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Historical Society to host fundraiser

The Cold Spring Area Historical Society is hosting a museum fundraiser bingo night Saturday, Dec. 14, in St. Boniface Parish Center, 501 Main St., Cold Spring. Bingo starts at 5 p.m. (daubers are available for purchase or bring your own). A salute to veterans, featuring a display of uniforms, memorabilia and photos, precedes the event from 3:30-5 p.m. Food will be available for purchase between 3:30-5 p.m.; nachos, soda and coffee from 5-7:30 p.m. Proceeds will go toward operating costs of a new museum. For more information, contact Rita Hennen at hennenrc@gmail.com.

'Hoopin' in Heaven' event to be Dec. 20

The fifth annual Tommy B "Hoopin' in Heaven" will start at 5:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 20, in the new Sartell High School Gym, 3101 Pinecone Road N. The event features the Sartell varsity boys' and varsity girls' basketball teams' doubleheader versus the Willmar Cardinals. Other highlights include the following: Crunch from the Timberwolves entertaining the crowd; between games, the Minnesota Timberwolves Slam Squad/Dunk Team will perform; halftime performance by the Sartell Area Youth Basketball Association; free sweatbands (while supplies last); and a 50/50 raffle. Wear your green Hoopin' in Heaven T-shirt if you have one or purchase one at the event. All proceeds benefit the Sartell basketball programs.

St. John's Boys' Choir to perform Dec. 21

"A Ceremony of Carols" will be at 2 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 21, at St. John's Abbey Church, Collegeville, and 8 p.m. at St. Mary's Cathedral, downtown St. Cloud. Hear harpist Dr. Lynne Aspnes perform Benjamin Britten's Christmas masterpiece with the St. John's Boys' Choir. The boys sing new and familiar carols, combining with the talents of the SJBC Orchestra and special Alumni Chorus. To order tickets and learn more, visit sjbchoir.org or call 320-363-2558.



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Trees light up Winterwalk

Lighting of the Christmas tree was part of the Dec. 6 Winterwalk celebration in downtown St. Joseph.

'Clumsy' dancers become ballroom dazzlers

by Dennis Dalman
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When Steve and Nancy Streng of St. Joseph took their first hesitant dancing steps five years ago, they felt clumsy, uncoordinated, unsure of themselves. Their earnest but awkward efforts exhausted them physically and mentally.

But that was before they slowly but surely developed what's known as muscle memory, a term to describe that magic transition when all the muscles in the body seem to click together and learn how to dance, as if on their own volition. And that is the point when dancing becomes joyous, effortless, graceful. It was the take-flight moment when the clumsy couple from St. Joseph, the Strengs, began to morph into a virtual Fred Astaire and Ginger Rogers.

The Strengs, now both re-

tired, are two of the eight founding members of the St. Cloud area Ballroom Dance Club. Formed in 2016, the club now has about 80 members (ages teens up to 80) who trip the light fantastic every Saturday night at the Sta-Fit center in Sartell.

Learning to dance was a definite "challenge," said Nancy, because she and Steve had long thought it was a talent they definitely lacked, to the point they never even tried it.

Then, one evening they were at Bo Diddley's restaurant in St. Joseph, chatting with acquaintances when somehow the topic of dancing surfaced. One of the people knew a guy named Mike Nelson, a professor at St. Cloud State University who loved ballroom dancing and was keen on teaching it. They agreed to someday soon go to Nelson's house and give it at least a try.



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Nancy and Steve Streng of St. Joseph thought they didn't have a knack for dancing. After some awkward and exhausting efforts, they soon learned differently.

"I felt we - Steve and me - were just not teachable, but Mike challenged us," Nancy said. "He was determined to teach us."

And, from those queasy first steps, their love of ball-

room dancing began. They have danced together almost every Saturday since at various venues.

Ballroom dancing is a whole new lease on life for the

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Styles retires after 43 years

by Cori Hilsgen
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In 1976, a young dentist from Chicago, Ill. moved to Central Minnesota to set up a dental practice in St. Joseph and built his practice from the ground up. After serving his patients locally for 43 years, Dr. Joseph R. Styles has decided to retire Jan. 1.



Styles

Styles, 72, considered retiring six years ago, but wasn't quite ready at that time and found he still loved practicing dentistry. He was in good health, liked his patients and employees and said every year he put it off a little longer until this year.

Styles said he wanted to retire while he was still efficient and qualified at practicing dentistry.

He said the decision to do so was difficult for him because he loves being a dentist and saying goodbye to his longtime patients has been one of the hardest things to do as he plans to retire.

Styles has had many of the same patients for 43 years. Throughout the years, he has worked on families of grandparents, parents and children. Styles said he has enjoyed working on those patients and watching their children and grandchildren grow up.

"I have enjoyed working on them through the years, watching the generations come and watching everyone grow up," he said. "I always liked working on children and getting them off to a good start."

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Oct. 28

10:01 a.m. Theft. Western Court. Halloween lights were stolen from a yard on Oct. 23-24.

Oct. 31

4:46 p.m. Collision. Elm Street E. and CR 133. One vehicle was southbound on CR 133 and a second vehicle was westbound on Elm Street. The second vehicle stopped for the stop sign at CR 133 and then pulled out and hit the driver's side of the first vehicle. Both vehicles were towed but there were no injuries.

Nov. 1

1:24 p.m. Theft. College Avenue N. A woman reported her husband's iPhone 8 was stolen while they were at Bad Habit. The officer checked video and observed the phone was on the bar and when the man left, he walked out of the bar with his phone in his left hand.

Nov. 3

12:50 a.m. Traffic stop. 12th Avenue SE. and Callaway Street. During a traffic stop, an officer noticed the odor of alcohol. After testing, the driver was arrested for DWI.

Nov. 4

8:45 a.m. Crash. CR 2. A driv-

er on CR 2 lost control on the icy/slushy road. He went off the road, slid sideways and the vehicle rolled onto its roof.

Nov. 5

10:09 p.m. Fraud. College Avenue S. A woman reported she was on the phone with who she thought was the Social Security office. The woman said the caller advised her that criminal offenses had been committed in her name. She provided her social security number, date of birth and full name to the caller. The woman reported a short time later \$1,200 was missing from her bank account. The officer advised the woman to notify the bank and have her account information changed. She was also advised to contact the Social Security office. The woman provided the fraudulent caller's phone number.

Nov. 6

3:16 p.m. Identify theft. Iris Lane E. A man reported his identity was stolen by a relative in another state. Police could not investigate because it happened in another jurisdiction, but a report was taken so the man could apply for a new Social Security number. He was referred to the FBI.

Nov. 7

6:28 a.m. Car vs. deer. CR 133 and 315th Street. A car struck a deer. There was minimal damage to the vehicle. The officer dispatched the deer.

12:35 p.m. Collision. Elm Street E. A collision happened at the McDonald's parking lot as one vehicle was back-

ing out of a parking spot and another vehicle was driving through the lot. There was damage to both vehicles.

Nov. 10

8:10 p.m. Theft. Cypress Drive. The face plate and a master key were stolen from a key box sometime between noon and 3 p.m. Management was advised to have the locks re-keyed. Value of the box and key was \$47.

Nov. 11

6:55 p.m. Threats. 10th Avenue SE. A woman reported her ex-boyfriend continued to call her after moving out. The officer called the man and asked him to stop calling.

Nov. 12

7:45 a.m. Collision. CR 75 and 20th Avenue SE. One vehicle was facing west on CR 75 in the lane to turn south onto 20th Avenue SE. When the light did not change, the driver backed up to see if he could trip the light and backed into another vehicle.

7:11 p.m. Car vs. deer. CR 2 and Leaf Road. The vehicle was damaged. The officer dispatched the deer and issued a deer permit to the driver.

Nov. 15

6:31 p.m. Theft. College Avenue S. A woman reported a theft by a former roommate of a speaker valued at \$200. The issue was handed over to housing staff and campus security for resolution.

Nov. 17

12:16 p.m. Stolen license plate. First Avenue NW. A woman reported the rear license plate was removed from her vehicle and that someone tried to take the front plate. One screw was removed from the front plate and the registration sticker was slightly peeled back. The screws for the rear plate were on the ground. The woman was advised to contact the Department of Motor Vehicles to obtain new plates.

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People

St Joseph Lions annual awards ceremony was Nov. 12, at Sal's in St Joseph in conjunction with a visit by District 5M8 Gov. Michael Cremer. The joint meeting included the St Joseph Y2K Lions and Waite Park Lions.

Cremer presented his personal pin to the three club presidents, secretaries and two treasurers present.

St Joseph Lions Club awards were presented by Club President **Mary Stommes** assisted by Cremer.

The Lions Clubs International highest recognition is the Melvin Jones Fellowship. This recognition was presented for the second time to **Joe Bechtold, Scott Bloch** and **Mary Stommes**.

The Helen Keller award was presented to **Gail Rucks** and to **Keith Schleper** for a second time. Lions **Leonard Walz** and **Doug Carlson** were awarded the Hearing Research Fellowship. **Ken Stommes, Nathan Molitor** and **James Kuebelbeck** were recognized with the Leader Dog Medallion. **Kyle Jensen** was presented with the Dream Catcher award. **Greg Kacures** and **Duane Sorensen** received the Top Dog Award, Kacures for a second time and Sorensen for a third time.

Twelve club members were recognized for 100 percent attendance at club meetings during the past year. They are **Joe** and **Joanne Bechtold, Fran Court, Donna Hoskins, Greg Kacures, Jim Meyer, Nathan Molitor, Gail Rucks, Keith Schleper, Duane Sorensen, Ken** and **Mary Stommes**.

The Y2K Lions President **Becky Staenart** with the help of Cremer presented awards to Y2K Club members.

The Helen Keller award was presented to Secretary **Jan Boeckers**. **Ralph Boeckers** and **Delrose Fischer** were presented with the Top Dog award. **Caroline Linz** was given the Dream Catcher award.

Sixteen club members were recognized for 100 percent



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St Joseph Lions 100 percent members (from left) Fran Court, Greg Kacures, Mary Stommes, Joe Bechtold, Joanne Bechtold, Jim Meyer, Donna Hoskins, Nathan Molitor, Keith Schleper, Gail Rucks, Ken Stommes, Duane Sorensen and District 5M8 Gov. Michael Cremer.



Y2K Lions 100 percent members (from left) District 5M8 Gov. Michael Cremer, Becky Staenart, Jan Boeckers, Ralph Boeckers, Delrose Fischer, Bernie Heurung, Kay Lemke, Virginia Meyer, Margaret Molus, Ann Rieschl, Kathy Schmidt, Janet Nadeau, Caroline Linz, Marilyn Schmitz, Othmar Schmitz, Sandy Stocker and Joyce Stenge-Oldeen.

attendance at club meetings during the year. Recipients of the award were **Jan** and **Ralph Boeckers, Delrose Fischer, Bernie Heurung, Kay Lemke, Caroline Linz, Virginia Meyer, Margaret Molus, Janet Nadeau, Joyce Stenge-Oldeen, Ann Rieschl, Kathy Schmidt, Marilyn** and **Othmar Schmitz, Staenart** and **Sandy Stocker**. **Stommes** presented a Leader Dog Banner Pin with the caption "Together We Serve" to Y2K Lions President **Staenart** in appreciation for their assistance during the fundraising effort Rock for Alzheimers recently successfully completed.

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Thomas Hawkins, son of Andy and Erinn Hawkins of St. Joseph, is studying in London during the fall semester 2019 through the Center of Global Education at the College of St.

Benedict and St. John's University. Hawkins is a junior psychology major at SJU.



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Henry Kuperus (fourth from left), who drives for Brenny Specialized, was selected by the National Association of Small Trucking Companies as a Driver of the Year. The association represents more than 11,000 trucking companies in the United States and Canada. Kuperus has driven for Brenny Specialized for more than six years and has been a professional driver for more than 22 years. He has accumulated more than 2.8 million accident-free miles. Henry Kuperus was presented his award in Nashville on Nov. 2. Pictured are (from left) **Buster Anderson**, vice president of NASTC; **Jeff Muzik**, Brenny Specialized; **Amanda Kuperus**; **Henry Kuperus**, **Joyce Brenny**, **Todd Brenny**, **Bonnie Supan**, **Kyle Seamans** and **Karl Penner**, Brenny Specialized; and guest speaker, **Dan Baker**.



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St. John's Preparatory School participated in the St. Joseph Y2K Lions Peace Poster Contest, Journey of Peace. Participants (front row from left) **Cordova Aviles**, third place; **Aubrie Louis**, first place; and **Isabella Colomski**, second place; (back row) **Ann Reischl** and **Delrose Fischer** of the St. Joseph Y2K Lions. **Aubrie's** poster has been forwarded to the district level competition.



St. Joseph Catholic School participated in the St. Joseph Y2K Peace Poster Contest, Journey of Peace. Participants (from left) are **Josie Eastman**, second place; **Madeline Ramirez**, first place; and **Trayden Smith**, third place. **Madeline's** poster has been forwarded to the district level competition.

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Dancers

from front page

Strengs. It's not only great fun, but it's a way to stay physically fit and to meet so many good people. It is, they said, a wonderful retirement activity.

Steve was for years a vocational counselor at Workforce Center in St. Cloud. Nancy was a school counselor and private practice nurse practitioner for the St. Cloud school district. They have two sons – Tony, 38, who lives in Connecticut; and Lucas, 35, of St. Louis Park. To the Strengs' surprise, one of their sons and even their two granddaughters – have a gift for dancing, probably not genetically inspired, they're thinking.

"Blakely and Annabelle (Lucas's daughters) are in ballet," Nancy said. "Blakely is 4, Annabelle 2. Just recently, Steve and I got to see a Skype viewing of Annabelle doing a ballet 'promenade'."

When they viewed the Skype scene, both Steve and Nancy were smiling to beat the band. Son Tony and wife Christian are learning ballroom dance. Son Lucas, father of the budding ballerinas, has tried ballroom dancing but much prefers his hockey, Steve noted.

Ballroom Club

In the St. Cloud area Ballroom Dancing Club, which is

anything but "snobby," everybody dances with everybody, said the Strengs.

"We rotate," Steve said. "There is a lot of camaraderie."

The dances take place every Saturday at Sta-Fit center in Sartell, starting with beginning lessons at 7 p.m. and a variety of dances from 8-10 p.m. Anybody interested can just show up. All are welcome and there is no pressure or intimidation as all dancers, even the more skilled ones, have a humble attitude of all learning together and helping one another hone dancing skills.

"There are new people coming every week," Steve said.

Those who do not want to become permanent members pay a guest rate of \$10 per evening. Membership for a year is \$35.

Music for the dancing is broadcast via laptop computer selections – everything from cha-cha to waltzes, from swing to tango. And yes, plenty of pop music.

"We have a couple thousand songs on the laptop," said Steve, who often serves as DJ. "We have songs from Frank Sinatra to Creedence Clearwater Revival. Songs by Santana, Eric Clapton, the Beatles, the Rolling Stones – well, pretty much anything."

When the club can scrape up enough funds, it hosts a Ballroom Blast with music performed by a rented band. The club also features a masquerade dance around Halloween, with participants wearing fun

costumes.

The Ballroom Dance Club, Steve said, also connects with other dance clubs in the St. Cloud area and beyond, and the social network – extended friendships – keeps growing. Recently, a couple of dancers from this area tied the knot with a wedding dance at Glenwood Ballroom, which the Strengs and many other locals attended.

Through the years, the venues for the Ballroom Dance Club have changed. At first, the dancers danced at the Becky Studio Dance With Me, then they rented a venue at Studio Jeff and still later from the St. Cloud GREAT Theater location. Steve noted the owner of Sta-Fit, the current venue, was so eager to welcome the group to an ideal location for dancing.

Dancing, said the Strengs, is a suitable activity for any age, especially for retirees.

"There's so much camaraderie," Steve said. "It's a good mood lifter, a good way to be social with music and movement. People take breaks, sit down and socialize with one another."

For the last few years, the Strengs have taught dance lessons for members of the St. Joseph Catholic Church Parish during the month of January. It is, they said, an indication that dancing is catching on as a form of healthy fun exercise and a positive, broadening social experience for more and more people.

So many people, said the



photo courtesy of Barry Weber Photography

Nancy and Steve Streng trip the light fantastic during a ballroom-dance session. The St. Joseph couple helped form the Ballroom Dance Club.

Strengs, so often say, "But I've never danced before. I don't know how to dance."

But the Strengs know better. For years, they said those very words themselves. Then they took a clumsy step or two, then a more confident glide and next a shuffle and a swirl and finally their muscle memories kicked in. Now they love to dance

anywhere and everywhere.

"We especially like Latin-style dances," Nancy said. "We've been working on learning an Argentine tango."

For more information and photos and videos of the Ballroom Dance Club, visit its website at info@stcloudballroom-danceclub.com.

In a sense, we all are immigrants, says CSB student

by Dennis Dalman
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There are immigrants and there are immigrants, and sometimes immigrants are homegrown, moving physically or psychologically from a known home to an unknown one, even among those who move to a different state in America.

That is an insight shared by Kaylee McGovern, a College of St. Benedict student studying elementary education and peace studies who plans to become a fifth- or sixth-grade teacher. Since moving from her home state of Washington to St. Joseph two years ago, she developed a new outlook. Her eyes, her mind and her heart opened after associating with Somali immigrants in the greater St. Cloud area.

McGovern's major inspiration is a Somali woman whose name is Liin Guure,



McGovern

affectionately known by many as "Maama Liin." McGovern met her through a program known as Cultural Bridges. After interviewing Guure, she wrote an essay about her for a peace-studies class, a paper that was recently published as a guest submission in the St. Joseph Newsleader.

After her article was published, McGovern received a flood of warm thanks from people who admire Guure – people of all races. And McGovern was not surprised at the outpouring of acclamation for the Somali woman. In her talk with Guure, McGovern learned about the horrific violence that caused Somalis to flee to refugee camps and then, for some of them, to new homes elsewhere. Guure, said McGovern, typifies the "enormous courage" it takes to try to establish a home in a new country like the United States. But even more than that, McGovern learned about how Guure carries memories of her homeland in her heart, especially the beauties of Somali – the mountains, the rivers, the lush green coun-

tryside, the ocean, the animals. McGovern related to every word, every description because she too, a newcomer to Minnesota, often misses the landscapes of her home in Lynnwood, Washington, north of Seattle. As Guure talked, McGovern flashed back to her "own brothers and little blue house" where she grew up.

"She (Maama Liin) was a teacher for 10 years in Somalia, and she explained that the chance to read and write and speak in English is so important to her here. She is exactly the kind of lifelong learner I want to be."

McGovern quickly learned that Liin is a "gift to the community," a warm-hearted giver, a contributor and an inspiration to so many.

Some months ago, the New York Times published a feature story about hostile anti-immigrant attitudes in St. Cloud, due mainly to objections to Somalis immigrating to Central Minnesota. McGovern is well aware of those hostilities.

"One Somali woman I met said her 19-year-old daughter is fearful of living here,

and her mother has to keep reminding her of all the kind and welcoming people who are living here," McGovern said. "Her mother knows there are some really intolerant people, but she constantly reminds her daughter there are far more welcoming people than intolerant ones."

McGovern said she understands the fears that can drive hateful rhetoric – fear of "foreigners" taking "our" jobs, fear of displacement, fear of losing one's cultural dominance.

"My own family experienced economic troubles," she said. "It was sometimes hard to get by."

However, McGovern likes to remind people that immigrants, like the immigrants before them, are not takers but givers. They contribute to the economy, they help create jobs, they pay taxes and they enrich the culture by their diversity, McGovern noted. Learning a new language and constant adaptations to a new country can be very stressful for Somalis and others, she said, and it is a process that takes "enormous courage."

The tragedy, she added, happens when people driven by irrational fears choose to dwell on the few "bad" people and then brand all of the rest with the same suspicion and hostility. As an example, she mentioned the young Somali man who went on a stabbing rampage at a St. Cloud mall several years ago – an incident that instilled fear and hostility in many.

"There are people who do bad things in every race and culture," McGovern said. "Some people in every population make bad choices, like white school shooters for example, but we should not demonize all people of a race because of the actions of the few."

What is needed, what McGovern is passionate about doing, is to introduce peace studies lessons into classrooms when she becomes a teacher: lessons in social justice, equity, compassion, respect and understanding. Conflict resolution, she added, is a big part of the whole picture – helping people get together and solve problems that arise from differences.

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Mitzi Milan with husband Luis, daughter Lindsy and son Elian.

Refugee/immigrant news: Latino family welcomes others to join English classes

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

by Mitzi Milan

We are here!
Don't be scared of us! We want to live the American Dream too, to raise our children in a safe place and make friends with you and your children.
Even though I was born in the United States, sometimes people make me feel like this is not my country.
When I was an infant, we moved back to Mexico where I attended school. In those years, I experienced a lot of violence, but the worst was when my dad was murdered by the cartel when I was 17 years old.
St. Joseph is a wonderful community with welcoming people. I have even been invited to the Local Blend! We could invite you to a taco dinner and maybe you could invite us to a picnic sometime.
There are at least 10 Latino families in our town. Even your smile will brighten our day!
My son went to Apollo

and is now at St. John's Prep; my daughter is at Kennedy. I, Mitzi, have a passion for the nail industry. As a nail technician, I can enhance your nail beauty, whether finger or toenails.
My husband Luis and I have worked hard to establish our own small construction company, helping farmers and grain elevators build, maintain and repair grain bins. We'll get you "up and running!"
Luis has worked commercially as well as with small farmers.
We know English. I attend class at the Spirituality Center at St. Benedict's Monastery, meeting Mondays and Wednesdays from 9-10:30 a.m. It is for all levels, but I am in the advanced class.
There are also evening classes from 6:30-8 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays at St. Joseph Catholic School. I want to personally invite my Latino friends to participate in our ELL classes, sponsored by the St. Cloud school district.
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After Air Force career, Mohs piloted Army helicopters

The American Legion is celebrating its 100th birthday in 2019. Profiles of St. Joseph-area veterans will be published in each Newsleader during 2019. The Newsleader is joining with Post 328 to recognize veterans and Legion members who served during World War II, Korea, Vietnam, Iraq, Afghanistan and other theaters of conflict and Cold War tensions.

by Tom Klecker

Kamela Ann Mohs, 54 U.S. Air Force/U.S. Army

Kamela Mohs was born in St. Cloud Hospital and raised in St. Joseph. She grew up in a home her father helped build.

By temperament, Kamela describes herself as gregarious and outgoing.

Though active in a variety of childhood and adolescent adventures, she "never had a stitch or broken bone."

Kamela, her younger sister and parents have many fond memories of summer trips. She describes her childhood/family life as idyllic, somewhat like "Leave it to Beaver."

Kamela attended elementary school at the "old Kennedy," junior high at North and high school at Apollo High School. She was involved in track as a sprinter and soccer. Kamela was also the manager of the basketball team.

Academically, Kamela did well, graduating in 1984 in the top 10 percent of her class.

Kamela attended St. Cloud State University with the intent of pursuing a degree in accounting. She quit after a year as she felt the profession would not be as rewarding as she would have hoped.

With no specific aspirations in life, Kamela impulsively heeded the suggestion of her cousin Todd. They both enlisted in the Air Force. On the day of departure from the St. Cloud bus terminal, her parents saw her off. It was a time of goodbyes and the promise of new adventures. She recalls it as the only time she saw her dad cry.

Kamela commenced her military career with basic training at Lackland Air Force Base near San Antonio, Texas. After basic, she was ordered to Chanute Air Force Base, Illinois, where she attended school to become a missile systems maintenance specialist. She completed her training within six months.

From there, Kamela was assigned to Barksdale Air Force Base. Barksdale is located in a remote northwest corner of Louisiana. She was assigned to cruise missiles systems on the B-52 bombers.

Kamela spent the remainder of her enlistment at Barksdale. While stationed there, she hopped a flight to England, took up skydiving, got her pilot's license, took up scuba diving, got a green belt in Taekwondo and visited the bright lights of Houston and New Orleans.

Kamela's friends teased her



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Mohs logged more than 5,000 hours of total flight time.

about her skills. They said she could fly to a place of engagement, skydive/parachute and swim to a hostile location and kick ass when she got there."

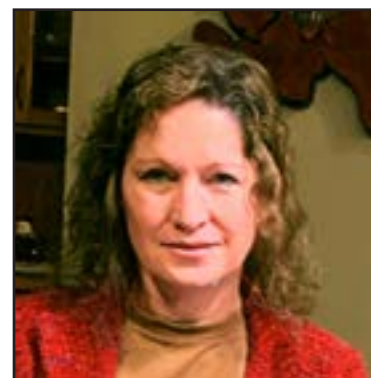
When Kamela came home on leave her parents readily noticed how polite and more confidently mature she had become.

Prior to being discharged in August 1989, Kamela applied for admission to the Air Force Academy, but had failed to apply before the cut-off date. To extend her enlistment in the off chance of possibly being accepted was too much of a gamble. Kamela resumed college at SCSU shortly after her discharge from the Air Force.

While in her junior year, Kamela joined an ROTC program. When she graduated from college she had earned a degree

in aviation management and a minor in professional flight. On the day of graduation, she was also commissioned as a second lieutenant in the Army. She was assigned to that branch of the Army designated Air Defense Artillery.

Kamela spent the next six months stationed at Fort Bliss, Texas, near El Paso. Her specific area of training involved the Patriot Missile Defense System. From there she was stationed at Fort Polk, Louisiana from 1993-1995. It was during this period that Kamela was deployed twice to Saudi Arabia in support of operation Desert Storm. Any time she was off the military base while in Saudi Arabia, she had to cover her hair and wear a black cloak known as an abaya. Although quite competent to fly



Kamela Ann Mohs

aircraft, she was not allowed to drive a vehicle or be unescorted without a man accompanying her.

While assigned duties in that part of the world, Kamela became aware of the cultural differences in the limited basic rights that we take for granted in the United States, particularly regarding women.

In 1993, Kamela transferred from the Army Air Defense Artillery Branch to the Aviation Branch. She completed one year of flight training at Fort Rucker, Alabama. Her primary focus was on flying the Black Hawk, a very sophisticated, multi-mission combat helicopter. Kamela says she "just loved flying the Black Hawk." She had more than 5,000 hours of total flight time.

It is worth noting that this sophisticated weapon system cost approximately \$21 million. The Army currently has 2,100 Black Hawk helicopters. Ten percent of Black Hawk helicopters are piloted by women.

Kamela was assigned to Korea for two years, often skimming

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SCHEDULE A MEETING

It's important to let your pet warm up

to your vet before any medical attention is required. Plan a meeting where both you and your pet can visit the facility and meet with the doctors and staff.

This will allow your pet to become comfortable with the ones who will be administering medical assistance when the time comes.

This meeting also is a good time for you to gain comfortability with staff members. Take a tour of the facility. Ensure the office is clean and all equipment appears to be up to date. Take

notice of the other animals' comfort level. Is the kennel area kept clean or does it seem cluttered?

QUESTIONS TO ASK

Asking questions is the best way to become familiar with your veterinarian's practices. The AAHA has laid out some basic questions you should ask.

- What is the telephone policy? Your vet's office should have experts who can offer professional medical advice over the phone. They should be able to

determine if your pet requires medical attention by listening to different symptoms.

- What is their emergency response? Find out how soon your vet will be able to see your pet after an emergency. The answer should be "immediately."

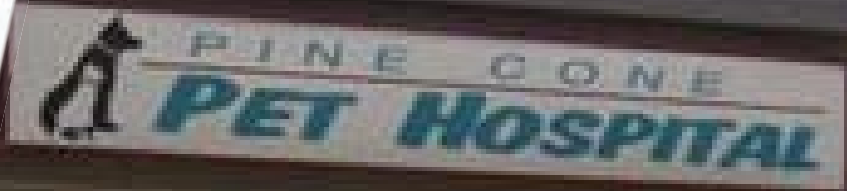
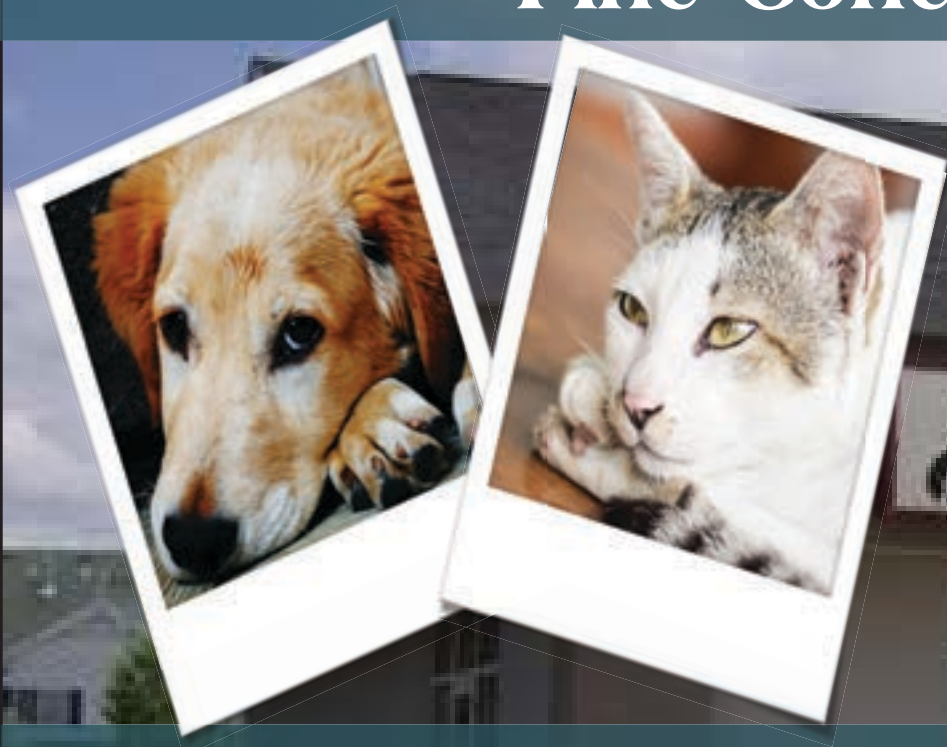
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Dr. Joseph R. Styles stands in his operatory, enjoying his view from large windows in a building he helped build 43 years ago.

Styles

from front page

Styles said he has become friends and neighbors with many of his patients.

Some of the many changes he has seen in dentistry throughout the years include that techniques have become stronger, better cosmetically and more painless, which has been a real improvement for patients. Dentists have become more efficient, started practicing preventive dentistry, have shown more patients how to take better care of their teeth and have helped educate children.

Styles also said he has had wonderful employees throughout the years. His original dental assistant, Mary Peterson, worked with him for about 40 years until she became ill from pancreatic cancer and died. Another employee working at the office, Judy Netter, then became his assistant and has been his only other assistant at the office.

When Styles decided to retire, he and his associates, Dr. Curtis F. Cotton and Dr. Kelsey Milbert, sent a letter to his patients announcing his retirement. Styles has been working half days since his decision in September.

Milbert will be purchasing Styles' practice and will continue treating his patients.

"When it did come time for me to retire I wanted to leave them in really good hands and I knew with Dr. Milbert here that they would be left with good dental care for a long time," he said.

Starting his practice in Minnesota

Styles grew up in the Chicago suburbs, attended Augustana College in Rock Island, Illinois, and then attended Northwestern University Dental School in Chicago.

After graduating from dental school in 1972, he taught part time at the dental school and treated patients in Chicago. He also had a chance to treat patients about once each week at a small farm town, Earlville, about 60 miles from Chicago.

A friend of his was a physician's assistant at the Earlville clinic, which was a combination health and dental clinic in that town, and they were unable to find a dentist who would treat patients. Styles treated patients at the clinic and found he liked the small-town practice much better than downtown Chicago.

He had friends from college who had invited him to visit Minnesota.

"I fell in love with Minnesota, so I knew eventually I wanted to come to Minnesota to practice," Styles said.

When he realized he liked the small-town practice, Styles said he decided he was going to look for something similar in Minnesota.

He began visiting different areas in Minnesota, knowing he didn't want to go to the Twin Cities. He visited the St. Cloud, Rochester and Winona areas and realized he liked Central Minnesota.

After searching through the telephone book, he noticed there was only one dentist listed in St. Joseph. He visited with Dr.



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Robert Kelley, who he said was about 85 years old and ready to retire. Kelley was only seeing a few patients each day and had a very tiny office next to the La Playette Bar. Kelley offered to sell his office building to Styles, but his office was small with only one operatory and very little parking space, so Styles said he declined that offer.

Styles then walked around the corner to the local realty company, Landmark Realty, and told them he was thinking about coming to St. Joseph and inquired about what kind of city lots were available to build an office. They informed him there was nothing available downtown, but they had a lot, at that time, just outside the city limits. They showed it to Styles and he decided that land would work to build his office.

"It had highway visibility, it was close to town and had plenty of space to work with," he said.

Building his office from the ground up

Styles purchased that land at 1514 E. Minnesota St. and moved to Minnesota. Because he couldn't practice until he had a building to work in, he took the summer off to build his office.

Styles and a carpenter worked together for about six weeks framing the original building of his office building. Styles then spent the next two and one-half months finishing the interior wood walls with cedar wood (because he liked the smell of cedar wood), getting the utilities in and ordering dental equipment.

When designing his building, he wanted a large operatory to work in with lots of big windows and an area he could put plants in.

"I wanted it to be a real comfortable surrounding for patients," Styles said. "It's been our look here to have big comfy rooms with wood walls."

He also made room for flowers outside to help relax patients as they entered the building so they could come into a place that looks "homey and friendly." He has tried to vary the plants so they have a succession of blooms. Styles said he has enjoyed watching people from his operatory window as they checked out the flowers when they entered the building.

By November 1976, he was

ready to open his practice. Many area residents had watched him building his office and had visited with him while he was working, so he said his practice was very busy from the "get-go."

Adding an associate

In 1977, Cotton, who was serving in the Navy, visited with Styles to inquire about practicing with him in 1978.

Cotton, who grew up in the Iowa and the Rochester area, was familiar with Central Minnesota because his family had a cabin on Big Watab Lake, which they visited in the summers.

Styles said he told Cotton he was very busy and in another year he would probably have an opportunity for an associate.

When Cotton joined the practice, they added another addition on to the building and the two have been practicing as associates for 41 years.

"It's been an honor to practice with Joe," Cotton said. "When they say 80 percent of dental associateships don't last we've done pretty well for 41 and one-half years. I think it's great Joe is heading into the next phase of his life and I wish him all the best. I just hope he'll take the time every spring to take care of the flower gardens that greet patients every summer. I know patients love to see the flowers and it adds so much to the dental office visit. I know it's hard for Joe to say goodbye but I know Barb and his grandkids will fill the void."

Milbert following in some of her father's footsteps

Cotton and his wife, Karen, have three adult children Brandon, Brady and Kelsey. Kelsey Milbert decided to follow in some of her father's footsteps when she decided she also wanted to be a dentist.

"I am very passionate about dentistry and my top priority is patient comfort," Milbert said. "I will always try to make appointments as pleasant as possible, and I look forward to building lifelong, trusting relationships with my patients and families."

Milbert, 34, grew up in Cold Spring and attended Rocori High School. She later graduated from Gustavus Adolphus College in St. Peter and the University of Minnesota Dental School.

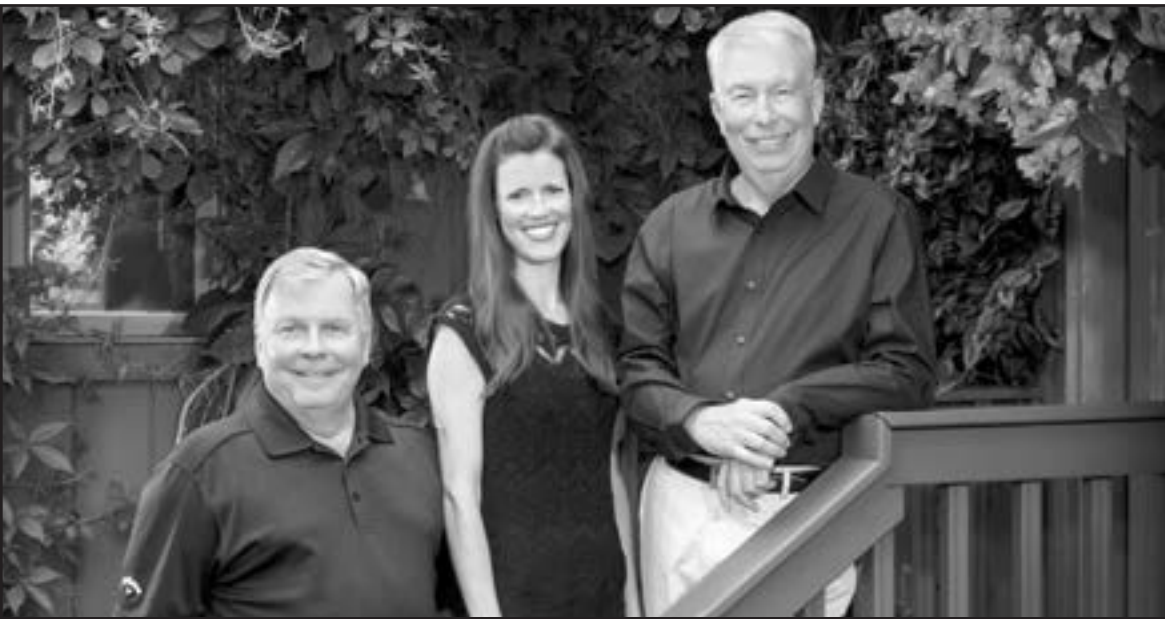


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Dr. Curtis F. Cotton, Dr. Kelsey Milbert and Dr. Joseph R. Styles stand on the front steps of their dental practice. Milbert will continue as her father, Cotton's, associate and will continue to provide care for patients.

Milbert joined Styles and her father at their practice the summer after she graduated from dental school and has been with the practice for seven and one-half years.

Milbert has been coming to the dental office since she was 3 years old. After working at the office for a summer job for a few years, she said she decided in college that she wanted to pursue a career as a dentist.

"I wanted to settle down and raise a family in a small town and had the opportunity to join this practice," Milbert said.

Milbert and her husband, Matt Milbert, have two daughters, Margot, 4, and Elise, 9 months. When she is not treating patients, Milbert enjoys spending time with friends and family, reading, and being outdoors at the lake and family cabin in the summers.

There have been many long-time employees at the Styles, Cotton and Milbert office and the current employees will remain with the practice.

"I knew this was going to be a great place to work when I started 34 years ago and the doctors asked me to call them Joe and Curt instead of Dr. Styles and Dr. Cotton," said office manager Melaine Swecker. "Because the doctors are so good and respectful to their staff, everyone stays here. Joe has a heart of gold. He would give us a Christmas tree and wreath every year. In the spring he would give us all a hanging flower basket. He loved his beautiful dahlias and worked so hard to keep the office landscape beautiful. Everyone (who) came to the office in

the summer commented on his beautiful flowers."

Swecker also shared a memory of Styles's 50th birthday at the office.

"On his 50th birthday, we had a fun day," she said. "Everyone came to work in black and his wife made him a toupee for him and she wore a black veil. It is hard for Joe to retire as he truly loves all his patients. Most of his patients have been coming for many years. We will miss Joe so much."

Retirement plans

Styles has been married to his wife, Barb, for 35 years. Together, they are parents to a blended family of three children, Jenna Styles-Spooner, Kelly Seibert and Joe Styles, granddaughter, Matilda, grandsons Drew and Jack, and an Irish Setter dog, Reba.

Styles has been an active gardener for many years and has kept the front area garden of the dental office thriving with varieties of vibrant, blooming colors.

During retirement, Styles said he and Barb, a hairstylist who works in her home salon, plan to stay in St. Cloud to remain close to their children and grandchildren who all live in Minnesota.

They also hope to do some traveling to Florida to visit some friends, take in a few Minnesota Twins baseball games and soak up the warmth. They might take another cruise. He said they recently took a New England cruise and enjoyed the fall colors.

The Styles also own The Riverbluff Christmas Tree Farm in St. Cloud, a choose and cut tree farm they started in 1991. After having a few health issues related to a kidney stone this year, he was not able to keep up with all the shaping and pruning of the trees. Therefore, the business will be closed this season but they plan to reopen for the 2020 season.

"In retirement next year I will have lots of time to keep the trees shaped and we plan to be open Christmas 2020," Styles said. "That will be my new job, taking care of the Christmas trees."

He and his business partner, Roger Woeste, also owned buffalo together for 20 years. Due to both of their ages, they decided to let the buffalo go and sold them in the fall.

"I am going to miss my patients and their families and my employees, but I wanted to retire while I was still a good dentist, and wanted to go out at my best," Styles said. "I also wanted to leave my patients in good dental hands and Dr. Milbert will fill that need. All the employees will still be here, so not that much is going to change except I won't be here. I might stay on as the gardener outside too. Patients might see me out in the garden."

Retirement party

An open house and retirement party for Styles will be from 3-7 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 20, at the La Playette Bar. All patients and friends are invited.

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es rather than letting those problems fester to later erupt into hatred and violence.

People, she said, also need to take an honest look within themselves. Many Americans, McGovern said, often

bemoan the poverty and social injustices in other countries while forgetting that those same things are happening right among marginalized groups "right here at home."

McGovern is going to study in South Africa next year, a country with a long-time legacy of destructive apartheid (forced socio-economic separation of whites

and blacks). That policy ended finally with the moral triumph of great leader Nelson Mandela.

"What we tend to forget is that this country (United States) had that same kind of separation for so long (slavery)," McGovern said. "We are not so different as we think. And there is still injustice and terrible poverty right here that we tend not

to 'see'."

McGovern is a facilitator for a group called Circles of Understanding, which meets at the St. Joseph Catholic Church and the St. Cloud Public Library. She also volunteers to tutor Somali children and give homework help to them via a group called Arrive Ministries.

When not working, McGovern said she likes to go

hiking in the great outdoors, and she also loves music. She plays the flute and recently just learned to play the ukulele.

The beauties of nature and music, she said she believes, can facilitate peace and understanding among all people.

"What we most need," she said, "is a world that doesn't rely on war and violence."

Opinion

Our View Readers want news, but who pays?

Americans want to read local news. There’s just one problem: they don’t want to pay for it.

Some 86 percent of Americans say everyone should have access to local news, even if they don’t pay for it, but just one in five Americans has supported local news in the past year by subscribing to, donating to or purchasing a membership to a local news organization.

The findings are part of a recent Gallup/Knight study about the value and financial future of local news.

In the past 20 years, print circulation shrunk as more and more readers move to digital sources for news. Print advertising revenue decreased too and while most newspapers have robust digital products, the digital advertising revenue gained did not match the print advertising revenue lost.

Traditionally, advertising accounted for about three-fourths of newspaper revenue with the other fourth coming from subscriptions.

News gathering is not cheap. Deep, thorough reporting takes experienced reporters and editors and it takes time. It’s also not very efficient. Hours, sometimes even days are spent chasing down tips that, when checked out, don’t lead to stories.

When people say they don’t need to subscribe to a news source...either print or digital...because they get their news from Facebook or Twitter they are missing the point.

The vast majority of stories people share on social media come from newsrooms that produce newspapers or their websites. Watch cable or network news and you’ll see their shows are driven by stories first reported by the New York Times, Washington Post, Wall Street Journal and The Associated Press. Cable news anchors fill their hours by interviewing reporters from these national or regional newspapers who broke the big stories.

Unfortunately, when newsrooms cut expenses, the highest-paid staffers, who just happen to be the most experienced and who have spent decades developing sources and knowledge of community issues, are the first to be cut.

In Minnesota, about 200 journalists work in the StarTribune newsroom – by far the state’s largest. With the exception of Minnesota Public Radio, with it’s powerful fundraising operation, broadcasters can’t match that commitment.

Some local papers, like the Newsleaders and the Morrison County Record, have found a different business model. These newspapers are distributed free with advertising providing all the revenue. Because we deliver to every household – almost 14,000 - in Sartell, St. Stephen and St. Joseph – advertisers are willing to pay for that coverage rather than advertising in subscription publications that may only reach 10, 20 or 30 percent of households.

Nobody has found the magic answer to deal with the financial plight of news.

Most Americans (76 percent) say they need local and state news organizations, and 59 percent see their local newspaper as an important symbol of civic pride. But when it comes to financial support, Americans’ behaviors do not match the value they place on local news.

With just one in five subscribing or donating to local news organizations, the financial base for the industry is limited. Americans believe individuals, philanthropic organizations and tech platforms should help close the financial gap for local news.

Americans are deeply divided on whether subsidies are appropriate, even as some experts have argued they are a key part of the funding puzzle: 66 percent oppose support from the federal government for local news, and 60 percent oppose support from the local government. Most journalists would agree that government support could easily lead to officials wanting to control coverage in return for continued financial support.

The financial strain on local news organizations has hollowed out newsrooms, leaving some communities without a fundamental democratic institution.

Educating the public on the benefits of local news for American democracy, and its current financial straits, increased Americans’ likelihood of financially supporting local news, the study found.

After 15 years of delay, time is running out

Mike Knaak
Editor



Time is running out for nine out of 10 Minnesotans. If you are one of the 90 percent of Minnesota residents who hasn’t applied for a Real ID, and unless you are planning on using your passport to fly, now is the time to act. You have until Oct. 1, 2020.

After the 9/11 terrorist attacks, the federal government turned its attention to the security of driver’s licenses, the preferred form of identification used for travel. In 2005, Congress passed the Real ID Act, which required minimum security standards for state-issued licenses.

Without a Real ID or passport, you won’t be able to board a plane next October.

Minnesota was well behind other states in embracing the federal Real ID law. State lawmakers didn’t pass a compliance plan until 2017.

The Department of Public Safety has a huge backlog of Real ID applications. As of last week, the agency was processing applications from the week of Oct. 8.

My current driver’s license expires this month, so I applied on Nov. 4.

I visited the Stearns County Service Center in Waite Park. I’ve been there before to buy license tabs and pick up an absentee ballot. It’s staffed by efficient and friendly county employees and I found the wait times to be just a minute or two. The whole Real ID process took less than 10 minutes and the only delay was waiting for another applicant to be photographed because there’s just one photo booth.

If you want to quickly move through the application process, come prepared

with the correct documents. A Real ID application requires a number of original documents that verify birth, residence, Social Security number and citizenship.

DPS prepared a very detailed and helpful website listing all the acceptable documents (read it carefully) and other information about the application process here: REALID.dps.mn.gov.

Applicants need one document proving identity, date of birth and legal presence in the United States; one document proving your Social Security number; and two different documents proving current residency in Minnesota.

I used my passport to prove identity, birth and legal residency. If you don’t have a passport, get one, even if you don’t plan to travel abroad. A passport is extremely useful for actions unrelated to travel such as applying for a job.

I used my Social Security card, current driver’s license and a recent printed bank statement to satisfy the other requirements.

Pay attention to the document requirements, because if you don’t fully follow the rules, you’ll end up making a second trip to the office.

Don’t bring a laminated document such as a Social Security card. When you apply, a worker scans your documents and laminated documents don’t work.

Make sure you bring two documents

no meaning in it, and yet it was certainly English.”

Like Alice, whose adventures began when she fell down a rabbit hole, we too are in danger of falling down a big rabbit hole into a crazy “Dunderland” where confusions, not facts, rule the day. Some people nowadays gather at political rallies to applaud outlandish lies; the bigger the lie, the louder they clap.

Just one example: Kellyanne Conway, counselor to President Trump, famously referred to “alternative facts” after the president’s press secretary (Sean Spicer at the time) insisted Trump’s inauguration attracted the biggest crowd in inaugural history. Trouble is, it wasn’t true; photographs proved it wasn’t true. Well, no matter, just keep saying it was true, over and over, until listeners believe the “alternative fact.” That ruse is precisely what Big Brother did in “1984” to keep people believing in the very opposite of what is true – that “war” actually means “peace.” Alternative “facts.” It’s the way the Hatter juggles things into a jumble of confusion.

The next election is rapidly approaching. Will the Russians again meddle in it by perpetrating lies, distortions, slanders and alternative

Dennis Dalman
Reporter



proving residency and they must have your current name and address. Post Office box numbers don’t work.

If you’ve changed your name, for example because of marriage or divorce, bring all legal documents backing up that change. Your name must match on all the application documents.

Maybe some of us no longer use paper statements for banking and other transactions. For Real ID purposes, you need paper. A smartphone can’t be scanned.

So why are we talking about this now if Congress acted 15 years ago? You can thank the Legislature.

After postponing full implementation for several years, the federal government went state-by-state to get each ID to comply with the act or get an extension.

In 2009, legislators passed a law prohibiting the commissioner of public safety from “taking any action to implement or to plan for the implementation” of the Real ID Act. The bill passed with near-unanimous support in the Legislature and was signed by former Gov. Tim Pawlenty. Lawmakers had concerns about data privacy and the cost of implementing Real ID.

Years went by and the federal government granted a series of extensions until finally the feds ran out of patience. The Legislature changed the 2009 law in 2017. Officials scrambled to come up with a plan and began issuing Real IDs in October 2018.

Eighteen years after 9/11, four million Minnesotans still need Real IDs. Time is flying by.

“facts?” They almost certainly will, perhaps not so much to favor a candidate as to infect our democratic process with divisionism, suspicions and rampant distrust. It is the new “warfare” – cyber lies in place of bombs, propaganda attacks instead of facts and truths. The prime rule in the Russian playbook is to first divide via confusion and mistrust and then dominate. If we cannot trust voting results, we lose faith in our system, our democracy.

Once again, Putin and his cyber-thugs will likely infiltrate social media with the copy-cat help of cyber warriors right here at home. Before the last election, the Internet was flooded with lurid lies, such as Hillary Clinton operating a sex ring of children from a pizza joint in Washington, D.C., a vicious “posting” that caused a gullible (and deranged) man to shoot a gun inside the pizza place, fortunately striking nobody. Many of those kinds of vile postings were perpetrated not by Russians but by Americans.

To guard against another infiltration of free and fair elections, we must all insist on the integrity of facts and stop mistaking ludicrous, alarming or “entertaining” Internet postings as factual information. We need highly informed voters, not low-information voters who don’t pay attention or who applaud and then parrot only social-media lies.

Let’s remember that 2 plus 2 really does equal 4.

Facts matter for democracy to work

Career

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the tree tops on the DMZ. While stationed in Korea, she visited Japan and vacationed in Hawaii. Returning to Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, for six months, Kamela was given orders to Ansbach Air Field, Germany. As company commander, she spent four years there with two deployments to Kosovo, a partially recognized state in southeast Europe. Kamela was also deployed to Turkey in 1998 for six months. Kamela had the opportunity to visit several European countries. Kamela returned to the United States and was assigned to the Army’s Human Resource Command, in Alexandria, Virginia, from 2004-2006. While stationed there she was deployed once to Iraq. Kamela’s final tour of duty was Fort Carson, Colorado, in 2006. She was there three years

while assigned to the general operation section of the 4th Infantry Division. With 22 years of military service and having traveled to 60 countries, Kamela retired from the Army on July 1, 2009. Well, sort of retired. The very next day Kamela put on her civilian clothes and resumed the identical job she did as an Army major. She continued to work for the Department of Defense for another 10 years. Kamela left that position in March 2019 and returned to St. Joseph. Shortly after her return, Kamela took on another challenge and again as a government employee. She is a human resource specialist for the ROTC programs at St. John’s University, the College of St. Benedict and SCSU. Kamela has purchased a home near St. John’s. She is looking forward to the next chapter in her life. For the time being she plans to organize her new home and find places for all the treasures she’s collected from around the world.

Fund set up for soldiers killed in helicopter crash

A memorial fund has been set up in memory of the three National Guard soldiers who died in the Black Hawk helicopter crash near Marty on Dec. 5. The three soldiers are Sgt. Kort M. Plantenberg, 28, of Avon; Chief Warrant Officer 2 James A. Rogers Jr., 28, of Winsted; and Chief Warrant Officer 2 Charles P. Nord, 30, of Perham. Nord graduated from

Albany High School in 2009. The three were on a maintenance test flight when the helicopter crashed. Donations may be sent to: Beyond The Yellow Ribbon Memorial Fund
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Sgt. Kort M. Plantenberg

Law change opens Legion membership to more veterans

A recent change in federal law now opens American Legion membership to more veterans and St. Joseph Post 328 invites them to join. The Legion Act opens membership to all veterans who have served since Dec. 7, 1941,

served at least one day on active duty and received an honorable discharge. This change opens membership to numerous veterans in the St. Joseph area. For information, call Nick Studer at 320-291-0358 or at

nick.j.studer@gmail.com. The Legion Act also opens members of the American Legion to membership in the Legion Auxiliary and the Sons of the American Legion.

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.

Saturday, Dec. 14
St. Joseph Winter Market, 9 a.m.-1 p.m., Resurrection Lutheran Church fellowship hall, 610 CR 2.
Cookie Walk, 10-11:30 a.m., First United Methodist Church, 1107 Pinecone Road, Sartell. Purchase three to four dozen home-made cookies.

KringleFest, 10:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m., Stearns History Museum, 235 33rd Ave. S., St. Cloud. Free for museum members and children 4 and younger or \$5 for nonmembers. 320-253-8424,
Historic Salem Church Christmas Program, 3-4:15 p.m. horse-drawn wagon rides, 4:30 p.m. Christmas Program. Historic Salem Community Church, 5 miles north of Paynesville on 220th Street.

Sunday, Dec. 15
Best Omelette in Town, 8 a.m.-noon, American Legion, 17 Second Ave. N, Waite Park. Nominal fee Includes hash browns, toast, coffee, juice and water.

Monday, Dec. 16
St. Joseph Food Shelf, open 1-3

p.m., 124 First Ave. SE, St. Joseph.
St. Joseph City Council, 6 p.m., Government Center, 75 Callaway St. E.

Tuesday, Dec. 17
St. Joseph Economic Development Authority, 7 a.m., Government Center, 75 Callaway St. E.
Memory Writers group develops topics and turns in stories, 10 a.m., Stearns History Museum, 235 33rd Ave. S, St Cloud.
Dementia Friends information session, 1-2 p.m., Sartell Community Center, 850 19th St. S., Sartell. Learn what dementia is, what it’s like to live with the disease and communicate with people who have dementia.
St. Joseph Lions Club, 7 p.m.,

Millstream Park Pavilion 101 Fifth Ave. NW., St Joseph. Joanne Bechtold, 320-363-4483.

Wednesday, Dec. 18
St. Cloud school board meeting, 6:30 p.m., St. Cloud City Council Chambers, 400 Second St. S.

Thursday, Dec. 19
St. Joseph Food Shelf, open 1-3 p.m., 124 First Ave. SE, St. Joseph.

Friday, Dec. 20
Dave Cofell’s 11th annual Christmas Show, 7-10 p.m., Local Blend, 19 Minnesota St. W., St. Joseph. Free. Traditional songs, stories and poems, modern adaptations, a selection of originals, jokes and gingerbread cookies.

Christmas Singles Dance, 8 p.m. to midnight, American Legion, 17 Second Ave. N., Waite Park. Minimal fee for non-members. www.StCloudSingles.net.

Saturday, Dec.. 21
Sartell Winter Market, 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Sartell Community Center, 850 19th St S, Sartell.

Sunday, Dec. 22
Joe Town Table, 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m., American Legion, 101 W. Minnesota St., St. Joseph. every fourth Sunday of the month. centralmncw@gmail.com.

Monday, Dec. 23
St. Joseph Food Shelf, open 1-3 p.m., 124 First Ave. SE, St. Joseph.

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