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Taste of St. Cloud set May 6

Taste of St. Cloud, an annual fundraiser sponsored by the Franciscan Community Volunteers, a ministry of the Franciscan Sisters of Little Falls, will be held from 4:30-7:30 p.m. Monday, May 6 at the St. Cloud River's Edge Convention Center, 10 Fourth Ave. S., St. Cloud. The event features an array of cuisines from local restaurants as well as live entertainment and a silent auction. Meet the Franciscan Community Volunteers and see the ways they enrich the lives of people of the St. Cloud area. You'll also have an opportunity to visit many Franciscan sisters and friends.

Tickets may be purchased online at www.fcvonline.org or www.slsf.org, or by checks made payable to the Franciscan Sisters of Little Falls. Please write "Taste of St. Cloud Tickets" on the memo line. Tickets will be held at the door the evening of the event under the name of the purchaser. Send checks to Franciscan Sisters, 1600 11th Ave. S., St. Cloud, Minn. 56301. For more information, contact Pat Flicker at 320-229-0307 or pflicker@slsf.org.

NEW! Summer Kickoff at Lake George

Start off your summer with St. Cloud Park and Recreation during its Summer Kickoff from 2-5 p.m. Saturday, May 18 at Lake George! Enjoy the park and an afternoon of free family fun while learning about what Park and Recreation has to offer the whole family. Activities for everyone: learn to fish, canoe and paddleboat races around the lake, plant a flower, food trucks, yard games and learn all about bike safety.

Senior Connection to host Lemonade, Laughter May 14

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.

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on College Avenue

CSB class tests meals with Kennedy students

by Mike Knaak
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When Kennedy Community School students lined up for lunch April 24, they found a healthy, colorful dish alongside the BBQ Beef Mr. Rib sandwich, thanks to students from the College of St. Benedict.

Kennedy students sampled rainbow turkey pasta cooked by six students in the Entrepreneurship and Management in Food Industry class that's part of the nutrition major at the college.

The entrée featured red bell peppers, zucchini, squash, peas and noodles with marinara sauce. Parmesan and mozzarella cheese topped it off.

Adding vegetables to the pasta created a healthier dish than just pasta and cheese.

"By adding the veggies to the

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photo by Mike Knaak

College of St. Benedict's students add peas and stir them in. The cooks are (from left) Josephine Schmit, Macey Hurtle, Ivy Tran, Erin Eikmeier, Brooke Dummer and Sophie Elsenbast.

Participants learn CPR, AED use at class

by Cori Hilsgen
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If someone had a heart attack or sudden cardiac arrest near you, would you know what to do?

Twenty local residents recently participated April 16 in a cardiopulmonary resuscitation and automated external defibrillator heart-saver class at the St. Joseph Community Fire Station to better prepare themselves for this type of emergency.

Shirley Brill, who has been a member of the

St. Joseph Fire Department for 14 years, said they offer the classes annually to help increase survival rates.

When someone is experiencing a heart attack, sudden cardiac arrest or other emergency, seconds and minutes matter. Knowing cardiopulmonary resuscitation and how to use an automated external defibrillator until first-responders can arrive, increases a patient's chances of survival.

Participants in the class included Mary, 59,

and Gary Sunderman, 62, husband and wife. Mary said she used to renew the class each year when she was a daycare provider but has not taken it for a number of years since she began working elsewhere. Gary said he took the class about three years ago at his place of employment. Mary said they "just want to be prepared if something happens."

Tara Bayerl, 40, took the class several years ago but felt it was good to have a refresher be-

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photo by Cori Hilsgen

Mayo Clinic Ambulance instructor Ryan Burgess instructs a class of 20 participants on cardiopulmonary resuscitation scene safety and assessment April 16 at the St. Joseph Community Fire Station.

CR 75 work should be done by July 4

by Mike Knaak
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The rebuilding of CR 75 is on schedule and Stearns County officials expect the major work to be done in time for the Fourth of July events in St. Joseph.

Crews are paving the eastbound lanes this week and in about three weeks, repaving will begin on the westbound lanes, according to Jeff Miller, assistant county engineer.



photo by Mike Knaak

All CR 75 traffic shares the westbound lane as work continues repaving the eastbound lane.

The \$11-million project runs from west of St. Joseph to 15th Avenue/CR 81 in Waite

Park. Plans call for a new road surface as well as safety and drainage improvements along

the 5.7-mile stretch of the four-lane divided highway.

During construction, traffic is limited to one lane in each direction.

Paving has started on the 28th Avenue intersection in Waite Park and the intersection is closed for southbound turns from CR 75.

The speed limit has been reduced to 45 mph in the construction zone. Drivers need to observe poles and dividers sep-

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Roering went from Stearns County fields to Army

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

Lester Gerald Roering, 88, U.S. Army – Korean War Era
Roering was born in rural Melrose. He was the middle child of eight. It was during the Depression. Times were extremely tough. “We were hungry lots of the times,” he said. “The family moved a lot because our parents could not afford the rent.”

His father was out of work a great deal of the time. Ac-

cording to Roering, there was no money to be made – jobs were hard to come by. Because the family was so poor, Roering and his siblings got picked on and teased for having patches on their pants.

At age 12, he managed to get hired on to a threshing crew. On top of a stack of oats, Roering worked long days with a pitchfork.

He attended a country school until eighth grade. All summer Roering went barefoot.

His teenage years reflect that of a farm worker. At age 17, Roering met his future wife Caroline at a dance in Roscoe.

Roering was drafted into the Army on April 17, 1952. He was 21 years old. The war in Korea was such that he and three of his four brothers were called up for military service. One brother, a Marine, was reported missing in Korea, never to be seen again.

After initial processing at Fort Sheridan, Illinois, Roering was ordered to Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri, for basic training. From basic training, he was ordered to Walters Air Force Base, just outside



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Lester Roering in 1952.

of Dallas. He was assigned to a special detachment of army engineers. Having his own car, he recalls being quite popular with the other guys in his company.

Roering’s Military Occupational Specialty was that of a heavy equipment operator. After sufficient training, he boarded a troop ship (USS Hann) in Galveston, Texas.

The ship picked up 600 Puerto Ricans – destination, Saint-Nazaire, France. Descending down the side of the ship on rope ladders, Roering and others got into small duck boats for a beach landing.

Roering lived in a 10-man tent for a year. The amenities were few. While near Saint-Nazaire, they built a complete military base.

Not far from the base was a once well-fortified German submarine base – built when Germany occupied France



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Lester Roering.

(1941-1944).

Roering was exposed for the first time to other ethnic groups when President Truman integrated the military in 1948. He said he felt the races got along well.

With Roering’s deployment to France completed, he took a train to Bremerhaven, Germany and boarded the troop ship (USN Butler) for the journey back to the United States. Roering was discharged from the army in 1954. Prior to his overseas deployment; he married his sweetheart, Caroline. They dated for four years. Caroline followed him to Fort Leonard Wood and to Texas, returning home to Minnesota while he was in France.

The way Roering figured it; his military pay would be \$33 a month, but married, he and his new bride would receive pay up to \$90 a month.

Reflecting on his military experience, Roering said he felt “...all in all it was a good

experience.”

Upon returning home from the army Roering worked in the granite sheds for more than 40 years. At first, he worked for North Star then, after they were bought out by Cold Spring Granite Co., he worked another 25 years. He worked as a saw operator, lay-out person and foreman.

Besides his full time job, Roering farmed. At one point he rented five farms in the immediate area. Besides growing corn, oats and alfalfa, Roering had a hundred head of cattle. He says he was “always working.” Caroline also worked at the grocery store in St. Joseph.

One can reasonably surmise that given the poverty experienced by Roering in his youth, how hard work may well have motivated him to strive for a level of financial security.

Roering enjoyed deer hunting when he could get around.

He and Caroline have been married for 67 years. They have a daughter who lives close by, two grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

The inevitable infirmities of aging have slowed down this octogenarian, however, he is still sharp of wit and memory.

In spite of the adversities and challenges in life, Roering said he believes his life has thus far been “very good.”

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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pasta, children are more likely to eat them instead of just vegetables on the side,” CSB senior Sophie Elsenbast said.

The group started with six recipes before deciding on the pasta, a recipe from the Food Network, Erin Eikmeier of Sartell said. The recipe needed to meet the district's nutritional requirements for lunch.

In addition to cooking at Kennedy, other students in the class, taught by Professor Bernadette Elhard, cooked meals at Apollo High School and Discovery Community School. The class prepares students for careers in food management, dietetics, nutrition and leadership in the food industry. Topics in the class include human resources and finance.

Researching, preparing and serving the meals gives the students real-world experience.

“It gives the students real work experience and recipe creation and evaluation with real-life costumers,” Elhard said.

Other experiences outside the classroom included working with food-shelf customers to come up with nutritional recipes cooked with common kitchen ingredients.

The six class members have a variety of plans after graduation in a few weeks. For example, Elsenbast of Minneapolis plans to pursue a master’s degree in public health at the University of Minnesota and Macey Hurrell of Kimball has an internship lined up at St. Cloud Hospital.

The college women arrived to cook at Kennedy at 8 a.m., well before the first lunch period at 10 a.m., to prepare for 840 students. They boiled water for the pasta, chopped the vegetables and cooked the ground turkey before tossing all the ingredients and topping them with cheese before baking.

The first Kennedy classes to eat, seventh- and eighth-grad-



photos by Mike Knaak
Erin Eikmeier sprinkles on the cheese.



Brooke Dummer pours on the sauce while Sophie Elsenbast stirs it.

ers, lined up for the plate of food as well as two survey forms.

The St. Cloud school district and the college students wanted to learn about eating habits in general as well as hear what the Kennedy students thought of the turkey rainbow pasta.

Survey questions included how often do students eat school lunch and their favorite and least favorite meals.

With kindergarten through eighth-graders at Kennedy, two versions of the surveys were created. For the younger students, response options ranged from grumpy to smiley faced icons.

The surveys will be compiled into a business plan and shared with the school district.

His funeral will be held at 11 a.m. Friday, April 26 at St. Paul’s Catholic Church in Sauk Centre. Inurnment will be held in the parish cemetery following the service with military honors by the Sauk Centre United Veteran Honor Guard.

Visitation will be from 4 to 8 p.m. Thursday at the Patton-Schad Funeral Home in Sauk Centre and from 10 to 11 a.m. Friday at the church. Parish prayers

Road

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arating the traffic lanes and use caution, Miller said, and he suggests drivers choose alternate routes around the road

work.

Updates on the project are available online at <https://co.stearns.mn.us/Property-Roads/RoadConstruction/CSAH75Resurfacing> and drivers can sign up for email updates.

PUBLIC NOTICE GENERAL NOTICE TO CONTROL OR ERADICATE NOXIOUS WEEDS

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Bob Dunning
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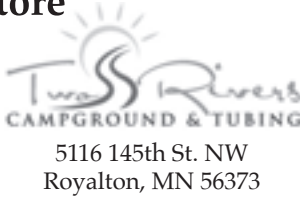
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**Roy G. Walz, 84
Sauk Centre
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Walz

Roy G. Walz, 84 of Sauk Centre, died Tuesday, April 16 at the St. Cloud Hospital

CPR

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cause things change. Francisco Mixteco, 33, was taking the class for the first time. He and his wife had also tried to register their 15-year-old daughter for the class but it was full. Mixteco said he felt it was very important to know what to do in situations where you could make a difference and save someone's life.

Adam Novak, 15, took the class two years ago but wanted to refresh his skills to know how to help save a life.

Participants in the class learned how to do CPR and use an AED on adults and children and how to help with choking incidents. Practice drills included witnessed and unwitnessed events.

The class was instructed by Mark Baisley and Ryan Burgess from Mayo Clinic Ambulance. Baisley has been teaching classes for 33 years and Burgess has been teaching more than three years.

Both instructors emphasized class participants should not be afraid to use whatever skills they have learned and can remember. They stressed how important it is to start chest compressions and keep a patient's blood flowing to send oxygen to the brain.

Baisley wanted area residents to be aware the Mayo Clinic name will now be on vehicles which were previously branded as Gold Cross Ambulances. This change became effective April 1 and should be complete by the end of the year.

According to the American Heart Association website, heart.org., more than 350,000 out-of-hospital cardiac arrests occur in the United States each year and only 12 percent of these people survive. In an emergency, you might be trying to save the life of someone you love, a child, a spouse, a parent or a friend.

About 70 percent of out-of-hospital cardiac arrests happen in homes and about 46 percent of people who experience an out-of-hospital cardiac arrest receive the immediate



photos by Cori Hilsген
Mayo Clinic Ambulance instructor Mark Baisley instructs a class of 20 participants on how to use an automated external defibrillator April 16 at the St. Joseph Community Fire Station.



Participant Francisco Mixteco practices infant cardiopulmonary resuscitation April 16 at the St. Joseph Community Fire Station.

help they need before professional help arrives. Immediate cardiopulmonary resuscitation can double, or even triple, a person's chance of survival.

By 2020, the American Heart

Association hopes to train 20 million people in the lifesaving skills of cardiopulmonary resuscitation hoping to double out-of-hospital bystander cardiopulmonary resuscitation efforts.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention website, cdc.gov, heart disease is the leading cause of death for both men and women. Coronary Heart Disease is the most common type of heart disease. About 735,000 Americans have a heart attack each year; 525,000 are a first heart attack and 210,000 happen in people who have previously had a heart attack.

Major warning signs and symptoms of heart attacks include chest pain or discomfort; upper body pain or discomfort in the arms, back, neck, jaw



Participants Gary and Mary Sunderman, husband and wife, listen to Mayo Clinic Ambulance instructor Ryan Burgess explain how to begin adult cardiopulmonary resuscitation chest compressions



Participant Tara Bayerl practices adult chest compressions during the April 16 cardiopulmonary resuscitation class.







or upper stomach; shortness of breath, nausea, lightheadedness or cold sweats.

A heart attack occurs when blood supply to the heart muscle stops and the heart muscle dies. A sudden cardiac arrest occurs when the heart suddenly stops pumping due to

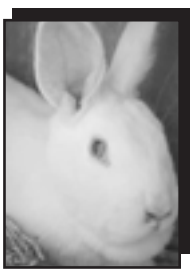
an electrical problem in the heart. A sudden cardiac arrest can occur at the same time as a heart attack.

Funding to pay for the annual classes, which are free to participants, usually comes from donations.

ADOPT A PET



Ezio is a 7 mo spayed New Zealand rabbit who came to TCHS due to the owner having too many animals. Ezio is a sweet girl who has plenty of love to give. She's had minimal experience with other pets and children so some extra socialization would be good for her. Some of Ezio's favorite snacks include sweet bell peppers and romaine lettuce.



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March 15

5:12 p.m. Suspicious vehicle. CR 75 and 115th Avenue. An office noticed a vehicle stopped on the side of the road with its flashers on. The driver produced an international driver's license. The officer found the driver's license was revoked and had no proof of insurance. The driver was cited for both violations.

March 23

9:19 a.m. Collision. CR 75 and CR 2. Two vehicles collided at the intersection. A witness said one vehicle ran a red light. One of the drivers was taken to the hospital after she complained of

chest pains and trouble breathing.

March 24

5:22 p.m. Theft. Minnesota Street. A customer at the laundromat reported the theft of a bag of quarters valued at \$40. When the officer arrived, it turned out the bag was inside an operating dryer and the quarters were scattered inside. Case closed.

March 26

7:06 a.m. Traffic stop. CR 133 and Mullen Road. An officer stopped a vehicle for driving 73 mph in a 55-mph zone. The driver said she was late for work and she was issued a ticket. While pulling over, the driver clipped a mailbox, damaging the mailbox and car mirror. The homeowner was advised of the damage.

March 29

12:54 a.m. Traffic stop. Fifth Avenue NW and Birch Street W. An officer observed a vehicle swerving behind another vehi-

cle in the turn lane and driving in the median. While following the vehicle, the officer observed the vehicle speed. When the officer tried to stop the vehicle, the driver ignored a stop sign trying to get away before pulling into a driveway on Fifth Avenue and stopping. The driver was arrested.

April 7

6:48 p.m. Collision. Northland Drive and CR 75. Vehicle one was northbound on Northland Drive. Vehicle two was heading west on CR 75 when the driver saw the red light but could not stop in time. The vehicles collided. There were no injuries.

People

Amanda Walz of St. Joseph graduated cum laude with a bachelor's degree in nursing from South Dakota State University, Brookings.

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Students celebrate Superhero Day

by Cori Hilsen
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When given the chance, most people would love to be a superhero and help others by doing kind deeds.

Students at St. Joseph Catholic school recently got to be a superhero for a day on April 26.

The third annual Superhero Day event was planned in recognition of National Superhero Day and students were encouraged to make a difference together because everyone, young and old, has special powers of helping others.

Students donated \$5 to dress in superhero costumes for the day. However, each child was encouraged to wear a costume, regardless of their ability to donate.

For an additional \$5, students could also have a 5- by 7- inch individual or family photo taken in their costume at the superhero photo booth.

The day included guest speaker Jackie Eynck helping educate the third- through sixth-grade students about juvenile arthritis in the morning. The presentation also included a video and letter from a relative of a former student who is now 22 and was diagnosed when she was 4 years old.

The afternoon included su-



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St. Joseph Catholic School parent volunteer Jon Brunns with his superhero preschool son, Gus Brunns, participate in Superhero Day April 26 at the school to raise funds for juvenile arthritis.

perhero games and other activities for preschool- through sixth-grade students.

At the end of the day, students enjoyed superhero challenges of skipping rope, cup stacking and hula hooping. Classes previously had playoffs to determine which top two students would compete in each category.

A few students commented about the event.

"Seeing everyone's costumes was my favorite part of the day," said third-grader Leah Bechtold. "They were really creative."

"My favorite was seeing the challenges at the end of the day," said third-grader Isabella Fleege.

"I liked throwing the ball at the Captain America shield," said preschool-student Arie Gei-

er.

"I got to be in the finals for cup stacking," said first-grader Alexander Hartman.

"I liked all the games I got to do with my friends," said preschool student Lizzie Hartman.

The event was coordinated by preschool teachers Cheri Burg and Becca Rauch, fourth-grade teacher Theresa Fleege and principal Karl Terhaar.

About 30 parent volunteers and others participated in the event. Currently, the school has raised \$1,400 that will be donated to the University of Minnesota Masonic Children's Hospital to be used for children diagnosed with juvenile arthritis. Berg said they expect to raise \$1,500.

She said the annual event gives students an opportunity to be a superhero. **Superhero • back page**

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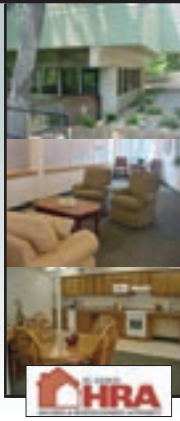
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Stock seeing ball well for SJU; to join Rox

by Cori Hilsgen

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Joey Stock, a St. John's University junior designated hitter, has been seeing the ball well and was recently named the Minnesota Intercollegiate Athletic Conference Player of the Week April 22, named to the D3baseball.com National Team of the Week that same evening and voted the National Collegiate Baseball Writers Association Division III Hitter of the Week April 24.

The National Collegiate Baseball Writers Association honor is for games played April 15-21 and doesn't include the Johnnies April 23 doubleheader sweep of the University of St. Thomas in St. Paul.

He also recently signed with the St. Cloud Rox team and said he "is very excited to get that opportunity to pitch for them again." The St. Cloud Rox team plays in the Northwoods League, a collegiate summer baseball league with teams of top players from throughout North America.

Stock said a recent highlight for him this season was when he hit a walk-off three-run home run against Thiel College of Greenville, Pennsylvania, in Fort Myers, Florida.

"That was a great win and experience I will not forget," he said.

The conference season started very slow for the St. John's



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Joey Stock

University Johnnies and for Stock. However, during the week of April 22, the team won seven of eight games and won two big conference games against the University of St. Thomas.

Prior to that, Stock was hitting .188 (3-16). After winning two big conference games, he was 4-8 with two home runs, a double and seven RBI. The team also played and swept St. Olaf College of Northfield and Stock was 5-8 with two more home runs, a double and seven more RBI.

The following day he hit for the cycle against Augsburg University. The Johnnies lost in game one and Stock had a single, double and a triple for hits. The team won the next game and he hit a home run to complete the cycle for the day. Stock finished 4-7 with three runs scored and two RBI.

During the Johnnies April 23 sweep against the University

of St. Thomas, winning two one-run games, Stock finished that doubleheader 4-7 with two home runs, four RBI and three runs scored.

During those eight games, he was batting .567 (17-30) with 10 extra-base hits including seven home runs, 20 RBI and 13 runs scored.

Stock batted .565 (13-23) with eight extra-base hits, including five home runs, an OPS of 1.977, 16 RBI and 10 runs scored as St. John's University (24-9, 9-5 Minnesota Intercollegiate Athletic) went 5-1 on the road mid-April. He started the week with only three hits in his previous 16 at-bats (.188).

Stock had four home runs in three consecutive games, one in each game of the April 16 sweep at Bethel and two April 19 at St. Olaf and an added solo in the April 20 game at Augsburg.

He went 4-7 with two more home runs, four RBI and three runs scored at St. Thomas and is now batting .567 (17-30) with 10 extra-base hits, including seven home runs, 20 RBI and 13 runs scored over eight games.

Stock's nine home runs tie him for the second most in a St. John's University season, behind Brent Schloe's 11 in 2000.

"Lately he's been on a tear and has been a real plus for our team," said Jerry Haugen, head coach at St. John's. "He secured the designated hitter spot and

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Joey Stock pitches for the St. Cloud Rox baseball team last summer.

Two St. Joseph women complete Entrepreneur Training course

Two St. Joseph residents graduated from the Initiative Foundation's Enterprise Academy Entrepreneur Training course on April 29.

The two women, Liin Guure and Ayaan Danan, completed the 12-week program that covers topics including accounting, finance, the credit review process, marketing, operations and management.

In addition, course members developed skills such as budgeting, cash management and professional etiquette and instructors helped students research, write and confidently articulate a sound business plan.

The Initiative Foundation began planning the academy three years ago. The idea grew from a simple statistic that jumped out at foundation strategists: While the population of Central Minnesota was about 9 percent people of color, only about 3 percent of businesses were minority-owned.

Guure worked at a Somali pharmacy before the nation's civil war began. She spent many years supporting women by providing job training and edu-

cation and operating a mental health facility. Guure currently dyes clothing but hopes to open a restaurant in St. Joseph.

Danan joined the Enterprise Academy to make her business dream a reality. Danan currently works on the St. John's University maintenance crew and wants to start a cleaning business. Danan stays active promoting community integration in St. Joseph and raising her six children. In her free time, Danan enjoys attending community events and spending time with her children.

Before starting the Enterprise Academy in early 2018, the foundation engaged in a community-based outreach and planning process, convening a working group of Somali-American community leaders as well as figures from the economic development arena in St. Cloud and Central Minnesota.

The group met for 18 months to identify barriers and opportunities for new East African residents looking to enter the business world.

"Understanding what it takes to start a business, you have to be more careful and plan more

strategically," said Abdirizak Jama, the Initiative Foundation's program specialist who coordinates the Enterprise Academy. "Here in the States, it can take \$50,000 to start a business, as opposed to having \$1,000 and starting a micro-level business in Africa."

Jama also is the vice chair of Central Minnesota Community Empowerment Organization/Cultural Bridges.



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Entrepreneur Training graduates Liin Guure (left) and Ayaan Danan.



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Jeff Wig, Initiative Foundation vice president for entrepreneurship, and Abdirizak Jama, Enterprise Academy program specialist, welcome graduates, their families and guests.

Opinion

Our View

Minnesotans last to agree on election security

Minnesota usually shows up near the top, if not No. 1, in rankings of the states. But on the urgent issue of election security, Minnesota is dead last.

Despite pledges of bipartisanship for this legislative session, Democrats and Republicans are deadlocked over how to spend a potential \$6 million to improve election security.

Minnesota is the only state that has yet to touch its share of the \$380 million federal appropriations.

Senators and representatives should agree to a plan from Secretary of State Steve Simon to use the money to upgrade the state's 15-year-old voter system.

"Election security shouldn't be a partisan issue or a bargaining chip," Gov. Tim Walz said. "It's time we join every other state in the nation and protect our elections."

The Democrat-controlled house passed Simon's plan while the Republican-led Senate only wants to spend \$1.5 million.

Both houses have appointed members to a conference committee to resolve the issue.

Minnesota Republicans, like their colleagues in Washington, D.C., are obsessed with what they perceive as voter fraud. They want measures that actually suppress voter turnout, such as voter photo ID, instead of tackling hacking.

The Republicans' repeated claims of widespread voter fraud have been repeatedly debunked by neutral studies. But they continue to insist people not eligible to vote, or voting in multiple locations, are swinging elections.

Instead of focusing on election myths, the Republicans should pay attention to facts.

Russians targeted Minnesota and 20 other states in what special counsel Robert Mueller's report, released April 18, called a "sweeping and systematic fashion."

The report reaffirms what national security professionals have concluded for almost three years. Just last week, FBI Director Christopher Wray said "We are very much viewing 2018 as just kind of a dress rehearsal for the big show in 2020. That is not just an election cycle threat, it's pretty much a-365-days a year threat. And that has absolutely continued."

Former Secretary of State Mary Kiffmeyer chairs the Senate committee on elections. Kiffmeyer, a Republican from Big Lake and a longtime supporter of voter ID laws, isn't worried about hacking.

"People are being hacked all the time," Kiffmeyer told the Star Tribune. "You're being hacked all the time, I am. This is no big thing."

Sen. Jeff Howe (R-Rockville) joined Kiffmeyer on the conference committee. Central Minnesotans should urge him to push back against Kiffmeyer's foolish stand.

Cybersecurity experts say Minnesota's use of paper ballots makes it all but impossible for hackers to change votes. But officials are more concerned by the potential for hackers to sow discord by manipulating voter rolls and casting doubt on the American election process.

Time is running out.

The Legislature should act to secure the integrity of the election system.

"I would hate to get to the point where any Minnesota voter withheld their vote because they were worried about the security of the vote or the accuracy of the results," Simon said. "And that's the real worry here."

Time to move on from retelling Wetterling story

Sometimes you just have to say "It's time to move on."

The plan for a film to examine the Jacob Wetterling abduction is one of those times.

For three years, the producers have filmed key players in the 1989 abduction, including Jacob's family.

Now they have launched a fundraising campaign to support the next stage of production.

They started a GoFundMe (www.gofundme.com/jacobfilm) site and they've planned a series of events around Minnesota with a goal of raising \$60,000 to edit the footage. An event to preview the trailer will be held at 6 p.m. Monday, May 6 at Bad Habit Brewing in St. Joseph. Tickets cost \$10 and are available at www.jacobwetterlingfilm.com/trailer-release-parties.html.

When I supervised reporters and they would pitch story ideas, I would always ask "How does what you are proposing advance the story and increase readers' understanding?" Would the results justify the time spent reporting and the readers' time reading?

That question needs to be

Mike Knaak
Editor



asked of the filmmakers.

I covered the Wetterling story for 29 years, starting on the October Sunday night he was abducted through last fall's release of almost 42,000 pages of investigative documents.

In those years, millions of words have been written and perhaps thousands of hours of video have examined every aspect of the case, including in-depth interviews with Jacob's parents, St. Joseph community members and law enforcement officers.

The most compelling journalism about the case, the botched investigation and its impact on the community is American Public Media's award-winning podcast series "In the Dark."

The film documentary team began its work in 2015 before Danny Heinrich, who would eventually admit to Jacob's abduction and killing, was arrested for possessing child pornography.

Thumbs up for 'hands-free' law

Following protracted negotiations between the Minnesota House and Senate, a new law banning the use of cell phones in cars except for if they are being used "hands-free" was voted on recently. Passed by large numbers of both Democrats and Republicans, it was signed into law by Governor Walz, and will now take effect in August. So what does this bill cover and what are the penalties in place for breaking it?

First, some background. For years, distracted driving has long been a major hazard on the roads. According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, 3,186 people were killed by distracted driving in the United States in 2017. The Minnesota Office of Traffic Safety also states it's a factor for one in five crashes in our state every year. We have all seen someone who is on their phone or otherwise not paying attention to the road while driving.

Spurred by dozens of family members of Minnesotans who have died from this behavior, the Legislature got to work on drafting a law to combat distracted driving, specifically that from cell phones. While Minnesota already has laws on the books banning texting, emailing and using the internet in your car, this law now goes even further.

As of Aug. 1, it will now be illegal in Minnesota to be using your phone in your hands or holding it up to your ear while

Connor Kockler
Guest Writer



driving. Anyone who wants to use their phone must either put it on speakerphone, use a hands-free device such as the ones built into many new cars, or a cell-phone mount. For other functions, you can still use your phone's GPS or listen to music or audio as long as it is already started and you are not interacting with the phone while you are operating the car, which includes while you are stopped. Emergency calls are an allowable exception.

If you are wondering what the penalties are for violating the new law, they are as follows. A first offense will cost \$50, while additional offenses will be ticketed \$275. While these penalties are not as steep as they could be in my opinion, I hope they will serve as enough of a deterrent for drivers to follow the new rules.

As someone who has been driving for only a few years, these rules don't seem too daunting to adjust to. I remember when I first got my license and the additional rules that applied to me then. One of these was a complete prohibition on using cell phones in a car while driving until reaching the age of 18.

As part of a plea agreement, on Sept. 1, 2016, Heinrich led investigators to Jacob's burial site outside Paynesville. Heinrich killed Jacob hours after the abduction.

During Heinrich's day in court, he revealed many of the heart-breaking details that had been unanswered for decades.

In addition to telling the tale, the filmmakers said they hope to start crucial conversations to end the abuse and exploitation of children.

That's a noble goal. But there are other ways to reach it. Try giving to one of the many nonprofits such as the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children or the Jacob Wetterling Resource Center.

Or you can support law enforcement and legislative efforts to arrest and prosecute sex traffickers and identify sexual predators.

And you can talk with your own children about how to stay safe by speaking instead of feeling shame and keeping silent.

It's time to move on from retelling a story that's shadowed Central Minnesotans for 30 years.

So while these rules are new for all drivers, they are certainly not unprecedented and not as strict as those in place for under 18 drivers.

Though this law could be seen by some as a further invasion of liberties by the government, I believe it's an absolutely necessary measure in order to take more steps to reduce the needless deaths caused by distracted driving. I have seen far too many stories in the news of people whose lives were tragically cut short by a distracted driver or by their own behavior behind the wheel. It becomes even more disturbing when some of those who died were younger than myself.

Going into the summer, when many of us will be going up north or on road trips, it's more important than ever we drive safe, to protect ourselves and others. With this new hands-free driving law and more awareness, we can do our part to reduce driving fatalities in our state. Though not being able to hold your phone up to your ear while driving may be an inconvenience, the downsides of this law are far outweighed by its upsides. Keeping Minnesotans alive is more important than being able to use a phone in the car.

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

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@the-newsleaders.com. Most events are listed at no cost. Those events are typically free or of minimal charge for people to attend. Some events, which have paid advertising in the Newsleaders, are also listed in the calendar and may charge more.

Friday, May 3

St. Joseph Farmers’ Market, 3-6 p.m., 610 CR 2 N., St. Joseph.

Monday, May 6

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

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

Tuesday, May 7

Spiritual R&R Day, 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m., St. Benedict’s Monastery. A day for quiet prayer and reflection. Group prayer begins and ends the day. <https://sbm.osb.org/event/spiritual-r-r-day/>

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

St. Joseph Lions membership

and executive board meeting, 7 p.m. dinner, 7:30 p.m. meeting. New Lions Building, Millstream Park.

Wednesday, May 8

Stearns History Museum Breakfast Club, 9 a.m., featuring Robert Kunkel, author of “Walking Point: A Vietnam Memoir,” will talk about his war experience and the reaction he received upon his return, Stearns History Museum, 235 33rd Ave. S., St. Cloud.

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

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

Thursday, May 9

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.

Benefit concert for the American Cancer Society in memory of April Myer, featuring the Okee Dokee Brothers, 6:30 p.m., The Waters Church, 1227 Pinecone

Road N.

Rainbow Support Evening, 7-9 p.m., St. Benedict’s Monastery. Parents, allies and friends of GLBTQ+ persons gather to share stories, pray and support each other. Confidentiality maintained. <https://sbm.osb.org/event/rainbow-support-evening-2/>

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

Saturday, May 11

Mother’s Day Sale, 10 a.m.-3 p.m., American Legion, 17 Second Ave. N., Waite Park.

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

Monday, May 13

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

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

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

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

Tuesday, May 14

Coffee with a Cop, with St. Joseph Police Department and Metro Citizens Police Academy Alumni Association, 9-11 a.m., McDonald’s, 1180 Elm St. E., St. Joseph. 320-493-5699 or 320-363-8250.

Central Minnesota Civil War Roundtable, 3 p.m. Stearns History Museum, 235 33rd Ave., S., St. Cloud. “Pook Turtles: The Mississippi River Squadron Campaign,” George Romano.

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, May 15

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

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

Thursday, May 16

St. Joseph Semi-annual Cleanup, 6 a.m., curbside collection.

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.

Pillow cleaning and perennial plant sale, sponsored by St. Joseph Y2K Lions, 4-7 p.m., St. Joseph Fire Hall, 323 Fourth Ave. NE. 320-363-8825.

Friday, May 17

Pillow cleaning and perennial plant sale, sponsored by St. Joseph Y2K Lions, 7 a.m.-3 p.m., St. Joseph Fire Hall, 323 Fourth Ave. NE. 320-363-8825.

Brat Sale, sponsored by the Knights of Columbus, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., St. Joseph Meat Marketm St. Joseph Meat Market, 26 First Ave. NW.

Saturday, May 18

St. Joseph Appliance/Electronics Collection, 8 a.m.-noon, Government Center, enter off College Avenue S. onto Baker Street E.

Brat Sale, sponsored by the Knights of Columbus, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., St. Joseph Meat Market, 26 First Ave. NW.

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has been a real boost for our offense getting us on base at a much-needed time. This is crunch time and when it really counts."

"Joey joined us for the second half of the season last summer, pitching in relief during six games," said Mike Johnson, general manager of the St. Cloud Rox Baseball Club. "He immediately showed he was capable of competing at this level when he struck out the side in his first inning with the Rox. He's having a great season at the plate with St. John's. We are excited to have him coming back for the 2019 season."

Stock is also a pitcher who has hit a speed of 94 mph a couple of times.

He usually throws a four-seam and two-seam fastball as his primary pitches. He also has a curveball and has been developing a changeup.

Stock started playing baseball in Cold Spring after his family moved there when he was 7 years old. He later played in Cold Spring little leagues and travel leagues.

He also played legion ball in St. Joseph from eighth grade until he graduated high school.

He didn't really get a lot of attention from college scouts while playing in high school while attending St. John's Prep School which is a Class 1A. He had a few discussions with other colleges but played for St. John's University.

He also played for the St. Joseph Joes and the Cold Spring Springer's amateur baseball teams.

His plans were to originally

also play for the Bismarck Larks Northwoods League team with college roommates, but that didn't work out when an injured player was able to return sooner than expected.

Stock attended St. Joseph Catholic School when it was the St. Joseph Lab School for elementary school and St. John's Prep school from sixth grade until graduating high school.

He is majoring in communications at St. John's University.

His father, Tom, played baseball for North Dakota State University and amateur baseball for St. Joseph and Regal. His mother, Lori, graduated from the College of St. Benedict with a nursing degree. Stock's brother, Jake, graduated from St. John's University in 2017.

His grandparents, Dick and Joyce Stock of St. Joseph, are huge baseball fans of his and enjoy following his career.

Superhero

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ty to live the school's core values of Share Generously, Serve Willingly and Care Deeply. Each student is also asked to look at their own gifts and think of how they can use these gifts to help others.

"I am so thankful for all the students and volunteers," Berg said. "They truly carried out the school's core values of Care Deeply, Share Generously and Serve Willingly."

"Superhero day provides students in grades three-six an opportunity to learn about chal-

lenges other children may be facing, for all students to recognize they can be superheroes and to have fun as a school community," Fleege said.

"We had a great Superhero

Day," Terhaar said. "Not only did the students have a lot of fun, but more importantly they learned we are all called to be superheroes by helping others in need."

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