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Open house set to honor Weyrens

An open house to celebrate the retirement of Judy Weyrens, St. Joseph city administrator, will be held from 2-4 p.m. Friday, July 12 at the St. Joseph Government Center, 75 Callaway St. E. Weyrens served the city for 33 years.

Farmers' market open Mondays

Sartell Farmers market is open from 3-6 p.m. Mondays at Bernick's Arena, 1109 First St. S., Sartell, off Pinecone Road. Summer is here and so are the vegetables – zucchini, onions, beets, kohlrabi, lettuce and much more. In addition to those items, you'll find berries, bread, salsa, honey, caramel corn, candies and many more great items.

Foster Grandparents needed for schools

Volunteers are needed for the Foster Grandparent Program for the 2019-2020 school year.

Foster Grandparent volunteers provide one-on-one attention to children most at risk in schools, shelters, correctional facilities and early childhood programming.

The program is open to volunteers 55 and over. Volunteers are required to serve 260 hours per year. Some of the benefits include a tax-free stipend and mileage reimbursement.

Contact Sara Heurung, Foster Grandparent Area Supervisor at 320-229-4589 or SHeurung@ccstcloud.org.

July Fourth festival at a glance

Schedule for Joetown Rocks – Parish Festival

Wednesday, July 3
5 p.m. Bingo, games, food and refreshments (on parish grounds)
5:50 p.m. Opening Prayer
6 p.m. Joetown Rocks Concert
6 p.m. Collective Unconscious
7:15 p.m. Phil Thompson
8:50 p.m. The Killer Vees
10:15 p.m. Fireworks
10:30 p.m. Brat Pack Radio
Thursday, July 4
10 a.m. Parade
11 a.m. Bingo, games, food and refreshments (on parish grounds)
11:30 a.m. Smok'N Guns Band
1:30 p.m. Quilt auction
3:30 p.m. Raffle Drawing
See back page for details.

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Courts chosen as Y2K Lions parade royalty

by Cori Hilsgen
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Club members of the St. Joseph Y2K Lions appreciate their senior citizens and want them to be recognized for all the wonderful service deeds they do in the area.

That's why they recently chose Fran and Marilyn Court to be this year's Senior Queen and King for the annual Fourth of July parade.

"They have been very active in the St. Joseph community," said St. Joseph Y2K president Kay Lemke.

The Courts said their being chosen was totally unexpected and they had no idea they were being considered. They had not even thought about the possibility.

They said it is sort of shocking because they feel there are many people involved in the community whom they would

consider more deserving.

The Courts, both 81, have volunteered in the St. Joseph area for many years. They both have helped with the July Fourth Church of St. Joseph parish festival since moving back to St. Joseph in 1970. Fran served as chairperson or co-chairperson of the beer stand for 26 years, with the last two of those years being two-day events. Marilyn helped and scheduled the bar servers for all of those years.

Fran's band, Franks Accordion Band/Frandango played for the 5-9 p.m. festival crowd on the side of the church building for many of those years. Both have also worked in a number of other parish festival stands yearly since then.

Fran was the leader of Franks Accordion Band for several years in the early 1970s, playing mostly old-time music. As the music
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photo by Cori Hilsgen

Former St. Joseph Y2K Lions Senior Queen and King Marilyn and Othmar Schmitz (back row, left to right) crown this year's chosen royalty, Marilyn and Fran Court June 12 at the St. Joseph Community Fire Hall.

Meyer to be parade grand marshal

by Cori Hilsgen
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photo by Cori Hilsgen

The St. Joseph Lions Club recently announced Leander Meyer will be the grand marshal of the July Fourth parade. Meyer is shown standing next to a black walnut grandfather clock he built in 1976.

Leander Meyer has had the chance to be in the annual July Fourth parade several times before and could share many stories, but this year he will have a special place in the parade lineup.

The St. Joseph Lions Club recently announced he will be the grand marshal of the upcoming July Fourth parade.

Meyer was nominated to be this year's grand marshal by Jim Kuebelbeck.

"He has been a contributing member of the community for many years," Kuebelbeck said.

Meyer said he was surprised about his role in this year's parade.

"It's a big honor," he said. "I hope it's a good day and not raining or a cold wind blowing."

Meyer, 97, and a lifelong resident of St. Joseph can recall many stories about past July Fourth festivals and parades and even remembers the parade being canceled due to rain.

As a past chairperson of the Church of St. Joseph July Fourth parish festival for more than 25 years, he knew much about the workings of the festival and parade.

With all the planning and preparation it took to put on the parish festivals, he said he always took a week off to help prepare for the festival.

Meyer has watched the annual parade for many years. Other past

times when he was in the parade include he and his wife, Dolores (now deceased), being honored as the Senior King and Queen and another time was when the two square danced with their group the "Gad-Abouts" on a hayrack. The two were square dancers for about 20 years. Still another time, he rode in a car in the parade.

Meyer attended a one-room area schoolhouse until the eighth grade. He and Dolores met at a dance and were married 61 years. They operated a small 159-acre dairy farm in the area, on which he said they never milked more than 20 cows. In fact, he can see the barn and a silo from his current residence.

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Boysen is ready to ride for Habitat for Humanity

by Mike Knaak
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For bicycling enthusiast Gene Boysen of St. Joseph, the Habitat 500 offers two rewards: the physical challenge of a 500-mile, six-day ride



Boysen

and an opportunity to be part of an important fundraising cause.

The Habitat 500, a fundraiser for Habitat for Humanity, begins July 14 in Hermantown. Riders follow a route through northeastern Minnesota that will take them to Hibbing and Aurora before returning to Hermantown.

Boysen rode for the first time last year.

"I had an outstanding ex-

perience. I had so much fun I wanted to do it this time," Boysen said.

"It's a physical challenge, but the neat part is the cause. The participants are so passionate about Habitat for Humanity. I like to ride my bike, but meeting the recipients of the homes was inspiring," the St. Joseph veterinarian said.

"This event makes a difference in so many people's lives. I'll get a chance to reconnect

with friends from last year," he said.

To get ready for this year's ride, Boysen has bicycled about 1,600 miles this summer.

"I'm hoping to train a little harder," he said. "My legs were like Jell-O last year."

He's set a fundraising goal of \$3,300 and as of last weekend, he was about halfway there.

To donate online, go to <https://p2p.onecause.com/habitat500/gene-boysen>

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News for Refugees

Ogeysiis! Importante para Usted, por favor léalo. Please read!

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.

Cultural Bridges received a request for a young refugee to speak to sixth-graders at St. Joseph Catholic School. The objective was to create awareness, cultural sensitivity and knowledge about what it was and is like to be a refugee.

Ayan Danon spoke to the classed and answered a variety of questions.

The presentation topics included:

Where in Syria did Ayan live? What was it like before the war?

What caused her to finally leave?

Was her home destroyed? Where did she go when she fled? How did her family get food,



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Ayan Danon with the St. Joseph Catholic School sixth-grade class.

clothing and shelter on their journey?

How many countries did they journey through before arriving in the United States?

How was her family treated when they fled?

Was she ever in a refugee camp?

How old was she when she fled?

Did they lose any members of their family?

Where did she learn to speak English? What other languages does she speak?

What are you doing now living

in St Joseph?

What are your plans for the future?

The class was able to observe Danon write her name and a greeting in Arabic.

She also spoke on the practices during Ramadan.

Danon was asked to return in the fall.

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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Aaron Mertes of St. Joseph graduated from the University of Iowa with a doctorate in rehabilitation and counselor education.

Brenny Transportation

Inc. has been named one of the Top 150 Workplaces in Minnesota by the Star Tribune. Top Workplaces recognizes the most progressive companies in Minnesota based on employee opinions measuring engagement, organizational health and satisfaction.

The analysis included responses from more than 140,000 employees at Minnesota public, private and

nonprofit organizations. Brenny Transportation was ranked 18th on the small company list and has been listed in the Top Workplaces seven times in the last eight years.

Elizabeth COUNTER of St. Joseph received a bachelor's degree in psychology from the University of Minnesota Morris.

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venues changed, they changed the band name to Frandango and played mostly country and country rock with some old-time music.

He retired from performing in the music world in 1994 when his guitar player developed kidney and pancreatic cancer. Because the two had played together for more than 20 years with several drummers, Fran said it just wasn't the same.

He still plays the diatonic accordian (button box) and digital guitar on occasion but said his arthritic fingers can no longer keep up with his mind.

Fran is active in the American Legion Post 328, St Joseph Lions, St Joseph Recreational Association, Knights of Columbus Council 7057, Reserve Officer's Association and is a member of St. Joseph Rod and Gun Club, Moose Lodge 1400 in Waite Park and the National Rifle Association. He has also served on the Parish Finance Council for the past six years.

In the American Legion, Fran served as commander for three years, post finance officer, membership director, fundraising chairman and bowling chairman for 12 years. He has served as post home committee chairman and other officer positions in the past.

Lions service

In the Lions Club, Fran served as a president for one year and as a secretary-treasurer for 10 consecutive years. He is proud that during those 10 years the St Joseph Lions were voted top club of 68 clubs in the district twice. He also helped establish the brat sales at the St. Joseph Meat Market with then owner, Al "Junior" Pfannenstein.

Fran has been the photographer for the St Joseph Lions and for the American Legion Post 328 in St. Joseph for many years and is also the webmaster for the American Legion Post 328.

As a member of the St Joseph Recreational Association, Fran has served on the board of directors for more than 30 years and served as gambling manager for six years.

Fran managed one of the Sal's Bar softball teams for a number of years and was a player/manager on the El Paso and St Joseph Meat Market teams for 15 years.

In the Reserve Officer's Association, he served 10 years as president and 10 years as secretary-treasurer of St Cloud Chapter 11, which is the only chapter in Minnesota outside of the Twin Cities and consists of officers of all military services.

About Marilyn

Marilyn is active in the American Legion Auxiliary Unit 328. She served as president of the

Auxiliary for three years and is a volunteer waitress serving basket menu items before and during the Legion Club's twice-monthly bingo sessions.

Marilyn also started quarterly casino fundraising bus trips for the Legion Auxiliary and has coordinated those trips for 12 years.

Since Fran traveled frequently with his career, Marilyn said her primary mission in life was bringing up a family of six children. When their children were younger, she did in-home day-care. As they grew older, she sought secretarial work and was employed at what is now Drs. Styles, Cotton & Milbert in St Joseph, retiring in 1999.

During the years the Court children attended Kennedy Elementary School, from 1974-1984.

Marilyn helped teach religious education classes at the Church of St. Joseph parish. She has also been a Eucharistic minister at the church for more than 25 years.

On Saturdays during bowling seasons when their children were in the program, Marilyn supervised and taught Junior League bowling at the El Paso for 10 years, with assistance from Ozzie Thelen and Joyce Hennen.

Marilyn still bowls twice each week. Fran can no longer hold a bowling ball because of his arthritis.

The Courts have been married for 59 years. Marilyn was born in St Joseph and lived on Minnesota Street until she and Fran married.

Fran was born in a log house in St Joseph Township where his family farmed. His family then moved to his grandfather Dominic Court's homestead when he was 5 years old and later moved to Minnesota Street in St. Joseph when he was 13.

After they married, the Courts lived in St. Cloud from 1959-1970. They moved back to St. Joseph in 1970 and built and have lived in their current home, on property that had been Fran's grandfather Court's homestead in St. Joseph Township, since then.

The Courts have six children; two daughters and four sons. They also have 10 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Fran and Marilyn said they felt raising their children was best done in a country setting. Their children had responsibilities on the farm and chores were done before and after school. They also had a great deal of space for recreational activities such as dune buggy riding, snowmobiling and dirt bike riding.

About Fran

Fran has spent his entire adult life in the Army Reserve as a soldier or as a civilian working for Department of the Army and speaks proudly of his involvement. After graduating

from Cathedral High School in 1956, he visited recruiters for all services in St. Cloud the following day. Since these recruiters had their June quotas already filled, the Army recruiter suggested he contact the Reserve recruiter. Fran did so and after he learned they had openings, he enlisted.

As an Army Reservist, Fran advanced from private to staff sergeant in seven years. In 1965, he received a direct appointment as a second lieutenant and retired as a lieutenant colonel in 1993, the highest military rank achieved by a St Joseph native.

Fran said that distinction is shared with Lt. Col. Roger Linnemann who served during the WWII/Korean war era.

During Fran's 37 years of active/reserve service, he trained at 20 different military installations stateside.

He said the most noteworthy assignments were as assistant operations officer of the 205th Infantry Brigade, assistant commandant of the 5042nd United States Army Reserve School with a three-state area of responsibility, and acting commandant of the Fourth United States Army Area School at Fort McCoy, Wisconsin, with a 13-state area of responsibility.

Fran said the ultimate assignment was as commander of the 409th Infantry Battalion in St Cloud, the unit he first enlisted in the day after graduation from high school in 1956.

Other assignments throughout his career included antitank gunnery sergeant, battalion motor sergeant, infantry rifle platoon leader, heavy mortar platoon leader and infantry company commander. Fran's military assignments took him to Alaska six times.

As a Department of Army civilian, he supervised a workforce of 32, half civilian and half active duty, operating Army Reserve training centers in six northern and central Minnesota cities on a full-time basis. In that capacity, Fran worked with the Army Corps of Engineers to purchase the property in St Joseph that became an Army Reserve Training Center and Area Maintenance shop.

"We have had a busy life," Fran said. "We have enjoyed serving the community while we raised a family in our hometown of St. Jo(seph)."

The Courts said they don't know how many of their family will be home to see them honored in the Fourth of July parade. Their children live in Cold Spring, Lincoln, Minneapolis and Sartell in Minn. and Marine, Illinois.

Choosing a senior king and queen is an ongoing tradition for the Y2K Lions. Senior royalty are selected based on their service and volunteerism to the area.

The annual parade, organized by the St. Joseph Lions, is scheduled for 10 a.m. Thursday, July 4, in St. Joseph.

Meyer

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Building clocks

Besides working on his farm, Meyer built cabinets when his seven children, three girls and four boys, were old enough to help on the farm. He farmed from 1950-1975. When he quit farming, he began building clocks.

He currently has two of those clocks on display at his residence in Serenity Place on 7th in St. Joseph. A black walnut grandfather clock and an oak mantel clock, which both chime the Westminster chime together.

He began building the clocks after seeing a photo of and reading about the grandfather clock in a magazine. He sent for the plans and movement to build one.

The first clock he built in 1976 is the grandfather clock he now hears chiming in his residence. Meyer donated a clock to a past parish festival and built others for material costs and they were raffled off at the festival.

He said it took him about two weeks, with him working many hours each day, to build the first clock and about a week to build the other clocks.

Through the years, he said he believes he built about 25 clocks. He made a grandmother clock, shorter than a grandfather clock but with the same top design, for each of his children.

He and Dolores winter vacationed in Apache Junction, Arizona, for about 35 years and he built mantel clocks there. Meyer said he and his wife were always ready to travel to Arizona when the first snowflakes fell. He continued

to vacation there until recently and said they always enjoyed the "wonderful climate" there.

Meyer also served as a St. Joseph Township Clerk for 14 years, was on the Stearns Electric Board of Directors and was a former St. Joseph Lion member until his wife became ill.

Meyer enjoys listening to old-time music such as the Whoopee John Band, the Deutschmeisters and many other entertainers. He has several compact discs which he gets hours of listening enjoyment from.

Meyer can recall when dances were held on two floors at the St. Joseph Catholic School to help pay off the building debt and remembers Whoopee John playing there.

He also attends group exercise at his residence and walks outdoors with companions.

Oldest man in St. Joseph?

Meyer and Kuebelbeck said they believe Meyer is the oldest man currently living in St. Joseph. Having lived in St. Joseph all of his life, Meyer said he "didn't want to go anyplace else."

However, he does wonder if so much current growth is good for the city and doesn't like the higher taxes.

Meyer said at his age and living with a heart pacemaker he lives one day at a time but plans to be at the upcoming parade.

He believes many of his children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren will be attending the parade to watch him being honored as the grand marshal.

The St. Joseph Lions Club organizes the annual parade which is scheduled for 10 a.m. Thursday, July 4, in St. Joseph.

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St. Joseph Y2K Lions donate to area needs

by Cori Hilsen
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St. Joseph Y2K Lions members have been active volunteering locally and it was reflected in a busy meeting June 12 at the St. Joseph Community Fire Hall.

Club members had selected Fran and Marilyn Court to be this year's Senior King and Queen for the Fourth of July annual parade sponsored by the St. Joseph Lions. Past king and queen Y2K members Othmar and Marilyn Schmitz crowned the Courts for the upcoming honor at the Wednesday meeting.

Along with usual business and a potluck dinner, the organization donated funds from current brat sales at the St. Joseph Meat Market to area needs. Sales and tips of \$652.82 generated from May 24 and 25 sales were donated to Carol Theisen and Lion Joyce Faber for the flower baskets which help beautify downtown St. Joseph.

Theisen and Margy Hughes started the project eight years ago and Theisen thanked members for the donation.

"No one else does it like you guys do it," she said. "The city is very supportive of this project and the businesses love it."

Theisen added they have 112 baskets this year and are

so appreciative of the people who water and maintain the flowers daily.

Sales and tips of \$675.05 generated from May 31 and June 1 sales were donated to Lion John Schiel for Project New Hope.

Schiel thanked Y2K members for always being very supportive of Project New Hope of Minnesota Lions Foundation Inc. and said it is appreciated.

He explained Project New Hope was founded in 2005 and its mission is to provide education, training and skills necessary to manage veterans lives after wartime service. For combat veterans and their families, wartime doesn't end when they return home but is often felt during a soldier's entire lifetime and also impacts family members.

Some statistics he shared include that each year since 2009, there have been more suicides by veterans than actual combat deaths in Iraq and Afghanistan combined. Twenty-two veterans end their lives each day. Veterans are twice as likely to get divorced and three times more likely to be unemployed.

Project New Hope offers cost-free weekend family retreats to veterans no matter in which era a soldier might have served. Minnesota retreat locations are among lakes, wide-open spaces and woodlands



photo by Cori Hilsen

Past Lions district governor Jim Meyer (front, right) discusses immediate past president Kay Lemke's (front, left) duties during the induction of new officers at the June 12 meeting at the St. Joseph Community Fire Hall. Officers pictured include (back, left to right) Joyce Faber, Ginger Meier, Ann Reischel, Beth Leither (front), Othmar Schmitz, Marilyn Schmitz, Kathi Schmidt, Sandi Stocker, Delrose Fischer, Jan Boeckers and Becky Staneart.

in Annandale, Clitheral, Eden Prairie, Lake George, Maple Lake, McGregor and Stewartville. They feature scenic waterfronts, hiking trails, fire pits and all are fully handicapped accessible. Most have year-round recreation options.

Past Lions district governor Jim Meyer attended the meeting for induction of new officers which included Ginger Meier, Lion Tamer; Beth Leither, Lion Tail Twister; Ann Reischel and Joyce Faber, first-year directors; Marilyn Schmitz and Othmar Schmitz, second-year directors; Sandi

Stocker, second vice-president; Kathi Schmidt, first vice president; Delrose Fischer, treasurer; Jan Boeckers, secretary; Becky Staneart, president; and Kay Lemke, immediate past president.

Returning Y2K member Carol Nelson was reinstalled as a member after moving away to care for her mother and now returning to the area.

"I am glad to be back," Nelson said. "I have missed everyone."

For additional information about Project New Hope visit the website projectnewhope.net.



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St. Joseph Y2K president Kay Lemke (right) discusses the downtown flower beautification project with Carol Theisen and Joyce Faber (left to right) as she gives them funds raised from recent brat sales.

Now Hiring:

Assistant Food Coordinator (part-time) of Meals on Wheels and 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.

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- 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.
- Check incoming food-supply purchases and then label, date and monitor food inventory.
- Assist with Cleaning duties: sweep/mop kitchen floor, wash/clean dishes/carriers, empty garbage containers
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Caring for a Senior Pet

As your beloved pet ages, you may notice concerning behavior changes. While some differences may not seem significant, they must be reported to your veterinarian, especially as animals begin their senior years. Urgency is key as some symptoms can be caused by medical problems that demand immediate attention.

Advances in medical technology are helping aging pets live out their senior years in comfort and with good health. Don't hesitate if you are concerned they are developing difficulties you feel must be addressed.

DON'T IGNORE THE SIGNS

Sometimes owners overlook changes in their pets and dismiss it as merely a circumstance of growing older. But some signs of getting older are really signs of illness. Simple tests of blood and urine can rule out serious organ diseases and help you create a strategy to improve your pet's quality of life.

COMMON SYMPTOMS

To understand what you are looking for in terms of changes to your pet's demeanor, here are some common problems associated with aging, per the American Veterinarian.

Musculoskeletal Issues: May cause signs of aggression while lying down and are forced to move or excessive licking of their feet or joints.

Gastroenteritis Disorder: Animals suffering from a GI problem will often display aggressive tendencies toward people while eating. This disorder commonly causes anxiety



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ety and can lead to destructive behaviors including biting and chewing.

Arthritis: An extremely common disease in aging pets, arthritis is easily spotted when animals show discomfort when moving or are hesi-

tant to climb stairs or leap to high areas. The irritability sometimes leads to them acting out, aggressively.

WHEN IS YOUR PET A SENIOR?

You have probably heard

the rule that one year for humans equals seven years for dogs. It's not that simple. Animals age at different paces depending on breed, size and overall health. As a general guideline, the Loving Care Pet Hospital suggests cats and

small dogs are considered seniors at the age of seven, where larger dogs reach the milestone at five or six. Regular visits to a veterinarian are important to best determine your aging pet's need for increased medical attention.

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Schuller flew helicopters during Korean War

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

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

by Tom Klecker

**Thomas Harold Schuller, 86
Air Force – Korean War Era**

Thomas Harold Schuller was born in St. Barnabas Hospital, Minneapolis, on Armistice Day. Tom was one of five siblings. When Tom was 2 years old, his mother died of scarlet fever. With the death of his mother and the family in the throes of the Great Depression, Tom's father placed Tom and his four siblings in an orphanage. This was not an all uncommon painful choice imposed on families at that time.

Tom was placed at the St. Cloud Orphanage – later to be called the St. Cloud Children's Home. Even though Tom was

placed with his siblings, he had little contact with them while living there. Tom's dad visited as much as he could.

When Tom was 5 years old, having lived at the St Cloud Orphanage for the better part of three years, his father was told that technically Tom and his siblings were not orphans. They would have to leave. They were subsequently transferred to Lady of the Angels Academy in Bell Prairie – Little Falls. Under the tutelage of the Franciscan Nuns, Tom remained there until he was 9 years old.

While at Our Lady of the Angels Academy, Tom recalls going on a field trip to an old abandoned saw mill. The date of that particular excursion was 11-11-1940. (The day of the great Armistice Day blizzard which was also his 8th birthday) Tom recalls being led out of this blinding blizzard while all the kids held on to the child in front as they were led to safety by Sister Joan of Arc.

Tom's father married Lily, a woman 20 years younger than Tom's father. As a result all the children returned home to a family life in Minneapolis. Tom is forever most appreciative of this young woman for her taking on the responsibilities of "mothering" five needy children. In fond regard Tom describes Lily as "a most wonderful . . . a great woman."

Transitioning from Our Lady of the Angels Academy to a



Thomas Schuller

public school in North Minneapolis was not without its adjustments.: such as initially referring to his new teacher with "Yes, Sister."

In those days everyone in the family was called upon to help out financially. Tom worked at several jobs: being a caddie, setting pins in a bowling alley and working at Tastee Bread in Minneapolis.

At age 15, Tom loaded newspaper bundles on trucks for the Minneapolis Star and Tribune. It was hard work.

At age 15, Tom also bought a 1935 Plymouth for \$35. He had no driver's license, no insurance, nor the permission of his father. Tom parked his car a block away from home to hide the car. He did not have the car for very long as it "blew up" on him.

Shortly after graduating from high school, Tom and three

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People

The Minneapolis Star Tribune has named **Stearns Bank** one of the state's Top 150 Places to work in 2019. The annual list is based on employee surveys.

For the past two years, American Banker magazine has named Stearns Bank the top performing bank in the nation among banks with

between \$2 and \$10 billion in assets. Stearns Bank ranks in the Top 20 most active Small Business Association lenders in the United States, as well as the Top 50 largest equipment finance companies in the nation. The organization also ranked at the top of Minnesota Business Magazine's 100 Best Companies

to Work For in both 2018 and 2017.

Paige Danielson of St. Joseph has been named to Washington State University's president's honor roll for spring semester. To be eligible for the honor roll, students must be enrolled in a minimum of nine graded

hours and earn a grade-point average of 3.75 or earn a 3.50 cumulative grade-point average based on 15 cumulative hours of graded work.

Aidan Schiltz of St. Joseph received the University of Wisconsin-Stout Chancellor's Award for the spring 2019 semester. The award is

presented to students who have a grade-point average of 3.5 or above.

Two St. Joseph students are recipients of scholarships to attend Concordia College. The students are **Carolynn Becker** and **Johanna Haeg**.

Blotter

If you have a tip concerning a crime, call the St. Joseph Police Department at 320-363-8250 or Tri-County Crime Stoppers at 320-255-1301 or access its tip site at tricountycrimestoppers.org. Crime Stoppers offers rewards up to \$1,000 for information leading to the arrest and conviction of those responsible for a crime.

June 6

9:34 a.m. Assault. Baker Street E. After knocking on the door to complete a fire extinguisher inspection in an apartment, the inspector entered the apartment.

When she entered the apartment, she reported a knife thrown at her. The resident said the knife was wedged in the door frame for extra security and the resident said she was in a different room at the time. Others in the apartment confirmed the explanation. The officer suggested for safety reasons not to wedge objects in the door.

11:28 a.m. Theft. Elm Street E. Coborn's loss control re-

ported an employee theft that took place on or about Oct. 19, 2018. The employee admitted to that theft of \$50 and paid it back. The employee also admitted to taking \$80-\$90 on other dates.

June 7

3:12 p.m. Collision. CR 75 and CR 134. When driver two started slowly, driver two collided with the rear of driver one's vehicle.

June 8

12:38 a.m. DWI. CR 75 and Cedar Street E. A driver was arrested on suspicion of DWI and taken to Stearns County Jail.

June 10

4:53 p.m. Theft. Iris Lane E. A man reported the theft of his 1997 trailer from his backyard sometime between June 5 and June 10. Later, the man forgot he had loaned the trailer to someone.

June 16

1:38 p.m. Vandalism. Birch Street W. A woman report-

ed her house was egged late June 15 or early June 16 and suggested a juvenile suspect to police. The juvenile denied throwing an egg. He was asked to leave the woman's daughter alone, and he agreed.

7:15 p.m. Vandalism. Dale Street E. An officer noticed a portable toilet at Klinefelter Park was tipped over.

June 17

11:39 a.m. Collision. College Avenue S. The Public Works director reported a minor collision between a city owned pickup and a pickup owned by the College of St. Benedict on private property.

June 21

5:50 p.m. Warrant arrest. Second Avenue NE. An officer recognized a man on bicycle who was the subject of a warrant. The man told the officer the warrant from Wright County had been taken care, but upon checking, the officer found out it wasn't. The man was taken to jail.

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friends took a two-week canoe trip to the Canadian Wilderness. While in Canada they were told at a remote fly-in resort that the United States was at war in Korea (June 25, 1950). Upon returning to the United States, Tom wanted to enlist immediately. Tom was only 17 years old and needed his father's permission. His father did not give that permission. Tom's father was not willing to co-sign for his enlistment because two of Tom's older

brothers were already in the Army and the Navy.

Tom had to wait until he was 18 years old. When Tom turned 18, he tried to enlist in the Navy, but they reportedly had "a backlog of some sort" and that represented a substantial delay in Tom's wanting to join the war effort. On Jan. 9, 1951, he subsequently enlisted in the Air Force for four years.

Tom was initially sent to Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas, for basic training. From there he was sent to aircraft mechanics school. From there Tom went to Gary Air Force Base,

San Marcos, Texas, for further training in helicopter mechanics.

It was during the Korean War that some of the first practical uses of the helicopter, in an active battle zone, were realized.

Tom spent the remainder of his enlistment at Gary Air Force Base, Texas. It was there at Gary that all helicopter pilot trainees learned how to fly these new aircraft. Aside from his responsibilities on the flight line he was called upon to go out into the surrounding countryside and retrieve a crashed helicopter. With Tom's enlistment concluded, he was honorably discharged on Jan. 8, 1955.

Upon returning home to Minnesota, Tom, now 22 years old, was understandably uncertain as to specific life goals and career aspirations. A buddy convinced Tom they both should enroll in a chiropractic college. So with his GI Bill educational benefits, Tom and his friend enrolled in the Northwestern Chiropractic College in Minneapolis. It just so happened that his buddy washed out within a week. Tom pursued additional post-graduate training at the Palmer College in Davenport, Iowa.

In 1958 Tom started his practice in Lakewood, Colorado. A love of mountains and skiing, it just seemed like a natural fit at the time.

Upon returning to the St.



Schuller during the Korea War

Cloud area, Tom married Eileen in October 1960. They were married for 29 years before her death in 1989.

Later Tom married Luann. They have also been married 29 years. Luann continues to work at CentraCare as part of fundraising.

Tom retired at 62; that was 24 years ago. Reflecting upon his long career Tom says: "I loved my profession and my patients, but not the paper

work."

Tom has four children, 17 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Since retirement Tom keeps occupied with volunteerism and biking. Always an active person, Tom recalls with fondness his traveling on a motorcycle to 48 of the U.S. states, as well as Mexico and all Canadian Provinces.

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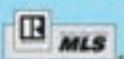
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- Friday, June 28**
Brat sale, sponsored by the Joseph Y2K Lions, 9 a.m.-5 p.m., St. Joseph Meat Market, 26 First Ave. NW. Profits donated to the St. Joseph Food Shelf.
Fields of Dreams, 1:30 p.m. Tour of Stearns County ballparks. For reservations call Stearns History Museum, 320-253-8424 or stearns-museum.org. Registration deadline was June 22.
St. Joseph Farmers' Market, 3-6 p.m., Resurrection Lutheran Church, under the water tower near the Wobegon Trail Center, CR 2.
Saturday, June 29
Brat sale, sponsored by the Joseph Y2K Lions, 9 a.m.-4 p.m., St. Joseph Meat Market, 26 First Ave. NW. Profits donated to the St. Joseph Food Shelf.

- Monday, July 1**
St. Joseph Food Shelf, open 1-3 p.m., 124 First Ave. SE, St. Joseph.
St. Joseph City Council, 6 p.m., council chambers, St. Joseph Government Center, 75 Callaway St. E. 320-363-7201. cityofstjoseph.com.
Tuesday, July 2
Memory Writers group develops topics and turns in stories, 10 a.m., Stearns History Museum, 235 33rd Ave. S, St Cloud.
St. Joseph Lions Club, 7:30 p.m., Millstream Park Pavilion 101 Fifth Ave. NW., St Joseph. Joanne Bechtold, 320-363-4483.
Wednesday, July 3
Advocates for Independence, 2-4 p.m., Independent Lifestyles, 215 Benton Drive N., Sauk Rapids. 320-529-9000.
Joetown Rocks Concert, 6 p.m., corner of Minnesota Street and College Avenue. Performing: Collective Unconscious, Phil Thompson, The Killer Vees, followed by fireworks.
Thursday, July 4
Fourth of July Parade, sponsored by the St. Joseph Lions Club, 10 a.m., Minnesota Street. Food, games, live

- music and quilt auction on the St. Joseph Catholic Church parish grounds.
Friday, July 5
Burger and brat sale, sponsored by American Legion Post 328, 9 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.
Saturday, July 6
Burger and brat sale, sponsored by American Legion Post 328, 9 a.m.-4 p.m., St. Joseph Meat Market, 26 First Ave. NW.
Sunday, July 7
A Place to Call Home, 10-11:30 a.m., St. Cloud Unitarian Universalist Fellowship, 3226 Maine Prairie Road, St. Cloud. A discussion of affordable housing and homelessness. 320-252-0020.
Monday, July 8
St. Joseph Food Shelf, open 1-3 p.m., 124 First Ave. SE, St. Joseph.
Sartell Farmers Market, 3-6 p.m., Bernick's Arena parking lot, 1109 First St. S., Sartell. marketmonday.org.
St. Joseph Planning Com-

- mission**, 6 p.m., St. Joseph Government Center, 75 Callaway St. E. 320-363-7201. cityofstjoseph.com.
St. Joseph Township Board, 8 p.m., St. Joseph Township Hall, 935 College Ave. S.
Tuesday, July 9
St. Stephen Planning Commission, 6:30 p.m., 2 Sixth Ave. SE. St. Stephen. 320-251-0964.
Holistic Moms Network, 7-8:30 p.m., Good Earth Cop, 2010 Veterans Drive, St. Cloud. 320-252-2489.
National Alliance on Mental Health, 7-8:30 p.m., Calvary Community Church, 1200 Roosevelt Road, St. Cloud. The group helps parents raising a child with mental illness learn coping skills and develop problem-solving skills. 320-654-1259.
Wednesday, July 10
St. Joseph Area Chamber of Commerce, 11:30 a.m., St. Joseph Government Center, 75 Callaway St. E. stjosephchamber.com.
Advocates for Independence, 2-4 p.m., Independent Lifestyles, 215 Benton Drive N., Sauk Rapids. 320-529-9000.
St Joseph Y2K Lions Club,

- 6:30 p.m., St. Joseph Community Fire Hall, 323 Fourth Ave NE. Kay Lemke 320-363-8663.
Thursday, July 11
St. Joseph Food Shelf, open 1-3 p.m., 124 First Ave. SE, St. Joseph.
St. Joseph Senior Citizens, 1:30 p.m., St. Joseph Community Fire Hall, 323 Fourth Ave. NE.
St. Cloud Area Mothers of Multiples, 7 p.m., VFW Granite Post 428, 9 18th Ave. N., St. Cloud.
Friday, July 12
Brats, hot dogs and hamburgers sale, sponsored by the St. Joseph Lions Club, 9 a.m.-4 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.

- Saturday, July 13**
Brats, hot dogs and hamburgers sale, sponsored by the St. Joseph Lions Club, 9 a.m.-4 p.m., St. Joseph Meat Market, 26 First Ave. NW.
Central Minnesota Chapter of the Federation of the Blind of Minnesota, 12:30 p.m., American Legion, 17 Second Ave. N., Waite Park.

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Our View

Just a piece of paper holds Americans together

It's just a piece of paper....and some ink. On July Fourth, we celebrate that piece of paper – the Declaration of Independence.

Written 243 years ago, the 1,323 words declare American values and ideals. These words bind Americans together.

You can read it here. <https://www.archives.gov/founding-docs/declaration-transcript>

A nation created by ideas, instead of around a common language, religion, ethnicity, race, geography or held together by a tyrant with a powerful army or secret police, is unique in history.

A portrait of Americans reveals a people of many faiths (or no faith), with ancestors from every corner of the planet. We are not defined by the barriers of a mountain range or a mighty river.

We are Americans because we share ideas on a piece of paper:

“...all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness. That to secure these rights, Governments are instituted among Men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed...”

Eleven years after the Declaration of Independence, the Constitution established America's national government and fundamental laws in 1787. If you visit Washington, D.C., you can view the original pieces of paper at the National Archives.

Two years later, the Bill of Rights added to the Constitution specific guarantees of personal freedoms and rights. After the first 10 amendments, Americans approved another 17 amendments to clarify and update the laws that govern us.

The Constitution lists the powers of each branch of government – the Congress, the president and the courts. Recent debates in Washington about presidential authority to spend money, fire people, wage war and other actions center around these express powers.

The Constitution intentionally builds in checks and balances to limit the power of each branch. In the coming months, we'll see if these checks and balances hold.

In the meantime, you can read the Constitution and the amendments here.

<https://www.archives.gov/founding-docs/constitution>

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A newer federal document should also be on your holiday week reading list. It's the Special Counsel's report on Russian interference in the 2016 election. Almost daily, Donald Trump lies about what it says. Before you defend him or call for his impeachment, take the time to read it and judge for yourself.

You can read it here.

<https://www.justice.gov/storage/report.pdf>

Yes, it's 448 pages, with thousands of footnotes and legal citations. The Justice Department blocked out large sections of text to supposedly protect national security, grand jury testimony and keep from embarrassing people who did stupid things. Reading the report will take hours, not minutes and there's no video version. But take the time.

When you read it, compare the findings with the ideals and values in the other documents. How would the actions of our current politicians, elected leaders and justice officials measure up to the words written two centuries ago?

As we celebrate America's founding, turn off Twitter and Facebook for a few hours and read these pieces of paper that we share as American citizens.

Opinion

Beware the nation's worst drivers

Mike Knaak
Editor



same. Actually, odds are they aren't safe drivers.

The insurance website Quote Wizard analyzed more than 2 million data points from incident reports and data from the Federal Highway Administration to rank the states with the worst drivers. The data included accidents, speeding tickets, DUIs, citations and fatalities.

In the list of states with the worst drivers, Minnesota ranked sixth, behind Maine, South Carolina, Nebraska, California and North Dakota.

If you want to share the road with the nation's best drivers, head to Michigan. On your way, beware of Wisconsin drivers, ranked 17th worst, but you can feel safer traveling through Illinois ranked 46th.

Minnesota roads may be safer later this summer when two new traffic laws take effect on Aug. 1.

Slower drivers better stick to the right

lane or face a \$50 fine plus a \$75 surcharge. Slower drivers were always required to keep right, but the new law adds the fine. Drivers are required to move out of the left lane on interstates or multi-lane roads after passing slower vehicles. The law doesn't quantify how slow a vehicle must be traveling in the left lane in order to be cited. It just states, "a person must move out of the left-most lane to allow another vehicle to pass" when practical.

The State Patrol notes this law does not allow drivers to speed. The slow-poke law will only result in a ticket if motorists in the left lane are slowed below the speed limit by a motorist who doesn't move over.

The law could reduce road rage incidents.

Holding your phone or texting while driving will also be illegal starting Aug. 1. Drivers must use voice commands or a single-touch without holding the phone to make calls or use navigation. Violators face a \$50 ticket for the first offense and subsequent tickets will cost \$275 plus court fees.

Obeys the speed limit, buckle up, put down the phone. Maybe next time there's worst driver research, Minnesota won't rank so high on the list.

'New' Twins have what it takes

Connor Kockler
Guest Writer



go into 17 innings with the Red Sox, pulling off a 4-3 win after a strong contest of pitchers on both sides. This was the opposite skill-set compared with the Angels game, keeping last year's World Series champions to only a few hits and keeping runs low through great fielding and defensive work. With all of this in mind, they definitely look like a playoff contender this year.

The Twins' success provides a sharp contrast to the overall trend in baseball. Fewer and fewer people are going out to watch America's pastime. The Twins are 18th in attendance despite the wildly successful season so far, with the average home turnout barely beating that of last year. Although I've been lucky enough to have been able to get out to a game already this year, I understand why this is a problem. With so many games in a season and busy summers, it can be easy to miss getting out to Target Field. But there's never been a better time to go than now, with tickets often starting under \$20.

So if you're able, with the Twins doing so well right now, be sure to get out and enjoy a game at Target Field with your family or friends, or get together to watch it at home. I'm a big believer in sports bringing a community together, and it's a great way to enjoy a summer day too. Whether you're a big baseball fan or a casual watcher, let's get behind the Twins this year. From what we've seen so far, there's only bigger things ahead.

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This summer, there has been a lot of championship hype building around one of our local Minnesota teams. No, it's not the Lynx or even the Minnesota Vikings coming up in the fall.

It's the Minnesota Twins. For the past few months, their record has been at or near the best in baseball, and they have maintained a strong lead in their division. Though many might be convinced of an all-too-typical disappointing postseason, I believe the Twins have what it takes to make it all the way, and bring more people back to watching baseball.

After the past few years of disappointing or average seasons, it seemed like the Twins were settling into a pattern of being a good, but not exceptional team. They went on streaks and players showed potential of becoming true All-Stars. This never translated into the playoffs though besides a wildcard berth in 2017, where the Twins lost to the Yankees, 8-4.

That has all changed this year. With a new manager Rocco Baldelli and adding players such as C.J. Cron, Nelson Cruz and Marwin Gonzales among others, the Twins have looked almost like a new team.

The Twins' offense leads the MLB in home runs with 146 at the time of writing, and also with the most runs scored total (439), 5.78 per game. The defense is nothing to scoff at either. The Twins have allowed about 4.33 runs per game from opposing teams, the eighth fewest.

This has made the games explosive and entertaining to watch. You're almost guaranteed to see the Twins at their best, pitching strikeouts to the opposing side and then running up the score with the homers. The Twins have already had two eight home-run games this season, and we're only through June. One of these, the 16-7 win against the Los Angeles Angels, showed the true depth of the team, with six players hitting it over the fence that night.

I also remember watching the team

Letter to the editor

Trump's success will trump Democrats' hoaxes

Bob Grise, St. Joseph

I see our favorite dyed-in-the-wool liberal, Dennis Dalman, has come out of retirement to fight against Democratic elections. That's my take of Dalman's recent column where he asks if it is time to impeach President Trump. Trump has been investigated for three years and I have yet to hear of one high crime or misdemeanor. There certainly wasn't a Trump crime mentioned in Dalman's column.

Apparently many Democrats and Never Trumpers think the victim of false accusations, (President Trump) should now be kicked out of office, overturning an election, because Trump is a Russian agent? No, because Trump's rational agenda for the U.S. differs from the everything-will-be-free, blue sky and open borders that is being peddled by Democrat candidates.

President Trump has lessened the stranglehold big government had on our economy and GDP growth took off! The leaders of the Democrat party can't compete with Trump's success in office so instead they promise free stuff and peddle hoaxes. You know, Trump's- a-Russian-agent hoax, Republicans-are-racist hoax, socialism-works hoax, the climate-change hoax, the rich-don't-pay-their-fair-share hoax, the green-energy-is-cleaner-and-more-efficient hoax. Let's not forget the we-are-running-out-of-oil hoax, as gasoline prices are headed towards two bucks and maybe under, largely because of fracking – something many Democrats were against.

Thank you Attorney General Barr for correctly pointing out President Trump can't obstruct justice by exercising his Constitutional duties. In other words, Bob Mueller and his special, (not independent) counsel of Democrats were employees of Trump's executive branch of government. The American people elected Trump to be in charge, not Mueller and his conflicted team.

No Americans colluded or conspired with the Russian government to elect Trump. Not even the tax-evading Paul Manafort. 2020 here we come. Trump's successes in office will trump Democrat hoaxes! I'm still waiting for a Dalman column on Obama's somewhat dubious background and Hillary Clinton's obvious law breaking. I won't hold my breath.

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History of the St. Joseph Fourth of July parade

by Jim Kuebelbeck
St. Joseph

For years, dedicated military veterans have traditionally marched or paraded in formation on the Fourth of July to honor those who have served their country in the armed forces. Throughout the years, this time-honored tradition was kept alive in the small community of St. Joseph as well.

To show respect for the sacrifices these veterans had made, ordinary citizens often walked behind the veterans as they marched through the community, and the day was often marked by a community-wide celebration.

To take advantage of the crowds of people congregating to honor the veterans, many local parishes and churches decided to hold annual festivals and fundraisers on this day, as did the Catholic Parish of St. Joseph.

Over time, however, interest in the community parade had waned considerably, and by the early 1960s the annual Fourth of July "parade" had dwindled down to a group of dedicated veterans, followed by small groups representing a few local businesses.

In 1964 a group of civic-minded citizens organized the St. Joseph Lions Club. Their intent (and hope) was that they would be able to assist in improving the lives and environment of the St. Joseph community. In an effort to achieve their goals, and to

instill pride in "belonging" to the club, membership was (and still is) by invitation only.

Noting how the annual Fourth of July parade of citizens had decreased in numbers during the years, Lions charter members Jim Kuebelbeck, Ray Krebsbach and Leo Sadlo approached the membership with a plan to make the St. Joseph Parade an annual event people would "want" to attend.

The fledgling Lions Club, however, had very little money in reserve to embark on such an undertaking, and the proposal was met with little enthusiasm. Funds would be needed for mailings, solicitations, advertising, attracting marching bands, floats, horse groups and more.

Discussing the lack of funds with his father, Kuebelbeck learned a group of other like-minded individuals had organized the "St. Joseph Boosters Club" years ago.

At the time, the members of the Boosters Club had also hoped to keep the annual parade alive, but their efforts had failed to generate sufficient community interest, and the club subsequently became inactive.

The club had initially collected some dues and financial donations and Kuebelbeck's father told him when the club became inactive, some of those original funds had been left in an account in the St. Joseph Bank.

The Booster Club members at the time were Max Kuebelbeck (Kuebelbeck Dairy), Claude



photo by Dennis Dalman

A perennial favorite, Notsch's Belgian horses bring applause from the spectators at the St. Joseph Fourth of July parade in 2018.

Menzhuber (El Paso Club), "Barney" Staller (Barney's Garage and Service Station), Sal Schneider Sr. (Sal's Café), Al Stueve (Stueve's Garage and Service Station), Eddie Linnemann (Linnemann's Store), Art Loso (Loso's Store), Bill Loso (Loso Hardware), Claude Crever (St. Joseph First State Bank), Larry Loso (Midway Bar), Oscar Jaren (Jaren's Drug Store), Eddie Schneider (Schneider's Café), Ray Schindler (Schindler's Bar), Adrian Sauer (Sauer's Store and Grocery), Agatha Gertken (St. Joseph Post Office), Oscar Krebsbach (Krebsbach Chevrolet Sales and Service Station), Norb Wander (St. Joseph Depot Agent), Darell Mensink (St. Joseph Feed Mill), Al Mohs (St. Joseph Lumber Yard), Dr. Robert Kelly (Dentist), and Al Pfannenstern Sr. (St. Benedict's Butcher

Shop).

Jim and Carol Kuebelbeck then approached bank president, Claude Crever, and asked if such an account still existed. Learning that to be the case, and that some funds were still being kept in a "dead account" at the bank, they then asked about the possibility of those funds being somehow "transferred" to the newly formed Lions Club. Crever was receptive to the idea but indicated although the Boosters Club had become inactive, any transfer of funds could only be accomplished by a meeting of the inactive members to "officially" disband the organization, and they would then (as a group) have to approve the transfer of any funds.

Carol then sent letters to all members of the inactive Boosters Club, asking them to meet

one more time to officially consider the proposal.

The group met some weeks later and enthusiastically endorsed the transfer of funds. They also expressed the hope the parade might once again become an event that would draw thousands of people to the annual parish festival.

The funds from the inactive Boosters Club account were subsequently transferred to the St. Joseph Lions Club and were then used as "start up" money for what has now become an annual Fourth of July tradition in St. Joseph.

Since 1964, thanks to the continued efforts of the members of the St. Joseph Lions Club, the annual Fourth of July parade continues to be one of the most watched parades in Central Minnesota.



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