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Summer wish list completed

Sartell Community Education's summer wish list needs have been fulfilled. Summer programming is ending and they have enough toilet paper rolls, newspapers and egg cartons.

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Catholic Charities Emergency Services program has several weekly opportunities for volunteers. Check-out, clothing support, donation door assistant, food-shelf guide and other positions are available. These opportunities are at 157 Roosevelt Road, Suite 100, in St. Cloud. Register at <http://ccstcloud.org/volunteer> or contact Michelle at 320-2259-4586 or michelle.callahan@ccstcloud.org.

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Sartell celebrates Hockeyville prize money

by Mike Knaak
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To thank the community for the runner-up finish in the Kraft Hockeyville contest, Sartell hockey boosters hosted a community thank you July 16 at Bernick's Arena.

The event featured free food including hot dogs and pizza before presentation of the \$10,000 prize money won in the contest.

Bernick's arena was the only Minnesota arena to advance as a finalist. Hockeyville is an annual competition sponsored by Kraft Foods, the National Hockey League and the NHL Players' Association, in which communities compete to demonstrate their commitment to hockey.

The award will be put toward the rink's capital campaign currently underway. In April, the rink received a lead campaign gift from Scheels All Sports and is now developing plans for construction.



photo by Mike Knaak

Aliya Simpson dishes up free House of Pizza slices to people gathered for the Kraft Hockeyville event July 16 at Bernick's Arena.

School board approves fall levy vote

by Mike Knaak
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Sartell-St. Stephen school district voters will be asked a second time to approve an operating levy.

The measure will be put to voters in a special election on Nov. 5, 2019. If approved, it would raise \$1.77 million a year for 10 years.

Last fall, voters turned down a similar proposal. That outcome resulted in cutbacks that affected class size, staffing and delaying or canceling proposed instructional and program plans.

This proposal has a lower

tax impact because of legislative changes in state funding. Of the \$1.77 million, approximately 36 percent would be state aid and 64 percent would be local property tax levy.

The school district is in the middle of a realignment of buildings and grades. This fall, the new high school will open.

During the school year, the current high school building will be closed while it is converted for middle school students. For the 2020-21 school year, the current middle school will welcome third- through fifth-graders and middle school students will attend the converted high school. The cur-

rent elementary schools, Oak Ridge and Pine Meadow, will serve the district's youngest students. Pre-kindergarten and kindergarten students will attend Oak Ridge and first- and second-graders will attend Pine Meadow.

Operating five schools will increase costs in 2020-21 to almost \$1 million.

Here's how the plan will affect taxpayers yearly, according to the district.

Owners of \$100,000 property will see a \$74.30/year increase.

Taxes on a \$200,000 property will increase \$148.60.

On a \$300,000 property,

taxes will increase \$229.90.

For agricultural property, the taxes would be based on the value of the house, garage and surrounding one acre of land. There will be no referendum taxes paid on the value of other agricultural lands and buildings.

The district plans neighborhood informational meetings as well as posting information on the district website, Superintendent Jeff Schwiebert said. The presentations will provide more information comparing the Sartell-St. Stephen tax rate to surrounding districts.

If the levy fails, the district

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Drawdown set to start, plantings to begin

by Dennis Dalman
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At long last, the Little Rock Lake and Mississippi River drawdown project is about to begin – on Thursday, Aug. 1.

On that day, the Sartell dam will be opened to decrease lake and river water levels by three feet, a process that will take about 30 hours. The levels will remain low for about six weeks, to mid-September. About 700 acres will be exposed to air and sunlight during the drawdown. Beneficial plants

known as emergents will then be planted in the exposed areas. The shipments of many thousands of the emergents will be delivered to the Little Rock Lake Association for volunteers and shoreline residents to plant in the first few days after the drawdown begins.

Residents of the lake and river will still be able to use the water for recreation and for fishing. However, the Department of Natural Resources is advising boaters to be extra vigilant, on the lookout for rocks and other objects that will be exposed because of the

lower water levels. Public accesses will remain open as the DNR does maintenance on them.

People of the area will notice a very unpleasant smell of rotting algae – the sulphurous odor of rotting eggs.

The drawdown, which was in the planning stages for nearly 10 years, was slated to begin last August, but it had to be delayed to do more research that would satisfy federal rules and regulations.

Why the drawdown? The answer, in two words, is “green
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This photo, taken at Little Rock Lake, shows the slime-green algae bloom that has long plagued the lake.

Levy

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will need to make cuts to balance its budget. Those cuts could include larger class sizes and cuts to planned programs and services.

Because of recent legislation, agricultural taxpayers will see their taxes for paying off the high school debt go down in the next four years.

"We need these dollars to support our kids," Schwiebert said. "We want to do things to maintain our quality status."



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July 10

8 p.m. Shoplifting. CR 120. A business reported juveniles shoplifting. Officers detained and cited the juveniles for shoplifting. The juveniles were released into the custody of their parents.

July 11

10:10 p.m. Traffic stop. CR 1. An officer on patrol had to hit

the brakes to avoid a collision as another vehicle failed to yield to the right-of-way. The officer stopped the vehicle and it was discovered the driver only possessed an instruction permit. No valid driver was in the vehicle. The officer cited the driver for the permit violation and gave a verbal warning for failing to yield. A valid driver arrived and drove from there.

July 12

10:15 p.m. Traffic stop. CR 120. An officer witnessed a vehicle with a license-plate light out. Stopping the vehicle, it was discovered all three occupants in the vehicle had warrants for their arrest. The three were arrested and transported to Stearns County Jail. Marijuana and paraphernalia were also found in the vehicle. The individuals were cited for those infractions.

Blotter

July 13

3:30 p.m. Marijuana possession. CR 120. Officers were dispatched to possible gunshots coming from a park area. When entering the park, the officer noticed individuals were smoking what appeared to be marijuana. Two individuals admitted to smoking marijuana. The officer cited them both for the infraction. Because one was a juvenile, that individual's parents were notified.

July 14

12:10 p.m. Hit and run. First Street NE. Officers were dispatched to a hit-and-run involving a vehicle that hit a business. The individual left the scene prior to officers arriving, however the business took information about the individual leading to an accurate identification. Officers found the vehicle issued a citation for the damage, driving after revocation and failing to provide proof of insurance.

July 15

11 p.m. Threat. CR 120. Officers were dispatched to a threat made against an employee regarding an individual losing a backpack at the business. The employee was not in possession of the backpack, but the individual made accusations that he was. Officers are working with the business to identify the individual.

July 16

7:50 a.m. Traffic stop. 13th Avenue N. An officer witnessed a vehicle speeding. The officer stopped the vehicle and issued the driver a citation for the infraction.

July 17

5 p.m. DWI. 12th Street N. A passerby called concerned about an individual in a vehicle in the park. Officers noticed the driver was impaired. The officer placed the individual under arrest for DWI and transported him to Stearns County Jail.

July 18

10:25 p.m. Traffic stop. Sixth Street N. An officer witnessed a vehicle driving erratically. Stopping the vehicle, the officer warned the driver about his driving conduct and cited the driver for having a passenger in the vehicle that was not wearing a seatbelt.

July 19

10 p.m. Domestic. 11th Street N. Officers answered a physical domestic call. One person had neck injuries. The person responsible was arrested and taken to Stearns County jail.

July 20th

8:50 p.m. DWI. CR 29. A driver was slumped over in a vehicle at the intersection. The driver was arrested for DWI. The person's spouse arrived and took the juvenile passengers home.

July 21

8:05 p.m. Domestic. Greenwood Lane. A person reported being slapped and chased by another person in a vehicle. Officers arrived after the vehicle had left. Officers are working with other police departments to locate the individual.

July 22

3:05 a.m. Warrant service. Lowell Lane. Officers working with the Violent Offender Task Force conducted a warrant service on a residence. Officers took into custody the party they were looking for and transported that person to Stearns County Jail.

July 23

1:35 p.m. Domestic. Sunset Avenue. Officers were dispatched about two individuals fighting. Officers met with both individuals and determined one had assaulted the other during the fight. One individual was arrested for domestic assault and transported to St. Cloud Hospital for evaluation prior to being taken to Stearns County Jail.

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Three baseball players honored

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Three Sartell High School baseball players were recently honored – but not for their on-field skills.

The three were recognized by Diamond King Baseball (formerly Hardball Hotel Baseball) for their traits of humility, accountability, resiliency and discipline.

The awards were presented at a July 21 St. Cloud Rox game.

Jake Schlelonka, a senior, was awarded for humility. Riley Ahrndt, a senior, was honored for accountability.

A third Sartell student, Dylan Notsch, received honorable mention.

The players were nominated by baseball coach Jerome Nemanich.

The Diamond King Award is a major-league-size bat produced by Delano Bats, and is engraved with the player's name, school and character trait. Including this year's class, 30 high school baseball players have been honored with the



Schlelonka

Ahrndt

award.

Nemanich's nomination described Schelonka as a "hard-working, positive ball player on the field. In our conference, we've faced really tough pitching, and have been in a lot of one-run games. Jake has been on both sides of the wins and losses and has handled both with class. I run a program in the summer called Sandlot, where high school players pitch to kids in grades kindergarten through sixth grade. Jake is the most personable player toward the younger kids, and they respect him. He has a knack for working with youth, using both his love for the game of baseball and his patience with kids."

About Ahrndt, Nemanich

said "what really stands out to me about Riley when it comes to accountability and discipline is his work ethic in the off-season. This past fall, he made the decision to work out with the hockey team, and he's not even a part of that program. It was a physical workout program, and not something he was required to do. He's a very competitive kid, and a good teammate who wants to win. When it comes to accountability, I remember losing a one-run game against Alexandria, but the next night, with the same pitcher on the mound and Riley playing short, Riley came in to the mound, told our pitcher, 'We got this one,' and it helped our pitcher get the final five outs and get us the win."

All three plan to play college baseball. Schelonka and Ahrndt plan to attend St. Scholastica. Notsch will attend University of Wisconsin-Platteville.

Alec Dietl, a Foley High School junior, was honored for resiliency and Luke Imdieke, a junior from Osakis High School, was honored for discipline.

Bid awarded for 7th Street project

by Dennis Dalman
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Low bidder C & L Excavating of St. Joseph was awarded its bid for the improvements of a Safe Routes to School project in the Seventh Street area of Sartell.

At its July 8 meeting, the City Council voted to accept the base bid of \$1,603,722 from the St. Joseph company. Upon recommendations from staff, the council rejected a bid alternate of \$415,443 that would have replaced and updated street crossings

because there are already crosswalk signs at those places.

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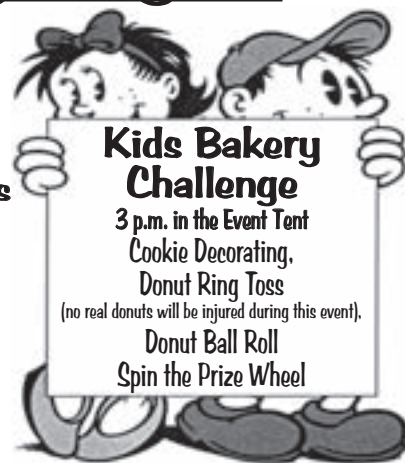
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Drawdown

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slime” (blooms of detrimental algae caused by excess nutrients such as phosphorus). That problem makes Little Rock Lake virtually unfit for recreation and detrimental to fish, migrating birds and wildlife. The lower water levels will expose lake/river areas to oxygen and sunlight, causing “bad” vegetation to die off, and beneficial plants can then establish themselves in those areas – vegetation that can absorb and process nutrients in the water, thus increasing water clarity and making the areas good for fish, birds and wildlife.

The drawdown, the DNR explained, is actually a kind of artificial man-made drought. For thousands of years, the Mississippi River underwent natural drought cycles that would kill off undesirable vegetation and create stability in sediments. But river dams changed all that, interfering with the natural cycles or water-and-

droughts. The Sartell dam was constructed in 1907. That caused the Little Rock Lake area, which was just a stream-fed watershed basin, to fill with water, raising its level and creating a lake there.

Little Rock Lake is 2.27 square miles in size. Its average depth is 8 feet. Its deepest depth is about 28 feet. In the past, various “remedies” were attempted with the goal of reducing undesirable nutrients that cause algal blooms. Such attempts included alternate farming methods in the watershed area, irrigation, manure management and septic-system upgrades. Those things helped somewhat, but in time the lake problems became so bad that the lake became unswimmable, at times foul smelling and so filled with algae that it could actually kill a dog that would wander into the water.

The drawdown will cost about \$200,000 and is being done by the DNR, with input from the Little Rock Lake Association, Eagle Creek Energy (owner of the hydroelectric dam) and many other civic organizations and individuals.

People



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Sartell Swarm 12U softball team players (front row, from left) Natalie Gill and Adyson Braegelman and Mia Johnson; (middle row) Caitlyn Hollenkamp, Hailey Kuznia, Gretchen Schroers, Kennedi Gack, Marni Koosmann, Gwen Latunski, Hailey Kubinski and Aubrey Jeanotte; and Coaches Mike Jeanotte, Jason Koosmann and Ryan Cross. Not pictured Abigail Sanborn and Reagan Hengel.

Sartell Swarm 12U softball team, coached by Mike Jeanotte, Jason Koosmann and Ryan Cross, took first place at the 2019 St. Cloud League Tournament on July 13 at Whitney Fields.

Seven Sartell students were recently named to the spring semester dean's list at the College of St. Benedict, St. Joseph. They are the following: **Amelia Barkley, Madison Flaherty, Shelby Hall, Breanna Hess, Lindsey Hoeschen, Tiana Mick and Hannah Wohletz.**

Students must have a minimum grade-point average of at least 3.80.

Zachary Fisher of Sartell recently graduated with a bachelor's degree in physics, mathematics and computer science from Drake University, Des Moines, Iowa.

Hannah Brennan of Sartell started clinical studies to become a doctor of physical therapy at the University of North Dakota, Grand Forks. She received her white coat at the Entrance Into Professional Service Ceremony on July 11.

Dr. Sara Cuperus of Sartell's Chiropractic Performance Center was one of 20 providers on an international care team for the CSIT World Sports Games in Tortosa, Spain, to provide sports chiropractic care to the 3,500 athletes participating in the games. The World Sports Games took place July 2-7. She was one of six women chiropractors on the team and one of three from Minnesota.

Two Sartell students have been named to the spring semester dean's list at St. Olaf College, Northfield. The students are **Jacob Franzmeier**

and **Lizzy Minnerath**. The dean's list recognizes students with a grade-point average of 3.75 or higher.



Fischbach

Michelle Fischbach has joined the Central Minnesota Builders Association as the Government Affairs director. Fischbach served as the lieutenant governor in 2018 and president of the State Senate in 2017-18 and 2011-12. She was elected to the Senate in 1996. She will be working part time at the CMBA office to maintain a working relationship with elected officials and agencies as well as with counterparts at the city, county, state and national levels on matters that affect the industry and CMBA members.

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Bench project earns Berndt Eagle honor

by **Dennis Dalman**
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Sartell Boy Scout **Anthony Berndt**, 15, who will receive his Eagle Scout badge this fall, was thanked by the Sartell City Council for all of his work installing benches at Sauk River Regional Park.

At the July City Council meeting, Berndt outlined the work he did for his bench project.

The bench project was his community project, which is one of the criteria for earning the Eagle Scout honor. After talking with city staff, Berndt decided that placing three swing benches in that park would be



Berndt

a good idea. He then began the long process of fundraising and enlisting help. Many other scouts in Berndt's Sartell Troop 211 joined to work on the installation of benches, as did Berndt's family members. First, concrete bases were poured. After the concrete cured for a week, the benches were installed at the end of June. One is at the trailhead of the park. The other two are about 20 feet apart along the trail, close to the Sauk River.

The entire project cost about \$2,000. The benches are made of light-brown polywood, a hard plastic that resembles wood, which makes them virtually maintenance-free.

Each bench, which cost \$600 each, was sponsored by the following: the Sartell-St. Stephen chapter of the Knights of Columbus, Medical Arts Dental and members of Berndt's extended family.

Other funds needed for supplies, such as concrete, were provided by Pediatric Dentistry, BankVista and Walmart.

Berndt is the son of Jodi and Jodi Berndt of Sartell. He has three siblings – Ethan, Emily and Andrew.



Money Saving Tips

Every responsible pet owner realizes their four-legged friend is a commitment. In addition to annual wellness checks, there are often emergencies. The American Veterinary Medical Association reports cost of pet care is increasing due to advances in medical technology. For this reason, they suggest acquiring pet health insurance.

Of course, you should ask your local provider for thorough details regarding what is covered, if premiums increase as your pet ages and if you can choose your own veterinarian. Read on for other considerations you should make when planning on how to afford the wellness of your pet.

CUTTING COSTS WITH REGULAR CARE

Most veterinarians urge owners to complete annual wellness exams and vaccinations to help

avoid expensive emergencies. A benefit to these checkups is finding issues early, before they become serious problems. Not only will treatments be more affordable, your pet will have a better chance of overcoming a medical scare with proper care.

The AVMA suggests these tests and procedures should be completed regularly to maintain a healthy quality of life.

- Annual Vaccinations

- Heartworm Exams
- Fecal Parasite Tests
- Dental Evaluations

It's important to adjust the frequency of your visits based on a vet's recommendations. As your pet matures or begins developing health problems, the number of exams they require may need to be increased. Remember, promoting a healthy lifestyle is the best route to avoid expensive emergency situations.

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51 quilts to be auctioned at St. Stephen festival

by Cori Hilsgen
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If you missed out on getting the highest bid at a recent quilt auction, you still have a chance to pick and choose from a large selection of quilts at the St. Stephen Catholic Church's annual parish festival which will be 11 a.m.-7 p.m. on Monday, Sept. 2 (Labor Day).

At the festival, attendees will have a chance to purchase or win any of the 51 quilts the St. Stephen Quilting Group has been busy creating and stitching for the festival. These quilts which include 25 queen/king and 26 baby/youth and twin-sized quilts will either be auctioned, sold or raffled at the festival.

The quilt auction will be at 2 p.m. and 10 quilts will be raffled by chances.

Liz Legatt and Barb Nathe are the co-chairs of the festival's quilt stand.

"Hand quilting is an art," Liz said. "Thanks to everyone who helped me work on the quilts this year including Jeanette Trobec, Ruth Vouk, Carole Mehr, Barb Nathe, Jay Seaton, La Vonne Legatt, Cindy Swenson, Rosie Keul and Ruth Supan. Also thanks to our auction quilt holders Alex Legatt, Matthew Hellmann, Candice Koopmeiners and Peter Schumer."

The quilt tops are assembled and sewn together by



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Co-chairs of the St. Stephen Quilting Group Barb Nathe (left) and Liz Legatt hold a pheasant and maple leaf quilt that they pieced and the group hand-stitched, which will be auctioned at 2 p.m. This quilt and 50 other quilts will be available for purchase or to win at the Monday, Sept. 2 (Labor Day) annual Catholic Church parish festival.

Liz Legatt, Barb Nathe, Mehr, Annette Grebinoski and Lori Nathe. Liz Legatt, Mehr, Seaton, Swenson and Trobec sew the binding on the quilts.

"What a wonderful group of people we have for quilters," Barb said.

"We get along so well, it's a great winter project and we look forward to getting together every Monday," Mehr said. "We share quilting tips and learn new tricks."

"I can't quilt very fast, but the sit-down job is great for me," Supan said.

"We have lots of fun and it goes for a great cause," Seaton said.

Liz Legatt is the youngest quilter and Vouk is the oldest, having recently turned 90. Among the group, Vouk is considered the youngest at

heart and is known for her tiny "perfect" little stitches done with a very tiny needle.

"I enjoy quilting with the ladies," Vouk said. "Also, just seeing what our next quilt top will be, there is also a surprise to it. The girls do such a great job."

Trobec is a more detailed person and often gives good suggestions to encourage the rest of the group to do a little extra sewing.

"Gets me out of the house and I love to be with the ladies," she said. "We tell some fun jokes and laugh a lot."

The quilts are hand-stitched by the quilters. Liz Legatt said it varies on what type of quilt the quilters want to work on. Together, they decide what type of quilts to make by

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Father, son muscle-car racers win at Brainerd

by Dennis Dalman
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“Like father like son” describes Gary and Nate Olson of Sartell to a T. Both work at the same place and both emerged as winners, once again, at the Muscle Car Series Show & Go event at Brainerd International Speedway July 5-7.

Driving his trusty 1979 deep-blue Camaro, Nate Olson was tops in the Strip Eliminator 2 class, beating five drivers, one at a time, in the elimination rounds on Saturday, then earning champion status Sunday by defeating the sixth contender, Mike Brandt of Lexington. He was also runner-up in the Street Car Showdown class.

A total of 73 cars and drivers competed in the Eliminator 2 class.

Like his son, Gary Olson also won in an eliminator class – Strip Eliminator 1 in the final round, winning over Roger Peterson of Osage. Gary was also a runner-up in the 11.50 Index class.

At the events of late last year and early this year, Nate also won big-time, defeating driver after driver in the Strip Eliminator 2 class at both events, the 12.50 Index class twice, once at each event and the Index Championship class once. Also earlier this year, he was a runner-up in the Index Class Eliminator category. His cumulative racing record is now 33-2.

Like his father, Nate, 22, has been racing for nearly six years and is piling up win after win, just as Gary did some years ago when he was driving the Camaro that Nate now races. Gary, in recent years, has been racing with his 1971 spring-green Nova, the car that just had to come back to Gary. At one time the Nova was another of the Olson cars. It was, in fact, the very car in which Gary drove to his own wedding. The car was sold later, but long after it was sold Olson happened to come across the Nova once again and happily bought it back from its latest owner. It was like the return of a long-lost friend.

The Olsons compete with other drag racers in what is known as



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Nate Olson's Camaro roars down a drag racetrack at Brainerd International Speedway.



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Gary Olson stands in front of his muscle-car racer, a 1971 spring-green Nova.

“bracket racing,” in which speed is not as important as a driver's skills – how the car is handled, reaction times, consistency, intense concentration and other factors that can even include how humidity can affect the car.

Before each race, a driver selects what's called a “dial-in” time based on intricate knowledge of the car. A dial-in time is the time estimated at when the car will cross the finish line. That time is then noted on the exterior of the car. The car with a slower estimated time gets a bit of a green-light headstart. The driver who finishes closest to his dial-in time in the fourth-mile drag race wins. The difference in finish times is often as slim as 4,000ths of a second, making ties virtually impossible.



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Nate Olson with his deep-blue 1979 Camaro behind him, the very car with which his father, Gary, won so many races in years past.

A typical dial-in time might be, say, 14 seconds from starting line to finish line.

“It's a real struggle to get that dial-time,” Nate said, “because so many factors – even the temperature and humidity can affect it. But that's the fun of it. Without the competition, racing would be boring. And the camaraderie among all the drivers is great. We all share good, positive experiences. The concentration you need in bracket racing is stressful but also thrilling.”

Gary and Nate Olson both work as diesel mechanics – different shifts – at the Gator Truck Center, a Volvo dealership in Sauk Rapids.

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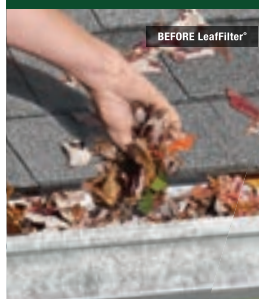
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Community Education connects everything Sartell

by Mike Knaak
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This summer, Sartell Community Education moved to the Community Center where the staff is operating, managing and scheduling activities.

"We want to improve on what's here already and connect everything Sartell," said Community Education Director Kris O'Brien.

Summer recreational and daytime enrichment camps have filled the center and kept the staff busy, serving 518 children at the Community Center, according to Ann Doyscher-Domres, program coordinator.

As the summer programs wind down, community education's new program catalog will be mailed in mid-August to every household in the school district.

Doyscher-Domres said plans include more events such as family gym time, story time in the library and age-group specific activities. Plans also include yoga, volleyball and water coloring.

Adult basis education and English as a Second Language classes are planned for the center.

Doyscher-Domres said an improved check-in and ID process is being planned to let staff



photo by Mike Knaak

"Sartell's Big Three," by Randy Asseln, hangs in the community center office.

know who is in the building in case of emergency.

While community education operates the building, including rentals, the city of Sartell continues to do maintenance and cleaning.

Planning for special events continues including looking for new features for the holiday lights festival and scheduling performers for the recently completed stage overlooking Lake Francis.

The community education staff of four is getting settled in the building by doing some painting and adding local art-

work, such as "Sartell's Big Three," by St. Stephen artist Randy Asseln.

Asseln's image started with a photograph of the paper mill, dam and DeZurik, taken about 10 years ago, before the mill fire. Asseln digitally painted the photograph, reproduced the image on canvas and framed it.

It's fitting artwork for O'Brien's goal of connecting everything Sartell.

"We want to make this a destination where the community gathers," she said.

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New Sartell city website makes debut

by Dennis Dalman
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The city of Sartell has a stunning new website that features aerial views of the city, scenic photos, snazzy graphics and oodles of information.

At the July 8 City Council meeting, the website garnered kudos from the council. Brady Andel thanked all

of the staff involved with the design and implementation of the site, calling it “user-friendly” and “great.” Mike Chisum said it’s “a phenomenal job” and gave particular thanks to Nate Keller, city planner; and Becky Wicklund, IT and account specialist for the city.

The slogan of the site is “Small Town Charm, Big Op-

portunities.”

Its general categories are Around, Residents, Visitors, Government, Business and Resources.” By clicking on any of those, other categories to explore appear in a drop-down menu.

For example, under Around, there are “Athletic Fields & Venues, Attractions & Events, Community Center,

The Library, Community Gardens, Education, Golf, Parks & Trails.” Some of those also have sub-categories, along with lots of colorful photos.

Other categories on the top tool bar are “Search, Contact Us, E-Forms, City Code, Meter Reading and Pay Water Bill.”

To check out the new site, go to sartellmn.com.

PUBLIC NOTICE

CITY OF ST. STEPHEN BUDGET PLANNING MEETING

The City of St. Stephen City Council will hold its 2020 Budget Planning Meeting on Wednesday, Aug. 21, 2019. The meeting will begin at 6 p.m.

/s/ Cris M. Drais
St. Stephen City Clerk

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Community Calendar

Is your event listed? Send your information to: Newsleader Calendar, 1622 11th Ave. SE., St. Cloud, MN 56304., e-mail it to news@thenewsleaders.com. Most events are listed at no cost. Those events are typically free or of minimal charge for people to attend. Some events, which have paid advertising in the Newsleaders, are also listed in the calendar and may charge more.

Friday, July 26
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Benton County Museum,

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

Thursday, Aug. 1
Coffee and Conversation, a senior discussion group, 9 a.m., Sartell Community Center, 850 19th St. S. Speaker: Jayme Steinbach, food service director for Sartell-St. Stephen schools.

Friday, Aug. 2
Benton County Museum,
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Sartell Lions Club, 6:30 p.m., upstairs of Blue Line Sports Bar andGrill, 1101 Second St. S., Sartell. 320-267-2591.

Sartell Planning Commission, 6:30 p.m., Sartell City Hall, 125 Pinecone Road N.

Tuesday, Aug. 6
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ries. 10 a.m., Stearns History Museum, 235 33rd Ave. S, St Cloud.

Wednesday, Aug. 7
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St. Stephen City Council, 6:30 p.m., St. Stephen City Hall, 2 Sixth Ave SE.

Thursday, Aug. 8
Coffee and Conversation, a senior discussion group, 9 a.m., Sartell Community Center, 850 19th St. S. Speakers: Karen Salzl, Minnesota Telephone Equipment Distribution and Dane Leonard, DHHS specialist.

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Day of reckoning for Rep. Emmer

The day of reckoning is at hand for Rep. Tom Emmer.

He must choose if he endorses Donald Trump's racism or if he will stand with his constituents.

Emmer's past positions as well as current statements push Emmer to pick a side.

Donald Trump's latest Twitter tirade attacked four women of color who are members of Congress. One of those is Rep. Ilhan Omar, who represents Minnesota's 5th District, adjacent to Emmer's 6th District.

Trump wrote the four women should "go back" to the "totally broken and crime-infested places from which they came." If they don't like it here, they should leave, implying only European immigrants or their descendants are entitled to criticize the country.

Days later, at a rally in Greenville, North Carolina, the mostly white crowd chanted "send her back" about a black woman while Trump remained silent on stage and let the chant wash over him. That rally, attended by few people of color in a city that is more than 30 percent nonwhite, fueled more outrage.

The Greenville chant was too much for Emmer and the next day he said, "There's no place for that kind of talk. I don't agree with that."

But he couldn't go all the way. Emmer added "There's not a racist bone in this president's body. What he was trying to say, he said wrong. What he was trying to say is if you don't appreciate this country you don't have to be here. That goes for every one of us."

He should have stopped with the first two sentences. But he had to show his loyalty to Team Trump. Emmer needs Trump for the 2020 election, not so much for the 6th District, but in his new national role.

Emmer is chairman of the National Republican Congressional Committee. That position means he's tasked with raising money, finding candidates and winning enough seats to give Republicans control of the House.

Emmer's job will be tougher if Trump sees him as a wobbly supporter.

Two days before criticizing Trump's words, Emmer voted against a resolution in the House condemning Trump's racism. By voting no, Emmer implicitly endorsed Trump's tweets.

But four years ago, "send her back" wasn't on Emmer's agenda. Along with Rep. Keith Ellison (who preceded Omar as 5th District representative), Emmer announced the creation of the Congressional Somalia Caucus. Like Ellison, Omar is Muslim, but unlike Ellison, she immigrated from Somalia and became a U.S. citizen.

"We are proud to announce the formation of the Congressional Somalia Caucus," Emmer and Ellison said. "As Somalia emerges from decades of violent conflict and humanitarian crises, we are committed to assisting the Somali government to build on economic and security gains they have achieved. This assistance is vital to Somalia's continued progress and to the United States' national security."

This is the key paragraph from the two Minnesota representatives:

"Together, we represent some of the largest Somali-American communities in the United States; for us and the constituents we represent, Somalia is not a far-off foreign policy issue, it's a matter of domestic policy and national security. We are committed to advocating on behalf of all of our constituents while ensuring Somalia has the tools it needs to create strong democratic institutions that provide safety and economic opportunity to its people."

Emmer needs to remember the words written with Ellison and the people he represents. He should stand with those words and not with the words of Trump.

Trump may not have a racist bone in his body, but Trump's words prove he has a racist mind and racist heart.

A census undercount hurts us all

Proposing a citizenship question on the 2020 Census is nothing but yet again another bright shiny object that distracts us from the real issue – the purpose of the census and the importance of an accurate account.

An inaccurate count threatens our voice in government at all levels and could rob us of government funding for programs we all depend on. Rather than asking people if they are citizens, we should do everything we can to support 100-percent participation in the count.

The citizenship question thrills the "Make America White Again" crowd but for policy and practice it's useless and actually a danger.

Article 1, Section 2, of the Constitution specifically dictates why, how and when the count takes place. Congress has delegated the actual work to the Department of Commerce and the "enumeration" takes place every 10 years.

The census is a count of who is here and where they live. The data lists who lives in a residence, their age, gender, relationship, race and ethnicity.

From that data, political boundaries are set for everything from members of Congress to members of city councils. In addition, funding for all types of government programs, including education, health and transportation, rests on a true count.

And here's what's wrong about pushing the citizenship question: the Constitution demands an "enumeration" – a count – without mentioning citizenship.

Including the question would deter many immigrants and their families, both legal and undocumented, from

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filling out and returning their census forms.

Anything that discourages full participation hurts all of us. In census lingo, that's an undercount – tallies that are lower than the actual number of people living here.

If there's an undercount in Minnesota, we could lose a member of Congress to another state where the population has grown faster or produced a more accurate count. Instead of eight members in the House of Representatives, we could end up with seven. The redrawn district lines might place Central Minnesota in a congressional district that stretches to Moorhead and International Falls. With fewer representatives, citizens of Minnesota would have less clout in Washington.

In the Legislature, district shapes and sizes would change. Cities and other places with an undercount would be disproportionately under-represented.

In the Electoral College, Minnesota has 10 votes. With one less member of Congress, we'd have one less Electoral Vote, making us less important in future presidential campaigns. If you don't think the Electoral College matters, just ask Donald Trump. Without it, he'd just be another old, sort-of-rich guy who used to be on TV.

While the argument rages over a citizenship question, the fact is the government already tracks people who are

not citizens or are not here legally.

The Department of Homeland Security issues a yearly tally of illegal immigration, including countries immigrants come from and where they end up living.

In addition to the Constitutionally mandated 10-year count, the Census Bureau collects detailed information about people. The American Community Survey produces yearly detailed data on people by surveying a selected portion of the population.

Here's the ACS citizenship question: If this person is not a U.S. citizen, mark the "No, not a U.S. citizen" box. Legal Permanent Residents (LPRs) or "green card" holders, or other non-naturalized immigrants or visitors to the U.S. are not citizens of the United States and therefore should mark the "No, not a U.S. citizen" box.

We have the ACS because policy makers and business people wanted more detailed and more frequent data available than the 10-year census. That need produced the long-form census questionnaire, which surveyed one in six households. In 2005, the ACS, with its rolling data collection, replaced the long form.

If you are curious about your community, the ACS offers detailed facts. You can check them out here: factfinder.census.gov. You'll be able to see the 10-year census data, the ACS and other census surveys.

The government already counts citizens and noncitizens – both documented and undocumented. We should be worried about getting an accurate count of people...the enumeration the Constitution calls for...and not be distracted by a fake issue.

Alex Jones hurled vicious lies about Sandy Hook

Imagine your child is killed by a school shooter and then hearing that the child you are so deeply mourning did not exist.

Imagine the harassment and death threats against you from cruel creeps via phone calls, letters and social media, claiming not only did your child not exist but you were an actor at a staged event in the school that day. That so-called "massacre" was only a hoax cooked up by left-wing gun-control fanatics, the willingly deluded conspiracy theorists.

Try to imagine that, then consider this: Lenny Pozner doesn't have to imagine because he and his family have been the brunt of those cruelties for seven years. On Dec. 12, 2012, Pozner's son, 6-year-old Noah, was shattered to bits by rounds fired by a killer at Sandy Hook Elementary School in Newtown, Connecticut. Twenty children and six adults were fatally shot just two weeks before Christmas.

But there's a problem; it didn't happen. So said radio shock-jock Alex Jones. The Wicked Wizard of Fake News, Jones is a disseminator of lunatic conspiracy theories, constructed from webs of lies. His most vicious lie was "Sandy Hook as Hoax." Jones doesn't really believe his lies, his theories. No, he's not quite that dumb. But he cynically hawks them to his gullible followers who want so badly to believe anything is true except for the mainstream media. Jones' schtick makes him money hand over fist.

Ten Sandy Hook parents finally filed defamation lawsuits against Jones.

During a recent legal deposition, Jones, in the hot seat, began spinning

Dennis Dalman
Reporter



yet another Big Lie. The pressures of his job, he stated, made him experience a temporary psychosis, causing him to believe for years that Sandy Hook had been a hoax. He now says – in a sudden switcheroo – that he thinks the massacre really did happen. Imagine that! Thanks to Jones, we can now believe those parents are real and their dead precious children once lived.

Among Jones' psychotic "theories" through the years:

- The government was nefariously involved in the Oklahoma City bombing and in the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11, 2001.

- The government now uses weather as a "weapon" against people by creating and directing storms to certain populated areas.

- Jones accused U.S. Special Counsel Robert Mueller of being a "demon" who has perpetrated violent sex acts against children and then challenged him to a shoot-out.

Some Jones fans insist he's just an entertainer. Pushing fantastical fake news, spewing sinister suspicions, defaming people in the most vicious ways, inciting anxieties, fears and hatreds. That's entertainment? Bring on the clowns!

In recent months, numerous social-media sites have banished Jones'

venomous fantasies from their platforms. It's about time. What took them so long?

But wait, there's more good news. Pozner won his defamation lawsuit against two other men. The two are co-authors James Fetzer and Mike Palacek who penned a book titled – take a deep breath – "Nobody Died at Sandy Hook." Their theory? It was only a staged FEMA drill. After the lawsuit was filed, the publisher met with Pozner the grieving father and conveniently agreed that, gee, the killings must have happened, after all. Surprise, surprise.

Among Jones' targets are the media, deep-state government forces, corporate lawyers, the elite establishment and the Democratic Party. His modus operandi is to dream up the most outrageous theories he can muster, then shout them to his 10 million (at least) followers, who, in turn, pass on the theories, the slanders, to others in the Jones Cult social network, their bubble world of "news." When confronted, Jones retreats a bit, then later doubles down, doing a virtual fox trot around the lies and theories he's spun. Anybody who challenges his demented theories (lies) he calls a "hoaxer." Sound familiar?

Jones insists he is only using his rights as protected by the U.S. Constitution. He has said "questioning public events is an essential part of the First Amendment in America."

Yes, that it is. But as lawsuits have been proving, the First Amendment is not a shield from which to hide behind while hurling vicious lies aimed at the devastated parents of murdered children.

Public Notice

REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
SARTELL-ST. STEPHEN PUBLIC SCHOOLS
INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO 748
JUNE 17, 2019
DISTRICT SERVICE CENTER BOARD ROOM

The regular school board meeting of Independent School District 748 was called to order at 5:02 p.m. by Chair Jason Nies. Members present: Nies; Jeremy Snoberger, vice chair; Pamela Raden, clerk; Amanda Byrd, treasurer; Lesa Kramer, director; Patrick Marushin, director; and Jeff Schwiebert, superintendent. Members absent: none.

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

During the public comment opportunity, Dianne Amundson, 806 First Ave. N., spoke on the topic of snow days and pay for food service, transportation and custodians.

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

a. Minutes of the regular school board meeting held on May 20, 2019
Minutes of the board work session held on June 3, 2019

b. Checks in the amount of \$2,095,993.73 as presented:

General Fund	1,691,824.78
Food Service Fund	124,850.67
Transportation Fund	147,246.63
Community Service Fund	40,703.76
Capital Expenditure Fund	81,262.28
Summer Rec Agency Fund	10,105.61
Check numbers 175424 - 175628	

ACHs in the amount of \$7,609.47 as presented:

General Fund	6,043.07
Food Service Fund	783.19
Community Service Fund	783.21
ACH numbers 181900118-181900155	

Receipts in the amount of \$6,736,297.72 as presented:

General Fund	4,613,009.70
Food Service Fund	249,114.45
Transportation Fund	2,360.04
Community Service Fund	90,126.76
Building Fund	11,268.80
Debt Service Fund	1,689,453.97
Scholarship Trust	11,500.00
Summer Rec Agency Fund	69,464.00
Receipts 46055 - 46193	

Wire transfers in the amount of \$24,040.54 as presented:

General Fund	11,997.54
Food Service Fund	7,957.91
Transportation Fund	180.00
Community Service Fund	820.41
Capital Expenditure Fund	1,546.00
Summer Rec Agency Fund	1,538.68

Wire transfers 201800074-201800113 & 201800115-201800123

Building Fund Checks in the amount of \$3,405,882.71 as presented:

Building Fund	3,405,882.71
Check numbers 600561 to 600590	

Building Fund Wire Transfers in the amount of \$96,869.96 as presented:

Building Fund	96,869.96
Check numbers 201800124-201800126	

c. Accept the following donations:
Pine Meadow PTO, Pine Meadow Elementary, \$565.08, classroom supplies; Wells Fargo Foundation, Sartell High School, \$1,000, financial education.

d. Accept the resignation of Chris Berger, SMS, SPED, 6/7/19; Krista Durrwachter, DSC, Directir of Human Resources, August 2019; Adam Imholte, Grounds, grounds worker, 5/16/19; Stacy Kubesh, SHS, SPED, 6/5/19; Aaron Romportl, SMS, fifth grade, 6/5/19. Accept release of employment of Jenna Boyle, ORE, para/student supervisor, 5/31/19; Elizabeth Brylski, PME, student supervisor, 5/31/19; Maria Davis, ORE, student supervisor, 5/31/19; Todd Frank, ORE, para, 5/31/19; Elisa Gaetz, SMS, student supervisor; 5/31/19; Valerie Gruba, SHS/ORE, cashier, 5/24/19; Kathi Hammer, ORE, student supervisor, 5/31/19; Karen Johnson, ORE, para/student supervisor, 5/31/19; Susan Oachs, Early Childhood, para, 5/31/19; Meredith Penrod, ORE, student supervisor, 5/31/19; Stephen Schwanke, SHS student supervisor, 5/31/19; Angela Thomas, PME, student supervisor, 5/31/19; Eric Thompson, PME, para/student supervisor, 5/31/19; Cynthia VanderWeyst, SHS, para, 5/31/19; Melissa Zimmerman, ORE, student supervisor, 5/31/19.

e. Approval of Student Teacher Agreements with St. Scholastica and SCSU.

Student Representative Report:

No report.
Construction Manager Report on Building Process:

Site Superintendent John Waletzko reported the pool area, second-level science classrooms, kitchen area and front entrance/reception area with secured entrance are all complete or nearing completion. The sidewalks, entrance area and tennis-court concrete is poured. The weight room, second-level floors, aluminum entrances, bleachers and wrestling area are scheduled for completion next week. The crack in the rear of the building floor was discussed with the engineers and was determined to be a non-issue in documentation. The site will begin final inspections with the state of Minnesota.

Superintendent Report: Jeff Schwiebert, superintendent

Schwiebert reported we have hired Jason Mielke as the new principal at Oak Ridge Elementary and Abby Lyon as the new assistant principal at Sartell Middle School. Thanks to Kip Lynk and Kurt Stumpf for their years of service to the district. Summer projects this year include sidewalk repairs at Oak Ridge and Pine Meadow and the rest of the buildings are in cleaning mode. Times when the buildings are opened and students are allowed entry is currently being reviewed.

School Board Committee Report:

Treasurer Byrd reported on the Community Education Advisory Council meeting she attended.

Enrollment Report:
Schwiebert reported on the current enrollment numbers for each school.

Budget Reports:
Director of Business Services Joe Prom reported on the revised 2018-2019 and preliminary 2019-2020 budgets.

End-of-Year Student Activity Report:
Director of Business Services Joe Prom reported on the student activity account donations for 2018-2019.

A motion was made by Marushin and seconded by Raden to APPROVE #1-21:

New Employees/Changes:
Zachary Brown, SHS, summer school – science, \$32.50/hour, 12 days, summer school, 6/6/2019; Don Dockendorf, PME, summer school – physical education, \$32.50/hour, 12 days, summer school, 7/22/2019; Emily Donnay, SHS, family and consumer science, \$20,186, BA, Step A, .50 FTE, replacing Shirley Janu, 8/21/2019; Aaron Dowzak, SMS, junior high girls soccer, \$2,439 (6.35 percent), BA, 0 (\$38,410), replacing Alexander Roos, 8/26/2019; Chris Euteneuer, grounds, seasonal grounds, \$12.50/hour, new position, 5/23/2019; Melissa Ferguson, SMS/ SHS, health and physical education, \$26,576, BA, Step E, .60 FTE, replacing Jacob Smith, 8/21/2019; Nolan Frank, SHS, summer school – social studies, \$32.50/hour, 12 days, summer school, 6/6/2019; Noah Grant, grounds, seasonal grounds, \$12.50/hour, new position, 5/30/2019; Jacob Helmin, SMS, fifth grade, \$45,870, BA10, Step D, replacing Aaron Romportl, 8/21/2019; Jenni-

fer Kiley, Early Childhood, special education, \$72,230, MA20, Step Q, replacing Mary Pierce-Slocum, 8/21/2019; Eric Koplitz, SHS, social studies, \$20,186, BA, Step A, .50 FTE, replacing Sean Minder, 8/21/2019; Abby Lyon, SMS, assistant principal, \$81,946, assistant principal, Step 1, replacing Laura Arndt, 7/1/2019; Tony Mazzone, SMS, summer marching band drumline, \$2,055 (5.35%), BA, A (\$38,410), replacing Rachel Tisdale, 6/1/2019; Jason Mielke, ORE, principal, \$105,765, Elementary, Step 8, replacing Kip Lynk, 7/1/2019; Suzanne Robben, ORE, kindergarten, \$40,371, BA, Step A, new position, 8/21/2019; Jake Schelonka, Grounds, seasonal grounds, \$12.50/hour, new position, 6/4/2019; Nathan Schultz, SMS, seventh-grade volleyball, \$2,439 (6.35 percent), BA, 0 (\$38,410), replacing Steve Mackenthun, 8/26/2019; Lori Techam, SMS, SPED – fifth grade, \$75,447, MA30, Step P, replacing Chris Berger, 8/21/2019; Beverly Wiebe, ORE, lead custodian, \$21.68, RIV, S4, 260 days/year, replacing David Plante, 6/3/2019.

New Employees – Pending Licensure:

Vanessa Brenny, SHS, health and physical education, \$40,371, BA, Step A, replacing Jennifer Puncochur, 8/21/19.

Leaves of Absence:

Eric Newhouse, SHS, head custodian, LOA, 5/20/19 – 6/3/19.

All in favor. Motion carried.
A motion was made by Snoberger and seconded by Marushin to APPROVE FOOTBALL TEAM FUNDRAISER AS PRESENTED. All in favor. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Kramer and seconded by Snoberger to APPROVE THE DISTRICT LANGUAGE INSTRUCTION EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM (LIEP) PLAN OF SERVICE. All in favor. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Snoberger and seconded by Raden to APPROVE THE REVISED 2018-2019 BUDGET AS PRESENTED. All in favor. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Marushin and seconded by Byrd to APPROVE THE PRELIMINARY 2019-2020 BUDGET AS PRESENTED. All in favor. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Raden and seconded by Snoberger to APPROVE PME, ORE, SMS, SHS, EC STUDENT HANDBOOKS AND ACTIVITIES POLICY HANDBOOKS FOR 2019-2020. All in favor. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Snoberger and seconded by Byrd to APPROVE SCHOOLS FOR EQUITY IN EDUCATION MEMBERSHIP FOR 2019-2020. All in favor. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Kramer and seconded by Marushin to APPROVE MSBA MEMBERSHIP FOR 2019-2020. All in favor. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Marushin and seconded by Snoberger to APPROVE RESOURCE TRAINING AND SOLUTIONS MEMBERSHIP FOR 2019-2020. All in favor. Motion

carried.

A motion was made by Kramer and seconded by Byrd to APPROVE NON-UNION HOLIDAY CALENDAR FOR 2019-2020. All in favor. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Snoberger and seconded by Marushin to APPROVE INDIVIDUAL CONTRACTS FOR ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT OF LEARNING SERVICES; ASSESSMENT COORDINATOR/EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT; COMMUNICATIONS SPECIALIST; DIRECTOR OF TECHNOLOGY; NETWORK ADMINISTRATOR; SERVER ADMINISTRATOR; LEVEL 2 TECHNICIAN; LEVEL 1 TECHNICIANS; DIRECTOR OF BUSINESS SERVICES; CONTROLLER; BUSINESS SERVICES SPECIALIST; TRANSPORTATION SUPERVISOR; DIRECTOR OF FOOD SERVICE; ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF FOOD SERVICE; DIRECTOR OF HUMAN RESOURCES; HUMAN RESOURCES ASSISTANT; DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY EDUCATION; COMMUNITY EDUCATION ADULT PROGRAM COORDINATOR; COMMUNITY EDUCATION YOUTH PROGRAM COORDINATOR; ASSOCIATE ACTIVITIES DIRECTOR; SIGN LANGUAGE INTERPRETER. All in favor. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Raden and seconded by Snoberger to APPROVE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF SARTELL AND ISD 748 RELATING TO INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY SERVICES. All in favor. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Raden and seconded by Byrd to APPROVE NEW FACILITY USE FEE SCHEDULE AS PRESENTED. All in favor. Motion carried.

Schedule Work Session and Committee Meetings:

Future Board Work Session - Monday, June 17 @ District Service Center – following the regular meeting

Future Board Meeting - Monday, July 15 @ District Service Center - 5 p.m.

Committee assignments were reviewed.

A motion to ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 6:12 p.m. was made by Marushin and seconded by Snoberger. All in favor. Motion carried.

The work session of Independent School District 748 convened at 6:19 p.m. in the District Service Center Boardroom. Members present: Jason Nies, chair; Jeremy Snoberger, vice chair; Pamela Raden, clerk; Amanda Byrd, treasurer; Lesa Kramer, director; Patrick Marushin, director; and Jeff Schwiebert, superintendent. Members absent: none.

Facilities Update
Discussion was held regarding facilities.

Possible Levy Discussion
Discussion was held regarding a possible levy.

The work session adjourned at 7:19 p.m.

/s/ Pamela Raden, clerk

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The St. Stephen Quilting Group which includes (left to right) LaVonne Legatt, Ruth Vouk, Jeanette Trobec, Rosie Keul, Ruth Supan, Liz Legatt and Barb Nathe accept a \$2,000 matching grant donation from KSKJ Life, American Slovenian Catholic Union, matching Funds-Lodge 197. Not pictured are Carole Mehr, Jay Seaton and Cindy Swenson. The group has been busy stitching 51 quilts for the St. Stephen Catholic Church Labor Day parish festival.

Quilt

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discussing what they would like to create for the next festival, along with input from Liz Legatt and Barb Nathe.

Liz Legatt said this year's selection includes wildlife and patchwork options.

The group has been displaying some of the quilts in the church and church annex since the beginning of June and will continue to do so until right before the festival.

The group quilts from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. every Monday in the church basement from the first Monday in October to the first Monday in May or when-

ever the last quilt on the frame is finished.

They take coffee/tea breaks at 11 a.m. and 3 p.m. and share snacks with each other. In September, Barb Nathe will host a "thank you" meal at her house to celebrate the group's hard work.

Liz Legatt and Barb Nathe work on making some of the quilt tops during the summer on rainy or very hot days, as time allows. So far, they have created eight new ones for next year's festival.

The annual quilt auction and raffle helps raise funds for the parish.

Along with the annual quilt auction, the event will include a bake sale, beer garden, children's games, country auc-

tion, country store, dice game, face painting, farmers' market, grandma's attic sale, inflatables, silent auction and more.

A homemade chicken and ham dinner, which includes pie, as well as bouja, hamburgers, hotdogs and taco-in-a-bag will be available to eat at the festival.

JJ's Band will perform from 11 a.m.-2 p.m. and Laverne and the Starlights will perform from 2-7 p.m. A grand raffle will take place at 5:30 p.m.

For additional information about joining the St. Stephen Quilting Group, call Liz Legatt at 320-251-5062 or Barb Nathe at 320-251-0462. Quilts can be viewed online at greatriver-catholic.org.

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