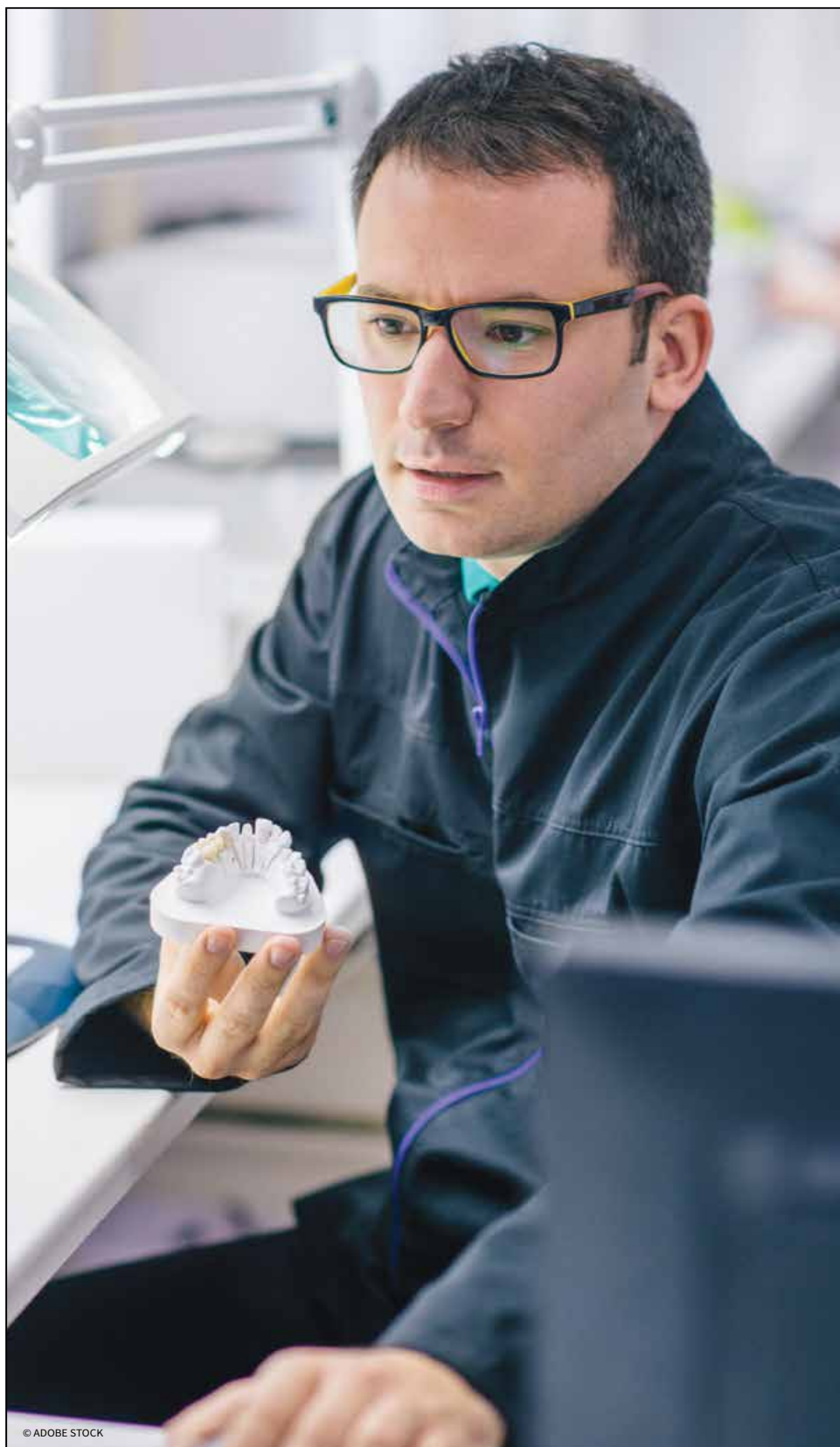
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Flossing is important because it helps prevent gum disease and cavities. And according to the ADA, it doesn’t matter if you floss before or after brushing — as long as you’re doing it. A 2015 poll by MouthHealthy.org found that 53 percent of its readers said they brush before, while 47 percent said after.

The key is finding the time to floss. Bring some floss with you to work to take care of it during your lunch break. Wake up a few minutes early or stay awake a few minutes later to give your teeth some extra attention. With just a little effort, you can make a big difference in the present and future health of your teeth.



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- Guide the floss between your teeth using a gentle rubbing motion.
- When the floss reaches the gum line, curve it into a C shape against one tooth; gently slide it

into the space between the gum and the tooth.

- Bring the floss back toward the contact point between the teeth and move the floss up or down the other side.
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Obituary

Ardelle Mae Mueller, 92
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Ardelle Mae Mueller, 92, of St. Cloud died peacefully on Feb., 20 at Arlington Place, St. Joseph.

Her funeral was held Feb. 28 at St. Peter's Catholic Church in St. Cloud. The Rev. LeRoy Scheierl officiated and burial was in Assumption Cemetery, St. Cloud.

Mueller was born on Oct. 27, 1926 in St. Cloud to Joseph and Catherine (Gregory) Strack. Before marriage, she worked at JC Penney's and Herberger's. She married Earl Mueller on June 4, 1947 at Holy Angels Catholic Church, St. Cloud. Mueller was



a charter member of St. Peter's Catholic Church, Daughters of Isabella and past president of the St. Cloud Hospital Volunteer Auxiliary. She enjoyed traveling and taking trips to Canada, fishing, gardening and playing cribbage.

Survivors include her children: Linda (Barry) Sand of St. Joseph, Kathryn (Tom) Graham of Cold Spring and John Mueller of St. Cloud; five grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Earl (April 2012); grandson, Jason Sand; brother, Donald Strack and sister, Renee Strack.

Special thank you to Arlington Place, St. Joseph for their loving care given to Ardelle.

In lieu of flowers, memorials are preferred.

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Veteran

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collision between two ships during refueling operations.

Life on board ship usually involved working 16-hour days below deck. The confined quarters being such, Ron slept in bunks four high.

Being in the Navy's Sixth Fleet was not without its perks. While in the Navy, Ron experienced many major ports of call. He had liberty in Spain, Greece, Turkey and Italy. By Ron's estimate, he had about 15-20 ports of call, "I got to see the world."

The ship Ron was on had

a complement of 300 officers and enlisted personnel. Seventy-five of those 300 on board the Mississinewa had Idaho driver licenses. What are the odds of that being a bona fide legitimate occurrence? Probably a very remote possibility at best. If the truth be told, the ingenuity of sailors who were too young to legally drink alcohol prompted them to apply for a driver's license with falsified dates of birth. First, the sailors secured and completed the necessary applications for an Idaho driver license.

With a current photograph and a \$5 fee, they mailed off the license application. Within weeks their shiny new driver license arrived.

For a while, Ron seriously considered re-enlisting. He was discharged from the Philadelphia Naval Receiving Station on Dec. 21, 1967. Ron returned home in time for Christmas. He flew home in uniform to Minneapolis and took a bus to St. Cloud. Within a week of being home in St. Joseph, Ron met his future wife, Joyce. Joyce worked at the bank on Minnesota Street, across from the church. Now the building is housed by Rockhouse Productions.

After a 2½ year courtship, they married in April 1970. Ron and Joyce will be married 49 years in April.

After a very emotionally painful miscarriage and a

stillbirth, Joyce and Ron were blessed with two daughters. Ron and Joyce have three grandsons.

After his discharge from the Navy, Ron bartended at the Midway for six months and at Landy packing for all of four hours. Having applied at St. Cloud Hospital, Ron was hired as an orderly, working in the area of physical therapy. He retired from St. Cloud Hospital after 40 years.

Restless and still not ready for retirement, Ron worked another 10 years for Coborn's pharmacy, delivering prescription drugs and medical equipment.

In retirement, Ron enjoys hunting and fishing. Joyce

suffered a cerebrovascular accident three years ago thus requiring Ron's help and encouragement.

Ron was the local American Legion Post 328 Commander for three years and also continues to be the post's adjutant for the past 17 years.

When asked to reflect on his military experience, Ron stated: "It was an enjoyable experience. I got to see the world."

With Ron's long employment at St. Cloud Hospital, as also his American Legion responsibilities, it is quite evident his compassion and commitment to serve people in general and veterans, in particular, continues to be a priority in his life.

Nydeen, Steichen named Triple A Award winners

by Cori Hilsgen
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St. Joseph seniors Reid Nydeen and Derek Steichen were recently named the St. John's Prep School Triple A Award (Arts, Academics, Athletics) recipients.

Each year, the Minnesota State High School League recognizes high-school seniors from member schools who have excelled in the classroom, on the athletic field and in fine arts.

Nydeen is the daughter of Pam and Lance Nydeen and Steichen is the son of Kathy and Mark Steichen, all of St. Joseph.

Nydeen plays soccer, basketball and runs track. She is also a member of the school band and National Honor Society.

"At St. John's Prep, I participate in many different activities and arts," Nydeen said. "I have always loved sports and

participating in as many athletics as I can. However, I also love the arts. I have taken band and ceramics and really appreciate both of these fine arts; they give me a chance to be unique."

Nydeen said athletics are important to her because she feels it is very important to be active every day and try new things. She also feels it is important to be in sports because they help her to learn how to work as a team, encourage other teammates and learn leadership skills.

"These are highly important, because the skills you learn by working as a team, help in the future when working with a community, classmates and even colleagues," she said.

Nydeen said art is important

to her because it gives her a chance to be unique and be herself.

"It is a chance for me to relax and enjoy something I really love to do," she said. "It also gives me a chance to make a mistake, but then understand what I did wrong and fix it."

Nydeen plans to attend the College of St. Benedict to study either elementary education or psychology.

"Reid is a leader on the athletic field and in the classroom," said Jill Pauly, director of Communications and Events. "She is a dedicated mentor to younger students and teammates. As a senior captain on the soccer and basketball teams, she always makes sure her teammates feel included and involved in game strategies and team activities.

"Reid is also a dedicated scholar who is focused on her studies and strives to do her best every day. Reid is intellectually curious and is actively engaged in her classes. Her enthusiasm for learning is contagious."

Steichen plays soccer, basketball and runs track. He also participates in photography, ceramics and is a member of National Honor Society.

"Athletics are important to me because they give me a vessel for my effort to be used in a productive manner," he said. "Art is important to me because it gives me a way to relax and find beauty in the small things in life."

After graduation, Steichen plans to attend the University of Marquette in Milwaukee,

Wisconsin. to study biomedical engineering.

"Derek is an easy going student who is quick to smile and make his teammates and classmates feel comfortable and a part of the community," Pauly said. "He works hard in the classroom and on the soccer field and basketball court. As the senior captain of the basketball team, he motivates his teammates, including those on the JV and C squads, by being optimistic and positive throughout their games and practices.

"Derek is a driven student and teammate who is persistent and organized. He's able to identify his goals and plan ahead to accomplish them."

News for Refugees

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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 easing your transition into our community.

Everyone in St. Joseph is invited to a potluck from 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. on Sunday, March 10.

It will take place at Resurrection Lutheran Hall, 610 CR 2. There is no fee.

What is a potluck? Each family brings one favorite dish to share – hamburger hot dish, sambusa, tacos, salad, bread or dessert. Bring your sweet tea. Water, regular tea and coffee will be provided as well as plates and silverware. College students can bring some fruit or cookies. The most important thing to bring is your family and friends from St. Joseph. There will be activities for the children after they eat.

Adult Education

We have no ESL Classes the week of March 11.

Morning classes will start again at the Spirituality Center near St. Benedict's campus from 9-10:30 a.m. on Monday, March 18.

Evening classes continue from 6:30-8 p.m. Tuesday, March 19, at St. Joseph Catholic School, on Minnesota Street. If your child's school is closed because of weather or emergency, there is no ESL class that day - morning or evening. You MUST call or text your teacher or Dianne DeVargas if you cannot come to class.

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Finish the job: bring Northstar to St. Cloud

Question: When is a subsidy not a subsidy?
Answer: When the money is used to support public transit, such as Northstar Commuter Rail, Republicans in the state Legislature call the money a subsidy. When it's used to build highways, the money is an investment.

Ten years after the first trains rolled, there's a serious effort to extend Northstar Commuter to St. Cloud. Rep. Dan Wolgamott (DFL-St. Cloud) has sponsored a bill that would provide \$7.3 million to get the project started. Of that amount, \$850,000 would pay for an analysis to see if an extension is appropriate. The remaining money would fund preliminary work, such as engineering, environmental analysis and land acquisition. Cost estimates for extending Northstar to St. Cloud have varied throughout the years, from \$40 million to \$150 million.

Meanwhile, in an attempt to ease traffic and fix wear and tear on the highway, the Minnesota Department of Transportation plans to spend \$350 million during the next three years to add lanes to Interstate Highway 94, repair the roadway and add interchanges. There's no talk of that money subsidizing freeway drivers.

During a Feb. 22 hearing in St. Cloud, Republicans asked if extending Northstar from Big Lake to St. Cloud would lower the commuter lines's subsidy. It's a fair question. The most recent figures show each of the almost 800,000 annual passengers comes with an \$18 subsidy. That's more than \$14 million a year.

Rep. Tim O'Driscoll (R-Sartell) introduced another bill to study whether Northstar should run all the way to Camp Ripley, north of Little Falls. O'Driscoll argues in time of emergency, Northstar could be used to evacuate Twin Cities residents to Ripley for medical care and refuge.

About 150 people attended the hearing and about 50 of them spoke in support of Wolgamott's bill including public officials, business leaders, railway workers, students and commuters.

Business leaders say the line could bring workers to the St. Cloud area as well as delivering workers to the Twin Cities. Central Minnesota residents could travel safely in all weather conditions, without clogging I-94, for recreation, medical care and entertainment. After arriving at the Target Field Station in downtown Minneapolis, it's a few steps to transfer to buses and trains. The Blue and Green light rail lines connect St. Paul, the University of Minnesota, the airport and the Mall of America.

Northstar opened in 2009. It cost \$320 million and was funded by the federal (\$161.9 million) and state (\$98.6 million) governments, the regional rail authorities for Anoka (\$34.8 million), Hennepin (\$8 million) and Sherburne (\$8.2 million) counties, the Metropolitan Council (\$5.9 million) and the Minnesota Twins (\$2.6 million). The 40-mile stretch ends at Big Lake and riders need to transfer to a bus to complete the trip to St. Cloud.

Area legislators should get behind Wolgamott's bill and stop hiding behind the subsidy question. Rep. Tama Theis (R-St. Cloud) joined Wolgamott as a co-author. Lisa Demuth (R-Cold Spring) should support the measure. O'Driscoll should drop his Camp Ripley study. It stands no chance in the DFL-controlled House anyway and he should back Wolgamott's plan. In the Senate, Jerry Relph (R-St. Cloud) has introduced a companion bill. Sen. Jeff Howe (R-Rockville) should sign on to it.

All transportation – highways, airports, trains – receive some form of “subsidy.” All of it comes from tax money. It's time for the Legislature to finish the job started 10 years ago and bring Northstar to St. Cloud.

It's time to consider a mayor for president

Mike Knaak
Editor



graduate of Harvard University, a Rhodes Scholar and a veteran of the war in Afghanistan. He is the first openly gay Democratic candidate to run for president.

Buttigieg argues “you could be a senior senator and have never managed more than a hundred people in your life,” he said. “I not only have more years of government experience than the president of the United States, but I have more years of executive experience than the vice president of the United States and more wartime experience than anybody who arrived in the office since George H.W. Bush.”

Pointing out that you have more government service and military experience than the current occupant is setting the bar pretty low. But he has a point.

Sen. Bernie Sanders, 77, was mayor of Burlington, Vermont, in the 1980s when the city's population was about 40,000. He was re-elected three times. While in office, Sanders balanced the city budget and drew a minor league baseball team to Burlington. Burlington sued the local television cable

franchise, winning reduced rates for customers. Sanders led extensive downtown revitalization projects. One of his primary achievements was the improvement of Burlington's Lake Champlain waterfront.

Not a bad record for a socialist.

A third mayor finally decided not to run but he would have been an impressive candidate. New York City's three-term mayor Michael Bloomberg, 77, is an actual billionaire with no bankruptcies in his background. He built a real company, not a mom-and-pop licensing scheme. A global financial services, mass media and software company bears his name.

Why a mayor? Because they are executives who manage large enterprises. They actually have to form and execute policy and deliver results. They can't hide in the crowd of 99 other senators when a policy fails. If the snow doesn't get plowed or the garbage doesn't get picked up, a mayor hears about it face-to-face while standing in the checkout line at the grocery store.

Mayors need to choose qualified subordinates, make wise policy choices and deliver results. At minimum, voters expect a competent government, not the three shutdowns managed by Donald Trump. Wise policy developed by ethical, experienced leaders would be a bonus.

Give a mayor a chance for a change.

Gas tax bad consideration, worse proposal

Connor Kockler
Guest Writer



revenue might be needed to fund more priorities.

It doesn't help that taxing gas and motor vehicles is a regressive tax that impacts middle-class Minnesotans, especially in our area. Without the amenity of many public-transit options, most people in this state outside of the Twin Cities rely on their personal vehicles to get to work, pick up kids from activities, and travel for work and leisure. People will lose more from their paychecks as their daily commute is increasingly taxed.

Before Walz jumps headlong into trying to impose this additional tax burden on Minnesota families, he should consult with legislators and citizens about what can be done to work on his priorities without hurting the very people he's saying he wants to help with this budget. Using the state surplus, as well as eliminating waste and inefficiencies already present in Minnesota's government can work to fund needed investments in education, infrastructure and healthcare with the least to no amount of new taxes. The Legislature should also refuse to allow the gas tax to rise automatically, as this goes against the concept of our representatives voting whether to raise taxes on us and bearing the responsibility for that action.

Though I understand Walz's intentions of wanting to put more investment into the state, continuing to raise the amount of money that everyday Minnesotans are paying shouldn't be the go-to answer. Taxes are important, but they should also be respected. The state should use existing funds and eliminate inefficiencies before asking the people for more money. New taxes should only be created when absolutely necessary, and raising the gas tax by

In just a few short months, our newly inaugurated Gov. Tim Walz has had an eventful start to his term. Large amounts of snow and freezing temperatures created an almost statewide shutdown at the end of January. Sen. Amy Klobuchar also declared her campaign for president, bringing a major Minnesota candidate into the race for 2020. But as we enter March there is one major item on the minds of Minnesotans, and that is the governor's proposal to raise the gas tax by 20 cents per gallon. While arguments can be made for the additional investments this tax would make possible, an increase of this size is a step too far.

Walz ran on a campaign of “One Minnesota” and increasing investment in areas such as education, infrastructure and healthcare. His new budget proposal, which includes the gas tax increase in question, does allocate money toward these areas. The problem is the number of tax hikes and how they are proposed to be implemented.

The plan calls for the 20-cent per gallon gas tax increase to be phased in over two years, so still rising by 10 cents per gallon per year. Even more worrying, Walz wants the gas tax to increase for inflation in the future, going up without any additional lawmaker input from year to year. Motor vehicle sales tax and registration taxes would go up. It would also increase taxes on businesses by eliminating some deductions they currently enjoy. According to the Star Tribune, these actions would raise more than \$11 billion additional in tax revenue over the next 10 years.

Considering the state's estimated surplus of around \$1.5 billion dollars this year, it's surprising to me this much in tax increases is even being considered, much less being proposed. Minnesota is increasingly moving up the ranks of heavily taxed states, and more of this will make our state a less attractive destination for families and businesses. We should be investing the surplus first if needed, and only then considering what additional

20 cents per gallon doesn't fit the criteria.

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

Letter to the editor

Gun control works

Paul McCabe, St. Joseph

A common narrative I hear people express is this: gun control does not work. Or “criminals will break the law anyway.” I am not going to regurgitate statistics that say otherwise because most of the people reading this have access to Google and can quickly find unbiased sources done by academic types that will point out the effects of gun control laws both here and abroad.

What I will point out is the same people who say gun control is ineffective in combating gun violence are usually the same people who want to build a concrete wall at the southern border even though the research points out “criminals will find a way.” Those same people oppose abortion yet we are always told “people who want abortions will get them anyway.” So I see a lot of inconsistency with how people view effectiveness of legislation when it comes to their personal moral crusade. If one believes gun laws are pointless since criminals don't care about laws, can we not apply that logic to border walls, abortions, stop signs, etc.?

The statistics we DON'T hear about: a drop-off in crime starting in 1991 (18 years after the passage of Roe v. Wade). A drop in alcohol consumption after enforcement of prohibition. A drop in motorist deaths after seatbelt enforcement. The point I am getting at is this: laws work. Just look at statistics.

I believe legislation to pass sweeping gun control laws across the nation, coupled with stronger border security and giving agencies more ability to lock people up would affect a significant decrease in the amount of mass shootings in America.

Community Calendar

Is your event listed? Send your information to: Newsleader Calendar, 1622 11th Ave. SE., St. Cloud, MN 56304., 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, March 8
Fish Fry, 4-7 p.m., St. John the Baptist Catholic Church, Fruit Farm Road.
Fish fry fundraiser, sponsored by St. Joseph Rod and Gun Club, 4:30-8 p.m., American Legion, 101 W. Minnesota St., St. Joseph. www.stjoerodandgunclub.org.

Saturday, March 9
Winter Market, 9 a.m.-1 p.m., fellowship hall, Resurrection Lutheran Church, 610 CR 2, St. Joseph.

Central Minnesota Chapter of the Federation of the Blind of Minnesota, 12:30 p.m., American Legion, 17 Second Ave. N., Waite Park.

Monday, March 11
St. Joseph Food Shelf, open 1-3 p.m., 124 First Ave. SE, St. Joseph.

St. Joseph Planning Commission, 6 p.m., 75 Callaway St. E.

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

Tuesday, March 12
Central Minnesota Civil War Rountable, 3 p.m. Stearns History Museum, 235 33rd Ave., S., St. Cloud. “Baseball and the Civil War” presented by Adam Katz.

National Alliance on Mental Health, 7-8:30 p.m., Calvary Community Church, 1200 Roosevelt Road, St. Cloud. The group helps parents raising a child with mental illness learn coping skills and develop problem-solving skills. 320-654-1259.

Wednesday, March 13
Breakfast Club, 9 a.m., Stearns History Museum, 235 33rd Ave. S., St. Cloud. Johanna Ellison, director of the Cokato Museum and Akerlund Studio, will talk about the Gust Akerlund glass-plate photography collection.

St. Joseph Area Chamber of Commerce, 11:30 a.m., St. Joseph Government Center,

75 Callaway St. E. stjoseph-chamber.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, March 14
St. Joseph Food Shelf, open 1-3 p.m., 124 First Ave. SE, St. Joseph.

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

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

Friday, March 15
Fish Fry, 4-7 p.m., St. John the Baptist Catholic Church, Fruit Farm Road.

Nun Banquet, 4:30-7 p.m., fundraiser for Habitat for Humanity. Buffet of meatless soups/chili and breads. Sacred Heart Chapel Gathering Place, St. Joseph.

Baked Fish Dinner, 5-7 p.m., St. Paul’s Parish Center, 1125 11th Ave. N., St. Cloud.

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

Sunday, March 17
Breakfast, 8 a.m.-noon, American Legion, 17 Second Ave. N., Waite Park.

Monday, March 18
Blood Drive, 1-7 p.m., Ameican Legion, 17 Second Ave. N., Waite Park. 320-363-4664.

Fare for All, 3:30-5:30 p.m., Resurrection Lutheran Church, 610 CR 2, St. Joseph.

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Wood Duck, Bluebird and Wren House building, sponsored by St. Joseph Rod and Gun Club, 4-6:30 p.m., American Legion, 101 Minnesota St. W., St. Joseph.

St. Joseph City Council, 6-7 p.m., Government Center, 75 Callaway St. E.

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

Tuesday, March 19
Memory Writers group develops topics and turns in stories. 10 a.m., Stearns History Museum, 235 33rd Ave.

S, St Cloud.

Alzheimer’s and dementia information meeting, 1 p.m., The Sanctuary, 2410 20th Ave. SE., St. Cloud.

St. Joseph EDA, 6-7 p.m., Government Center, 75 Callaway St. E.

St. Joseph Lions membership meeting, 7 p.m. dinner, 7:30 p.m. meeting. Millstream Park, New Lions Building.

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

Wednesday, March 20
Cold Spring Winter Market, 3-6 p.m., DEF Building, 527 Main St., Cold Spring.

St. Cloud school district board meeting, 6:30 p.m., St. Cloud City Hall, 400 Second St. S.

Thursday, March 21
St. Joseph Food Shelf, open 1-3 p.m., 124 First Ave. SE, St. Joseph.

Saturday, March 23
Liturgy in French, 4:30 p.m., Sacred Heart Chapel, 104 Chapel Lane, St. Benedict’s Monastery.



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On the next leg from Sauk Centre to Spicer, cyclists will

stop at the Max Bat baseball factory in Brooten and Sibley State Park.

On Saturday, the tour heads to Hutchinson and then the riders return to St. Joseph on Sunday.

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