

# Reaching Everybody! Newsleaders

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## Town Crier

### 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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## Camp Invention brings commotion of creation

by Dennis Dalman  
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Any visitor walking down the hallway of St. Francis Xavier Elementary School the week of June 17-21 might have thought the classrooms were filled with frantic elves bustling to get toys done in time for Santa.

It was the joyous roar of the commotion of creation. There were the sounds of tap-tap-tapping, duct tape being unspooled, bang-bang-boom, the rustling of paper and plastic and the squeals and giggles of energetic children all working together in teams.

They weren't elves, however. They were 33 students taking part in a week-long summer program dubbed "Camp Invention."

At one table, students took turns squeezing a plastic bag filled with water and with holes

in the bottom of the bag. The water would squirt out the holes into an aluminum foil pan. The activity was supposed to let students know what it's like to milk a cow. Suddenly, one girl squeezed too hard and the water burst out in a big splash.

"You broke the udder!" a nearby boy loudly scolded her. "You killed the cow!"

Peals of laughter resounded as a few other students mock-scolded the squeezer.

It was a good example of students having fun while learning, while creating, while solving problems through tight teamwork. And that's what Camp Invention is about – innovative solutions, creative thinking, solving problems, not to mention having lots of fun at the same time.

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photo by Dennis Dalman

St. Francis Xavier School' "Camp Invention" students share giggles while "milking" a cow – squeezing a plastic-bag "udder" filled with water into a pan. When the plastic bag broke, one boy yelled loudly, "You broke the udder! You killed the cow!!" From left to right are Alexa Behrendt, Samuel Malikowski and Claire Smith.

## Bearson golf fundraiser set for July 20

by Dennis Dalman  
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Nearly five years ago, on Sept. 20, 2014, Tom Bearson of Sartell, was murdered while he was a freshman at North Dakota State University.

After being reported missing Sept. 21, his body was found abandoned in Moorhead by a recreational-vehicle sales-and-service business. The murder has still not been solved.

The killing of Tom Bearson sent shock waves through Sartell and beyond because it was almost inconceivable that a young man just launching into life with such fervor could be so brutally taken away. Bearson is gone, but his memory remains very much alive among all those who loved him and even



photo from Tom Bearson Foundation

This is Tommy Bearson waving on the front steps of his home on the morning of his first day in school.

person includes range pass, green fees, cart and dinner. For just the dinner, the cost is \$20. For registration information, see the Tom Bearson Foundation website at www.tombearson.org/golf-outing.

tion began five years ago by the family, loved ones and acquaintances of Tommy as a way to memorialize him and to help the pursuits that he cared passionately about.

The Foundation has giv-

en \$9,000 in scholarships to area high school students, a total of \$5,000 to Tom Bearson Spirit Award winners (a scholarship for students-athletes), \$7,400 to Sartell High School's girls and boys basketball teams, \$13,500 to school safety programs, the honoring of the Tom Bearson Inspiration Award, \$10,000 to the Sartell Area Youth Basketball Association and \$81,000 to a refurbishing of the St. Francis Xavier School's gymnasium.

The latter was especially a labor of love because Tom Bearson, a superb basketball player, spent so much time practicing and playing games in that gymnasium as he later did, with triumph, when he became a student at Sartell High School.

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## Toppan Merrill announces \$6 million expansion

by Dennis Dalman  
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Toppan Merrill announced plans June 25 for a 70,000-square-foot expansion to its Sartell facility. The announcement followed unanimous approval of a business subsidy by the Sartell City Council members at their June

24 meeting.

Toppan Merrill is a specialty digital-printing company (formerly Merrill Corp.) that opened in St. Cloud in 1994 and some years later a branch of the company (fulfillment order center) in Sartell. The expansion will allow Toppan Merrill to increase efficiency and capacity to sup-

port an expanding customer base and add additional jobs in the community, according to a press release, with the St. Cloud functions moving to the Sartell plant.

Toppan Merrill's parent company, Toppan Leefung Pte. Ltd., expects to invest \$6 million during the course of the expansion project that will in-

clude 13,500 square feet of office space and 56,375 square feet of additional warehouse and production space into the existing 100,000-square-foot building at 300 11th Ave. E. in east Sartell between Hwy. 15 and the Country Manor campus. The expansion is slated to be completed in

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## Man injured when neighbors's gun discharges

A bullet from a handgun fired from inside a Sartell apartment struck a man outside the apartment complex, and the man who said he'd accidentally fired the gun was arrested.

The incident happened on the morning of June 15 in the 900 block of Seventh Street N. at an apartment complex on the north side of Seventh Street. The complex is just northwest of Sartell High School.

Arrested was Troy Jasper Heavirland, 23, who lives in a second-floor apartment at the complex. He is expected to be

charged with a felony for reckless discharge of a firearm within a municipality. The injured man, 37, whose name has not been released, was rushed to the hospital with serious wounds.

Right after his gun discharged, Heavirland called the police and reported what happened, telling them he forgot the gun was in fact loaded.

According to the police report, officers saw blood outside of the apartment building. The injured man was inside his own apartment with his wife and child.

The man told officers he was outside the building, smoking a cigarette when he heard a loud noise and then felt a sudden pressure on his chest.

Heavirland called law enforcement after the incident and claimed he had forgotten his gun was loaded so it fired accidentally. A bullet hole was found in the window of Heavirland's apartment. A fragment of the bullet was discovered on a parking lot next to the high school tennis courts to the north of the school, right across from the apartment complex.

## Toppan

from front page

spring 2020.

The agreement with the city of Sartell involves the city giving the company a \$50,000 subsidy on the costs of water-and-sewer access charges for the expansion project. Sartell Development Director Anita Archambeau, who helped negotiate the deal, said the city would more than recompense the subsidy cost by retaining the company in the city.

Expansion plans began when Toppan Merrill was considering options for combining activities performed in its St. Cloud facility into the Sartell and/or Grove City sites. The request for a subsidy came about when bids for the expansion came in much higher

than expected, putting the company in a tight spot. Last month, the Sartell City Council approved a \$42,000 subsidy but agreed later, at the June 24 meeting, to an extra \$8,000 for the total amount of \$50,000.

Douglas Boser of Inventure Properties, St. Cloud, was instrumental in negotiations to keep Toppan Merrill in Sartell and to facilitate its expansion. He spoke at the June 24 council meeting.

"It's been a long journey . . .," he said, referring to the negotiations. "This is the place Toppan Merrill will make its home for many, many years. We appreciate it (the subsidy)."

Along with Archambeau and Inventure Properties, others involved in the negotiations were personnel from the Department of Employment and Economic Development.

## Blotter

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### June 15

12:15 a.m. Domestic. CR 120. Officers were dispatched to a possible domestic occurring in a vehicle. Officers located the vehicle and stopped it. The driver had an active no-contact order in place that was for the passenger. The officers arrested the individual for the violation and transported him to the hospital for evaluation.

### June 16

8:45 p.m. Driving complaint. Riverside Avenue S. Officers were notified about an erratic driver. The officer located the vehicle and found one of the vehicle's brake lights was out. Stopping the vehicle, the driver admitted to not having a valid license. The driver was canceled inimical to public safety. The driver was arrested and transported to Stearns County Jail. A small amount of marijuana was also found.

### June 17

8:30 p.m. Traffic stop. First Street NE. An officer witnessed a vehicle speeding. The officer stopped the vehicle and the driver admitted to the infraction. The officer cited the driver for speeding.

### June 18

12:20 a.m. Traffic stop. CentraCare Circle. An officer conducting license-plate checks discovered one of the owners of a vehicle had a revoked license. The driver matched the description of the owner with the revoked license. The officer stopped the vehicle and issued a citation for the revoked license. The officer drove the individual home.

### June 19

7:40 p.m. Traffic stop. CR 1. An officer witnessed a vehicle not displaying any license plates and not displaying a temporary tag. The officer stopped the vehicle and the driver did not have a valid license and could not provide proof of insurance for the vehicle. The individual was cited for the infractions and the vehicle was towed.

### June 20

10:45 a.m. Warrant arrest. 14th Avenue E. An officer assisted the probation officer to take the individual into custody without issue. The officer transported the individual to Stearns County Jail.

### June 22

6:50 p.m. DWI. Fifth Street N. A citizen reported an individual drinking alcohol on school grounds and then attempting to leave in a vehicle. The officers stopped the vehicle and the individual was confrontational. The officers arrested the individual for DWI and transported him to Stearns County Jail.

### June 23

12:50 a.m. Suspicious vehicle. Pinecone Road. An officer witnessed a vehicle pull behind a church. When the officer followed, the driver attempted to leave. The officer stopped the vehicle and a search turned up marijuana and paraphernalia. The officer cited the juveniles and called their parents to explain the citations.

### June 25

11:30 a.m. Suspicious activity. CR 120. An officer investigated the gunshots at a park. The officer could not find signs of shooting but did discover a camp on park property. The officer notified city maintenance for the camp to be removed.



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**See schedule – Some load at Whitney & some St. Joseph Park & Ride**

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

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People



**Gould**  
Levi Gould of Sartell recently earned his Minnesota Music Teachers Association Challenge Award Trophy. The Challenge award rewards students for participating in various MMTA programs which helps encourage steady musical growth and high performance standards.

Each program is worth 100 to 300 points and students are awarded the trophy when they achieve 2,500 points.



**Loscheider**  
Kelli Loscheider recently earned her Minnesota Music Teachers Association Grand Challenge Award Trophy. She has worked for the past nine years completing various programs offered by MMTA. Kelli received her first MMTA Challenge Award Trophy in 2014 when she earned 2,500 points. She recently achieved her Grand Challenge Award Trophy by achieving 6,000 points. Kelli just graduated from Sartell High School. **Four area students** were recently named to the spring president's and dean's lists at Central Lakes College, Brainerd and Staples. **John Grogan** of Sartell was named to president's list. Students must earn a minimum 3.75 grade-point average to earn this honor. **Garrett Counter** and **Christina Johnson** of Sartell and **Kerry Ashfeld** of St. Stephen were named to the dean's list. Students must earn a minimum 3.25 grade-point average to earn this honor.

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.

**Four Sartell students** recently graduated with bachelor's degrees from Gustavus Adolphus College, St. Peter, Minn. The students are **Lindsey Martens**, chemistry, summa cum laude; **Grace Peterson**, biology; **Tianna Raden**, elementary education, magna cum laude; and **Benjamin Rengel**, management.

**Four Sartell students** were recently named to the spring dean's list at Concordia College, Moorhead. They are **Maiah Cameron**, **Jasmine Engstrom-Bolstad**, **Amanda Flemming** and **Hannah Kosloski Jr.** To qualify, students must earn a minimum 3.7 grade-point average.

**Robert Sobania** of Sartell 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.

**Three Sartell students** were recently named to the spring dean's list at Gustavus Adolphus College, St. Peter, Minn. The list includes students who have earned a 3.7 grade-point average. The students are **Alexandru Florea**, **Laura Schwichtenberg** and **Michael Volgman-Mercuri**.

**Five Sartell students** have been named to the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire spring semester dean's list. The students are **Elizabeth Botz**, **Tyler Kadlec**, **Nicole Lindmeier**, **Addison Rengel** and **Emma Zenzen**.

**Two Sartell students** are recipients of scholarships to attend Concordia College. The students are **Jadyn Lauer-mann** and **Jacob Reil**.

**Six area students** earned degrees from North Dakota State University in spring 2019. The students are **Zachary Jemming** of St. Stephen and **Jonathan Carlson**, **Alyssa Frank**, **Jenna Karsky**, **Anna Miller** and **Tony Paul** of Sartell. Carlson, Frank and Miller graduated with honors.

**Madeline Smith** of Sartell graduated with a bachelor's degrees in communications studies and Spanish from the University of Iowa, Iowa City.

**Trevor Skinner** of St. Stephen recently graduated with a degree in electrical line worker technology from Minnesota State Community and Technical College.

**Four area students** have been named to the Minnesota State University Moorhead dean's list. They are **Kia Grindland**, **Rhett Staige** and **Nathan Stracke** of Sartell and **Tessa Schwinghammer** of St. Stephen. Students must maintain a minimum 3.25 grade-point average to qualify for this honor.

**Heather Schaefer** of Sartell graduated spring 2019 from the University of Minnesota Crookston.

**Kayla Chisum** and **Jenna Weyer** of Sartell have been named to the spring semester dean's list at Southwest Minnesota State University, Marshall, for maintaining a 3.5 or higher grade-point average.

**Kendra Rath**s of Sartell received a bachelor's degree in chemistry from the University of Minnesota Morris.

**Tayler Kalthoff** of Sartell is a recipient of the Dik Munson Art Award from the University of Minnesota Morris. This award is presented to outstanding first- and second-year studio art students demonstrating creative potential in future discipline coursework. This award is intended for purchase of materials and supplies for the recipient's artwork and experimentation with new media. Kalthoff is majoring in studio art and art history.

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# Camp

## from front page

Invention sessions, three school employees explained how the program works. The three were Principal Kathy Kockler; Steph Pederson, pre-school teacher and program coordinator; and Nicole Vos, a pre-K teacher. Vos's daughter Delaney, 10, is a participant in Camp Invention as well as three of Delaney's cousins, who are visiting from Gilbert, Ariz.

It was Pederson who attended a conference last year where she heard about Camp Invention. Back home, she told the school staff about it, and her enthusiasm was contagious because everyone became convinced the students would love it.

"We decided to start Camp Invention this spring," said Kockler. "It took a lot of logistics and putting all the pieces together."

Hard work or not, all are happy about the program. The 33 students, who will be next year in grades one through five, meet every day for a week from 8:30 a.m.-3 p.m. The teachers are Vos and second-grade teachers Bonnie Van Heel and Denise Ludick. Adult assistants are also on hand to help out.

Camp Invention was created by members of the National Inventors Hall of Fame. It is under the rubric of the STEM program (Science, Technology, Engineering, Math), which promotes in the classroom an integrated, interdisciplinary approach to learning. STEM programs began at St. Francis Xavier School four years ago, Kockler noted. There were 289 students at the

school this past school year.

Kockler said Camp Invention dovetails perfectly with what students learn in their STEM sessions. All of the activities involve hands-on activities, creative challenges, forms of technology and problem-solving skills for real-world problems.

Camp Invention began in 1990 and is now a program at 1,600 schools nationwide. Independent appraisers of the program have said it definitely hones problem-solving skills, increases attendance, improves test scores and increases GPA averages.

There are four parts during the week-long Camp Invention program. Students take turns working in each program.

Here are descriptions of each part:

In "Innovation Force," children team up with the Innovation Force, a group of National Inventors' Hall of Fame inductees who have been transformed into superheroes, and together they battle "the evil plagiarizer," a villain determined to steal the world's ideas. As children create a device to retrieve stolen ideas, they learn about the importance of collaboration and patents.

In "Deep Sea Mystery," students embark on an adventure at sea but get stranded on an island after their boat sinks. Children then work in teams to invent island-survival tools and underwater equipment so they can navigate their way home in a new-built boat. The students at St. Francis Xavier had a blast building ingenious small boats from a variety of cast-off items. One boat's hull was created out of an egg carton with pontoon-like appendages duck-taped to its sides. On its top



photo by Dennis Dalman

**Camp Invention students watch a video about farming before launching into their hands-on farm-improvement project at St. Francis Xavier School. At right is second-grade teacher Bonnie Van Heel.**

was attached a v-shaped paper cup resembling a sail.

In "Farm Team," children learn to manage their own farms and the basics of business. With the help of Bot-ANN-E, a programmable robot, they learn coding techniques to maximize their time and profits and perform mock DNA experiments to check the health of their cattle. In the Sartell school, this is the unit where children "milked" an udder and made special slingshots so they could fling the hay bales to hungry Holsteins taped up on a wall.

"DIY Orbot" is a unit in which children explore frequency, circuit boards, motors and gears, using real tools to reverse-engineer a remote-controlled DIY Orbot. They then program the "orbots" to perform challenging tasks from sports to art.



photo by Dennis Dalman

**Amy Vos creates a special sling shot that will toss bales of hay to a waiting herd of Holstein cows taped on the wall of the classroom. Amy, who is from Gilbert, Arizona, is visiting her cousin, Delaney Vos in Sartell, and so she was allowed to participate in the Camp Invention program at St. Francis Xavier School. Delaney is also a participant, and Delaney's mother, Nicole, is a pre-school teacher at SFX.**

# New, improved baseball fields dedicated

The Sartell Baseball Association and Pinecone Central Park Association on June 11 dedicated new and improved baseball fields.

A double-header at St. Cloud Orthopedics Field (formerly Champion Field) highlighted the event that capped two years of a fundraising campaign. A ceremony between the games officially dedicating St. Cloud Orthopedics and Gilleland Chevrolet Field.

The capital campaign of \$1.3 million was made possible with more than half the money privately raised and the city of Sartell contributing the balance of the funds.

St. Cloud Orthopedics Field hosts more than 140 games each summer as well as daily practices for all of Sartell's teams. In 2019, St. Cloud Orthopedics Field will host the Amateur Region C



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**The first pitch is thrown at Gilleland Field.**

Playoff Tournament as well as the American Legion Sub-State 12 State playoff tournament. The Pinecone Central Park complex will host more than 775 baseball games.

That means an estimated 70,000 baseball enthusiasts, families, players and fans are visiting Pinecone Central Park this summer, according to the baseball association.

The Pinecone Central Park Association also announced that Ryan Cross, president and CEO of BCI Construction, has signed on to be the sixth and final field sponsor.

BCI Construction's contribution allows completion of the final field at Pinecone Central Park making it playable for the age 9-13 teams in 2020.



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**The scoreboard at the recently dedicated St. Cloud Orthopedics Field.**



# 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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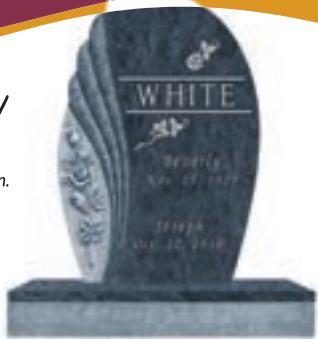
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# Muskies win second tourney

by Dennis Dalman  
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For the second time this season, the Sartell Muskies baseball team won another tournament title – this time from last weekend's Elite 8 tourney in Elrosa.

The Elite 8 competitors are teams that participated in the State Amateur Baseball Tournament last year. The Muskies have competed in the state tournament each year for the past seven years. They won it twice – in 1992 and in 2013. Randy Beckstrom is the team's manager.

During the first weekend in June, the team took the title in the Omann Invitational in Sartell. So far, the Muskies have a 17-1 record. There are two dozen guys on the roster. Their only loss so far was to Cold Spring.

During the three-day Elite 8 games, Sartell defeated the New London-Spicer Twins, 5-1; the Fergus Falls Hurricanes, 7-5; and the Crookston Cubs, 4-0.

"They've really had a nice run," said Dean Schellinger, who is proud of the team for several reasons. Two of the reasons are his sons, Adam and Brian, who are longtime players on the team. Another reason is that some of the older players Schellinger coached when they were just wee lads playing T-ball.

### Sartell 'through and through'

Another reason is the team is "Sartell" through and through, unlike many teams in amateur baseball who draw members from wider areas.

"All of the members this season are from Sartell – except for two," said Schellinger.



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The Sartell Muskies baseball team members proudly pause for a photo with their children after winning a Father's Day game against Clear Lake in Clear Lake. From left to right (front row) are Brian Schellinger holding Trevor and Clara; and Jake Sweetener with Ruthie in stroller and Julia standing; (back row) Adam Wenker holding son Everett; Paul Schumer with sons James and Blake standing in front of him; Adam Schellinger holding Tori and Maddie; and Randy Beckstrom with daughter Lily.

inger. "Two new members just graduated from Sartell High School just this year."

Schellinger, 61, has yet another reason to be proud of the Muskies. Son Adam's wife, Traci, gave birth to a girl, Whitney, just three days prior to the Elite 8 tournament.

"Oh yes, Whitney was at the tournament, just 3 days old," Schellinger said. "That's the thing about the Muskies. It's a family affair. We're like an extended family. We travel together, some hunt and fish together. And there's so many players' children now that sometimes the ball parks are like virtual day-care centers."

Schellinger said that just a few months ago, longtime pitcher Adam Wenker welcomed his first baby, Everett, into the world.

Schellinger shared the excitement of the plays that led to the victory in Elrosa:

In the first game, against New London-Spicer, Muskies pitcher David Deminsky achieved 11 strikeouts, and there were three hits each from Tim Burns, Ethan Carlson and John Schumer.

In the game versus Fergus Falls, Schumer and Grant Mackenthun combined for the win on the mound and Burns hit a two-run homer.

In the Sunday title game, Adam Wenker fired a two-hit-ter, and Adam Schellinger's homerun had two hits each from Andrew Deters and Jace Otto led the offense.

### Sartell hosts playoffs

The Muskies, a C team, are part of the Sauk Valley League. Schellinger explained that A teams are those in the Twin Cities area who draw their players from a larger area. B teams also draw many players from a larger, more rural area. C teams, mostly based in smaller towns, draw players from a much smaller radius. The Muskies are unique for a C team because its players have always been, more or less, all Sartell residents raised in that city.

Schellinger noted the regional tournament will take place in Sartell sometime in mid-August, and the Sartell Stone Ponies will also participate. The state tournaments will take place in Maple Lake and Delano, just as it did when the Muskies won it in 2013.

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# Arndt, Mielke named as principals for next school year

by Dennis Dalman  
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The Sartell-St. Stephen school district recently named two principals who will start their new jobs next year – Laura Arndt at Sartell Middle School and Jason Mielke at Oak Ridge Elementary School.

This past year, Arndt served as the middle school's assistant principal. Mielke was principal for the Foley Elementary School last year.

## Arndt

Laura Arndt will replace Sartell Middle School Principal Kurt Stumpf who resigned to become the superintendent of the



Arndt

Janesville-Waldorf-Pemberton school district in southern Minnesota's Waseca County.

Before becoming the middle school's assistant principal, Arndt was an instructional coach for Sartell's Oak Ridge Elementary School. Before that, she was employed in the Sauk Rapids-Rice school district as a teacher and instructional coach.

"I have been fortunate to be surrounded by amazing educators who have made a tremendous impact on my life both personally and professionally," Arndt said after learning of her selection to be principal. "My

goal as an educator has always been to have that same impact on others."

In announcing her selection, Sartell-St. Stephen school district Superintendent Jeff Schwiebert stated this in a press release:

"I am excited for Laura Arndt to transition into her new roles and know that she will serve the district well. She is an outstanding instructional leader who always keeps the best interest of our students at the forefront of her work."

## Mielke

Mielke will take the position formerly held by Oak Ridge Principal Kip Lynk, who will become a principal leadership

specialist at the South-west Prairie Regional Center of Excellence in Marshall. Lynk served as principal in Sartell for five years.

Mielke has had extensive experience with programs for early childhood and elementary students. Schwiebert said those talents are perfect qualifications for Mielke's new job because, starting in the 2020-2021 school year, Oak Ridge will become the district's site for pre-school and kindergarten.

A native of Annandale, Miel-



Mielke

ke has had extensive experience as a teacher, a principal and a coach. Besides his being principal last year in Foley, he was also principal of the Rush City school district in eastern Minnesota. He also served as a sixth-grade teacher in the Wadena-Deer Creek school district where he was hired in 2011. There, he coached junior

varsity boys' basketball and was the assistant cross-country coach. In 2007-2008 he had multiple coaching duties at Park Rapids High School and from 2003-2005 he coached varsity girls' basketball in the Long Prairie-Grey Eagle school district. He has also coached in the West Fargo and St. Michael-Albertville districts.

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## Officers rescue trapped ducks

Sartell police officers rescued 11 ducklings trapped in a storm drain on 15th Street S. on May 25. The ducklings were released in a local pond with other ducks.

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At right: With the rescued ducklings (from left) Kelsi Linn, Officer John Batterberry, Officer Kari Bonfield, Emma Prow Dockendorf and Kennedy Prow Dockendorf. Inset: one of the rescued ducklings.



## Schools need math, reading tutors

The Sartell-St. Stephen school district needs seven literacy tutors and two math tutors for the 2019-2020 school year.

The school district has been awarded tutor positions by the Minnesota Reading Corp and Minnesota Math Corp.

The tutor positions are at the Early Childhood Learning Center, Oak Ridge Elementary

School and Pine Meadow Elementary School.

Both full- and part-time tutors are being recruited to begin a year of paid service this fall.

Tutors are needed for three different levels of commitment: 35, 25 or 18 hours a week. Tutors receive a stipend every two weeks and can earn up to an additional \$4,200 for student loans or tuition, which can be

gifted to a family member if the tutor is 55 or older. Many tutors also qualify for additional benefits such as free health insurance and child-care assistance.

Anyone interested is encouraged to apply now at readingandmath.net or by calling 866-859-2825. Tutors will begin in August 2019. Math and literacy tutors are fully trained by Math Corps and Reading Corps.

## Man arrested after woman punched

A Sartell man was arrested after a woman was punched in her face an estimated 15 times in a car while it was parked in Centennial Plaza on Veterans Drive in St. Cloud.

The assault occurred June 14. According to the criminal complaint, Luke Edward Hickman, 29, is charged with domestic assault, a felony offense.

The complaint states the

woman told police she had been letting Hickman sleep in her car because he was homeless. While giving the man a ride, she said he became very upset and argumentative. At Centennial Plaza, she went into a store, hoping Hickman would leave the car and go away. When she returned to the car, he was even more upset. She said when she was preparing to turn onto Vet-

erans Drive from the mall, the man hit her "approximately 15 times" in her face.

A police officer noted the woman had a split lip and facial bruising.

Hickman denied to police that he hit the woman and said the argument they had was verbal only. He also told police he was suffering from "mental-health issues."



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

**Fields of Dreams,** 1:30 p.m. Tour of Stearns County ball-parks. For reservations call Stearns History Museum, 320-253-8424 or stearns-museum.org. Registration deadline was June 22.

**Monday, July 1**  
**Benton County Museum,** 10 a.m.-4 p.m., 218 First St. N., Sauk Rapids. 320-253-9614. mnbentonhistory.org.

**Sartell Farmers Market,** 3-6 p.m., Bernick’s Arena parking lot, 1109 First St. S., Sartell. marketmonday.org.

**Sartell Lions Club,** 6:30 p.m., upstairs of Blue Line Sports Bar and Grill, 1101 Second St. S., Sartell. 320-267-2591.

**Tuesday, July 2**  
**Memory Writers** group develops topics and turns in stories, 10 a.m., Stearns History Museum, 235 33rd Ave. S, St Cloud.

**Wednesday, July 3**  
**Proclaim Ministry Team,** 6:30 p.m., Grace Baptist Fellowship, 1197 Pinecone Road N. The team from Pensacola Christian College will share testimonials, music and skits.

**Advocates for Independence,** 2-4 p.m., Independent Lifestyles, 215 Benton Drive N., Sauk Rapids. 320-529-9000.

**St. Stephen City Council,** 6:30 p.m., St. Stephen City Hall, 2 Sixth Ave SE.

**Thursday, July 4**  
**Coffee and Conversation,** a senior discussion group, 9 a.m., Sartell Community Center, 850 19th St. S.

**Friday, July 5**  
**Benton County Museum,** 10 a.m.-4 p.m., 218 First St. N., Sauk Rapids. 320-253-9614. mnbentonhistory.org.

**Monday, July 8**  
**Benton County Museum,** 10 a.m.-4 p.m., 218 First St. N., Sauk Rapids. 320-253-9614. mnbentonhistory.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, July 9**  
**Sartell Chamber of Commerce,** 11:30 a.m., Waters Church, 1227 Pinecone Road. 320-258.6061. info@sartell-chamber.com.

**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 Co-op, 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.

**Le Sauk Township Board,** 7 p.m., Le Sauk Township Hall, 220 Fourth Ave. S., Sartell.

**Brockway Township Board,** 7:30 p.m., Town Hall, 85th Avenue and 438th Street.

**Wednesday, July 10**  
**Advocates for Independence,** 2-4 p.m., Independent Lifestyles, 215 Benton Drive N., Sauk Rapids. 320-529-9000.

**Thursday, July 11**  
**Coffee and Conversation,** a senior discussion group, 9 a.m.,

Sartell Community Center, 850 19th St. S.

**Sartell-Sauk Rapids Moms’ Club,** 9-10:30 a.m., Celebration Lutheran Church, 1500 Pinecone Road N., Sartell.

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

**Friday, July 12**  
**Benton County Museum,** 10 a.m.-4 p.m., 218 First St. N., Sauk Rapids. 320-253-9614. mnbentonhistory.org.

**Saturday, July 13**  
**Central Minnesota Chapter of the Federation of the Blind of Minnesota,** 12:30 p.m., American Legion, 17 Second Ave. N., Waite Park.

**Sunday, July 14**  
**Pet Blessing Celebration,** 10 a.m., Unity Spiritual Center of Central Minnesota, 931 Fifth Ave. N, Sartell. 320-255-9253 or www.UnitySpiritualCenter.org.

Bearson

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What it funds

The Tom Bearson Foundation began five years ago by the family, loved ones and acquaintances of Tommy as a way to memorialize him and to help the pursuits he cared passionately about.

The Foundation has given

\$9,000 in scholarships to area high school students, a total of \$5,000 to Tom Bearson Spirit Award winners (a scholarship for students-athletes), \$7,400 to Sartell High School’s girls’ and boys’ basketball teams, \$13,500 to school safety programs, the honoring of the Tom Bearson Inspiration Award, \$10,000 to the Sartell Area Youth Basketball Association and \$81,000 to a refurbishing of the St. Francis Xavier School’s gymnasium.

The latter was especially a labor of love because Tom Bearson, a superb basketball player, spent so much time practicing and playing games in that gymnasium as he later did, with triumph, when he became a student at Sartell High School.

‘Tommy’

People who knew Tom Bearson still reminisce with fondness about his passion for sports, his sense of

humor and his unique charisma that impressed those who met him. He had only been at North Dakota State four weeks before his tragic death. Bearson was enrolled in the university’s nurse-anesthetist program.

He is the son of Greg and Debbie Bearson, longtime Sartell residents, and the brother of sister Maddie.

“Tom visited home exactly one week before he died,” the Debbie and Greg Bearson family wrote

in a statement. “We had a beautiful time together watching home movies and talking about life. In hindsight, it’s ironic we had done those things. It was the first time we had ever watched home movies with him. We had no way of knowing we would never see him alive again. We thank God for that beautiful last weekend together. It truly was a blessing. Our only disappointment is that his sister wasn’t there to share it with us.”

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# Opinion

## Beware the nation's worst drivers

### 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.

Time to drive. We're heading into the best time of year for motoring to the lake, picnics, parades and sporting events.

But beware. When you get behind the wheel, know you are entering the danger zone.

According to the Minnesota Department of Public Safety, Memorial Day through Labor Day marks the 100 deadliest days on Minnesota roads. In 2018, that period accounted for 33 percent of the year's 381 traffic deaths.

Driver behavior – speed, distraction, lack of seat-belt use and drunken driving – are the top contributing factors in Minnesota road fatalities.

Of the 124 people who died during the deadly 100 days last summer, drunks killed 36, speed killed 30, nine died without seat belts and distractions killed 18.

Law enforcement will target speeding drivers with extra patrols through July 21. The Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over extra enforcement campaign runs Aug. 16-Sept. 2.

You may be a safe driver. You obey the speed limit, don't drink and drive, buckle up and keep your hands on the wheel and off the phone. But don't assume your fellow drivers are doing the

**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



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

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.

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

## 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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SARTELL-ST. STEPHEN PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO 748  
MAY 20, 2019  
SARTELL HIGH SCHOOL MEDIA CENTER

The regular school board meeting of Independent School District 748 was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Chair Jason Nies. Members present: Nies; Pamela Raden, clerk; Amanda Byrd, treasurer; Lesa Kramer, director; Patrick Marushin, director; and Jeff Schwiebert, superintendent. Members absent: Jeremy Snoberger, vice chair.

A motion was made by Raden and seconded by Kramer to APPROVE THE AGENDA AS PRESENTED. All in favor. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Marushin and seconded by Byrd to APPROVE CONSENT ITEMS A-E AS PRESENTED BELOW. All in favor. Motion carried.

a. Minutes of the regular school board meeting held on April 15, 2019

Minutes of the board work session held on April 11, 2019

b. Checks in the amount of \$2,131,699.27 as presented:

General Fund	1,685,679.60
Food Service Fund	173,650.80
Transportation Fund	191,530.14
Community Service Fund	38,232.01
Capital Expenditure Fund	42,053.26
Debt Service Fund	46.00
Summer Rec Agency Fund	507.46
Check numbers 175126 - 175423	

ACHs in the amount of \$7,721.50 as presented:

General Fund	7,152.71
Food Service Fund	451.88
Community Service Fund	116.91
ACH numbers 181900085-181900117	

Receipts in the amount of \$4,439,538.62 as presented:

General Fund	3,980,559.77
Food Service Fund	226,550.29
Transportation Fund	1,452.62
Community Service Fund	70,503.26
Capitl Expenditure Fund	72,293.79
Building Fund	8,397.39
Summer Rec Agency Fund	79,781.50
Receipts 45922 - 46054	

Wire transfers in the amount of \$10,184.95 as presented:

General Fund	432.05
Food Service Fund	5,620.35
Community Service Fund	1,325.39
Summer Rec Agency Fund	2,807.16
Wire transfers 201800068-201800073	

Building Fund Checks in the amount of \$2,396,968.39 as presented:

Building Fund	2,396,968.39
Check numbers 600529 to 600560	

c. Accept the following donations:

Sabres All Sport Booster Club, Sartell High School, \$1,559.00, winter strength and conditioning coach; Pine Meadow PTO, Pine Meadow Elementary, \$214.68, classroom supplies.

d. Accept the resignation of Alaina Anderson, SMS, special education teacher, end of 18-19 school year; Alyssa Bergland, SMS, lead building supervisor, 5/31/19; Marlene Burnett, SHS, AM cashier, 5/31/19; Michaela Carle, PME, special education teacher, end of 18-19 school year; Carly Law, SMS, para, 5/24/19; Kip Lynk, ORE, principal, 6/30/19; Jennifer Puncochar, SHS, health/physical education teacher, end of 18-19 school year; Mara Richardson, Early Childhood, child care attendant, 4/24/19. Kimberly Willis, SHS/SMS, social worker, end of 18-19 school year. Accept release of employment of Sarah Beckrich, Early Childhood/PME, child care attendant/student supervisor, 4/26/19.

e. Approval of Student Teacher Agreements with Alexandria Technical and Community College, Bethel University, Grand Canyon University and Luther College.

Student Representative Report: Eli Lawson and Yash Hindka, student representatives Lawson and Hindka reported on happenings around the district. Oak Ridge and Pine Meadow elementary schools are preparing for fourth-grade graduation and the PTO family picnic will be this Thursday. Sartell Middle school hosted the Math Masters competition on April 27 and students are performing their band and choir concerts. There was a celebration for MaryLou Westra’s 90th birthday on May 9 by students and staff. The Sartell High School Outdoor Dance was held inside due to the weather, with a special thanks to Courtney Snoberger for putting the senior slideshow together. Most section tournaments are in progress with tennis players advancing to day two.

Construction Manager Report on Building Process:

Construction Manager Lee Gruen reported cleaners are arriving to begin and will be starting in the music wing. The gymnasium floor is finished with final walk-through scheduled. The pool is completely full of water and at the correct warmth for temperature. The fitness and CNA rooms are having their flooring finished as level two rooms have all flooring completed. Painting is ongoing in the entire level one area, two more loads of kitchen equipment have arrived and sidewalks will start being poured.

Superintendent Report: Jeff Schwiebert, superintendent

Schwiebert reported a new education bill from this year’s legislative session should be out in the next 24 hours, with some changes to the equalization aids. The district is invited to attend the dedication of St. Cloud Orthopedics Field on June 11. The district received the Champion of Youth award from the Boys and Girls Club this year. The City of Sartell has approached the district and Technology Director Kyle Breitreutz on sharing some of his time during the next three months to help with the city’s technology. The city would pay the cost for his time.

MN ESSA – Graduation Rates Report:

District Assessment Coordinator Marie Pangerl reported on Sartell-St. Stephen School District 2018 Graduation Rates as related to Minnesota’s Every Student Succeeds Act.

District Language Instruction Educational Program (LIEP) Plan of Service Report:

Assistant Superintendent of Learning Services Kay Nelson and Sartell Middle School Assistant Principal Zach Dingmann reported on revisions made to the District Language Instruction Educational Program Plan of Service to meet Minnesota state requirements.

School Board Committee Report:

Treasurer Byrd reported on the Curriculum, Instruction and Advisory committee meeting she attended last month.

Director Marushin reported on the Facility Steering committee he attended.

Enrollment Report:

Superintendent Schwiebert reported on the current enrollment numbers for each school.

A motion was made by Marushin and seconded by Kramer to APPROVE #1-23:

New Employees/Changes:

Quinn Anderson, SHS, assistant gymnastics, \$4,208 (9.5 percent), BA, E (\$44,294), replacing Jennifer LaBonne, 11/11/2019; Laura Arndt, SMS, principal, \$103,573, Middle School, Step 4 replacing Kurt Stumpf, 7/1/2019; Elizabeth Brown-Neigum, PME, special education, \$52,945, BA30, Step F, replacing Michaela Carle, 8/21/2019; Briquelle Joseph, SHS, head gymnastics, \$4,924 (12.5 percent), BA, 00 (\$39,394), replacing Tyler LaBonne, 11/11/2019; Andrew Guthmiller, SHS, summer marching band drumline, \$3,649 (9.5 percent), BA, 0 (\$38,410), replacing Paul Benson, 5/20/2019; Kim Mitchell, SMS, 5/6 girls' swim, \$432 (2.25 percebt), BA, Step 0 (\$38,410), 50-percent contract, replacing Amelia Klemp, 4/15/2019; Lindsay Monson, SMS, fifth-grade English language arts, \$40,371, BA 0, Step A, replacing Mary Gruenes, 8/21/2019; Burton Ramsey, SMS, custodian, \$16.93, RIII, S1, eight hours/day, 260 days/year, replacing Beverly Wiebe, 5/13/2019; Alexandra Roos, SHS, ninth-grade girls' soccer, \$3,453 (8.35 percent), BA, B (\$41,353), replacing Megan Smallman, 8/12/2019; Leah Saldana, ORE, food service worker, \$15.27/hour, RI, S1, three hours/day, replacing Leah Saldana, 5/6/2019; Sue Sathre, SMS, 5/6 girls' swim, \$476 (2.25 percent), BA, Step C (\$42,334), 50-percent contract, replacing Jason Anderson’s 50-percent contract, 4/15/2019; Kelli Schramel, SMS, cook’s helper, \$19.80/hour, RII, S5,

6.75 hours/day, replacing Carol Williamson, 7/1/2019; Nathan Schultz, SHS, health/physical education, \$40,371, BA, Step A, replacing Cody Rose, 8/21/2019; Traci Schuneman, SHS, cook’s helper, \$19.80/hour, RII, S5, five hours/day, replacing Cindy Heins, 7/1/2019; David Thompson, SMS, music, \$50,601, MA, Step A, replacing Tiller Martin, 8/21/2019; Katelyn Watkin, SMS, summer marching band lead, \$1,287 (3.35 percent), BA, Step 0 (\$38,410), replacing Laura Johnson, 6/1/2019; Carol Williamson, ORE, cook, \$21.68/hour, RIV, S4, replacing Lois Villcheck, 7/1/2019.

New Employees – Pending Licensure:

Riane Reeb, ORE, special education, \$40,371, BA, Step A, replacing Nick Osowski, 8/21/19; Kasey Schall, SMS special education, \$40,371, BA, Step A, replacing Alaina Anderson, 8/21/19.

Leaves of Absence:

Amay Ayyub, SMS, para, LOA, 5/20/19-5/31/19; Sue Kutz, SMS, para, LOA, 5/20/19-5/31/19; Angela Seutter, PME, teacher, LOA, 2019-20 school year; Nancy Sutherland, PME, media assistant, LOA, 2019-20 school year.

All in favor. Motion carried.  
A motion was made by Raden and seconded by Byrd to APPROVE OAK RIDGE ELEMENTARY BUILDING BE DESIGNATED AS A PRE-K THROUGH K EARLY LEARNING CENTER AND PINE MEADOW ELEMENTARY BUILDING BE DESIGNATED AS A GRADES 1-2 SCHOOL. All in favor. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Marushin and seconded by Kramer to APPROVE THE 2019-2020 DISTRICT 748 LITERACY PLAN READING WELL BY THIRD GRADE. All in favor. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Kramer and seconded by Marushin to APPROVE THE RESOLUTIONS TO NON-RENEW THE PROBATIONARY CONTRACTS AS PRESENTED FOR NATHAN BERTHELSEN, TILLER MARTIN, SEAN MINDER, NICK OSOWSKI, JACOB SMITH, RACHEL WESTRUP and MARYBETH WOODRUFF. All in favor. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Raden and seconded by Byrd to APPROVE REVISIONS TO POLICIES 601, 602, 603, 604 AND 607. All in favor. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Marushin and seconded by Kramer to APPROVE FEB. 18, 2019 AND APRIL 22, 2019 AS REGULAR SCHOOL DAYS FOR THE LOSS OF THE INSTRUCTIONAL DAYS OF JAN. 29, 30, 31; FEB. 8, 20; MARCH 11. ALSO RECOMMEND JUNE 1 WILL BE A HALF-DAY WORKSHOP DAY OF PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT. JUNE 2 WILL BE A BUILDING STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY AT ALL BUILDINGS WITH THE EXCEPTION OF THE HIGH SCHOOL, WHICH WILL USE IT AS A MOVING DAY. JUNE 3 WILL BE A HALF DAY OF PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND THERE WILL BE SIX HOURS OF FLEXIBLE PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT FOR CERTIFIED STAFF. All in favor. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Raden and seconded by Byrd TO APPROVE AWARDING CONTRACTS AND ALTERNATES TO LOW BIDS FOR SARTELL EXISTING HIGH SCHOOL TO MIDDLE SCHOOL REMODEL BID PACKAGES AS RECOMMENDED:  
Contract 1: General Carpentry/

Selective Demo; Yamry Construction; \$404,213

Contract 2: Concrete Work Cutting and Removals; Central Minnesota Concrete Cutting; \$62,941

Contract 3: Concrete Work; DRSC Concrete; \$84,745

Contract 5: Structural Steel/Misc. Metals – Material \*\*Tax Exempt\*\*; Construction Systems; \$98,828

Contract 7: Architectural Case-work; Interior Components Group; \$269,316

Contract 8: Metal Roof Panels/Roof Patching; McDowall Co.; \$824,500

Contract 9: Firestopping/Joint Sealants; Sunrise Specialty; \$27,100

Contract 10: Frame/Doors/Hardware, Materials ONLY \*\*Tax Exempt\*\*; Mid Central Doors; \$84,027

Contract 11: Aluminum Entrances/Windows/Glazing; Heartland Glass; \$481,605

Contract 12: Gypsum Systems; R&H Drywall; \$365,000

Contract 13: Tile; Mid State Tile; \$24,295

Contract 14: Acoustical Ceilings; St. Cloud Acoustics; \$500,275

Contract 15: Floor Coverings; Commercial Flooring Systems; \$681,610

Contract 16: Fluid Applied Flooring; ITS Flooring; \$24,000

Contract 17: Painting/Wall Coverings; Admiral Coatings; \$258,000

Contract 18: Accessories, Materials ONLY \*\*Tax Exempt\*\*; Construction Supply; \$2,027

Contract 19: Signage; Northwest Signage; \$7,000

Contract 20: Visual Display Boards, Materials ONLY \*\*Tax Exempt\*\*; Bartley Sales; \$38,150

Contract 21: Operable Partitions; Skold Specialty; \$11,120

Contract 23: Laboratory Equipment; Cosney Corp.; \$10,500

Contract 25: Window Shades; MCI Carpet One; \$7,635

Contract 26: Laboratory Case-work; Cosney Corp.; \$276,875

Contract 27: Fire Protection; Summit Fire Protection; \$59,850

Contract 28: Mechanical and Plumbing; Weidner Mechanical; \$1,461,500

Contract 29: Electrical; Design Electric; \$812,219

Contract 30: Sitework/Site Utilities; Molitor Excavating; \$35,595

Contract 31: Landscaping/Retaining Walls; VanOrt Services; \$7,373

The total value of contracts to be awarded is \$6,919,099.

The following Contracts did not receive bids and will be awarded at a later date:

Contact 4: Masonry

Contract 6: Structural Steel/Misc. Metals-Installation

Contract 22: Residential Equipment

Contract 24: Performing Arts Equipment.

The estimated value of these contracts is \$472,972

Alternate 30: New HVAC Control System for the UHL Co.; \$606,950; Existing Middle School

All in favor. Motion carried.

Schedule Work Session and Committee Meetings:

Future Board Work Session - Monday, June 3 at District Service Center - 6:30 p.m.

Future Board Meeting - Monday, June 17 at District Service Center - 5 p.m.

Committee assignments were reviewed.

A motion to ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 7:23 p.m. was made by Raden and seconded by Marushin. All in favor. Motion carried.

/s/ Pamela Raden, Clerk

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## Wednesday, July 3

- 5 p.m.** Bingo, Games, Food and Refreshments (on parish grounds)
- 5:50 p.m.** Festival Opening Prayer
- 6 p.m.** Free "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  
sponsored by Bernick's
- 10:30 p.m.** Brat Pack Radio

## Church of St. Joseph Parish July Fourth Celebration

## Tuesday, July 4

- 10 a.m.** Parade sponsored by the Lions Club
- 11 a.m.** Bingo, Games, Food and Refreshments (on parish grounds)
- 11:30 a.m.** Live Music: Smok'N Guns Band
- 1:30 p.m.** Quilt Auction
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