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Stearns County to hold seized, surplus auction

Stearns County will hold a spring auction to sell seized and surplus property on Saturday, May 4 at the Stearns County Public Works building, 455 28th Ave. S., Waite Park, three blocks south of Mill's Fleet Farm. Site opens at 8 a.m.; auction begins at 9:30 a.m. Items include cars, plow trucks and SUVs; a commercial mower; a backpack emergency cutting torch; a snow blower; tools and hardware; office machines and furniture; assorted metal culverts and guard rails; and many other miscellaneous items. For more information on the auction, a list of what is for sale and to see photos, visit midwestauctions.com or auctiondigz.com and click on Benoit Auction Service.

Senior Connection to host Lemonade, Laughter May 8

The Sartell Senior Connection will host its 12th annual Lemonade and Laughter, featuring sing-a-longs, skits and laughing at everyday life with the women of Creative Impressions, at 2 p.m. Tuesday, May 14 at the St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church's Gathering Space, 219 Second St. N., Sartell.

YCCM to perform April 28

YCCM Masterworks: Jubilate Deo, featuring the Youth Chorale of Central Minnesota Cantanti and Con Brio with orchestra, will be held at 7 p.m. Sunday, April 28 at the Paramount Center for the Arts, 913 St. Germain St., St. Cloud. To order tickets, visit paramountarts.org or call 320-259-5463.

Newsleader names bunny winners

Bunny winners in the Newsleader Easter bunny giveaway include the following: Central Minnesota Credit Union - Nova Kelly; Jack Splash Swim School - Madison Collins; Once Upon a Child - Tatum; St. Joseph Meat Market - Addie Klein.

Lions fish fry set April 19

The annual fish fry, meat raffle and bake sale, sponsored by the St. Joseph Lions Club, will be held from 4:30-7:30 p.m. Friday, April 19 at Sal's Bar & Grill, 109 W. Minnesota St., St. Joseph. Great fish!

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photos by Dennis Dalman

Big crowds have fun at Community Showcase

Hundreds of people of all ages clearly enjoyed the St. Joseph Community Showcase April 13 at Kennedy Community School. (At left) Excited children climb and bounce and tumble on one of the inflatables at the St. Joseph Community Showcase. (At right) At the St. Joseph Community Showcase, Nutsy the Squirrel gets his photo taken with brother Elias and Drew Thiel of St. Joseph, the sons of Randi and Adam Thiel. See story on page 4.



Bad Habit to open May 4 at new location

by Dennis Dalman
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If any business can be considered "too successful," it's Bad Habit Brewing in St. Joseph – so sudsily successful, in fact, that it had to find a new location.

That new place is at 25 College Ave. N., just a stone's throw from its current location at 15 Minnesota St. E. Bad Habit fans – they are legion – are excited about the new place, which will open for business Saturday, May 4. The Bad Habit Facebook site has been abuzz for weeks with the excitement, including an oft-repeated question, "When's it going to open? When's it going to open?"

Owner and founder Aaron Rieland had planned an earlier opening date, but the federal government shutdown in late December and January caused a delay. That is because in order to open, Rieland needed federal approval of an amended notice to open an alcohol-related business in a new location. But now Rieland and his staff are ready to roll out the barrel.

For months, an ambitious total-restoration project has been underway on the inside and outside of what was once a bank and later St. Joseph City Hall and Police Station. That building went up for sale when the new St. Joseph Government Center opened, and Rieland purchased the building.

Crowded, cramped space was always a problem at the old place – the price of its success. The space will be more than twice that of the current location, with seating accommodations for up to 300 customers, including about 150 on a large wrap-around patio in the warmer months. When the patio is finished sometime this June, Bad Habit will host a grand opening.

The idea for Bad Habit Brewing began in 2013 when Rieland, family, friends and other craft-beer enthusiasts began to look for a place to open a local business. They eventually decided to try their venture in downtown St. Joseph. At first they were all a bit skit-



photo Bad Habit Brewing website

Aaron Rieland, owner of Bad Habit Brewing in St. Joseph, stirs a batch of brew in a fermenting tank.

tish. What if the business fails? Their fears turned out to be happily wrong. After it opened in October 2015, Bad Habit rap-

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A place to call home: Group highlights need for affordable housing in St. Joseph

by Stephanie Dickrell
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What does "home" mean to you?

Molly Weyrens asked that question to a group at the Church of St. Joseph Sunday night, April 14.

Community members gathered to learn more from Weyrens about the need for affordable housing in St. Joseph.

Weyrens, of Central Minnesota Catholic Worker, is part of Faith in Housing, a group of area church members working on housing issues.

So what does a home mean? Family, warmth and comfort, Weyrens said.

Most importantly, Weyrens said, home is a place to feel safe.

The informational meeting comes amid discussions

of new affordable housing in St. Joseph. Sand Development has proposed a new apartment building southwest of the U.S. Army Reserve facility on 20th Avenue SE. It would include 48 units, including one-, two- and three-bedroom units. Sand Development is asking for support from city and county officials, so they can apply for a state housing grant.

So far, the City Council

members have voted to move forward in preparing the grant. They discussed the land in question at an Economic Development Authority meeting on April 16. A vote approving the submission of the grant is expected at the May 6 City Council meeting.

Weyrens said affordable housing is critical to a community's economy and well-being.

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Obituaries

**Jason James Dahl, 48
of Cold Spring
June 9, 1970-April 11, 2019**

Jason James Dahl, 48, of Cold Spring, Minnesota, died peacefully, at home, surrounded by family on April 11. Dahl was diagnosed with non-Hodgkin's lymphoma on July 20, 2018, which he battled fiercely during his cancer journey.

A Celebration of Life was



Dahl

held from 4:30-9 p.m. Thursday, April 18 with a memorial service from 6:30-7:30 p.m. at The Olde Coliseum, 691 Main St. W., Richmond, Minnesota 56368.

Dahl was born June 9, 1970 to Elmer and Geraldine (Fuchs) Dahl. He graduated from Paynesville High School in 1988 and then obtained his law enforcement degree from Alexandria Technical College. In 1992, he enlisted in the U.S. Air Force and served until he was honorably discharged in 1997. Dahl was married to Patricia Melton on Feb. 7, 1995, and they were blessed with two amazing daughters, Ali and Payton. Dahl started his law enforcement ca-

reer with the City of St. Joseph and then served at the Stearns County Sheriff's Department for nearly 20 years. He had a strong desire to help others, whenever possible. Above all, he was the proudest of his family. He shared a great love for his parents, siblings, daughters, sons-in-law and grandson, Bennett. Dahl had a large circle of family and friends. He enjoyed neighborhood parties, hunting, fishing, golfing, motorcycling, snowmobiling, spending time on the lake and Wednesday Wing Night at The Red Goat in Watkins.

Survivors include his children: Ali, Joe, and Bennett Anderson, St. Cloud; Payton

and Nick Swanson, Mankato; his siblings: Karen Dahl family, St. James; James and Margaret Dahl family, Delano; John and Kim Dahl family, Spicer; Jeff and Jackie Dahl family, Lake Henry; JoAnn and Dennis Spaulding family, Paynesville; Jerome Dahl and Amy Hanson-Beseman family, Sauk Rapids; and Jack and Peggy Dahl family, Paynesville; godchildren Jonathon Dahl, Delano; Elizabeth Dahl, Paynesville; and Sierra Roeser, Paynesville; godparents James and Irene Jaeger, Lake Henry; dear friends Patricia and Randy Seykora, Cold Spring; Jon and Sherry Norstedt, Spicer; Vic and JoAnn Topp family, Paynesville, the

Wednesday Night Wing Crew; and co-workers from the Stearns County Sherrieff's Department.

Dahl was preceded in death by his parents Elmer and Geraldine Dahl; grandparents Salem and Agnes Dahl and Alphonse and Sarah Fuchs; and siblings: infant brother Dahl, Mary Dahl, Joseph Dahl, Jacob Dahl, cousin Gerald Roeser II and other relatives. Care is entrusted to the Wenner Funeral Home, Cold Spring.

A special thank you to Dr. Hani Alkhatib, Siri K., RN, the Coborn Cancer Center, St. Cloud Hospital and Mayo Clinic and Hospitals for their kind and compassionate care.

**Lisa Marie Carlson, 58
Cold Spring,
formerly of St. Joseph
May 9, 1960-March 31, 2019**

Lisa Marie Carlson, 58, tragically suffered from an unknown type of early on-set dementia and died March 31 in hospice care at Ecumen



Carlson

Prairie Lodge in Brooklyn Center, Minnesota.

Carlson was born on May 9, 1960 in Minneapolis to parents Barb and Lauren Carlson. She grew up in Chokio, Minnesota as the second of eight siblings whom she helped raise. She graduated valedictorian from Chokio-Alberta High School. She was married to Patrick Cotton of St. Joseph for 22 years and had four children who all remember her as the best mother.

She went back to school

while raising four young children and earned her bachelor's degree from the College of St. Benedict and her masters's in ceramics from St. Cloud State University. Her children admirably remember her writing her thesis on a typewriter, in the middle of the kitchen, while they ran circles around her. Carlson excelled at everything she devoted herself to: she was an amazing whole-foods cook and avid gardener. She grew large, organic vegetable and flower gardens every year and was a vendor at St. Joseph's Farmers' Market for a few years. Carlson was a lifelong artist and leaves a substantial body of work behind her. Her primary medium was ceramics and also included drawing, painting, photography, printmaking

and poetry. She ran the art galleries as the Director of Exhibitions from 1996-2007 at College of St. Benedict and St. John's University. She was a ceramics instructor at the Paramount Arts Center in St. Cloud from 1998-2012. She also spread her love of art through her teaching positions: running figure-drawing classes for the St. John's and St. Ben's community, summer art kids' camps at St. John's, K-12 educator workshops at the Paramount and other various art workshops and guest speaking appearances.

She is preceded in death by her brother Daniel Carlson of Chokio.

Survivors include her parents Lauren Carlson of Chokio, Barb Eide and her husband Jerry Eide of Montana; her siblings: Louis Carl-

son of Oregon, Thomas Carlson of St. Joseph, Anne Stahn of St. Paul, Katie Bergstrom of St. Paul, Peter Carlson of Minnestrista and Molly Carlson of Wayzata; her children: Jessica Cotton of Hawaii, Robin Cotton of Minneapolis, Lauren Cotton of St. Cloud, and Daniel Cotton of Cold Spring; and her granddaughters Evelyn Cotton and Wiley Rupp.

She represented the ultimate Earth Mother to so many. Her legacy of love lives on: love of the Earth, love of art, love of life.

Charitable contributions can be made in memory of Lisa Carlson to Brain Support Network, P.O. Box 7264, Menlo Park, California 94026 or www.brainsupportnetwork.org.

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Bad Habit Brewing plans to open in its new location on May 4.

Brewing

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idly became a favorite, trending go-to place for people who like to relax with beer, cider, soda and food. Many times it was cram-packed.

The new place is a bold modernistic design – lots of huge windows, old-wood floors, a red-white-black color scheme reflecting the business’s logo. The outside entrance is a bold red visual echo of the cantilevered look of the front of the world-renowned St. John’s Abbey Church in Collegeville. But within the modernistic struc-

ture is a rustic, down-home cozy ambience of plank tables and chairs.

Bad Habit Brewery’s signature identity is beer brewed right on the premises. It’s beer that ranges from classic-recipe (such as an English-style pub ale) to over-the-top fun and loopy beer, such as Hip-ster Peanut with Banana. Inspired by Elvis Presley’s love of humble foods, the brew contains peanut butter and bananas.

Another beer is Dark Addiction, flavored with cocoa nibs from Ghana. Among the scores of beers brewed since 2015 are Tropic Like It’s Hot, a beer comprised of passion fruit, mango and pineapple – not to mention

malt and hops, the foundation ingredients of most beers.

There has been and will be a constant experimentation with new-fangled craft beers at Bad Habit. That’s one of the attractions of the business – trying something new and always with a whimsical sense of humor.

In the new Bad Habit, there will be a stage for musical performances, a private-event space and – of course – lots of room for the huge stainless-steel brewing/fermenting tanks.

Fourteen beer choices will be “on the menu” when Bad Habit Brewing opens May 4.



photo by Mike Knaak

Raise the Barn event supports Walz family.

People filled Milk & Honey Cider's tap room April 14 for the Raise the Barn fundraiser. The event raised \$2 from every cider sale and all tips to help the Walz family rebuild their barn destroyed in a Feb. 8 fire. The fire destroyed the family's barn and forced them to sell their cattle. The Walz farm, on CR 2, is south of Milk & Honey.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE OF TREATMENT OF CURLYLEAF PONDWEED (2019)

Attention Big Watab Lake property owners:

Big Watab Lake Association has contracted to treat Curlyleaf Pondweed, an aquatic invasive species in Big Watab Lake.

Minnesota Department of Natural Resources has granted to Big Watab Lake Association a waiver of the requirement that the association obtain the signatures of approval of owners of lakeshore property. Instead, the Big Watab Lake Association will notify property owners of the treatment through alternate forms. This public notice is one form the Big Watab Lake Association is using to notify property owners.

The proposed date for treatment: Between May 1 and May 31, 2019.

The target species for the treatment: Curlyleaf pondweed.

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PEOPLE

J a m i -son Penticuff, a seventh-grader at Kennedy Community School, was a winner at the Minnesota Music Teachers Association’s preliminary music contest at the College of St. Benedict in January. He also won at the state finals at the University of Minnesota in March.



Penticuff

He will perform at an Honors Concert at the Minneapolis Convention Center on June 1. He will be part of an ensemble of 20 students playing a duet on 20 grand pianos.

Nadine Leibfried of St Joseph recently earned her bachelor’s degree in nursing from Western Governors University.

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“Stable housing ... it's a health concern,” Weyrens said. “That’s been a big shift in the last couple years. ... Hospitals and medical people are starting to really work for good housing because they know it adds to people's health.”

Weyrens quoted several statistics.

- One in four people in St. Cloud spend more than 50 percent of their monthly income on housing. Experts recommend people spend no more than a third of their income.
- More than 400 children in area schools experienced homelessness in 2018.
- The cost of housing has increased much more than incomes in the last 20 years. For instance, for a college graduate, incomes have increased 6 percent while the cost of housing has increased 47 percent.

Weyrens explained the “housing first” model, which

is gaining traction among social welfare organizations across the country. Nonprofits first settle people experiencing homelessness into stable housing. Then, they can address other issues which may affect their stability: poor mental and physical health, addiction, inadequate education and lack of job or low wages.

Studies have found this model results in more stability for the people it helps and can save money in the long run. For instance, emergency room visits and police calls tend to go down when housing first is implemented in a community.

It’s challenging for communities to build affordable housing, Weyrens said. There are a number of factors: the high cost of land and construction, burdensome government regulations, and lack of innovation and lack of funding.

But by far the most difficult obstacle is NIMBY, the “not in my backyard” attitude of existing residents. People sometimes object to affordable housing projects based on stereotypes

including a perceived increase of crime and law enforcement presence, an increase in traffic and based on racial bias and other forms of discrimination.

Despite those challenges, Anne Buckvold, a member of the St. Joseph City Council, said she’s encouraged by previous community support for newcomers, including refugees. She cited work to pass a resolution in 2018 to say St. Joseph was a welcoming community.

“There’s a lot of people who want to welcome more people and reach out,” Buckvold said.

She also stressed people should not equate poverty with race. They should resist stereotypes.

“This isn't just refugees. This isn't just black people. This isn't just Latinos. ... This is a white issue,” Buckvold said.

Weyrens agreed.

“It should just be a human issue,” she said.

Weyrens said no one project will solve this problem. Central Minnesota needs a variety of housing to meet a range of

needs.

That includes places which provide emergency shelter to families, including Place of Hope, the St. Cloud Salvation Army and Anna Marie’s Alliance. Supportive housing is also needed, for people with more intense health or social needs.

That includes places such as River Crest Apartments, which provides housing for people with a chronic addiction to alcohol and who are homeless, and Al Loehr Veterans and Community Studio Apartments.

Finally, there are housing programs which help reduce the housing cost for families, through rental vouchers and other programs.

There are economic reasons to support affordable housing, too, Weyrens said. Area companies are having trouble filling positions. CentraCare Health leaders have said they have trouble finding and keeping staff, because of the lack of housing.

There are other societal ben-

efits, including reduced costs for health care, law enforcement and other public services.

As the baby boomer generation enters retirement age, communities will see more seniors will be at risk of homelessness, Weyrens said.

Causes include inadequate Social Security benefits, the lack of retirement savings, as well as accessibility and health issues. Weyrens said while the St. Cloud area has a lot of senior living options for people with resources, low-income seniors have fewer options.

Weyrens and Buckvold encouraged people supportive of affordable housing to make their opinions known. Write letters to the editor in newspapers, contact city officials and attend city council meetings, Buckvold said.

Weyrens also asked people to share the information they learned, to increase community support for affordable housing. For more information, contact Weyrens at faithinhousing@gmail.com.

Big crowds have fun at Community Showcase

by Dennis Dalman
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Many hundreds of people of all ages clearly enjoyed the St. Joseph Community Showcase April 13 at Kennedy Community School.

There were 24 local businesses featured at the show-

case, each with its own booth staffed by employees who indulged in pleasant breezy conversations with those who attended.

Many parents brought their children, including lots of babies and toddlers in strollers.

People at the booths gave out free gifts to those who

strolled from booth to booth. For examples, Coborn’s gave out free red delicious apples and bags of healthy sea salt chips, Kay’s Kitchen offered apple pastries and coconut lime cookies and the American Legion of St. Joseph gave out wall calendars.

There was a craft area where

children could create art projects, and there was a huge part of the gym where energetic children bounced and tumbled on several inflatable fun structures.

A popular attraction, especially for children, was “Nutsy” the Squirrel, the tall mascot of the LeafGuard Gut-

ters business. Nutsy posed for umpteen photos with children, sometimes with parents too.

Several people said how nice it was to meet the owners and employees of so many local businesses and to learn what those businesses have to offer.

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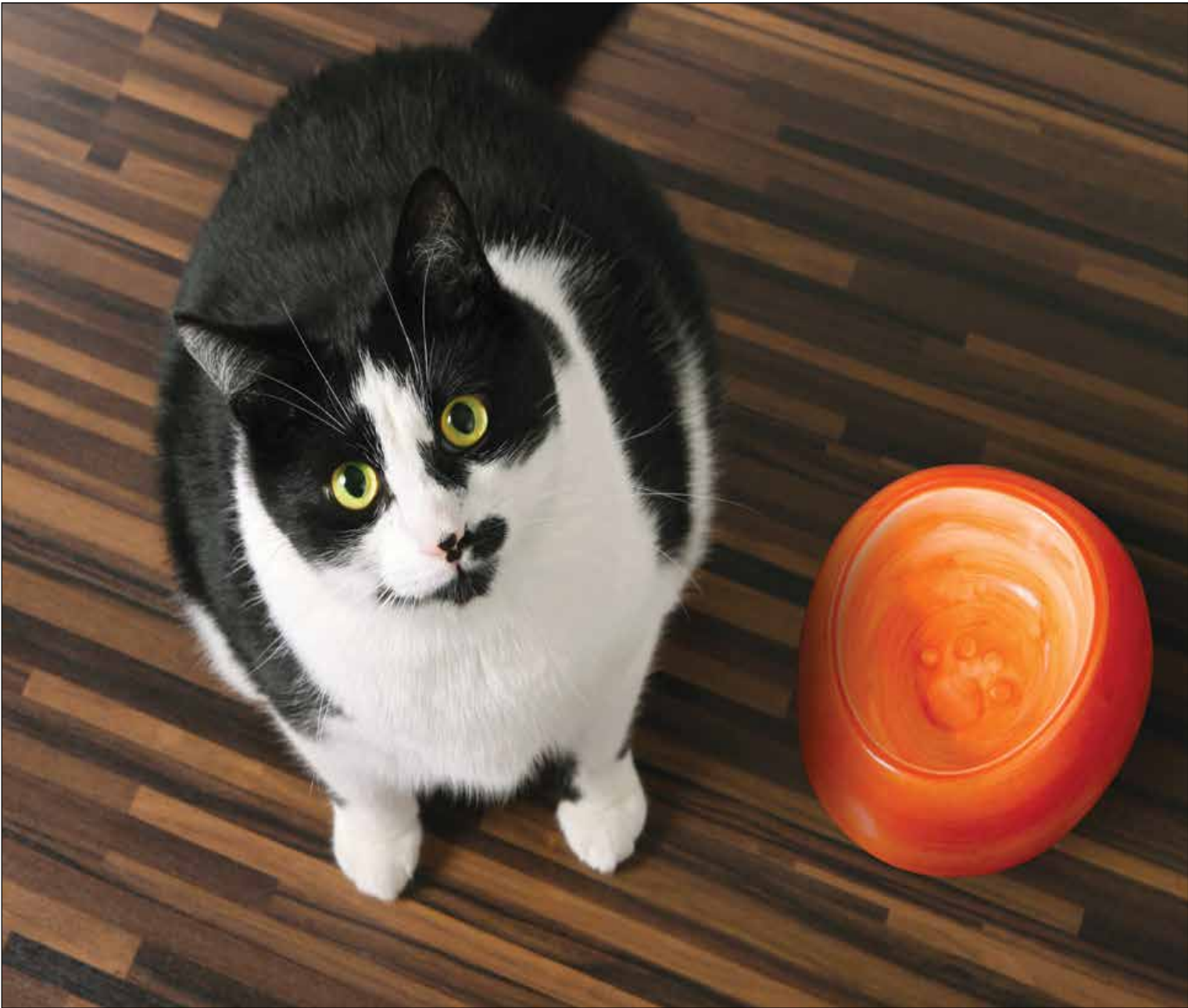
According to the Association of Pet Obesity Prevention, in 2017, more than 56 percent of pet dogs were overweight or obese and 60 percent of cats fell in the same category.

Owners must ensure their pets maintain healthy diets and remain active to avoid putting their animals at risk of developing serious diseases. Here are a few questions the Association of Pet Obesity Prevention suggests asking your pet's veterinarian.

IS MY PET OVERWEIGHT?

To determine if a lifestyle overhaul is required, you should discuss if your pet is at a healthy weight. This can be a touchy subject in most offices, as some professionals will be hesitant to hurt your feelings by suggesting your furry friend is unhealthy. Don't be offended if you receive an honest answer you don't want to hear.

A healthy weight is one of the largest factors of longevity, quality of life and prevention of disease. Fortunately, it is usually an easy process to discover if an animal needs to cut out the snacks or spend extra time exercising. Typically, a few measurements and a comparison on a body



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condition test will reveal the correct steps to take to achieve an ideal weight.

HOW MANY CALORIES SHOULD MY PET CONSUME?

This answer may be more difficult to answer. The correct

number will largely depend on a pet's diet, exercise habits and weight. Once a veterinarian determines a healthy amount, calorie tracking can be extremely helpful to stay within proper levels. Consider using an app where you can manually enter different

caloric content and track your pet's progress.

WHAT KINDS OF EXERCISES ARE CORRECT?

Once your pet has been deemed obese or overweight, a strict exercise regimen

should be incorporated. A veterinarian will be able to tell you which types of activities will be most effective by breed, size and age. Especially for senior pets, it's crucial to stick to their recommendations as overexerting them can be dangerous.

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As a Marine, Phillipp saw combat during Vietnam War

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

Michael "Mike" Paul Phillipp, 69, United States Marine Corp – Vietnam Era

Phillipp was born in Watkins. He was the youngest of seven. He was raised on a dairy farm in rural Meeker County. He was a member of the last graduating class of St. Boniface High School in Cold Spring (1968).

After graduation Phillipp worked at many different jobs.

After exploring other service branches, Phillipp enlisted in the Marine Corp at the age of 18 in November 1968.

With a deferred date of being activated on Dec. 4, 1968, and being unemployed for that month, his father found him a job skinning mink.

Phillipp spent 12 weeks in basic training at San Diego, California. Initially soaking wet and with a pocket full of rocks, His weight was a mere 120 pounds at that time. During the course of his enlistment, and with the assistance of the Marine Corp, Phillipp put on an additional 45 pounds.

After basic training, Phillipp was transferred to Camp Pendleton, California, for advanced combat infantry training. His Military Occupational Specialty was that of a rifleman, aka a "grunt."

Before being sent overseas, Phillipp was granted a 20-day leave when he met his future wife Kathy at the Richmond Colosseum.

Upon returning to Camp Pendleton, he boarded a plane for Vietnam. The original flight plan was: depart Pendleton-refueling in Hawaii-Okinawa-Da Nang, Vietnam.

As fate would have it, the plane door could not seal properly. Until repairs could be made, Phillipp and others were put up in a fancy hotel in Ha-



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Michael Phillipp 1968.

waii. Restricted to their rooms and with Army MPs in the hallways, Phillipp and some of his buddies escaped their hotel room. They shimmied down the drain pipe outside the window and commenced to get drunk in Honolulu that night.

Phillip was 19 years old when he arrived in Da Nang, Vietnam. Upon arrival in Vietnam, he was immediately sent to school so as to learn the Vietnamese language. Not unlike Chinese, Vietnamese conveys meaning not only by way of the selection of a word but also by the intonation of the word which could have a different meaning altogether. The language class lasted 10 days.

After completing the class, Phillipp boarded a C-130 transport plane to Phu Bai which became his home base camp for the 3rd Marine Division.

Two days later he was transferred to a rural Vietnamese village, "somewhere in the toolies."

Phillipp became a member of the Combined Action Program Unit 3-1-7. Each unit was assigned to protect remote villages.

The unit was made up of a 14-man rifle squad, the unit Navy corpsman and a platoon of villagers, usually armed older men, women and children . . . a somewhat motley militia.

In rotation, this group would go out and about the villages on recon patrols and set up ambushes for Viet Cong and North Vietnamese Army regu-



lars. Phillipp said, "My job was recon and ambush every other day."

Marine Corp historical records state: "That this particular operational initiative proved to be one of the most effective counter-insurgency tools developed during the Vietnam War." The goal was to deny the enemy sanctuary in 800 hamlets.

Phillipp experienced substantial combat. To paraphrase a combat-seasoned chaplain: "combat cuts away all the superficiality and artificiality of civilian life. There remains nothing but bedrock character." (The Rev. Francis L. Sampson)

Within a few weeks Phillipp came to believe he would not make it home. For Phillipp, "it became a matter of day-to-day survival."

Relative to those in Phillipp's platoon and his emotions toward them, he exhibited what in psychology is referred to as "cognitive dissonance." It is the conflicted feelings and thoughts between what came to be an intense trust and love for his buddies, while simultaneously Phillipp trying not to

Cutting Down on Usage

One of the best ways to keep trash out of landfills, gutters, rivers and the ocean is to cut back on the amount we throw away.

The Environmental Protection Agency offers ways for us to apply the mantra of “reduce, reuse, recycle” to keep down the amount of stuff we buy, which trickles down to throwing away less and eventually requiring less stuff to be produced in the first place.

REDUCING

This is the first and arguably best step — use less! Producing new items uses energy, usually produced by fossil fuels, and a variety of materials that have to be produced or mined. All of these materials and the finished products are transported throughout the country. The more we buy, the more of these resources get used.

Of course, going without isn't always an option, so be a smart consumer. Buy products with less packaging, and go for higher-quality clothing, household items, toys and appliances that will last longer. These typically cost more at the outset, but you'll save money in not having to replace them as often. Read e-books or check books out from the library instead of buying them.

REUSING

Whether it's a big purchase like a car or furniture or smaller items like toys, clothes and books, buy used whenever possible. Shop thrift stores, flea markets and garage sales or check online ads. While you're at it, sell your no-longer-needed items; kids grow out of clothes so quickly they may be reusable, or look at

formal attire that you only wore once. You can also organize a clothing swap among friends, neighbors or social groups; everyone can bring the items they don't want anymore and take items from others.

Also look for ways to reuse recyclable materials like cardboard boxes, egg cartons and other containers. Although

they should eventually be recycled, getting a few moves out of boxes saves trees.

RECYCLING

So many items come to us in cardboard boxes, tin cans and plastic containers. These can all be recycled, keeping them out of landfills; that's particularly good for plastics, which take so long to decom-

pose. Recycling these items also reduces the amount of raw materials needed to manufacture new products.

Not everything is recyclable everywhere, though cardboard, paper, tin cans and most types of plastic are ubiquitous. Many cities do not allow glass recycling, so know the rules before tossing glass into the bin.



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Marine

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get close to anyone for fear of them dying. "They were like my brothers."

Phillipp remembers one particular marine. "He taught me a lot. I made it home because of him."

"The people in the villages treated us well in spite of some initial mistrust as to whether they supported the Viet Cong. I felt bad for these simple Vietnamese villagers; they just wanted to live in peace."

After 11 months and 26 days (like whose counting the days) Phillipp's Vietnam tour was

concluded in body, but not in mind.

Even after 47 years, he re-lives, in some measure, PTSD, for which he has a service-connected disability.

Upon arriving back in the United States, Phillipp said he was "totally flabbergasted. I thought now I can go on with my life and make plans." It was 1970.

Phillipp went to work at Cold Spring Granite, but shortly thereafter went back to school under the G.I Bill. He completed a carpentry program at St. Cloud Technical College. For a while he worked as a carpenter in the Twin Cities. Later Phillipp worked at two foundries, Grady and DeZurik's for 35

years. He retired two years ago. All things considered, he is enjoying retirement.

Kathy, the girl Philipp met at the Richmond Colosseum while on leave, and who wrote to him while in Vietnam, became his bride in 1972. They have been married for 47 years.

The Phillipp's have four children. On one or two days of every calendar year the three boys are the same age. Mike and Kathy have lived in St Joseph for 46 years.

Not all the battles are over for this Marine. Of late Phillipp has been diagnosed with cancer and COPD. He is realistic but also optimistically confident about the future.

Former police chief's license revoked

The police standards board has revoked the license of former St. Joseph Police Chief Joel Klein.

After complaints, the St. Joseph City Council placed Klein on administrative leave in April

2018. While an investigation of the claims was underway, Klein resigned in May.

The Minnesota Police Officer Standards and Training board conducted an investigation and revoked Klein's license on Jan.

19 for sexual harassment.

Klein worked in the department since 2001 and became chief in 2013.

The City Council appointed Dwight Pfannenstien to replace Klein.



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St. John's Prep wins third place in state Knowledge Bowl contest

St. John's Prep Knowledge Bowl team won third place in the Class A meet April 10 and 11 in Brainerd. The state's top 48 teams competed in one written round and five oral rounds. Team members are (from left) Lukas Uhlenkamp, Cormac Smith, Hanna Haeg, Caitlin Skahen and Tina Chen.

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McGee is first lay leader of St John's Prep

by Cori Hilsgen
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Jon McGee will become the next headmaster for St. John's Prep School beginning July 1. He will be the first lay leader of the school, succeeding 29 St. John's Abbey monastic members, since the school was founded in 1857.

McGee said he hopes to bring energy and more recognition to the school.

"I hope to bring a lot of energy to St. John's Prep and lift it up to its next great place," he said. "The opportunity to work as head of school is extraordinary and one I am excited to embrace. I would like the Prep School externally recognized as a school of excellence within our community and known as what it truly is, a place that is innovative, imaginative and creative. The strength of the Prep School is its community and community values. I want the Prep School understood as a significant part of the educational fabric of the St. Cloud area and all of Minnesota."

Current Headmaster the Rev. Jonathan Licari announced his retirement last fall and the school enlisted a national educational search firm to help find his replacement.

Tom Stock, a member of the St. John's Prep Board of Regents, chaired the Head of School Search Committee which included alumni, faculty, monastic, parent and board of regent representatives.

After a four-month search that generated responses from throughout the United States and abroad, the school's board of regents voted unanimously in February to approve McGee as its next headmaster.

"Jon comes to St. John's Prep with an extensive knowledge and understanding of the school's rich history and strong Catholic Benedictine philosophy," said Abbot John Klassen in a press release. "As Prep enters its third year of a three-year strategic plan, McGee offers the unique perspective and experience as a chief strategist and consultant to other institutions of higher learning, including secondary schools. He understands the economic, challenges and opportunities the school faces as a globally minded, independent school in the ever-changing landscape of education."

McGee earned a bachelor's degree in government from St. John's University in 1984 and a master's degree in public affairs from the University of Minnesota's Hubert H. Humphrey Institute of Public Affairs in 1988.

He has worked at the College of St. Benedict and St. John's University since 1999 as the director of institution-



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al planning and research, following leadership positions at the Minnesota Private College Council and the Minnesota Department of Finance.

At the College of St. Benedict and St. John's University he has worked with planning and strategy, enrollment, communications and public affairs.

McGee is the author of two books, "Dear Parents: A Field Guide for College Preparation" and "Breakpoint: The Changing Marketplace for Higher Education." He is also a trustee of the College Board and serves on the faculty of the Harvard Summer Institute on College Admissions.

McGee has written many essays and blogs for higher education organizations and consultant groups and is often asked to speak about economic and development trends in education for both schools and families.

He and his wife, Ann, live in Cold Spring and have four children. Two children have graduated from St. John's Prep and two of them are currently attending the school.

McGee said he feels his children have received an extraordinary educational experience

at St. John's Prep and he looks forward to ensuring those advantages remain for students for generations to come.

"I think the Prep School has exceptionally prepared my children to succeed in college, both in the classroom and in life," he said.

"This school has really helped them develop exceptionally as young men and a young woman. Prep focuses on the development of a person and uses the benchmarks of our Catholic Benedictine tradition to develop as humans.

"Our kids have learned a lot about inclusivity and diversity. They've learned instead of dividing people, it's better to find ways to include each other. This call to welcome all as Christ is real, St. Benedict instructs us to receive all guests as Christ, and that's what my children have learned and are learning. It's a very diverse school with young people from 13 different countries. My children are exposed to that. They know there's an expectation of inclusivity of others."

According to Jill Pauly, St. John's Prep director of communications and events, the school currently has students

from 24 Minnesota cities attending grades six to 12 and will have 40 graduating students on May 25. There are 45 students from the St. Joseph area and 40 students from the Sartell area who attend the school. The school plans to add a fifth grade in fall this year.

Attention parents of 2019 graduates

Parents of 2019 grads and home-schooled students are encouraged to submit their name, parents' names, school they're graduating from and future plans to be included in the May 31 edition of the St. Joseph Newsleader. Deadline is Friday, May 3.

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Opinion

Our View Handheld phones aren't the only driving distraction

Put down the phone and drive.

That's now the law in Minnesota. The Legislature passed and Gov. Tim Walz signed the bipartisan hands-free bill that bans the use of handheld cell phones. The measure aims to reduce distracted-driving crashes.

The bill requires drivers to be hands-free, but allows use of voice-activated command calls and other functions such as GPS navigation and music applications.

Reps. Lisa Demuth and Tim O'Driscoll and Sen. Jeff Howe voted in favor of the measure, which will become law Aug. 1. Minnesota joins 16 other states and Washington, D.C., in banning handheld-cell-phone use while driving.

The law does not apply to drivers outside of traffic or in emergency situations, and expands on current statutes that ban texting, using email and browsing social media while driving.

The law will go a long way toward reducing distracted driving crashes, injuries and deaths, but phones aren't the only way drivers are distracted.

We've all seen drivers trying to read while zooming down the freeway or checking their looks in the mirror while waiting at a stop light.

How many of us have been distracted by a conversation with passengers instead of concentrating on the road ahead?

Have you fiddled with the radio instead of keeping hands on the steering wheel?

How often have you looked sideways at a billboard and when your eyes return to the road, you see the car ahead is closer than it appeared seconds before?

And then there are smokers. Unfortunately, the Clean Indoor Air Act doesn't apply to trying to light a cigarette behind the wheel.

According to the Minnesota Department of Public Safety's yearly Crash Facts report, young drivers, ages 15-19, are the most likely to be distracted.

Law enforcement is also focusing on distracted-driving enforcement this month.

The Stearns-Benton Area Toward-Zero-Deaths Coalition is concentrating on distracted driving enforcement now through April 30.

According to the coalition, distracted driving-related crashes claim an average of 53 lives each year in Minnesota.

Other statistics point to the persistent distracted driving dangers. The coalition shared these statistics:

- Continuing a six-year trend, texting citations climbed 30 percent from 2017 to 2018.
- Distracted driving contributes to one in five crashes in Minnesota.
- During the 2018 distracted-driving extra-enforcement campaign, law enforcement cited 1,576 people for texting and driving.
- In addition to the 53 deaths, distracted driving contributed to an average of 216 serious injuries each year from 2013 to 2017.

There is some good news in the statistics. While texting and driving citations are up, deaths and injuries from distracted driving in general are going down.

The law will soon demand you put down the phone and drive or you could be fined \$300.

But any behavior that takes the driver's attention away from the road ahead can lead to tragedy.

So put down the phone, but also put down the burrito, book, MP3 player and curb the urge to chat with friends and just drive.

Along with news, daily email flood brings scams, spam, quirky claims

The U.S. Mail once arrived in a stuffed sack worthy of Santa on Christmas Eve.

When I started in journalism five decades ago, the daily mail bag delivered news tips, letters from readers and press releases that often provided background information and ideas for stories.

When the big bag landed in the newsroom, a clerk would sort each piece, putting the letters and envelopes in rows of pigeon holes, one for each staffer.

My first beats included the loosely connected topics of agriculture, courts in Benton and Sherburne counties and the county boards that met in Foley and Elk River. So my mail cubicle was filled with news releases from the Farm Bureau, the NFO and Farmers Union. I also found county board agendas and helpful hints from the Extension Office.

And then along came the fax machine and the mail bag shrunk. All day, the fax machine, a beast seemingly designed to kill trees, cranked out reams of messages.

Thankfully for forests, email came along and with it spam and scams and the mailbag shrunk to a daily handful of letters.

Email is great. It arrives quickly, although some folks should count to 10 before hitting the send key. News tips, press releases, and questions and comments from readers can be dealt with and answered. Email works great for setting up interviews and quickly confirming facts on deadline.

But email has drawbacks too. In place of an interview, new sources, especially politicians, ask that reporters email questions and the interview source will email back answers.

Most newsrooms prohibit that practice for a number of reasons. First, who knows who is really answering the question? Are the words and thoughts really the words and thoughts of the source or a public relations staffer? An interview is really a conversation that allows for followup questions. One of a reporter's most effective interview tools is silence as a source is answering the question and contemplating what to say next. There's no silence key on a keyboard.

Even at a small operation such as the Newsleaders, we receive hundreds of emails a day. Deciding what to keep and read often depends on the sender and the subject line.

We get our share of scams....people in foreign lands offering money and all we have to do is send our bank account information. Offers of low-interest loans (no thanks, we have a local bank that handles our accounts). How about a 10-foot plastic canopy with our name on it? (I think that may come crashing down under the weight of heavy, wet snow.)

Scams come in all forms. Consider this one: "I need to get a Gamestop Gift

Mike Knaak
Editor



T'was a dangerous practical joke

Like my dad, there's nothing I enjoy better than a good, harmless practical joke. Except my latest one wasn't harmless; it almost got me killed.

It all started when neighbor Marty asked me to watch her soap opera, "The Young and the Restless" - a show she's watched for years. She couldn't watch it that day because she had a doctor's appointment at 11 a.m. Marty wanted me to find out for her if Summer, who had donated her liver to Lola, would die during that particular episode because there'd been some serious complications and she probably wouldn't live, Marty predicted.

So I tuned in that day and watched, although mainly what I watched - endured, I should say - was an avalanche of moronic, witless commercials.

It was while putting up with the lamebrain commercials that I concocted a practical joke to play on Marty. Last November, Marty fell and suffered extremely bad multiple fractures in her left hand and wrist. She had to go to a series of follow-up sessions at the clinic with a therapist named Peter. She truly enjoyed Peter's pleasant personality and cheerful chatter.

When Marty got home from the doctor that day, she was practically frantic to find out all about Summer.

"What happened?" she asked. "Tell me what happened!"

"You're not going to believe this, Marty," I told her. "It's really, really bad."

Dennis Dalman
Reporter



"Did she die?" she asked. "She did, didn't she?!"

"Well, no, but here's what happened. It was a dark and quiet night on the hospital's intensive care unit. All of a sudden, Summer started thrashing about in her bed. Then she flung the blankets off, ripped out feeding tubes and ran from the room. In the halls she sprinted zig-zag back and forth like a wild deer, screaming and shrieking."

"Doesn't surprise me," Marty said. "Sounds like something she'd do. Summer's really weird."

"Then," I continued, "the staff started chasing her down the hall. She ran to the staircase, tripped and tumbled all the way down, bouncing like a beach ball in the stairwell."

"No!" Marty said. "Did she die?"

"Well, no, she didn't die, but . . . " I said, pausing for effect.

"But what?! What? Tell me, Dennis!," she demanded.

"But she suffered terrible injuries," I said with a tone of funereal sadness. "All of her ribs are broken, fractured leg, bumps, bruises, abrasions, a concussion and . . . "

"And what? What?!"

"And she broke her hand so badly they had to amputate it."

Card for my nephew, It's his birthday but I can't do this now because I'm currently traveling. Can you get it from any store around you? I'll pay back as soon as I get back. Kindly let me know if you can handle this." We'll get right on that.

How about an All Access Jet Card? It's designed to simplify our travel needs. With a minimum purchase of \$250,000, I think we'll pass. No need to jet from St. Stephen to St. Joseph.

Whether it's an election year or not, politicians are robust users of email. Most of them send press releases that are written in the style of news stories, with clear headlines and text, although the focus is more on the who rather than the what or why.

But on the far ends of the political spectrum...left and right...the email writers feel they must get attention with dramatic claims and presumably shocking revelations.

My recent favorite, written in red: "Democrats are Freaking Out Over Citizenship on the Census Because They Want Non-Citizens Voting."

This one cleverly combines two Republican obsessions, asking about citizenship on the Census and election fraud, in one rhetorical blast. I didn't have to read too far into that one to get the point.

While communication tools change throughout the years, the basics of reporting and writing the news stay the same.

"Amputate?" said Marty, turning ghostly white as she looked down at her own mending hand in its support bandage.

"Yes, amputation!" I said with exaggerated horror. "But now for the good news."

"What good news? Tell me!"

"She's going to get a hand transplant soon. From Lola. Lola told the doctor that since Summer gave her a liver, she'd gladly give Summer one of her hands. But, meantime, they have to put her in an induced coma that will last at least nine episodes - maybe more."

"No!" said Marty, squinting at me. "Are you making this up?"

"Now listen, Marty. Wait, there's more. As the scene in Summer's hospital room faded, just before another barrage of commercials, you could hear on the ward's intercom, "Paging therapist Peter, paging therapist Peter!"

"Dennis! You dirty rotten rat! Shame on you! You made all that up just to get my goat!"

She gave me a dagger look, and if looks could kill I'd still be sprawled on my kitchen floor. Dead. The Old and the Lifeless.

"OK, now tell me what really happened," she said.

"I have no clue. Summer, whoever she is, wasn't even on today's show."

"You dirty rat! I'll get even, just wait and see!"

I learned one thing from my practical joke. Don't ever make fun of soap operas. Some people take them seriously. Dead seriously.

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, April 19

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

Saturday, April 20

Brat Sale, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., St. Joseph Meat Market. Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus.

Monday, April 22

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

Tuesday, April 23

Collegetown Township Board, 7 p.m., town hall, 27724 CR 50.
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.

Thursday, April 25

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.

Friday, April 26

Brat Sale, sponsored by the St. Joseph Y2K Lions, 9 a.m.-5 p.m., St. Joseph Meat Market. Profits and tips donated to 500 Omni Vision Learning in Monticello for Levi Wolf’s treatment.

Saturday, April 27

Brenny Transportation/DeZurik 5K Walk/Run, arrive 8:30 a.m., start 9 a.m. DeZurik parking lot, 250 Riverside Drive N., Sartell. Registration fees go to Eagle’s Healing Nest.

A Walk Together Uniting Against Sex Trafficking, 8:30 a.m. registration, 9 a.m. walk. Start at Sheer Dynamics Salon, Third Street Plaza. 3-mile walk. www.centralmn.org/awalktogether.

Brat Sale, sponsored by the St. Joseph Y2K Lions, 9 a.m.-4 p.m., St. Joseph Meat Market. Profits and tips donated to 500 Omni Vision Learning in Monticello for Levi Wolf’s treatment.

Sunday, April 28

Joe Town Table, 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m., American Legion, 101 W. Minnesota St., St. Joseph. every fourth Sunday of the month. centralmncw@gmail.com.

Monday, April 29

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

St. Cloud school district Community Linkages Committee, 8 a.m., District Administration Office, 1201 Second St. S., Waite Park.

Wednesday, May 1

St. Cloud school board meeting/work session, 6:30 p.m., District Administration Office, 1201 Second St. S., Waite Park.

Thursday, May 2

St. Joseph Food Shelf, open 1-3 p.m., 124 First Ave. SE, St. Joseph.
Great River Regional Coin Club, 6:30-8:30 p.m., Miller Auto Marine Sports Plaza, 2930 Second St. S., St. Cloud.

PUBLIC NOTICE

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Court File No. 73PR-19-2498

ORDER AND NOTICE OF HEARING ON PETITION FOR FORMAL PROBATE OF WILL AND APPOINTMENT OF PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE IN UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS

In Re: Estate of
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TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS AND CREDITORS:

It is Ordered and Notice is hereby given that on third day of May, 2019, at 8:45 a.m., a hearing will be held at the above named Court at St. Cloud, Minnesota, for the formal probate of an instrument purporting to be the Will of the above named decedent, dated March 20, 2006 and for the appointment of Jeramie L. Thompson, whose address is 745 Panorama Drive, South Ogden, Utah 84403, as personal representative of the estate of the above named decedent in unsupervised admin-

istration, and that any objections thereto must be filed with the Court. That, if proper, and no objections are filed, a personal representative will be appointed to administer the estate, to collect all assets, pay all legal debts, claims, taxes and expenses, and sell real and personal property, and do all necessary acts for the estate.

Notice is further given that ALL CREDITORS having claims against said estate are required to present the same to said personal representative or to the Court Administrator within four months after the date of this notice or said claims will be barred.

Dated: March 29, 2019
Filed: March 29, 2019

/s/ Shan C. Wang
Judge of District Court

/s/ George Lock
Court Administrator

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1. The assumed name under which the business is or will be conducted is: Giroux Design Studio.

2. The stated address of the principal place of business is or will be: 8867 Nuthatch Road, St. Joseph, Minnesota 56374.

3. The name and street address of all persons conducting business under the above assumed name including any corporations that may be conducting this business: Sara Giroux, 8867 Nuthatch Road, St. Joseph, MN 56374.

4. I certify I am authorized to sign this certificate and I further certify I understand by signing this certificate, I am subject to the penalties of perjury as set forth in Minnesota Statutes Section 609.48 as if I had signed this certificate under oath.

Dated: Feb. 27, 2019

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/s/ Sara L. Giroux

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Sartell Muskies

4/24/19	6:15 p.m.	St. Augusta	St. Augusta
5/10/19	7:30 p.m.	Dassel-Cokato Saints	St. Cloud Orthopedics Field
5/11/19	1:30 p.m.	Big Lake Yellow Jackets	St. Cloud Orthopedics Field
5/18/19	1:30 p.m.	St. Joseph Joes	St. Cloud Orthopedics Field
5/19/19	1:30 p.m.	Clear Lake Lakers	St. Cloud Orthopedics Field
5/22/19	7:30 p.m.	Clearwater	St. Cloud Orthopedics Field
5/31/19	7 p.m.	St. Stephen Steves	St. Cloud Orthopedics Field
6/01/19	TBA	TBD	St. Cloud Orthopedics Field
6/02/19	TBA	TBD	St. Cloud Orthopedics Field
6/5/19	6:30 p.m.	Pearl Lake	Pearl Lake
6/8/19	1:30 p.m.	St. Joseph Joes	St. Joseph
6/9/19	1:30 p.m.	Foley Jacks	Foley
6/11/19	8 p.m.	Sartell Stone Poneys	St. Cloud Orthopedics Field
6/14/19	7:30 p.m.	Albertville Villains	Albertville
6/15/19	1:30 p.m.	Rogers Red Devils	Rogers
6/16/19	1:30 p.m.	Clear Lake Lakers	Clear Lake
6/19/19	7:30 p.m.	Becker Bandits	St. Cloud Orthopedics Field
6/21/19	8:30 p.m.	New London-Spicer	Elrosa
6/22/19	TBA	TBD	Elrosa
6/23/19	Noon	TBD	Elrosa
6/26/19	7 p.m.	Sartell Stone Poneys	St. Cloud Orthopedics Field
6/29/19	1:30 p.m.	Monticello Polecats	St. Cloud Orthopedics Field
7/10/19	7:30 p.m.	Foley Jacks	St. Cloud Orthopedics Field
7/12/19	7:30 p.m.	St. Augusta	St. Cloud Orthopedics Field
7/14/19	2 p.m.	Montrose/Waverly	St. Cloud Orthopedics Field



St. Joseph Joes

5/8/19	6:15 p.m.	St. Augusta	St. Augusta
5/10/19	6:15 p.m.	Richmond	St. Joseph
5/15/19	6:15 p.m.	St. Augusta	St. Joseph
5/18/19	1:30 p.m.	Sartell Muskies	Sartell
5/19/19	1:30 p.m.	Big Lake	St. Joseph
5/22/19	7:30 p.m.	Cold Spring Springers	Cold Spring
5/24/19	7:30 p.m.	Sartell Stone Poneys	Sartell
5/29/19	6:15 p.m.	St. Cloud Beaudreaus	St. Joseph
6/1/19	1:30 p.m.	Rogers	Rogers
6/2/19	1:30 p.m.	Sartell Stone Poneys	St. Joseph
6/5/19	7:30 p.m.	St. Cloud Beaudreaus	St. Cloud
6/7/19	7:30 p.m.	Monticello	Monticello
6/8/19	1:30 p.m.	Sartell Muskies	St. Joseph
6/9/19	1:30 p.m.	Clear Lake	St. Joseph
6/12/19	6:30 p.m.	Avon	St. Joseph
6/15/19	1:30 p.m.	Willmar	Willmar
6/16/19	1:30 p.m.	Foley	Foley
6/21-23/19	TBA	Farming Tournament	Farming
6/29/19	4 p.m.	Becker	Becker
6/30/19	1:30 p.m.	Clear Lake	Clear Lake
7/6/19	1:30 p.m.	New London-Spicer	Spicer
7/10/19	7:30 p.m.	Sauk Rapids	Sauk Rapids
7/13/19	1:30 p.m.	Albertville	St. Joseph
7/14/19	1:30 p.m.	Foley	St. Joseph



Sartell Stone Poneys

5/4/19	2 p.m.	Pearl Lake Lakers	Pearl Lake
5/11/19	7:30 p.m.	Fort Ripley Rebels	St. Cloud Orthopedics Field
5/15/19	7:30 p.m.	Rogers Red Devils	St. Cloud Orthopedics Field
5/17/19	7:30 p.m.	Cold Spring Rockies	St. Cloud Orthopedics Field
5/22/19	7:30 p.m.	Princeton Panthers	Solheim Veterans Field
5/24/19	7:30 p.m.	St. Joseph Joes	St. Cloud Orthopedics Field
5/29/19	7:30 p.m.	Foley Lumberjacks	St. Cloud Orthopedics Field
6/1/19	1:30 p.m.	Foley Lumberjacks	Foley High School
6/2/19	1:30 p.m.	St. Joseph Joes	Schneider Field
6/5/19	7:30 p.m.	Clear Lake Lakers	St. Cloud Orthopedics Field
6/8/19	2 p.m.	Big Lake Yellowjackets	Big Lake High School
6/11/19	8 p.m.	Sartell Muskies	St. Cloud Orthopedics Field
6/12/19	7:30 p.m.	Becker Bandits	St. Cloud Orthopedics Field
6/16/19	4 p.m.	St. Cloud Beaudreaus	St. Cloud MAC
6/21/19	8 p.m.	Maple Lake Lakers	Farming Tournament
6/22/19	TBA	TBD	Farming Tournament
6/23/19	TBA	TBD	Farming Tournament
6/26/29	7 p.m.	Sartell Muskies	St. Cloud Orthopedics Field
6/28/19	7:30 p.m.	Monticello Polecats	St. Cloud Orthopedics Field
7/7/19	3 p.m.	Hinckley Knights	Brennan Field
7/10/19	6:30 p.m.	Avon Lakers	Lakers' Field
7/12/19	7:30 p.m.	Albertville Villains	Albertville
7/13/19	1:30 p.m.	Clear Lake Lakers	Goenner Park



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