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Girl Scouts to host party

Girls going into kindergarten and first grade are invited to a party, hosted by Girl Scouts Lakes and Pines, from 3-5 p.m. Tuesday, June 18 at the Lake George Splashpad in St. Cloud. Bring your swimsuit! Try new Girl Scout activities, meet current Girl Scouts and new friends, get your first patch and learn about exciting adventures at Girl Scouts. Receive a special gift when you sign up to be a Daisy. To learn more, visit girlscoutslp.org.

Cats free for seniors, veterans, military

Senior citizens, veterans and military personnel can adopt cats free at the Tri-County Humane Society. The cats are all 2 years old or older. In addition, anybody can adopt cats 6 months or older as part of a "name-your-own-price" sale. The sale is valid for same-day adoptions only.

In 2018, the St. Cloud-based humane society adopted out 3,123 animals, placed 1,204 in foster care and spayed/neutered 2,020.

Business hours at Tri-County Humane Society are noon-6 p.m. Monday-Thursday, noon-8 p.m. Friday, 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday and noon-5 p.m. Sunday. The phone number is 320-252-0896.

Help parents, children at Celebration of Fatherhood

The 25th Celebration of Fatherhood is seeking volunteers from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturday, June 15 at Lake George (Eastman Park). In case of rain, events and activities will move inside the Lake George Municipal Building. Volunteers would help parents and their children (ages birth to 8 years old) create various crafts that would be set up around the event. Contact Tom Schnabel at 320-370-8300 or Thomas.Schnabel@isd742.org.

Fire Safety Event seeks volunteers June 22

The American Red Cross of Central Minnesota will work with Hands Across The World to install free smoke alarms and provide fire-safety education from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturday, June 22 in the Bel Clare Estates community. Training will be provided as well as light breakfast, lunch and snacks. Wear weather-appropriate clothing and comfortable shoes. Contact Seth Nelson, the American Red Cross of Central Minnesota, at 320-406-5316 or seth_nelson2@redcross.org.

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Sunshine greets SummerFest parade fans

The Sartell High School Marching Band's percussion section performed for the judges during the June 8 SummerFest parade.

ConneX bus service extended for Sartell

by Dennis Dalman

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There's good news for bus riders in Sartell

A pilot service dubbed ConneX, has been extended through the rest of this year, to Dec. 31, 2019. It is an on-demand ride service introduced to Sartell in January by the St. Cloud-based Metro Bus.

Metro Bus Chief Executive Officer Ryan Daniel said the service has been steadily gaining ridership since its incep-

tion six months ago. Extending ConneX, he added, will allow Metro Bus time to gather information about ridership trends and overall performance of the service.

"We will see how ridership changes with summer weather, the U-Go-Free ride program and adults and kids participating in summer activities," Daniel said.

New weekend hours

Daniel noted ConneX will have new weekend service

hours. Starting July 1, the new hours will be from 10:30 a.m.-6:30 p.m. Saturdays and from 8:30 a.m. 4:30 p.m. Sundays.

Through the month of June, the operating hours will remain the same: 9:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m. Saturdays; 10:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m. Sundays and 6:30 a.m.-8:30 p.m. Mondays-Fridays. Those weekday hours will remain unchanged through the rest of the year. Only weekend hours have been adjusted.

ConneX is a curbside service

based on call requests. If someone wants a ride, that person calls Metro Bus ahead of time to schedule a pick-up time. The bus then stops by the residence or the nearest place from where the call for service was initiated. Ride requests are accepted 15 minutes before the start of service each day and 15 minutes before the end of service each day.

To request a ConneX ride, call 320-251-RIDE (7433).

Sartell designated as 'Bicycle Friendly'

by Dennis Dalman

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Sartell is now officially a Bicycle Friendly Community, one of only 29 cities in Minnesota to be so honored and one of 464 in the nation.

At the June 10 city council meeting, the city was honored with a Bicycle-Friendly Community certificate (bronze level) by Dorian Grilley, executive director of the Bicycle Alliance of Minnesota.

The only city in the state to achieve a gold level is Minneapolis. Grand Marais,

Hennepin County and St. Paul all earned silver-level honors. The rest of the 29 cities, which includes St. Cloud and now Sartell, are all in the bronze category.

"You've done a wonderful job here," said Grilley, noting how Sartell has taken steps to make bicycling in the city accessible to everyone via a network of trails and how schools and the city have encouraged people to enjoy safe and fun bicycling. He also praised the Bike Rodeos that are held in Sartell to teach young people bike safety skills. Ongoing



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Sartell will soon install "Bicycle Friendly Community" street signs in the city to let people know the city has been designated with that honor by the Bicycle Alliance of Minnesota.

educating of people about the health, safety and fun of bicycling is one of the main qualifications for becoming a Bicycle-Friendly Community. Grilley mentioned some

interesting facts about biking. For example, people who bike just three times a week can reduce their chances of serious heart problems by

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Blotter

If you have a tip concerning a crime, call the Sartell Police Department at 320-251-8186 or Tri-County Crime Stoppers at 320-255-1301, or access its tip site at tricountycrimestoppers.org. Crime Stoppers offers rewards up to \$1,000 for information leading to the arrest and conviction of those responsible for a crime.

May 29

11:55 p.m. Shoplifting. Pinecone Road. Officers were dispatched to a shoplifter that was in custody of an off-duty sheriff's deputy at a business. The deputy witnessed store employees trying to stop an individual and assisted. Officers arrived on scene and took custody of the shoplifter and transported them home, cited and trespassed from the business.

May 30

11:30 a.m. Missing items. Seventh St. N. The school resource officer was notified of missing personal items from one of the locker rooms. Working with school staff and the parents of a student, the missing items were returned to the school. The student in possession of the items was issued a citation for theft.

May 31

7:15 a.m. Stalled vehicle. Second

Street S. An officer witnessed a vehicle that was stalled in the road. The officer assisted the owner to push the vehicle out of the roadway. The officer waited on scene for safety until a tow arrived.

June 1

9:05 a.m. Dumping. Seventh Street N. An officer witnessed a vehicle with an unsecured load. When the officer caught up to the vehicle, the driver was throwing rolls of carpet into a residential dumpster. The driver gave multiple false answers to the officer before finally admitting to dumping the carpet. The officer cited the individual for driving after revocation and for illegal dumping.

June 2

1:30 p.m. Traffic stop. Riverside Avenue S. An officer witnessed a vehicle traveling faster than the limit. The officer stopped the vehicle and found the driver had an out-of-date license and expired insurance. The officer issued a citation for the speed and gave a verbal warning to the driver about the license and no proof of insurance.

June 3

10:50 a.m. Arrest and detain order. 2½ Street N. Officers were sent to locate an individual on probation.

The officers located the individual and took him into custody without incident. The individual was transported to Stearns County Jail.

June 4

1:20 a.m. Domestic. Pheasant Crest Loop. Officers were dispatched to a verbal domestic at a residence. Officers found both individuals calm. The individuals told officers they had previously had an argument and the argument was over, and they were planning on going to bed. Officers advised them there were better ways of solving relationship disagreements.

June 5

4:30 p.m. First Street NE. No pay. Officers were dispatched to a call of a drive off without paying. Officers made contact with the driver and the driver stated they forgot to pay and would return to pay for the charge. The officer followed up with the business and the driver had returned and paid.

June 6

7 p.m. Riverside Avenue S. Traffic stop. An officer on patrol conducted a routine license-plate check. The plate returned expired, so the officer stopped the vehicle. The driver gave the officer a name of another individual. The officer arrested the individual for giving a false name and transported the driver to Stearns County Jail.

June 7

12:55 a.m. Riverside Avenue S. Traffic stop. An officer on patrol witnessed a vehicle being driven by an individual known to have a cancelled license. The officer stopped the driver after confirming the license status and placed the individual under arrest for the infrac-

tion. A search of the vehicle turned up marijuana. The individual was transported to Stearns County Jail and cited for the marijuana.

June 8

1:50 p.m. Lowell Lane. No-contact order. Officers were dispatched to a residence for an individual violating a no-contact order. Officers arrested the individual and took them to the hospital as the individual was very intoxicated. Once cleared from the hospital, the individual was taken to Stearns County Jail.

June 9

6:55 p.m. Roberts Road. Domestic. Officers were dispatched to a call of an individual attempting to break down a door and enter a residence. Upon arrival, it was discovered the individual had an active warrant for their arrest. The individual was arrested for domestic and the warrant. The individual was transported to Stearns County Jail.

June 10

3:20 a.m. Seventh Avenue N. Suspicious vehicle. An officer on patrol stopped on the side of the road. Making contact with the occupants of the vehicle, the officer noticed the smell of marijuana. A search of the vehicle returned marijuana and paraphernalia. The occupants were cited for the infractions.

June 11

1:30 p.m. Riverside Avenue S. Traffic stop. An officer on patrol witnessed a vehicle traveling above the posted speed limit. The officer stopped the vehicle and the driver could not produce proof of insurance. The officer cited the driver for the infractions.

Bicycle

from front page

half.

The Sartell city councils for at least two decades have consistently encouraged biking-hiking trails throughout the city in developments, parks and along city streets.

In fall 2017, Sartell submitted an application to be designated a Bicycle Friendly Community. The city was given an honorable mention and recommendations that included installation of three bike-repair stations, the launching of a Bike-to-School event and adoption of a Complete Streets policy. Thanks to grants from the Statewide Health Improvement Program, those recommendations were achieved. The Bike-to-School event, held in late May in Lions Community Park, was a great success, with about 400 people attending.

In winter 2018, the city re-applied for the Bicycle Friendly Community designation, and it was successful.

Now, the city is encouraged to install Bicycle Friendly Community road signs throughout the city. Grilley said such signs are the equivalent of an advertisement that says, "This city is a great place to live for family and for businesses."

A current staff who transports food bins to a senior dining site, reported: *"I wanted to do something in my retirement that made me feel like I was helping another human being succeed. This is the job - the best gig in town."*

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People

Benjamin Bierscheid of Sartell, son of Karla Pallansch and Scott Bierscheid, graduated May 12 from St. John’s University. Bierscheid received a bachelor’s degree in accounting, also earning magna cum laude honors.

U.S. Air Force Airman **Kayla Boehmke** graduated from basic military training at Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland, San Antonio, Texas. She completed an eight-week program that included training in military discipline and studies, Air Force core values, physical fitness, and basic warfare principles and skills. Boehmke is the daughter of Karla Mumm, Jeffrey Boehmke, both of Sartell, and stepdaughter of Jay Mumm of Sartell. She is a 2018 graduate of Sartell High School.



Boehmke

St. Cloud Financial Credit Union and Starcor Credit Union are merging. Starcor has Minnesota branches in Becker and Albertville, and will continue to operate as is until the merger is finalized. St. Cloud Financial has four branch locations in St. Cloud, Sartell and Sauk Rapids. The merged credit unions will become one organization under the St. Cloud Financial name, with approximately \$200 million in assets, and serving more than 21,000 members with six branch locations.

Twenty-three Sartell students were named to the spring semester dean’s list at North Dakota State University, Fargo. A student must earn a 3.50 or higher grade-point average to

qualify. The students are the following: **Peter Amundson, Jonathan Carlson, Arianna Christian, Dawson Coleman, Ryan Fernholz, Alyssa Frank, Benjamin Grant, Morgan Grasswick, Callie Grosz, Alexis Kaas, Keagan Kearney, Samantha Killmer, Briana Kowalke, Lauren Lauermann, Jodi Lipp, Bailey Offerdahl, Tony Paul, Mitchell Rolek, Anna Schmitz, Macy Senn, Kirk Staiger, Sydney Thielschafer** and **Benjamin Yelle**.

Three Sartell students graduated May 11 from the College of St. Benedict. They include the following: **Abby Spanier**, daughter of Chris and Jeff Spanier, received a bachelor’s degree in nursing, also earning magna cum laude honors; **Amelia Barkley**, daughter of Julie and Jim Barkley, received a bachelor’s degree in economics; and **Erin Eikmeier**, daughter of Michelle and Jeff Eikmeier, received a bachelor’s degree in nutrition.

Two area students have been named to the dean’s list at the University of Wisconsin-La Crosse for the spring semester. To qualify, students must have earned a minimum 3.5 semester grade-point average. The students are **Hannah Yackley** of St. Stephen and **Kaleb Myhrwold** of Sartell.

Tonya Paul of Sartell has been named to the spring dean’s list at the College of St. Scholastica in Duluth. Dean’s list members have achieved a 3.75 grade-point average or higher.

Morgan Anderson of Sartell 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 with grade-point averages at 3.5 or higher. **Twelve area students** were 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. The students are the following: **Ana Armour, Bret Burggraff, Laurana Deuel, Bailey Dumonceaux, Rachel Eisen-schenk, Alana Friehl, Wyatt Hill, Mackenzie Krueger, Nathaniel Miller, Danny Nguyen, Trevor Rath**s and **Carolyn Rengel**.

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.

Roske acquitted of child abuse charges

by **Dennis Dalman**
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A jury in Stearns County Court acquitted a Sartell man who was arrested in early 2018 and charged with two felony counts of child abuse. On May 30, Brandon Taylor Roske, 23, was acquitted of one count of third-degree assault and one count of malicious punishment of a child under the age of 4. The jury delivered its not-guilty verdict after a three-day trial. According to the complaint in January 2018, in late December 2017 Roske was at a residence when a 5-month-old boy’s diaper needed changing. Roske said he’d placed the child on a marble-topped counter and when he, Roske, turned away to grab towels, he heard a loud “thud” sound. When he turned around, he noticed the boy’s

forehead looked reddish and assumed the boy had “head-butted” the countertop. Roske was arrested on Jan. 3, 2018. A report from a doctor said the injuries to the child’s face indicated abuse. Roske was released on a \$10,000 bail, at which time he was ordered not to have any contact with the victim or the victim’s residence. The jury cleared Roske of blame for the incident.

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Assistant Food Coordinator (part-time) of Meals on Wheels & Senior Dining Facility – Whitney Senior Center

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!

We are seeking to hire an Assistant Food Coordinator to prep for the noon meal for our Senior Dining kitchen at Whitney Senior Center - St. Cloud. NO WEEKEND WORK ~

Senior Dining is a program that provides meals for persons 60 years of age and over and their spouse regardless of age. In the congregate setting, the diners share this meal and have an opportunity to socialize with others. Meals are also provided for the homebound. Emphasis is placed on serving minority persons and those persons with the greatest economic and social need.

Hours: Morning shift only - five hours per week as Job Share with another individual

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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Competition drives Martel to excel

by Mike Knaak

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After proving his automotive know-how in a national automotive knowledge and skills contest, Nick Martel is sure he wants to pursue a career in automotive technology.

"I decided this is the direction for the rest of my life," Martel said.

Martel, a senior at Sartell High School, earned a trip to the National Automotive Technology Competition in New York City April 22-26.

After graduation this spring, he plans to pursue automotive technology at St. Cloud Technical & Community College. He's the son of Tracy Karl and Brian

Martel.

Finishing first in a state competition in January launched Martel to the national contest along with another area student, Jacob Onofrey, a senior at Apollo High School. The two competed as a team in New York.

The New York contest took place alongside the New York International Auto Show at the Jacob Javits Center in Manhattan.

The four-day trip included two days of tests. The workstation challenge, on Day 1, tested knowledge of tools, measuring instruments, specific vehicle components and job interview skills.

On Day 2, the two-person

team had three hours to diagnose and repair a number of preassigned problems under a car's hood.

Before arriving at the contest, contestants learned the make and model of the vehicle they'd need to diagnose. Martel drew a Nissan Rouge and he spent weekly sessions learning about the SUV's systems and mechanics from the pros at Miller Auto's service department.

Martel said the hardest bugs to find are those in the vehicle's electronics and computer systems. He said he easily spotted the missing jack, but figuring out which electronics modules weren't talking to each other was a bigger challenge.



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(From left) Byron Byker, Jacob Onofrey and Nick Martel at the contest in New York City.

The team finished 17th against teams from across the nation.

Martel managed to work in sight-seeing too. He explored the lights of Broadway, sampled ethnic food and attended a comedy club.

"It was the greatest experience of my life," he said.

While Martell says he's not "super competitive," he likes to show what he knows and what he can do.

"The contests show that you really understand what you've learned," he said. "You can show that you know what you're talking about."

Martel says he's always liked cars, but when he was about 14,

"it just clicked" that he wanted to pursue an automotive career. He had also considered a career in computer science.

Martel has taken two auto classes at Sartell High School as well as classes at the Tech College's Discovery Academy.

Martel has worked on Sartell's super-mileage cars for the annual contest at Brainerd International Raceway to see who can build a car with the highest gas mileage.

Martel's current car isn't a super-miler, but a 2003 Acura RSX Type S, a silver two-door coupe with a spoiler on the tail.

"This car gets me from Point A to Point B," he said.

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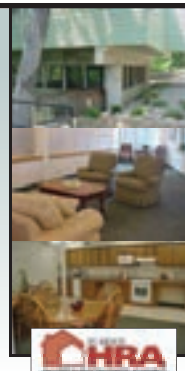
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Benefit concert set for mandolin virtuoso

by Dennis Dalman
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The great acoustic performer/composer Peter Ostroushko will be the subject of a benefit concert set for 7:30-9:30 p.m. Tuesday, June 18 in Sartell.

Ostroushko is renowned worldwide for his mandolin- and fiddle-playing and for his original songs and musical scores. He suffered a debilitating stroke 17 months ago.

The venue for the event is the Charles Fillmore Auditorium, in the Unity Spiritual Center of Central Minnesota, 931 Fifth Ave. N. Doors will open at 7 p.m. The host for the concert is the Granite City Folk Society. The concert is free, although donations are welcome. All donated funds will go to help cover Ostroushko's medical bills.

Ostroushko, who lives in Minneapolis, has many fans and followers in the greater St.

Cloud area, including best-selling author and musician Douglas Wood of Sartell. In fact, Douglas Wood and the Wild Spirit Band will be one of the musical acts in the show. That band, a trio, has been described as "a prairie wind blowing through a concert hall."

The Emmy-award winning Ostroushko suffered a heart attack in late 2017. He then had a quadruple heart-bypass operation, but just weeks later, in January 2018, he suffered a severe stroke during a follow-up visit to the doctor's office. During his therapy and recuperation, he and wife Marge have been inundated with ever-mounting piles of medical bills because their insurance does not cover the therapeutic processes and assisted-living costs he now requires. A GoFundMe page has been started to help with the bills. It's www.GoFundMe.com/peter-and-marge.

Besides Douglas Wood and the Wild Spirit Band, other performers at the concert are local favorite Paul Imholte, hammered dulcimer; Dennis Warner, performer of folk-Americana songs; Prudence Johnson, revered jazz singer; and Dean Magraw, a virtuoso guitarist who has often performed duets with Ostroushko.

Of Ostroushko, Douglas Wood said this: "Peter, you're the best. Your heart, your artist's soul come through every note you have ever written or played. You inspired me to pick up a mandolin. Thanks, too, for the inspiration, for the beauty and the legacy."

Ostroushko

The son of Ukrainian immigrants, Peter Ostroushko grew up in Minneapolis. A born musician, he found a great affinity for the fiddle and the mandolin and

for strikingly original compositions in virtually every musical genre. He has performed with the likes of Bob Dylan, Emmylou Harris and Willy Nelson. He has also performed classical music worldwide as a guest performer with many orchestras, including the Minnesota Symphony Orchestra.

For many years, he was widely lauded as a performer on Garrison Keillor's Prairie Home Companion Show. In 2005, he won an Emmy award for composing the score for "Minnesota: A History of the Land."

Since his medical crisis, Ostroushko, at least so far, can no longer perform. He can walk very short distances with the aid of a cane, and he still loves to cook and watch the Minnesota Twins, which are two of his passions. Friends say his determination, wit and humor are still in top form.



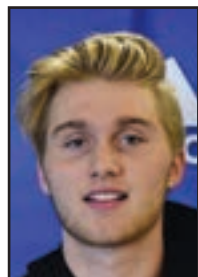
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Peter Ostroushko, now incapacitated due to a stroke, is known as one of the finest fiddlers and mandolin players in the world. There will be a benefit concert in his honor June 18 in Sartell. This photo, taken by photographer Larry Marcus for Red House Records, graces the cover of his CD entitled "The Mando Chronicles."

Karki signs to play hockey for Silvertips

by Dennis Dalman
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Keegan Karki, a Sartell resident who has been playing hockey as long as he can remember, has just signed a three-year contract to



Karki

play for the Silvertips in Everett, Washington.

The son of Carrie and Allan Karki, Keegan, now 19, a goalie, seemed destined to play hockey even before he started school.

"I've played since I was 4 or 5," he said. "Later, I played in the Sartell Youth Hockey (organization) and then for one year at Cathedral High School."

The Silvertips team is a major junior hockey team and a member of the U.S. Division of the Western Conference of the Western Hockey League. It is under the auspices of the Canadian Hockey League.

During his year at Cathedral, Karki committed to the University of North Dakota but then made the U.S. National Development Team Program and played for Team USA after high school graduation.

After that, he went to the Omaha Lancers, a member of the U.S. Hockey League and still later played for the Muskegon Lumberjacks, also a USHL member.

Needless to say, Karki had to adapt quickly to lots of travel time from place to place to play the sport he loves. He usually drove with just a few packed belongings. But in some cases he traveled by jet.

"I was always traveling but loving it," he said. "Sometimes I'd stay with families in the cities I'd play in and sometimes at hotels."

Driving was a pleasure be-

cause Karki, a car enthusiast, owns a black 2013 Dodge Charger RT with stage-2 modifications. He's put a lot of love and work into that car, which he considers his home away from home.

Karki has three siblings - Chandler, 21; Avah, 14; and Talia, 6.

"They are super-proud of me," he said. "They and my parents are always giving me full support and lots of caring."

In his absorption with hockey, he has not taken his attention off of developing a career via academic studies. As part of being a Silvertips team member, he will take classes for general education college credits, given by professors right in the Everett hockey arena. Karki plans to study psychology, human relations and then earn a business degree to eventually run his own car business. One great benefit of playing for the Silvertips, he noted, is he will receive a full-year college scholarship to his school of choice for every year he is a Silvertip.

Besides cars - and hockey of course - Karki loves the great outdoors, wake-surfing, boating and music.

Karki will leave for training camp at the end of August. The season starts right after that. But he plans to go to Everett earlier this summer just to check out the area. Everett is just 20 minutes from Seattle.

The Silvertips will compete against about 20 teams, including ones from Seattle, Vancouver, Portland and some in Ontario, Canada.

"It gets pretty crazy," Karki said of the position he plays - goalie. "I love being goalie because I'm by myself, kind of in my own world. And being goalie takes a lot of toughness and perseverance. It takes a lot of responsibility. It's a tough job but I love it."



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Keegan Karki in action in the USA Hockey Arena in Plymouth.

Silvertips

The Silvertips team was founded in Everett in 2003 when it joined the Western Hockey League as an expan-

sion team. Its home base is the Angel of the Winds arena.

In its first year, the Silvertips broke 10 junior hockey records and became known

as one of the greatest expansion teams in the history of the sport. In its 19 seasons, it has developed a fierce competitive rivalry with the Seattle Thunderbirds and the Portland Winterhawks.

The team has been tops twice in the Western Conference and won the U.S. Division seven times. Many Silvertips players have gone on to be drafted into teams of the National Hockey League, including two for the Minnesota Wild - Czechoslovakian Ondrej Fiala in 2006 and Canadian Connor Dewar in 2018.

The team is comprised mainly of Canadian players, with several Americans, and its current team of 23 includes two players from Slovakia.

The team was named after the silvertip grizzly bear, native to the Pacific Northwest. Its mascot is "Lincoln," the Silvertip Bear.

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Opinion

Our View

'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

**Dennis
Dalman**
Reporter



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

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
Benton County Museum, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., 218 First St. N., Sauk Rapids. 320-253-9614. mn-bentonhistory.org.

Saturday, June 15
Community meal, 11:30 a.m., First United Methodist Church, 1107 Pinecone Road S., Sartell. Free.

Monday, June 17
Benton County Museum, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., 218 First St. N., Sauk Rapids. 320-253-9614. mn-bentonhistory.org.
St. Cloud Area Parkinson's Disease Support Group, 1-2:30 p.m., Independent Lifestyles,

215 Benton Drive N., Sauk Rapids.
Sartell Farmers' Market, 3-6 p.m., Bernick's Arena parking lot, 1109 First St. S., Sartell, marketmonday.org.
Sartell-St. Stephen school board, 5 p.m., District Office, 212 Third Ave. N.
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. Cloud Area Genealogists, 7 p.m., Stearns History Muse-

um, 235 33rd Ave. S., St. Cloud. stearns-museum.org.
Riverside Jazz Concert, 7 p.m., Lions Park, 1030 First St. N., Sartell.
All-State Lutheran Choir Concert, 7 p.m., Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 4310 CR 137, St. Cloud.
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
SALT (Seniors and Law Enforcement Together), 9 a.m., Sartell Police Department, 310 Second St. S., Sartell.
Advocates for Independence, 2-4 p.m., Independent Lifestyles, 215 Benton Drive N., Sauk Rapids. 320-529-9000.

Thursday, June 20
Coffee and Conversation, a senior discussion group, 9 a.m., Sartell Community Center, 850 19th St. S. Speaker: Jack Toliver, Navy veteran and military historian. Pearl Harbor - Part 2.
American Legion-Sartell,

open to all veterans young and old, 6 p.m., Liquid Assets, 1091 Second St. S. No. 600, Sartell. john.denney@charter.net.

Friday, June 21
Benton County Museum, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., 218 First St. N., Sauk Rapids. 320-253-9614. mn-bentonhistory.org.
St. Cloud Singles Club Dance, 8 p.m.-midnight, American Legion, 17 Second Ave. S., Waite Park. 320-339-4533. stcloudsingles.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.

Monday, June 24
Benton County Museum, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., 218 First St. N., Sauk Rapids. 320-253-9614. mn-bentonhistory.org.
Sartell Farmers' Market, 3-6: p.m., Bernick's Arena parking lot, 1109 First St. S., Sartell, marketmonday.org.

Sartell City Council, 6 p.m., Sartell City Hall, 125 Pinecone Road N. 320-253-2171.

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.

Thursday, June 27
Coffee and Conversation, a senior discussion group, 9 a.m., Sartell Community Center, 850 19th St. S. Speaker: Frank Rezac, DNR game warden.

Friday, June 28
Benton County Museum, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., 218 First St. N., Sauk Rapids. 320-253-9614. mn-bentonhistory.org.
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.**

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Why can't cars be more like lawnmowers?

by Dennis Dalman
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It's too bad cars are not more like lawnmowers because lawnmowers can get 140 miles – and even more – per gallon of gasoline.

That's what one car achieved at Brainerd International Raceway recently at a two-day SuperMileage competition. The car was one of three built by members of the Sartell High School SuperMileage Team comprised of 20 students – seniors, juniors and one sophomore.

The cars are aerodynamically designed, three-wheel cars that resemble soap-box cars and have barely enough room for one driver. The cars are propelled by Briggs-Stratton lawnmower engines. Most of the cars are about 9 feet long and 2 to 3 feet wide.

"It's always a good time in Brainerd," said Nick Martel, who has been team captain and member of the Sartell student team for two years. "We didn't win, but it's fun to watch your masterpiece do what it should do."

Martel graduated recently from Sartell High School.

"I'd love to do it again (team-building cars), but I can't now," he said. "Being part of that team and going to Brainerd was a huge learning experience."

Martel said one Briggs-Stratton car at the Brainerd competition from some other team managed to get 700-plus miles per gallon.



Martel

"Those Briggs-Stratton engines are very small – only 200 cubic centimeters," said Martel. "It's quite a trick to run and make sure it stays running."

Martel plans to go to St. Cloud Technical & Community College where he will study automotive service.



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At St. Cloud Orthopedics, our mission is to provide our patients with complete musculoskeletal health care and to continually improve the quality, cost, and access of care for our patients and their families. We started this mission in 1955, and there is no end in sight. We have assembled a large group of physicians who have brought knowledge and experience from institutions throughout the state and the country to provide excellent musculoskeletal healthcare to the community, and we continue to grow in numbers with the addition of two new physicians this year. As leaders in technology, St. Cloud Orthopedics has performed the most robotic joint replacement surgeries in the state and top ten in the country. We have also performed the most computer assisted hip fracture surgeries in the world. As healthcare costs continue to rise for our patients and the healthcare system as a whole, we have responded by pursuing lower cost, high quality outpatient services. Over the last year, we have improved our patient access with the addition of a second office and the expansion of OrthoDirect, our walk-in clinic for acute injuries. We also continue to partner with the St. Cloud Surgical Center to provide increased outpatient surgery opportunities, including total joint replacement and spine surgery.

At the heart of it, we remain committed to the community where we live, work, raise our families, worship, volunteer at schools and on the sidelines, support the arts, and patronize local independent businesses. We recognize that you have a choice when it comes to your musculoskeletal healthcare and we will continue to work hard to be your provider of choice. You have counted on us for the last 64 years, and while other orthopedic surgeons may come and go, we will continue to be there for you in the future. **St. Cloud Orthopedics is here to stay.**

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