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Volunteer cooks needed

Anna Marie's Alliance serves victims of domestic violence and offers shelter for women and children experiencing domestic violence. The shelter is in desperate need of volunteer cooks to spend a couple of hours preparing lunch or supper for residents. There are many openings on weekends, and are looking for someone to help out weekdays the week of July 8-14. Volunteers are invited to share the meal with residents. A brief training (30 minutes) is required. Time commitment is 2-3 hours per meal. The groceries and menu are supplied, or you can choose the menu. Please call Kim S. at 320-251-7203 ext. 210 or email her at kims@annamaries.org.

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Harley Davidson quilt to be auctioned July 4

by Cori Hilsgen
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Harley Davidson motorcycle riders who enjoy riding the highways during warmer days might enjoy the warmth and comfort of a keepsake quilt during cold days they are not able to ride.

These motorcycle riders will have a chance to bid on a Harley Davidson T-shirt quilt at the annual quilt auction which will take place at the Church of St. Joseph annual July 4 parish festival.

The quilt measures 95- by 104-inches and contains 30 T-shirt squares. The shirts for the quilt were donated by Jim and Doneva Hommerding (Keller, Texas), Dean and Dede Budde, Paul and Trish Gannon

and Ellie Studer (all of St. Joseph), Dan and Kelly Willard (St. Cloud) and other anonymous donations after a request was made to church parishioners.

It was pieced together by the church quilting group's chairperson Delrose Fischer and newly recruited quilter Linda Loso.

The ambitious and seldom idle Church of St. Joseph quilters have been busy stitching for this year's annual festival and have much to show for their hard work.

Other members of the group include Marilyn Brinkman, Cathy Buchheit, Sharon Froelich (another new quilter to the group), Ione Jacobs, Judy Meemkin, Jeny Meyer, Josie Meyer, Betty Schloemer, Ilene



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Church of St. Joseph quilters Linda Loso (left) and Delrose Fischer display a 95- x 104-inch Harley Davidson quilt which will be one of the quilts auctioned off at the Church of St. Joseph July 4 parish festival.

Schmitt, Geri Schwab and Lynn Valek.

In addition to stitching the quilts, Brinkman, Fischer, Loso,

Schloemer and Schmitt also help with piecing the quilts.

Schwab hems most of the quilts
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City administrator to retire after serving 30+ years

by Stephanie Dickrell
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After 33 years, Judy Weyrens will say goodbye to city hall, retiring as city administrator this summer.

The City Council accepted Weyrens' resignation at Monday's meeting, with a vote of four to one, with council member Troy Goracke dissenting.

"We accept this with regret, Judy," said Mayor Rick Schultz. "I'm overwhelmed with the amount of work you've put in over the last 30 years."

The city has been working on a number of major

projects in recent months, including road and infrastructure improvements and considering an affordable housing development.

"I really appreciate the opportunity," Weyrens said.

Her last day will be July 12.

"I expect there will be some transitioning up to that point and possibly later," Schultz said.

Council member Anne Buckvold expressed her appreciation as well.

"I've only been on the council for a year, but I think what you've brought to the city has just been invaluable," she said. "I'm

really sorry to see you go."

City council members will meet during the next few weeks to determine which steps they need to take next. Council member Bob Loso said he was a part of the hiring process for an administrator about 20 years ago, when Weyrens was hired.

"The process back then worked very, very well," Loso said. "I'd like to kind of resurrect that process."

Buckvold agreed the process was important.

"Whatever the process is to find a replacement, I think we need to be really thoughtful and take the time to find the right person, be-

cause it's a lot of work," she said. "I don't think people always understand and appreciate the amount of work it is and what you've done for the city. So, thank you."

Weyrens said she started at the city as a secretary in 1986, moving on to working in finance before becoming the administrator.

She's not sure what's next for her. She plans to stay in the area near family and friends. She can also dig into another of her passions: quilting. "I'm still working on that," Weyrens said.

"It's a big change. ... I'm looking for new opportunities."

Save Station movement sparks widespread interest

by Dennis Dalman
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The Save Station movement is growing by leaps and bounds in St. Joseph, with more and more people and organizations jumping aboard to get Automated External Defibrillator Save Stations set up at outdoor loca-

tions.

Recently the city of St. Joseph ordered four of the stations. When the city's administrator, Judy Weyrens, told a friend, Audrey Twit, about the stations, Twit said she would like to buy them in memory of her beloved husband, Ken, who died Dec. 30, 2018. The stations, she

said, each with a plaque with Ken's name on it, would be a good way to memorialize Ken Twit, who was a pharmacist and a dedicated civic volunteer in St. Joseph, including serving on the city council. Those who heard about Audrey's kindness were stunned by her generosity. The four
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This is an Automated Defibrillator Save Station -- one that is located just south of St. Cloud.

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People



Isabel Crue of St. Joseph has been selected to represent Minnesota in the National competition for the title of "America's Pre-Teen." In addition to being named Little Miss Pre-Teen Minnesota, Crue won other awards in her age division including spokesmodel, portfolio and actress. Crue, 12, attended Kennedy Community School through the fifth grade. This past year, she attended St. John's Preparatory School. Crue will join other delegates in Orlando, Florida, to compete in the national competition.

Eight St. Joseph students were named to the spring semester dean's list at North Dakota State University. A student must earn a 3.50 or higher grade-point average or higher to qualify.

The students are: **Courtney Deters, Morgan Eisenschenk, Callie Kostreba, Alisha Ophoven, Madelyn Pull, Olivia Skudlarek, Connor Wandler and Jeremy Warzecka.**

Four St. Joseph students graduated May 11 from the College of St. Benedict. **Jamie Muske**, daughter of Shelly and Tim Muske, received a bachelor's degree in individualized-education, also earning magna cum laude honors. **Alyssa Brown**, daughter

of Brenda and Eric Brown, received a bachelor's in accounting. **Josie Thelen**, daughter of Ann and Dave Thelen, received a bachelor's in communication. **Clare Pfannenstien**, daughter of Joan and Patrick Pfannenstien, received a bachelor's in biology.

Three St. Joseph students have been named to the spring semester dean's list at the College of St. Scholastica in Duluth. The students are **Maxwell Botz, Courtney Thielen and Alexis Weissner**. Dean's list members have achieved a minimum 3.75 grade-point average.

Payton Hiltner of St. Joseph graduated from Sartell

High School. He is the son of Craig Hiltner and Karri Stodolka.

Emily Boysen of St. Joseph was named to the spring semester dean's list at Augustana University in Sioux Falls, South Dakota. The dean's list recognizes full-time students who have a minimum of 12 credit hours with grade-point averages at 3.5 or higher.

Sierrah Skudlarek of St. Joseph has been named to the spring semester dean's list at the University of Minnesota Duluth. Students on the dean's list have achieved a grade-point average of 3.5 or higher.

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with some help from Schloemer and Schmitt.

Meemkin, who pieced quilts from 1986-2016, still helps set up and clean up for the group's Monday lunches. She also occasionally still helps piece baby quilts and sew borders on the quilts.

Valek threads needles for the group, a task that is getting harder for some members of the group who have a more difficult time seeing the small holes in the needles. She also sewed this year's Harley Davidson pillows to match the featured quilt.

"We have one of the best selections of quilts this year," Brinkman said. "It is a nice variety of designs and colors."

Fischer, who has been the chairperson since 1996, said she is always looking for new ideas for the featured quilt each year.

In addition to the Harley Davidson queen-sized quilt, this year's auction will also include 17 other queen-sized, two king-sized, two lap quilts and 17 baby quilts.

Other quilts include a "Proud to be American" 71- by 81-inch Mickey Mouse holding an American flag quilt bordered with stars (pieced by Fischer), a butterfly quilt (pieced by Patty Loehlein), Cabin in the Woods quilt with three pillows (pieced by Brinkman), Eagle quilt (pieced by Lois Warnert), a detailed, hand-embroidered quilt (embroidered by Darlene Ostendorf and includes many extra hours of stitching by Schloemer), a Bugs in a Jar machine-embroidered quilt (pieced by Fischer) and more.

Something new this year is the chance to purchase three of the quilts at a set price before the auction.

Fischer, who keeps a detailed photo history of previous quilts sold at past auctions, said the Mickey Mouse quilt has been a popular quilt selling between \$175-\$425. A 2003 autographed Minnesota Twins quilt sold for \$4,700.

Other previous quilts done by the group include necktie, hanky butterflies, antique cars, antique tractors, historic barns, Nascar racing, Harley Davidson hankies and motorcycles, Joetown Rocks Concert 10th anniversary, Rock and Roll, Minnesota Vikings, Minnesota Wild and Minnesota Timberwolves. Many of these quilts were autographed.

Fischer said one of her favorites has been a vintage hanky quilt that the group completed a few years ago, with the hankies folded in the shape of butterflies and embroidered.

She said the group's goal is to raise \$10,000 or more each year. Since 1996, the group has raised between \$9,500-\$13,000 yearly.

When asked why she continues to quilt, Fischer replied: "What else would I do?" However, having just turned 83, she is trying to enlist a co-chair among the quilting group to take her place when she decides to no longer chair the group.

It isn't just the stitching that brings this group together. Socializing and sharing festival news with other parishioners is also a big part of their quilting.

Because the group enjoys visiting with each other so much, they often gather for lunches during the months they aren't quilting.

"It is a fun group," Schwab said.

The group recently celebrated Josie Meyer's 90th birthday in April.

The quilters gather in Heritage Hall stitching from 8 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Mondays and from 8 a.m. until finished on Tuesdays. They gather from the first Monday in August until the end of November and then start again in January working through March, usually taking the months of April through July and December off for extended breaks.

It takes an average of at least 100 volunteer hours to complete only the stitching of the quilts.

The group is always looking for additional people who are interested in helping stitch quilts or cook meals for the group.

Current people who help provide Monday meals for the group include Elaine Eisen-schenk, Dolores Giroux, Mary Kay Kern, Meg Klecker, Shirley Miller, Pat Osburn, Sharon and Tom Steil and Joyce Stock.

Fischer started displaying the quilts the end of April in the Heritage Hall parish center and the display will continue through July 1. The Harley Davidson quilt will be displayed now-July 1.

This year's quilt auction will be at 1:30 p.m. Thursday, July 4. Col. Frank Imholte and family, of Black Diamond Auctions, has been conducting the auction since 1987. Last year's quilt auction raised about \$11,700.

If you are interested in joining the group or helping prepare lunch, contact Fischer at 320-363-7306 to volunteer.

To view this year's quilts to be auctioned or the "Buy it Now" quilts, visit the website joetownrocks.org.



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Marlys Pennertz offers instructions before beginning planting at the community garden.

News for Refugees

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

The Cultural Bridges Steering Committee worked with a number of Somali families for their first attempt at gardening at the Monastery of St. Benedict community gardens on June 2.

After weeks of planning by Cultural Bridges members Mary Quinlivan, Marlys Pennertz, Susan Sin and Julie Jordon, planting day arrived. Following the initial sign-in and short in-

structional session, aided by interpreters, immigrants and volunteers paired up and dug in.

The teams raked the lumps out of the soil and sowed special seeds obtained from Somalia.

Kaidance Stephens, a sixth-grader from St. Joseph Catholic School, joined Barey Aden, a widowed mother of 10, in a joint effort to make straight rows.

The next step is to do some training about how to take care of a garden and then to get the gardeners together in September to review what worked and what to improve next year.

If you have any questions, please contact Juliana Howard at 715-791-8976 or Khadija Salah at 320-345-0593. Please share this message with other refugees and immigrants you know who live in St. Joseph.

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Catholic Charities Senior Dining is a program that provides high-quality nutritious meals to older persons aged 60+ in a Congregate Diner area and delivery at home of cooked meals [Meals on Wheels]. Additional services include outreach, social and wellness programs, and information and referral to other services that seniors may be in need of. Catholic Charities operates approximately 43 sites. Whitney Senior Dining operates with approximately five staff at the site, and some fabulous volunteers!

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Job Responsibilities include:

- Assist the Food Coordinator (head cook) in the kitchen operations: including preparing the food items utilizing established recipes; portioning and dish up food items; serving the in-house diners.
- Prepare/package food items and supplies for: Satellite Senior Dining sites into food carriers, and, for Meals on Wheels as necessary.
- Being familiar with and conduct all work activities in compliance with Minnesota Department of Health regulations regarding Food Safety (i.e. recording hot/cold temperatures of food items regularly), and, the safe/sanitary use of kitchen equipment/tools, work surfaces, and first aid/fire extinguishers, etc.
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Station

from front page

save stations, all told, cost about \$11,000.

AED Save Stations somewhat resemble thin phone booths. Each contains an automated external defibrillator (AED, for short) that can shock a heart back to life. Many lives have been saved by the use of such machines, including the life of a man who suffered a sudden cardiac arrest in St. Joseph Catholic Church years ago. The hitch, however, is that most defibrillators are kept within buildings, inaccessible outside of business hours or by people who have no clue where the machines could be found in any building. The Save Station movement is a way to make the life-saving machines easily accessible by locating them outdoors, available 24/7.

Save stations are secured boxes that can be placed in neighborhoods or other spaces. Each contains an AED that can be used right there or taken from the box to be used elsewhere in a crisis. The boxes are protected by an automatic system from hot and cold extremes of weather; each has an alarm system; and each box can automatically send an alarm to neighbors when an emergency occurs (triggered when the box is opened and defibrillator removed).

So far, there are three save stations in the area – one in Sartell, two in St. Cloud – thanks to the dedication and fundraising of a group of people. Joel Vogel of St. Joseph and Rich Feneis of Sartell got the save station ball rolling. Two of Feneis's golfing buddies who live in St. Cloud (Jeff Skumautz and Dan Schirmers) also became gung-ho about the stations and raised money to buy them for their neighborhoods. Cen-

traCare Health System was very supportive in the effort. Its foundation has a \$30,000 grant available for the purchase of AEDs. A neighborhood, city or company will get a free AED and CPR/AED training if they raise funds for an outdoor save station. Also on board is the Greater St. Cloud Safety Foundation.

The three stations, installed about a year ago, are the first of their kind in Minnesota.

Soon, others joined the effort for more save stations. They include Audrey Twit; the Lions clubs, churches, the city council, scouting groups, longtime St. Joseph teacher Betty Pundsack and Stearns County Sheriff Steve Soyka – to name just some.

AED advocates all emphasize that knowledge is power, and the more people learn about heart problems, CPR and AEDs the more lives will be saved. Even children should be taught CPR and how to use an AED, they advise.

The basic difference between sudden cardiac arrest and a heart attack is when the heart stops in an instant due to a kind of electrical seizure. A heart attack, on the other hand, is caused usually by some kind of blockage in an artery when the heart does not get enough oxygen. Many who suffer heart attacks have time to get emergency treatment. That is not true with those who suffer cardiac arrest, which is so sudden that unless someone else is present to help, death is virtually certain. AEDs can also be used when people are suffering heart attacks, as well as sudden cardiac arrests.

About 360,000 people die of cardiac arrest each year, and 80 percent of them happen at home. Only about 8 percent of them survive. However, if CPR and/or AEDs are used, the survival rate is 70 percent.

Starting in early June, Feneis began meeting with many businesses and organizations to enlist their support for the ongoing save-station movement.

Feneis said he is always struck by how word-of-mouth is making save stations so well known, despite their few sites in the area. Recently, a man from the Richmond chain-of-lakes area came to Feneis's house to do some cabinetry work. When Feneis mentioned save stations, the man's interest was instantly piqued.

"That is exactly what we need in the Richmond area," he told Feneis.

Feneis predicted St. Joseph would have 10 to 12 save stations in the near future and possibly as many as 100 in the general area in a year or two. At this point, he knows one of the four save stations ordered will be installed outside the St. Joseph Catholic Church or outside of the American Legion of St. Joseph.

There are several following goals that go hand-in-hand with the installation of save stations, Feneis noted, along with Stearns County Sheriff Steve Soyka:

- To take an inventory and update the existing AEDs in Minnesota and where they're located, which means the ones that are not in outdoor Save Stations.
- To create citizen awareness of the locations of each save station that will be constructed.

- To start a program of volunteers who will check for outdated batteries and chest pads on the AEDs.

- To educate the public on the use and the importance of AEDs and AED Save Stations.



Feneis

Schindler served in Tokyo at the end of WWII

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

John Frank Schindler, 94, U.S. Army, World War II era.

John Schindler was born at home on the family farm in St. Wendel Township. The milk cows, hogs and chickens helped support the family during the Great Depression.

Schindler attended a country school then transferred to the St. Joseph Lab School from which he graduated. Like most farm boys, he had to work hard. Schindler's father died at age 45 from a ruptured appendix leaving behind eight children and a wife. He was only 6 years old at the time. When his older brothers and sisters reached 14 they were expected to find work, which often necessitated moving away. Not only did Schindler have chores at home, but he hired out to do fieldwork for neighbors. One particular neighbor not only farmed, but he owned and operated a small trucking company.

Despite not being old enough for a driver's license, and never having driven a motor vehicle, the neighbor taught Schindler how to drive. Within a short while, he was hauling grain and livestock.

Upon reflecting on the depression years, Schindler recalls most everyone was experiencing poverty.

Between his parents, three brothers and four sisters, the only



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John Schindler during World War II.

thing not lacking was a strong work ethic.

The farm had neither electricity nor indoor plumbing. Any water came from the pump that in winter was subject to freezing up.

At the age of 20, Schindler got his draft notice to report for an induction physical at Fort Snelling. He served his Basic Training at Fort Livingston, Louisiana, an Army base originally built in 1835. After completing basic infantry training, Schindler was sent to Camp Adair near Corvallis, Oregon. He was specifically trained in the use of the flame thrower (aka the Red Dragon). The flame thrower had an effective range of 65 feet and was used primarily to flush out an enemy hiding in caves or trenches.

Schindler recalls the flame thrower weighed about 56 pounds and contained seven gallons of high-octane aviation fuel.

Schindler, anticipating an invasion of the Japanese home islands, was awaiting orders at the large army staging camp, Camp Stoneman, California.

Shortly after the surrender of Japan (Aug. 15, 1945), Schindler boarded the USS Sea Witch destination, Tokyo, Japan. The travel time was usually 12 days crossing. However, after a few days at sea, the ship encountered an unexpected massive typhoon. The 1,700 soldiers were restricted to their compartments well below deck. The waves were so tempestuously high they reportedly washed over the top of the ship.

Prolonged seasickness was the norm. The ship finally anchored in Tokyo Bay 21 days after its departure from the United States.

According to Schindler's recollection, all that stood erect in Tokyo were the chimneys. In night bombings operations conducted by the Army Air Corp (March 9-10, 1945), the incendiary ordinance dropped on Tokyo resulted in the most destructive bombing raid in history, arguably exceeding the casualties of the atomic bombings of Hiroshima or Nagasaki (Aug. 6-9, 1945).

While in Japan, Schindler was assigned to the 77th Infantry Division. He became a driver-gun-

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May 7

2:35 p.m. Illegal dumping. 15th Avenue NE. Best Way Manufacturing reported illegal dumping. Officers checked the garbage bags and found mail addressed to possible suspects.

May 9

9:29 p.m. Gun shots. Dale Street E. and First Avenue NE. Officers investigated a report of gunshots fired from a handgun. No other reports were received and officers found no evidence of a crime.

May 11

9:47 a.m. Intoxicated person. 10th Avenue SE. An intoxicated man left a garage sale. The officer found the driver near Baker Street E and Fourth Avenue SE and arrested him.

9:10 p.m. Fight. College Avenue N. After a fight was reported, the suspect headed north from Bad Habit. The officer found suspect and took him to Stearns County Jail.

May 15

12:34 p.m. 19th Avenue S. and CR 4. Responding to a driving complaint, an officer observed a vehicle traveling west on CR 75 with a flat fire. The driver was taken into custody for DWI and taken to Stearns County Jail.

6:59 p.m. Stolen bicycle. Fourth Avenue NE. A woman reported that her bicycle, valued at \$109, had been stolen. The officer checked the surrounding area and did not locate the bike, however, the owner said it was parked at the end of driveway and during the citywide trash pickup it may have been grabbed by accident.

May 17

11:05 p.m. Hit and run. Bake Street E. A woman reported another woman hit her vehicle. The officer attempted to contact the suspect at her apartment.

May 18

10:36 a.m. Theft. A man reported items including sports memorabilia, battery powered tools and hand tools had been stolen from his garage.

May 22

10:04 p.m. Stolen bicycle. A boy reported his bike was stolen while he was playing in Klinefelter Park. The bike is an 18-speed maroon Magna with wide black seat valued at \$100.

May 28

8:58 a.m. Theft. Minnesota Street W. A man reported construction tools and equipment valued at \$2,465 stolen from his truck sometime between 9:30 p.m. May 25 and 2 p.m. May 26 from the park and ride lot.

12:37 p.m. Theft. 16th Avenue SE. A man reported a boat, motor, trailer, fish equipment and trolling motor had been stolen. The man later called police to say he had found his boat and it had not been stolen. It rolled out of his driveway, down 16th Avenue SE, into another driveway and came to rest in the back yard of a neighbor.

Obituary

Alphonse J. "Al" Krey St. Joseph Oct. 19, 1930-June 10, 2019

Alphonse J. "Al" Krey, 88, of St. Joseph died Monday, June 10 at St. Cloud Hospital. His funeral will be at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, June 18 at Sacred Heart Chapel of St. Benedict's Monastery in St. Joseph. The Rev. Jerome Tupa, O.S.B., will officiate. Burial will be in St. Joseph's Parish Cemetery.

Visitation will be from 4-8 p.m. Monday and after 9 a.m. Tuesday both at the Daniel Funeral Home in St. Joseph.



Krey

Krey was born on Oct. 19, 1930, in Spring Hill, Minnesota, to Frank and Mary (Athmann) Krey. He proudly served in the U.S. Army during the Korean War. He married Cynthia Petrick on Feb. 15, 1958 at St. Anthony's Catholic Church in St. Cloud.

Krey worked as an electrician for many years prior to owning and operating Krey Electric. He was a member of St. Joseph's Parish and the St. Cloud Eagles Aerie #622.

Krey loved flying model airplanes and was a longtime member of the Academy of Model Aeronautics.

Survivors include his sons, Steve (Lori) of St. Cloud, Gary of St. Joseph, Paul

(Mandy) of St. Joseph; three grandchildren, Erin (Isaac) Pohlman and Amber (Aaron) Thompson both of St. Cloud, Emma Krey of St. Joseph; six great-grandchildren; sister, Marie Brutger of St. Cloud; sisters-in-law, Bernice Krey, Marguerite Krey, Patty Bjorum; and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Cynthia in 1997; parents; siblings: Marcela (Art) Wall, Ralph, Walter, Martha and John; and brother-in-law, Art Brutger.

Memorials are preferred in lieu of flowers.

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'Successful' legislators still left key issues unresolved

When this year's legislative session ended, the governor and leaders of both political parties touted the new laws passed and their successes producing results for the people of Minnesota.

Unlike 2018 and several years before, there were no deadlocks that lead to public frustration, lack of action on key issues, contentious special sessions or a government shutdown. Even with divided government – a DFL governor, a Republican-controlled Senate and a DFL-controlled house – compromises produced results.

Still, the session ended with last-minute deals reached in private.

But behind the positive spin, several major issues were not resolved because the House and Senate couldn't reach an accord.

First, let's look at the highlights of what was accomplished.

An education bill increases per-pupil funding in public schools by 2 percent each year of the next two years.

The tax bill cuts the income tax rate in the second bracket, extends the medical provider tax at 1.8 percent and aligns state tax law with the federal tax code to make filing easier.

The Legislature finally authorized spending \$6.6 million in federal funds to increase election security.

A massive health and human services spending measure funds nursing homes, child care and other health programs.

The transportation bill funds a study on extending Northstar Commuter Rail to St. Cloud.

Some 30,000 families will benefit from increased cash assistance from the Minnesota Family Investment Program or the Diversionary Work Program.

Elder abuse legislation created long-overdue protections for Minnesota's aging population in assisted-living centers. Minnesota had been the only state in the nation that did not regulate the centers more than 55,000 seniors call home.

"Minnesota is showing the rest of the nation that Republicans and Democrats can still find a compromise and work together to get things done," said Gov. Tim Walz, a former congressman who pledged to cut through the gridlock when he took over the governor's office in January.

These successes aside, legislators failed to pass legislation on several key issues.

The House passed a gun safety bill that would expand background checks and introduce "red flag" powers to temporarily remove firearms from people who present a danger to themselves or others. Both these measures are supported by as many as 90 percent of Americans. But the Republican-controlled Senate blocked any action. Republicans hold a 35-32 majority in the Senate. Any action on gun safety may require flipping a few of those Republican seats in the 2020 election.

When Walz proposed a 20-cents-a-gallon tax increase, nobody in Minnesota, probably including even Walz, expected it to pass. But Minnesota does need increased funding for transportation. Current money barely covers repairs, maintenance and modest new projects. Totally bargaining away the 20-cent increase doesn't make the need go away. A 10, 5 or even 1-cent increase would have been better than zero.

A proposal to guarantee 12-week paid family and medical leave also failed. Only about one in six Americans has access to paid leave. A DFL-backed bill would pay for the benefit with a 0.6 percent tax on income, with workers and employers sharing the bill.

The speaker of the Minnesota House wants lawmakers to return to St. Paul for a one-day special session in September to take up several bills that failed to pass. Lawmakers are not set to meet again until Feb. 11, 2020, but Speaker Melissa Hortman says there's no reason lawmakers can't come back before then to take up unfinished business.

Hortman wants lawmakers to take up a \$500 million bonding bill and a proposal to create an emergency insulin program that was discussed as a part of the budget deal this year but failed in negotiations.

Let's congratulate Minnesota's leaders on basic government competence. But when they meet again, in special or regular session, we expect them to go beyond mere competence and solve issues of gun safety, transportation, public health and support for working families.

Creative parents, pop culture lead to imaginative names

Sadly, I've come to learn my parents lacked imagination. At least when it comes to baby names.

When I was born in 1953, I shared my first name with almost 85,000 other baby boys. Michael ranked third as the most popular name for boys born that year, behind Robert and James, according to the Social Security Administration.

My parents may not have been creative, but they were certainly trend centers. After I was born in December 1953, Michael ranked as the No. 1 name for baby boys for the next six years, before finally dropping to second place in 1960.

I've been thinking about names that have been in the news lately.

I just finished compiling the list of 2019 high school graduates. I found many unique names for young men and women – names that didn't crack the Top 20 in 1953. Congratulations to their imaginative parents. But beware, some of the creative spellings, which will not be singled out here to protect the innocent, will create issues throughout life when registering to vote, getting a driver's license, booking plane trips and dozens of other instances where an assumed common spelling means trouble.

The Social Security Administration recently published the list of the most popular baby names for 2018.

Here are the Top 10 boys and girls names:

Girls:

1. Emma
2. Olivia
3. Ava
4. Isabella
5. Sophia
6. Charlotte
7. Mia

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8. Amelia
9. Harper
10. Evelyn

Boys:

1. Liam
2. Noah
3. William
4. James
5. Oliver
6. Benjamin
7. Elijah
8. Lucas
9. Mason
10. Logan

This is the second time Liam tops the boys list and the fifth year in a row for Emma. Two long timers on the list, Jacob and Abigail, toppled out of the Top 10 for the first time since 1992 and 2000. There are two new names in this year's Top 10 – Lucas for the first time, and Harper returns to the list.

In Minnesota, Henry, Oliver, William, Liam and Theodore top the boys' list and Evelyn, Olivia, Charlotte, Emma and Harper top the girls' list.

Each year, the list reveals the effect of pop culture on naming trends. Royalty seems to have influenced parents in 2018.

Meghan was the fastest rising girls' name, moving 701 spots to number 703 from number 1,404 in 2017. This jump speaks to the popularity of Meghan Markle, an American who joined the royal family when she married Prince

Harry in 2018.

Will the most recent pop culture fad, "Game of Thrones," influence future lists?

A decade ago, in the days before dragons and direwolves, Arya didn't even crack the top 1,000.

But last year, 2,545 babies were given the name Arya, making the name of the "Game of Thrones" sword-swinging heroine the 119th-most popular for girls in the United States. Arya is now among a number of baby names inspired by "Thrones" characters that are pushing their way into the mainstream, according to data from the Social Security Administration.

Even difficult-to-spell names inspired by the show have crept up the list of baby names.

There were 560 babies named Khaleesi in 2018. Khaleesi, the name for queen in the fictional Dothraki language, is even more popular than the dragon-riding character's actual name of Daenerys, which was given to 163 baby girls in 2018.

Some 434 baby girls were named Yara last year, boosting it to the 672nd most popular girls' name, from a previous rank of 986th.

Despite the show's popularity, the names of many key figures in the show simply haven't spread as widely. For example, just 58 baby boys were named Tyrion, 30 boys named Jorah, 29 girls were named Sansa and 14 boys were named Theon.

There were 547 babies named Jaime in 2018, down from its most popular year in 2001 when there were 1,339 newborns named Jaime.

Thankfully, my parents must have been tuned out to pop culture in 1953, otherwise I could have been named Bing, Rock or Marlon.

Impeach or not? That IS the question

Brooding Hamlet's "To be or not to be" has become, for U.S. House Speaker Nancy Pelosi "To impeach or not to impeach." That is the question, the big question.

Pelosi is taking her time, but the pressure is on, especially after Robert Mueller's televised speech May 29. Tip-toeing through his guarded words, Mueller reiterated his report does not exonerate President Trump, despite Attorney General William Barr's pro-Trump spin of the investigation's findings.

Mueller said the Department of Justice cannot legally indict a sitting President, thus he presented in his report only findings of fact, not judgments. Then Mueller strongly suggested the U.S. Congress can, if it so chooses, deal with the question of presidential wrongdoing. That was regarded by many as a nudge-nudge from Mueller to begin an impeachment process.

Pelosi's strategy is to investigate via Congressional oversight committees and that impeachment should not even be mentioned unless solid evidence is gathered and only when the majority of Americans come to understand the import of that evidence. She is right.

It's ironic the most persuasive advocate for impeaching Trump is a Republican, Michigan Rep. Justin Amash. As so many people haven't, he has read and pondered the 448-page Mueller Report. His case for impeachment has placed an urgency and even embarrassment on House Democrats, including the hesitant Pelosi.

It's a shame more Americans do not

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read that report because just about anybody who does would almost certainly be convinced crimes were committed, that the President did indeed try in at least 10 ways to obstruct justice, to impede or terminate Mueller's work.

But it's understandable why so few are reading it. Most Americans are mentally exhausted from trying to keep up with the byzantine twists and turns of that long investigation. Their reaction is to shrug it all off, just not to care, crime or no crime. And, too, the report is a bit daunting. Comprised of tiny print, it's as long and complex as a gloomy Russian novel by Dostoevsky. Still, it's quite the page-turner, a real stunner.

What's flabbergasting about Volume I of the report is Trump and his campaign staff were cleared of "collusion" in Russian meddling. Collusion is apparently not a criminal act, but conspiracy is, and Mueller found they were not guilty of conspiring to subvert the presidential election. However, "collusion" versus "conspiracy" begs the question. What should we call it when so many associated with that campaign were meeting with Russians and then lying constantly about it, including campaign manager Paul Manafort and former Sen. Jeff Sessions, to name just

two. Why did Trump and son Don Jr. concoct cover stories about the Trump Tower meeting with a Russian lawyer? And if all of them were so not guilty, why were they so fearful of Mueller's investigation and why did Trump try to suppress it so often, as detailed in Part II of the report? And how can one explain the 34 indictments and many convictions that resulted from the "witch hunt" if not for rampant chicanery and corruption?

No, Trump did not sit down and sign an agreement with Russians to sabotage the election. However, Volume I details an appalling willingness by Trump and staff to just "go along" with Russian meddling and then later to deny repeatedly it ever happened. It's the kind of wink-and-nod nonchalance perfected by Tweeter-in-Chief.

Trump's crowing about total exoneration by Mueller is just one more of his lies yelled at full throttle. His twitchy bravado is like a kid whistling past a graveyard in the dead of night.

All Americans should, as a patriotic duty, take time to read the full report. Read it, discuss it and pay attention because our Democracy is under a growing threat from abroad and, yes, from right here at home – everything from social-media smears to gerrymandering, from big-bucks propaganda to multiple forms of voter suppression.

We keep hearing, "No one, not even the President, is above the law." Or, as Bob Dylan sang in a 1964 song, "Even the President of the United States must sometimes have to stand naked."

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, June 14
St. Joseph Farmers' Market, 3-6 p.m., Resurrection Lutheran Church, under the water tower near the Wobegon Trail Center, CR 2.
Flag disposal ceremony, 6:30 p.m., American Legion, 101 Minnesota St. W., St. Joseph.

Monday, June 17
St. Joseph Food Shelf, open 1-3 p.m., 124 First Ave. SE, St. Joseph.
St. Cloud Area Parkinson's Disease Support Group, 1-2:30 p.m., Independent Lifestyles, 215 Benton Drive N., Sauk Rapids.
Fare for All, 3:30-5:30 p.m., Resurrection Lutheran Church, 610 CR 2 N., St. Joseph.
St. Joseph City Council, 6 p.m., council chambers, St. Joseph Government Center, 75 Cal-

laway St. E. 363-7201. cityofstjoseph.com.
St. Joseph Rod and Gun Club, 7 p.m., American Legion, 101 W Minnesota St., St. Joseph.

Tuesday, June 18
Mobile office hours, 10 a.m.-1 p.m., Sartell City Hall. A caseworker from Rep. Tom Emmer's office will be available to handle issues with federal government services.
Memory Writers group develops topics and turns in stories. 10 a.m., Stearns History Museum, 235 33rd Ave. S, St Cloud.

Daisy Launch Party, 3-5 p.m., event to introduce girls heading to kindergarten or first grade to Girl Scouts, Lake George Sun Room and Splash Pad, St. Cloud.
St. Joseph Economic Development Authority, 6 p.m., St. Joseph Government Center, 75 Callaway St. E. 320-363-7201. cityofstjoseph.com.
St. Cloud Area Genealogists, 7 p.m., Stearns History Museum, 235 33rd Ave. S., St. Cloud. stearns-museum.org.
All-State Lutheran Choir Concert, 7 p.m., Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 4310 CR 137, St. Cloud.
St. Joseph Lions Club, 7:30 p.m., Millstream Park Pavilion 101

Fifth Ave. NW, St Joseph. Joanne Bechtold, 320-363-4483.
Benefit Concert for Peter Ostroushko, 7:30 p.m., Unity Spiritual Center of Central Minnesota, 931 Fifth Ave. N., Sartell. Free, but donations welcome.

Wednesday, June 19
Advocates for Independence, 2-4 p.m., Independent Lifestyles, 215 Benton Drive N., Sauk Rapids. 320-529-9000.
St. Cloud school board, 6:30 p.m., City Council chambers, 400 Second St. S.

Thursday, June 20
St. Joseph Food Shelf, open 1-3 p.m., 124 First Ave. SE, St. Joseph.

Friday, June 21
Burger and brat sale, sponsored by the Knights of Columbus, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., St. Joseph Meat Market, 26 First Ave. NW.
St. Joseph Farmers' Market, 3-6 p.m., Resurrection Lutheran Church, under the water tower near the Wobegon Trail Center, CR 2.
St. Cloud Singles Club Dance, 8 p.m.-midnight, American Legion, 17 Second Ave. S., Waite Park. 320-339-4533. stcloudsin-

gles.net.
Saturday, June 22
Deadline for reservations for Fields of Dreams, a tour of Stearns County ballparks on Friday, June 28. For reservations, call Stearns History Museum at 320-253-8424 or stearns-museum.org.
Burger and brat sale, sponsored by the Knights of Columbus, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., St. Joseph Meat Market, 26 First Ave. NW.
Being, Belonging, Becoming in Our Benedictine Community, 10 a.m.-3 p.m., St. Benedict's Monastery. Single, Catholic women under age 45 are invited to learn about monastery life. Contact Sister Lisa Rose, director of vocations, at lrose@csbsju.edu or 320-363-7180.

Sunday, June 23
Joe Town Table, 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m., American Legion, 101 W. Minnesota St., St. Joseph. centralmncw@gmail.com.

Monday, June 24
St. Cloud school district Community Linkages Committee, 8 a.m., District Administration Office, 1201 Second St. S., Waite Park.
St. Joseph Food Shelf, open 1-3 p.m., 124 First Ave. SE, St.

Joseph.
St. Joseph Township Board, 8 p.m., Township Hall, 935 College Ave. S.
Tuesday, June 25
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.
Collegeville Township Board, 7 p.m., Township Hall, 27724 CR 50.
Thursday, June 27
St. Joseph Food Shelf, open 1-3 p.m., 124 First Ave. SE, St. Joseph.

Friday, June 28
Fields of Dreams, 1:30 p.m., a tour of Stearns County ballparks. For reservations, call Stearns History Museum at 320-253-8424 or stearns-museum.org. **Deadline is June 22.**
St. Joseph Farmers' Market, 3-6 p.m., Resurrection Lutheran Church, under the water tower near the Wobegon Trail Center, CR 2.



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Schindler

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ner on an M-18 tank. Schindler was part of the occupation forces now under the command of Gen. Douglas MacArthur. The \$80-a month pay he earned as an overseas buck sergeant was sent home to his mother as the family continued to be in dire need.

Schindler, not having enough points to immediately come home, was transferred to the First Cavalry Division and assigned to the motor pool. As a point of trivia, Schindler shared how one of his military ambulances from the motor pool transported Tojo (politician and general of the Imperial Japanese Army) to a hospital after his self-inflicted gunshot wound. Having survived an attempted suicide, Tojo was later hung as a war criminal in 1948.

With enough points, Schindler returned to the United States on the USS General Black. Arriving at long last at Camp Beale, California, he received his discharge. Schindler took a train to Fort

Snelling and a bus to St. Cloud – a place just a few years previously he was not sure he would ever see again. It was 1946.

All four Schindler boys served in the military at one time or another.

Upon arriving back home, Schindler was employed by Gohman Construction as a mason and carpenter. After some time, he commenced a 30-year career with the Great Northern-Burlington Northern Railroad.

Working at the Waite Park Car Shops, Schindler made many friends throughout the years. As a carman-welder, he, "...very much enjoyed building boxcars." At one time Schindler and the other 500 railroad workers employed there made 22 boxcars a day. Schindler finished out his tenure with the railroad at the Havelock Shops in Lincoln, Nebraska.

After returning from military service, he met his wife, Evelyn, at the VFW Club. They married in 1956. Schindler and Evelyn have been married for 63 years. They were blessed with three daughters, a son, six grandchildren and a great-granddaughter.



John Schindler

As a younger man, Schindler enjoyed fishing and hunting up at his cabin near Big Falls.

For 30 years he was a volunteer firefighter. Reflecting on his years with the St. Joseph Fire Department he shared the following. Back when Schindler signed on with the fire department, the city was one mile in diameter. The fire station was in the middle

of town. When the fire call went out, firefighters responded with their hook-and-ladder hose wagon (fire cart).

Similar to carts perhaps seen in old-time movies, the cart had two wheels (4 feet in diameter). Two very able men would pull and two in back would push the cart to the fire's location.

It was not until 1949 that St. Joseph got its first firetruck. A second firetruck was delivered in 1951. Schindler said; "however

the water hydrants and underground pipes built by the WPA during the Depression functioned very well. There were so many chimney fires from people burning wood."

Schindler assures us for a 94-year-old man he is in fairly good health. He looks forward to living in his current home a bit longer. A home he built after retiring from the railroad.

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