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St. Ben's to honor Robin Balder-Lanoue

The College of St. Benedict Basketball Team hosts Bethel at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 12 at Claire Lynch Gymnasium at the Haehn Campus Center on the CSB campus. This event is part of a celebration for National Girls and Women in Sports Day. The 2020 Bennie Spotlight Award honoree, Robin Balder-Lanoue, will be honored at halftime along with a performance by the CSB dance team. All girls and women wearing a sports jersey will receive free admission to this event.

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Budget surplus, worker shortage, health, child care on legislators' agenda

by Mike Knaak
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What to do with the state budget surplus as well as decisions on a worker shortage, lack of affordable child care and urgent health needs await St. Joseph area legislators when they return to the Capitol on Tuesday, Feb. 11.

How to manage the state's expected \$1.3-billion surplus will be on the agenda and Sen. Jeff Howe (R-Rockville) and Rep. Lisa Demuth (R-Cold Spring) want to see some tax relief.

"We can look at some tax savings," Demuth said, includ-



Demuth



Howe

ing the tax on Social Security payments, rather than expanding government.

Howe agrees and says the tax on Social Security payments, which brings in about \$600 million a year, should end.

Both legislators are looking

for a way to lower the cost of insulin. Howe says he favors a program that offers long-term relief after identifying who needs help. He'd also like to see co-pays and deductibles bundled for all of a patient's insulin prescriptions rather than counting each one separately.

In addition to the looming statewide issues, Demuth and Howe plan to focus on specific legislation to expand the work force and help families with child care.

Demuth is interested in solutions to challenges facing Central Minnesota employers. Reduced child-care choices have

compounded the workforce shortage, she said. Demuth serves on a newly formed child-care task force and she wants to make child care affordable to working families.

The Legislature, she says, needs focus on ways to solve the child-care shortage.

"What are roadblocks? Regulations? Why are people quitting?" she said.

One of Howe's plans to address the worker shortage is a bill that would allow 16- and 17-year olds with industrial arts skills to use those skills on construction sites.

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Students use leadership skills to fill area needs

by Cori Hilsgen
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Kennedy Community School Student Council members and Ambassadors have been busy filling their leadership roles to organize projects to help fill area needs around St. Joseph.

Activities these students have been busy organizing this year include competing to collect for a food drive where they donated 364 items to the St. Joseph Community Food Shelf, collecting about 80 items for the Toys for Tots program, col-

lecting about 40 items for a Hat and Mitten Drive for students at the school and packing more than 1,260 Colt Action Packs (weekend food bags) for students in need at the school.

Several students commented about their participation in their leadership roles.

"I (chose) to apply and become part of Ambassadors because I hoped to make friends and meet new people," said sixth-grader Megan Stromquist. "I also wanted to be involved in a good group and do something for my school. I enjoy doing

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Kennedy Community School Student Council members and Ambassadors pack Colt Action Packs (weekend food bags) for students in need at the school. They have packed more than 1,260 Colt Action Packs this year.

Buckvold plans to run for St. Joseph mayor

by Mike Knaak
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St. Joseph City Council Member Anne Buckvold says she plans to run for mayor in this fall's election.

Buckvold was re-elected to the council in 2018. She was appointed in May 2018 to fill out a vacancy created when Matt Killam resigned.

Buckvold said her interest in being mayor is driven by a desire to form "partnerships and consensus" about how the city should operate and grow.

"We're a small town but we're getting bigger," Buckvold said. "There are exciting things we can do."

The time to file doesn't open until July 28, but Buckvold says she wants to use the next few months to talk with residents and hear their values and what they want from city govern-



Buckvold

ment.

Mayor Rick Schultz declined to say if he plans to run for re-election. Schultz has served as mayor since 2010 and he ran unopposed in 2018.

Important local issues include growing what Buckvold calls a "vibrant" downtown, growing the local economy and supporting affordable housing.

"I love the changes I've seen and overall, people are feeling good about the town," she said. "Local government can be a powerful force to create access and connectivity."

She said she also sees a need for St. Joseph to connect with other area cities to work on issues such as transportation and housing.

Since joining the council, Buckvold has been involved with statewide groups such as the League of Minnesota Cities and the Coalition of Greater Minnesota Cities. Her work on the coalition includes developing intercity rail transportation across the state.

Buckvold, 43, has lived in St. Joseph for 13 years. She's

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ALL STATE LAWS APPLY

Child care

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Howe plans to bring back his bill to improve pay for Minnesota's 590 State Troopers. Howe says the trooper pay now lags behind the pay for other law enforcement professionals. As a result, it's tougher to recruit new officers and older officers are leaving for better-paying jobs with other agencies.

Recent budget deficits resulted in pay freezes and no raises for troopers. The lagging pay, Howe says, has long-term affects that carry into retirement because retirement payments are based on earnings. Meanwhile cities have raised pay for police officers.

"They are the best of the best," Howe said of the troopers. "We need to recruit, train, retain and retire them."

With more than 40 percent of the state budget dedicated to funding education, the Legislature needs to look at how the money is spent as well as solving the disparities across the state, Demuth said.

"More money won't solve challenges," Demuth said. "We need to look at how to spend to better serve our students. I'm willing to listen, to work across the aisle and across the street" for ideas on education funding.

While attending a wedding in a barn, Howe recognized a public-safety danger where businesses converted old barns to entertainment venues.

"I looked around and I didn't see any panic hardware, exit signs, emergency lights, smoke detectors, sprinklers," Howe said and he and his wife sat near the door during the ceremony.

The legislation focuses on buildings that were originally built for animals, not public events, that have been converted by a business. His bill would call for inspections for fire and structural safety.

"When the public goes in a big place of assembly, there should be a minimum level of life safety," Howe said.

Two longtime St. Joseph bonding requests may finally get funding this session. Gov. Tim Walz included state money for St. Joseph's Community Center and East Park development in his bonding proposal. Demuth and Howe introduced bills in past sessions for the money, but the legislation didn't get passed. The projects may have a better chance this year with support from the DFL governor and DFL-controlled House if a deal can be reached with the Republicans who control the Senate.

Last summer, Demuth and St. Joseph officials hosted a contingent of House members for a tour of the former Kennedy School, which if bonding is approved, would be renovated and expanded for the Community Center. Having her colleagues actually see the project may help get the bonding money approved this time, Demuth said.

The Community Center project, she said, benefits everyone from birth to the oldest adults.

To prepare for the upcoming session, Demuth, Howe and other area legislators meet with Stearns County commissioners to hear the county's priorities.

Commissioners are concerned about rural broadband service, roads and bridge funding, human services payments that shift back to the county and election funding, she said.

Demuth said her House colleagues are surprised that not only are there people with slow internet access in her district, but also people without any internet service.

Republican legislators continue to push for more accountability from state agencies – an issue raised during Gov. Mark Dayton's administration and continues with Walz, both Democrats.

Howe's concern begins with the Department of Human Services and its \$18-billion budget, but he wants the governor to put pressure on his commissioners to make them more accountable.

As the session gets rolling, both legislators emphasized they want to hear from constituents.

"Folks need to make their opinions known," Howe said. "Be educated, call up, ask for information. Make sure the governor, legislators know their feelings so we can respond to their views."

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Jan. 17

9:41 p.m. Crash. CR 75 and CR 2. While traveling

east, a driver hit a patch of snow that pulled him off the road. The vehicle hit a county sign and a cable box.

Jan. 18

9:44 a.m. Collision. First Avenue NW. A driver was pulling out of a parking spot and turned into a vehicle that was plowing snow. The driver did not see the plow because she had not cleared the frost from her windows. 11:12 a.m. Lost property. College Avenue N. and

Minnesota Street. A woman reported she lost her ID on Minnesota Street. She began the process to get a new one.

3:29 p.m. Crash. CR 75. While traveling east on CR 75 at 60 mph, the driver hit the brakes to prepare for approaching the stop light. He lost control, the vehicle left the road and rolled onto its roof. The driver said he was not injured and refused an ambulance.



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something good for my school and community and hanging out with others who enjoy helping others too."

"I (chose) to become a part of Ambassadors because I could see how much of a positive impact it had on my community," said eighth-grader Rylin Dierkes. "I love to cheer people (up) and make their lives easier and more enjoyable so I saw it as an opportunity to contribute to my school. I very much enjoy helping out around my school and doing fundraisers and charities and just overall improving people's time at school, (be)cause I know what a stressful environment it can be."

"I chose to apply to represent my class," said sixth-grader Jasmine Bonovsky. "What I enjoy about it is having fun with other people in middle school."

"I chose to be part of Student Council because I love using my creativity to benefit people," said eighth-grader Lillianna Midy. "I enjoy planning things and helping with fundraisers."

"I chose to apply to Student Council because it seemed like a good chance to help improve the school," said sixth-grader Abby Petroski. "I enjoy getting to meet new students and having a chance to socialize with students I already know. I also like the feeling that comes with knowing you've helped a student or sometimes an animal in need."

Dana Thomson, who is the advisor for both the Student Council and the Ambassadors, said the school has 26 student ambassadors and 24 student council members in sixth- through eighth-grades. Students need to apply to be either Ambassadors or Student Council members and



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Kennedy Community School Student Council members and Ambassadors carry items collected for Toys for Tots. About 80 items were collected and donated for the event.

their application requires a teacher recommendation.

The two leadership groups meet during their advisory class in the morning, but the students also need to meet the advisory class requirements.

Thomson said students usually meet two or three times each month.

She said the students are always looking for service project ideas and would welcome other projects. Both leadership groups are encouraged to find service projects that help meet area needs.

The students are currently working on and plan to donate about 12 blankets to Anna Marie's Alliance in St. Cloud.

Many of the students have a passion for animals and would like to be able to help the Tri-County Humane Society. In March, the student leaders hope to make animal pet beds or cushions for the animals' time at the Humane Society before adoption. Another idea is to make simple toys for animals.

They plan to contact the Tri-County Humane Society to see if these are needed items and what other items might

be needed.

Thomson said these students would work every day on a service project if they had the opportunity.

Thomson is also a middle school counselor for the school and teaches three classes, one each to sixth-, seventh- and eighth-graders about identity, motivation, effort, goal-setting, cultural competency and current events.

"I believe that service is a road to connection and community," Thomson said. "Students often feel disconnected and service provides engagement and empowerment."

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employed as a social worker at Tech High School.

In 2016, Buckvold ran for the state House of Representatives in District 13A and lost to incumbent Jeff Howe. Since then she's focused on local government.

St. Joseph's mayor serves a two-year term and is one of five members on the City Council.

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KC Free Throw Contest winners are (from left) Catherine Colberg, Dalyla Price, Mary Colberg, Sylvie Bechtold, Ellen Bechtold, Michael DeMars, Scott Stephens and Jake Murphy.

Eight St. Joseph area boys and girls, ages 9 to 14, were named local champions of the 2020 Knights of Columbus Free-Throw Championship and have earned the right to compete at the district level. Father Werner Council 7057 in St. Joseph sponsored the local competition at the St. Joseph Catholic School in St. Joseph. **Ellen Bechtold** was the 9-year-old girls champion. 10-year-old champions were **Dalyla Price** in the girls bracket and **Jake Murphy** in the boys. In the 11-year-old bracket, **Catherine Colberg** was the girls champion and **Scott Stephens** was the boys champion. Twelve-year-old winners in the girls and boys division were **Sylvie Bechtold** and **Michael DeMars**. The 13-year-old girls division was won by **Mary Colberg**. Each contestant was allowed 15 free-throw attempts in the contests. Each of these winners will compete in the district competition at 1 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 9

at St. Joseph Catholic School, with an eye toward moving on to the regional and state levels.

Emee Jagielski of St. Joseph is performing with the Gustavus Adolphus College Symphony Orchestra and Jazz Ensemble on a two-week tour of Malaysia and Singapore. The ensembles perform at high-profile venues such as the Shaw Foundation Stage at the Singapore Botanic Gardens and the Dewan Sri Pinang Hall, Penang, Malaysia. The student musicians will also participate in exchanges with local musicians. Previously, the groups have traveled to the British Isles, the People's Republic of China, South Africa, Greece and Macedonia.

Seven St. Joseph students have been named to the North Dakota State University fall semester dean's list. The list recognizes students who earn a 3.5 grade-point average or higher. The

students are **Courtney Deters**, **Morgan Eisenschenk**, **Callie Kostreba**, **Alisha Ophoven**, **Nicole Preusser**, **Olivia Skudlarek** and **Jeremy Warzecka**.

Eight St. Joseph students have been named to the fall semester dean's list at St. Cloud State University. To be eligible for the honor, students must have a grade-point average of 3.75 or higher. The students are **Anna Emerson**, **Lynnsey Hoffmann**, **Abshir Ibrahim**, **Kaylee Lodermeier**, **Karissa Muehring**, **Hunter O'Hotto**, **Lindsay Rose** and **McKayla Walz**.

Ten St. Joseph students have been named to the St. Cloud Technical & Community College fall semester president's list and dean's list. President's list students earn a 4.0 grade-point average and dean's list students earn a grade-point average from 3.5 to 3.99.

The president's list students are **Peter Drake**, **Kevin Huichapa**, **Mitchell Lowell** and **Charles Reber**.

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Immigrants/refugees: There is good news

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by Sister Renee Domeier
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My New Year's resolution is to strive to pass along whatever Good News I can this year via blogs, email, conversation or the written word. So here goes! The topic?

Immigration Issues 2019

On Dec. 10, Julia Toepler, from the National Immigrant Justice Center, wrote: "Together we protected human rights. We sought justice for separated families, served more immigrants than ever before, fought the criminalization of immigrants, provided free legal aid to thousands of immigrants coming from 129 countries of origin, prevented indefinite family detentions, shifted the nar-

ative in favor of alternatives to detention..."

Read the article here: <https://www.immigrantjustice.org/staff/blog/together-we-protected-human-rights-2019-heres-how>

Good news? Yes!

On Dec. 13, Jean Hopfensperger quoted the Rev. Tom Duke, a leader in the St. Paul Interfaith Network: "We will build a website, newsletter, social media...to build communication about what's going on in Minnesota. We want to build bridges." This network includes Christians, Jews, Muslims and Hindus pledging to collaborate in education, outreach and advocacy across the state.

So proud of Minnesota for continuing to welcome refugees...

"INN is NOT FULL in MINNESOTA," Gov Tim Walz.

These three messages tell me that we can rediscover the importance of family among us by welcoming the immigrants seeking to both give to us and receive from us the joy of living in mutuality.

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If you have any questions, please contact Juliana Howard at 715-791-8976 or Jamal Elmi at 320-310-2351.

Newsleaders editor wins award

Newsleaders Editor Mike Knaak was honored with an award in the annual Minnesota Newspaper Association contest.

Knaak won second place for columnists in the contest among the state's 300 weekly and daily newspapers.

The award was for a selection of columns that included

the conclusion of the Wetterling case, Rep. Tom Emmer's rising status in the Republican Party and local women who have led the quest for gender equality in sports.

There were more than 3,900 entries in the contest, judged by journalists in Indiana.

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WHERE TO START

The National Endowment for Financial Education’s website Smart About Money has these tips to make sure you’re building a solid savings plan.

List savings as a fixed item in your spending plan. You’re less likely to spend money you already have earmarked.

Use automatic savings tools from your bank or other financial institutions. Some will move your spare change from purchases into your savings account automatically, making it easy to increase your savings without much effort.

Save all or part of a certain type of income. This can include your tax refund, annual bonus, tip money or extra freelancing cash.



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Create an emergency fund with the goal of having three to six months’ of expenses covered. This can buy you and your family some time if there were to be an unexpected injury or job loss that hampered your incoming cash flow.

ACCOUNTABILITY

What good does a savings plan do for you if you don’t stick with it? Find an account-

ability partner to routinely check in on your finances to make sure you’re staying the course. This can be your spouse, a trusted friend or a qualified financial professional who can help you stay on track. If you ask for accountability, however, be prepared to have some tough conversations. Your accountability partner is there to help you maintain your discipline so be prepared to accept their questions

and advice along the way.

DIFFERENT TYPES OF ACCOUNTS

Once you have enough money stashed away, there are many different ways to put it to work for you. Talk to your bank about interest-bearing savings accounts that can earn you money, but may have withdrawal or other limits. There are also CDs and other investment options to explore.

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What would we do without our pets? Animals have won over the hearts of pet owners across the world. They offer us unconditional love and loads of laughs that make our lives better.

And the truth is, we can build even better bonds with our beloved pets by taking a few simple actions each day. Forming a great bond with your pet is simple. Here are three ideas to try yourself as you reconnect with your favorite pooch, feline or pet of your choice.

CONDUCT SOME TRAINING

Depending on how your animal responds to direction and discipline, training exercises can be a great way of building a bond with your pet.

New behavioral training builds your skills in communicating with your pet, as well as in trusting him or her to listen to instructions. Make sure to keep training positive and collaborative, using a gentle, reward-based approach.

This style will help your pet look forward to training, giving the two of you positive time together to grow as pet and owner.



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MAKE FEEDING TIME STRUCTURED

When it's time to prepare meals, engage with your pet during the process. Call your dog over to sit and wait while you fill up the bowl. Pet the dog and talk to it to encour-

age a calm, relaxing eating experience.

Always remember to give your pet space during mealtime. Following a structured routine such as this helps your pet respect your rules and understand that you call

the shots. This healthy relationship will help you earn your pet's respect, leading to a strong bond over time.

DON'T FORGET TO PLAY

You can introduce training and structured mealtimes until

you're blue in the face, but until you devote some time to playing with your pet, you won't be unlocking the true essence of being a pet owner.

Games such as fetch, tug-of-war or chase will help you not only keep in shape, but also

allow your pet to enjoy your company because of your positive energy. Think of ways to introduce listening exercises within your play and look for parks that are pet friendly. The more space the better to let your pet explore and enjoy.

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Stefanie Krebs and Jacob Rothstein perform a skit in their 1986 kindergarten class. After kindergarten they were separated for years but met again in high school, began dating and married 18 years after Jacob gave Stefanie a Valentine's Day card.

Valentine's card leads to love, marriage

by Dennis Dalman

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In kindergarten in Albany, way back in 1986, a little girl named Stefanie Krebs received a whole bunch of cards on Valentine's day from class chums, but she later threw them all away – all but one.

The card showed cartoon character Garfield the cat next to a Teddy bear. On the back it was signed, "Love, Jacob."

Eighteen years later Stefanie married the boy who'd sent that cute card – Jacob Rothstein. They now live happily in St. Stephen and have two children – Caden, 12; and Evie, 9.

"We were best buds in kindergarten," Stefanie recalled. "But I lived in Albany and he lived in St. Martin and so out of school we never saw each other."

And then distance divided the two "buds." After kindergarten when he moved to Farming. Seven years later, he was again in school at Albany, in seventh grade.

"But in high school we didn't really know each other anymore," she said. As a result, they both developed kind of cold-shoulder attitudes to each other. That icy reserve broke quickly in ninth grade when Stefanie learned Jacob was dating her best friend. She was not happy, not at all. In fact, she was more than a little jealous; she was mighty mad. She and Jacob got into a verbal fight. Shortly after, he broke up with that girlfriend. And then he asked Stefanie to go to a movie. That was in 1996. The dat-



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Jacob and Stefanie Rothstein recently returned from a 15th wedding anniversary vacation in Hawaii where they enjoyed quiet times together hiking in the lush steep forests.

ing continued and one day eight years later Jacob asked Stefanie to marry him. They married in the Seven Dolors Church in Albany, took a 10-day Princess cruise to the Caribbean and then moved to St. Stephen. Just recently, they returned from a trip to Hawaii to celebrate their 15th wedding anniversary.

They often recall that kindergarten Garfield Valentine's card, and Jacob himself is "quite a card," ac-

cording to Stefanie.

"To me, being with Jake every day is Valentine's Day," Stefanie said. "He has a child-like humor. Sometimes I think he hasn't yet passed out of middle school because when they're together, our son Caden, who is in Sartell Middle School, and Jacob act just like they're both in middle school. I often say I have three children – Caden, Evie
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The company name is changed to Savvy Maverick LLC.

This amendment to Articles of Organization shall hereby amend Article 1, and the name of the Company shall be changed to Savvy Maverick LLC. Any reference to Schneekloth Properties LLC shall be removed.

I certify I am authorized to sign this certificate and I further certify I understand by signing this certificate, I am subject to the penalties of perjury as set forth in Minnesota Statutes Section 609.48 as if I had signed this certificate under oath.

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Stock named All-American honorable mention

by Cori Hilsgen
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St. John's University senior Joey Stock, who is a designated hitter/pitcher for the college's baseball team, was recently named 2020 D3baseball.com Preseason All-America honorable mention.

The Preseason All-America team is selected from previous years' All-American and All-Region nominations.

"The chance to be named a preseason All-American is definitely a great opportunity," Stock said. "It is awesome to get this type of recognition, but with that being said, other teams are recognizing that too and are planning to expose my weaknesses."

He said he needs to continue to stay focused and take things one game at a time, one inning at a time, one pitch at a time.

St. John's University assistant baseball coach Jason Spohn has worked with Stock as his pitching coach.

"This will be our fourth year working with Joe and we are very excited to see what his future holds," Spohn said. "Joe has earned a lot of well-deserved attention by lighting up radar guns last summer and by hitting with a lot of power last spring. He knows a solid year on the field this spring could open an exciting opportunity



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St. John's University senior Joey Stock (31) who is a designated hitter/pitcher for the college's baseball team, is pictured after he hit a walk-off home run in extra innings against Thiel College in Fort Myers last year. This was his first of 12 home runs hit in his junior season. Stock was recently named 2020 D3baseball.com Preseason All-America honorable mention.

come June. Joe has also developed into a great leader on and off the field. He is quick to help out with community events, which stems from the strong foundation his parents have built in raising him."

Stock was named last spring to the American Baseball Coaches' Association and D3baseball.com All-Midwest Region first team after leading the St. John's team with a batting average of .353. In Spring, he hit 12 home runs and was intentionally walked eight times and broke the college's 19-year record for single-season home runs.

Last summer, Stock played his second season with the St. Cloud Rox, a collegiate summer baseball team that plays in the Northwoods League. He finished the year with a 2.50 ERA, three saves and 19 strikeouts. He also participated in the league's Major League Dreams Showcase.

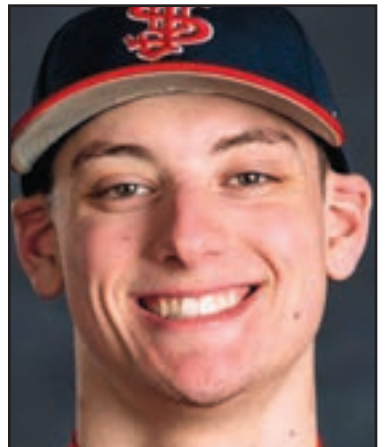
Stock was the only student from St. John's University who was voted as a preseason

All-American this year. However, starting outfielder, Wyatt Ulrich, was an All-American his freshman year. One other player in the conference, James Green from St. Mary's, was voted to be a preseason All-American second team this year.

"Since this is my last year of college baseball, I just want to enjoy and get as much out of my final season as I can," Stock said. "It is unbelievable how fast the first three years went, and I just want to not take a second for granted as my time in college is almost up."

Stock, who is studying communication at St. John's, said this is an awesome honor but added that it is not about where you start but where you finish.

"Anyone can be a preseason All-American, but it is about the body of work you put in and the results you show at the end of the year (that) is what really matters," he said. "We have a great group of guys and we have a lot of depth at every position. We all feel that another regional tournament birth is



Stock

something we can do again"

St. John's was ranked No. 25 in Collegiate Baseball's Preseason National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) Division III poll. Last year, the team ended the season with a 32-14 record.

Players will open the season March 2-6 in Fort Myers, Florida, and then play March 21-24 in Tucson, Arizona. Conference play begins March 28 at Gustavus Adolphus in St. Peter.

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Students celebrate Catholic Schools Week

by Cori Hilsgen

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Excitement was in the air as students, faculty and staff at St. Joseph Catholic School celebrated Catholic Schools Week Jan. 26-31 with a variety of activities.

Once, again, the theme this year was "Catholic Schools: Learn. Serve. Lead. Succeed."

The week included themed days, fun activities, prayer and a service project. Fourth-grade teacher Theresa Fleege coordinated the week's activities.

The week began with a Sunday Mass at the Church of St. Joseph followed by a book fair and an open house in the music room.

Monday was Wacky Day and gave students and staff a chance to dress in a wacky way.

Tuesday was Pajama Day and students were able to wear pajamas and bring in a stuffed animal that fit in their backpack.

It was also a day to Drop Everything and Pray. At 10:05 a.m., Principal Karl Terhaar announced it was time to Drop Everything and Pray. Teachers decided what this would involve for their students. Some options might have included reading from the Bible or other religious books, drawing pictures on a cross and writing a letter to God.

Wednesday was Workout and Whiteout Day and students were able to wear workout or white clothing, go sledding in the afternoon and enjoy some popcorn and hot chocolate snacks.

Thursday was Hawaiian Cruise Day and students could wear sunglasses, shorts and other warm-weather clothing.

Students were able to eat lunch on their beach towels on the main deck (the lunch-room). The boarding pass for the event was a nonperishable food item or \$1. The collection was the school's service project to collect items for the St. Joseph Community Food Shelf.

A mixed grade morning prayer service was led by the sixth-graders. Each sixth-grader acted as a train engine that went around to pick up their group of pre-K to fifth-grade students. The sixth-graders then gathered their group of students in a circle and instructed an activity of brainstorming how God is present when we learn, serve, lead and succeed.

This information was written down on a heart with a word on it. The hearts are displayed throughout the school. At the end, students put their trains together and dropped off their students by their classroom teachers.



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St. Joseph Catholic School second-graders (left to right) Wylie Schmitz, Peyton Weber, Logan Nolan, Tristalyn Smith, Claire Beirne and Jasmine Smoley celebrate Spirit Day.



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St. Joseph Catholic School students (left to right) Aquiliana Wolf (sixth-grade), Scott Stephens (fifth-grade), Kaleb Weber (fourth-grade), Peyton Weber (first-grade) and Connor May (sixth-grade) carry boxes of food for the St. Joseph Community Food Shelf. Students were asked to donate an item or money on Beach Day.

Teachers and sixth-graders competed in a beach volleyball game held in the upper deck (gym) with the pre-K through fifth-graders cheering on the teams. The teachers won the game.

Friday was Spirit Day and students wore their favorite sports team or school colors. The day also included a talent show in the afternoon. Talents that students shared included magic tricks, dancing, gymnastics, playing the piano, singing, jumping rope, karate skills, joke-telling and a video of derby car racing.

The week ended with a dance and more book fair time.

"Catholic Schools Week is always a fun, community-building week," Fleege said. "This year I enjoyed watching the students in grades kindergarten through six while sledding at the park. It was a nice way to spend a beautiful

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St. Joseph Catholic School students (left to right) Peyton Weber (first-grade), Ximena Alvarez (second-grade) and Tommy Blixt (preschool) ride on their "train" during the prayer service during Catholic Schools Week.

Opinion

Our View

An inaccurate census could put Minnesota's representation at risk

Every 10 years, we get a chance to count how many people live in the United States. In addition to the basic count, we learn where people live and basic demographic information such as age, gender, race and ethnicity.

Governments use that data to fund and plan a variety of social, educational and public safety expenses. Most importantly, the count is used to draw political boundaries and determine our representatives at all levels of government.

Getting an accurate count is always important, but this year, an accurate count carries significant implications for Minnesota's 5.6 million people.

Latest population estimates show slower growth in Minnesota that could mean the state will lose a seat in the House of Representatives and one of its 10 Electoral College votes.

The census this spring will determine how the country's 435 congressional seats are divided up. Minnesota barely hung onto its eight seats after the last census in 2010, but its growth hasn't kept pace with states such as Florida and Texas that are poised to gain seats.

Minnesota's projected population could fall between 21,000 and 25,000 people short of keeping the seat. The new population estimates illustrate the importance of an accurate census count this spring and summer, when every Minnesotan will be asked to fill out a census form online. Census letters go out in mid-March, and efforts to reach people who have not responded will continue until the end of July.

Growth is driven by births, deaths and migration. The number of births has remained low since the recession and there has been slower international immigration for several years, according to the consulting firm Election Data Services. The biggest swing in 2019 was a steep dive in the number of people arriving in Minnesota from other states, dropping from 6,500 to nearly zero.

Minnesota's population grew by about 0.6 percent last year, or about 33,000 people. That was down slightly from 0.7 percent the prior year. Annual growth rates have generally hovered in that range since 2011, though they nearly reached 0.8 percent in 2017. Texas, by comparison, grew by about 1.3 percent last year.

Recent misguided attempts by the Trump Administration to add a citizenship question to the census may have created fear and distrust among recent immigrants and refugees.

Those concerns need to be addressed as a part of the effort for an accurate count. Words and deeds that are intended to make immigrants and refugees feel unwelcome may ultimately backfire if an undercount results in the state losing representation and federal money.

State officials will learn if the state loses a House seat in December. During 2021, legislators and probably eventually the courts, will use the data to redraw district lines.

Local officials need to carry the message that everyone who lives here needs to be counted.

We all need to make sure our friends, families and neighbors participate in the census.

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The League of Women Voters is sponsoring 2020 Census-Ensuring a Complete Count, at 1 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 12, at the St. Cloud Public Library, 1300 St. Germain St.

Get technology out of baseball

And then it was over, with a bang. The fall sports season ended with the last blasts of confetti canons after the Super Bowl. Fall, the most exciting sports season, features pro and college football and the World Series. When the NBA and NHL launch in the fall, every team has a chance to be champion.

But now it's February and the excitement is over. The Wolves and Wild slog through the last halves of their seasons, unlikely to make playoffs that are still more than two months away. It's not yet time to fill out March Madness brackets.

I'm looking forward to baseball and soccer. The Twins report for spring training in a week. Minnesota United's home season kicks off on March 15 and features five home games in March and April.

But mostly I'm thinking about baseball and the sport's recent struggles with technology.

Major League Baseball's investigations of sign-stealing tainted Houston's 2017 World Series win. The team's owner fired manager A.J. Hinch and general manager Jeff Luhnow. The fallout continued to fall on other former players and coaches who had moved on to other teams. Red Sox manager Alex Cora and Mets manager Carlos Beltrán lost their jobs.

The sign-stealing scheme involved watching video from a center field camera and relaying the catcher's sign to the batter via a player in the dugout banging on a trash can. One or two bangs signaled off-speed pitches while no bang equaled a fastball. The scheme was a perfect match of high technology, low technology and a long tradition of sign-stealing.

Senators deliver crown: All hail, King Donald!

Like fawning courtiers, U.S. Senators just handed over a crown: All hail, King Donald!

That impeachment nontrial was a very dark day for America.

The jaw-dropping moment of the farce came when Harvard law professor Alan Dershowitz flailed his arms like a wind-up toy in his pretzel logic, which goes like this: In the Ukraine scheme, Trump was merely trying to expose Biden's horrible corruption in order to protect our nation from his (Biden's) potential ascent to power. By helping himself get re-elected, you see, Trump was only trying to serve the national good – thus he committed no impeachable offense. Who can miss the bleak irony and blatant stupidity of that insulting assertion?! Good thing Dershowitz is not a professor of logic.

Like a sandbox bully rewarded, this newly consecrated president is crowing he has been exonerated once again. Now doubly emboldened, King Donald the Innocent will continue to erode the U.S. Constitution and imperil our democracy. With sickening selfishness, The Donald mistakes the world for one big real estate deal. This king must be deposed. There are 13 reasons, at least, why the Royal One should be voted off the island:

1: Indisputable facts show Trump tried to strong-arm Ukraine into announcing a phony Biden investigation. A corollary of that scheme, which begs investigation, is how Trump was possibly trying to weaken Ukraine's security, making it a plum ripe for picking by his chum Vladimir Putin, one of the "strong leaders" he so admires.

2: The Mueller Report was a damning document that revealed Trump tried up to 10 times to squelch the investigation into Russian meddling in the 2016 presidential elec-

Mike Knaak
Editor



The most famous instance of sign-stealing happened on Bobby Thomson's legendary Shot Heard 'Round the World that clinched the National League pennant for the Giants on Oct. 3, 1951.

The incident is reported in "Echoing Green: The Untold Story of Bobby Thomson, Ralph Branca and the Shot Heard Round the World." Giants position coach Herman Franks used a telescope from the Giants clubhouse during a number of late-season games, including that one to relay the catcher's signs. A buzzer was set up to alert someone in the Giants bullpen of the pitch call, and he would in turn relay it to the batter.

MLB's most recent advance in technology, the video review, opened the door to the Astros' skullduggery. With the review rule, TV monitors appeared in dugouts and clubhouses, making sign-stealing, thanks to telephoto lenses on center field cameras, easy.

Generally, technology has not improved sports, for either the players or the fans. There are only two technological advances that have helped sports: lights so games could be played at night, allowing working people to enjoy games without skipping work, and jet travel replacing trains, bringing baseball to cities more distant than one-day train rides on the East Coast.

Dennis Dalman
Reporter



tion. Trump's top "legal" fixer, U.S. Attorney William Barr, released a candy-coated version of the Report that too many gullibles were eager to believe.

3: A bumbling "foreign policy" based on personal whims and tantrum outbursts. The Donald's charm offensive is long on offensive, short on charm. It is, in a word, dangerous.

4: Trump's bad-mouthing of ObamaCare and legal maneuvers to deep-six it. Whatever happened to Trump's repeated promise of the Best Health Care in the History of the Whole Wide World?

5: Insidious attacks on the Department of Justice, the FBI, the State Department and intelligence agencies, sowing discord and undermining trust in the institutions we so depend upon for our – and the world's – security.

6: A total lack of understanding of the U.S. Constitution and even an outright contempt for it. Kings hate that messy tangle called democracy. It gets in their way so they try to rig (or abolish) elections.

7: The Wall. We need immigration reform and control, but this is not it. The Chinese, with their "Great Wall," learned that lesson thousands of years ago.

8: The vicious cruelty of separating children and parents at the border, aided and abetted by one of Trump's most senior advisors, the sinister immigrant-hater Stephen

When the Metrodome replaced Met Stadium, Minnesota sports fans suffered their biggest technological failure. I photographed Bud Grant's Vikings outside – in the mud, snow, rain, cold and heat. Photos from those games captured the essence of football and the Vikings' home-field advantage. Then the games moved indoors to the sterile Metrodome where it was always 68 degrees, partly cloudy and the plastic grass was always green. The only worse place to watch sports is Tampa Bay Rays' Tropicana Field, a gloomy indoor dungeon in the Sunshine State.

After the sign-stealing scandal, MLB is again turning to technology to improve the game and speed up the action. This season, some minor league teams will experiment with an automated strike zone to replace calls by human umpires. Instead of a three-dimensional pentagon, the strike zone would be a two-dimensional space at the front of the plate. Umpires with earpieces will call balls and strikes based on ball-tracking technology. The ump's only real job will be to call "safe" or "out" in the rare play at the plate.

Modern society aims to eliminate all risk, errors and unfairness through regulations and government policy. What's desirable for civil rights and justice is out of place in baseball.

I've got a better idea. Get rid of all the technology – except the lights and the jet planes – and just play the game. No more delays for video review, no more TVs in the dugout, no more ball-tracking tech. Just play ball. It's a kids' game, play it that way.

Miller.

9: The sabotage of NATO. At summit meetings, Trump strutted around like Mussolini with a sneering pout on his face among NATO nation leaders, making a fool of himself and alienating allies we need.

10: Trump's ripping up the climate-change accords, combined with his reckless dismantling of environmental regulations in tune with the big carbon-energy honchos.

11: His massive debt-producing tax cut for the Super Rich. It was the old trickle-down trick perpetrated against the have-nots ever since the 1980s "Greed is Good" Era. Trump bragged to glitzy guests at Mar-a-Lago that he'd just made them a lot of money.

12: King Donald's grotesque narcissism. Everything He does (or tries to do) is the Best, the Biggest, the Greatest in History. In mental hospitals there are unfortunate folks suffering from delusions of grandeur far more realistic than The Donald's bloated daydreams.

13: OK, here's where Trump gets a nod. The economy is doing well, although in a lopsided way. There's more to a great country than "strong economy." A truly great nation is comprised first and foremost of strong, wise, compassionate, moral leadership.

So, folks, put on those caps, the ones that say, "Make America Sane Again." Then get ready to vote.

Meantime, Dear Leader, please consider taking a quick bow now for your strong economy, then grab your crown and scurry off to Fantasy Island where you can play wannabe king all by yourself to your heart's content.

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, Feb. 7
“**Claire’s Camera,**” 7 p.m., Alumae Hall, Haehn Campus Center, College of St. Benedict, film screening. Part of the Tour-ness Film Festival. Free.

Saturday, Feb. 8
“**Russian Fairytales,**” 1-3 p.m., Stearns History Museum, 235 33rd Ave. S., St. Cloud. Part of the Exploring History and Culture in Central Minnesota – The Museum of Russian Art series. Free.

Sunday, Feb. 9
Project ASTRIDE Benefit Breakfast and Silent Auction, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Moose Family Center, 1300 Third St. N., Waite Park. Nominal fee for adults, and children 10 and under; children under 3 free.

Open gym, 9 a.m.-noon, St. Joseph Community Center, 124 First Ave. SE. Nominal fee.

Snowstomp, noon-3 p.m., Wildwood County Park, 29709 Kipper Road, St. Joseph. Help make snowshoe trails through the woods to kick off the maple syrup season.

Monday, Feb. 10
St. Joseph Food Shelf, open 1-3 p.m., 124 First Ave. SE, St. Joseph.

Fare for All, 3:30-5:30 p.m., Resurrection Lutheran Church, 610 CR 2 N.

St. Joseph Planning Commission, 6 p.m., Government Center, 75 Callaway St. E.

St. Joseph Township Board, 8 p.m., second and last Mondays, Township Hall, 935 College Ave. S., St. Joseph.

Tuesday, Feb. 11
Open gym, 6-9 p.m., St. Joseph Community Center, 124 First Ave. SE. Nominal fee.

Holistic Moms Network, 7-8:30 p.m., Good Earth Co-op, 2010 Veterans Drive, St. Cloud. 320-252-2489.

National Alliance on Mental Health, 7-8:30 p.m., Calvary Community Church, 1200 Roosevelt Road, St. Cloud. The group helps parents raising a child with mental illness learn coping skills and develop problem-solving skills. 320-654-1259.

Wednesday, Feb. 12
Breakfast Club, 9-10 a.m., Stearns History Museum, 235 33rd Ave. S. Free for members, nominal fee for nonmembers. 320-253-8424.

St. Joseph Area Chamber of Commerce, 11:30 a.m., St. Joseph Government Center, 75 Callaway St. E. stjosephchamber.com.

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Complete Count, sponsored by St. Cloud Area League of Women Voters, 1-2:30 p.m., Bremer Room, Great River Regional Public Library, 1300 St. Germain St., St. Cloud.

Pickleball, 6-9 p.m., St. Joseph Community Center, 124 First Ave. SE. Nominal fee.

Y2K Lions Club, 6:30 p.m., St. Joseph Community Fire Hall, 323 Fourth Ave NE. Kay Lemke 320-363-8663.

Thursday, Feb. 13
St. Joseph Food Shelf, open 1-3 p.m., 124 First Ave. SE, St. Joseph.

St. Joseph Senior Citizens, 1:30 p.m., St. Joseph Fire hall, 323 Fourth Ave. NE.

Open gym, 6-9 p.m., St. Joseph Community Center, 124 First Ave. SE. Nominal fee.

Saturday, Feb 15
St. Joseph Winter Market, 9 a.m.-1 p.m., Resurrection Lutheran Church fellowship hall, 610 CR 2.

Ice Fishing Contest, sponsored by St. Joseph Rod and Gun Club, noon-2:30 p.m., Kraemer Lake.

Sunday, Feb. 16
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.

Open gym, 9 a.m.-noon. p.m., St. Joseph Community Center, 124 First Ave. SE. Nominal fee.

Monday, Feb. 17
St. Joseph Food Shelf, open 1-3 p.m., 124 First Ave. SE, St. Joseph.

St. Cloud Area Parkinson’s Disease Support Group, 1-2:30 p.m., Independent Lifestyles, 215 Benton Drive N., Sauk Rapids.

St. Joseph Rod and Gun Club, 7 p.m., American Legion, 101 W Minnesota St., St. Joseph.

Tuesday, Feb. 18
Memory Writers group develops topics and turns in stories, 10 a.m., Stearns History Museum, 235 33rd Ave. S, St Cloud.

St. Joseph Economic Development Authority, noon, Government Center, 75 Callaway St. E.

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 to 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.

St. Joseph City Council, 6 p.m., Government Center, 75 Callaway St. E.

Open gym, 6-9 p.m., St. Joseph Community Center, 124 First Ave. SE. Nominal fee.

St. Cloud Area Genealogists, 7 p.m., Stearns History Museum, 235 33rd Ave. S., St.

Cloud. stearns-museum.org.

Wednesday, Feb. 19
Advocates for Independence, 2-4 p.m., Independent Lifestyles, 215 Benton Drive N., Sauk Rapids. 320-529-9000.

Pickleball, 6-9 p.m., St. Joseph Community Center, 124 First Ave. SE. Nominal fee.

Sixth District DFL candidate debate, doors open 6 p.m., debate starts at 6:30 p.m., Monticello Community Center, 505 Walnut St.

St. Cloud school board meeting, 6:30 p.m., District Administration Office, 1201 Second St. S., Waite Park.

Thursday, Feb. 20
St. Joseph Food Shelf, open 1-3 p.m., 124 First Ave. SE, St. Joseph.

Open gym, 6-9 p.m., St. Joseph Community Center, 124 First Ave. SE. Nominal fee.

Friday, Feb. 21
St. Cloud Singles Club Dance, 8:30 p.m.-12:30 a.m., American Legion, 17 Second Ave. S., Waite Park. 320-339-4533. stcloudsingles.net.

Sunday, Feb. 23
Open gym, 9 a.m.- noon. p.m., St. Joseph Community Center, 124 First Ave. SE. Nominal fee.

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.

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St. Joseph Catholic School fourth-graders Leah Alvord (left) and Isabella Fleege celebrate Catholic Schools Week.

Celebrate

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winter afternoon. I enjoyed watching the sixth-graders take ownership and guide the younger students during the prayer service. And, watching the variety of talent during the talent show was a nice way to end the week."

Various people commented about the week.

"Along with the rigorous academics at St. Joseph Catholic School, the students still have time to have a lot of fun," said parent and staff member Sarah Mattson.

"I love the community-building that happens through all the activities," said parent and staff member Janelle Loehlein.

"My favorite things about this week were the talent show, the Hawaiian-themed day, and the dance," said fifth-grader Amber Pankratz.

"I had crazy hair on Wacky Day," said preschooler Arie Geir. "I like(d) the hot cocoa

and popcorn on White Out Day. We got to have a short nap on Spirit Day."

"I liked Hawaiian Cruise Day," said preschooler Kaydn Davidson. "I got to wear shorts and a T-shirt and eat on my towel. We got to wear our pajamas all day on Pajama Day."

"My favorite part of Catholic Schools week is Wacky Day," said sixth-grader Saima Velline. "It is so much fun to see everyone dressed all different and wacky."

"My favorite part was Hawaiian Cruise Day when we did the train with all of the little kids," said sixth-grader Grace Nicoll. "I also liked Pajama Day. We get to bring a blanket and stuffed animal."

"My favorite part of Catholic Schools Week was the sixth-grade vs. teachers volleyball game," said sixth-grader Aquiliana Wolf. "It was so much fun with all of the kids screaming/chanting."

"I love the activities especially the dance," said sixth-grader Cecelia Weldon.

Card

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and Jacob. But I love it."

Jacob is an electrician for Stearns County. Stefanie is a founder and co-owner of Hike Hoppers, a hiking/exploring group of women.

"Jacob," she said, "has an amazing ability to create – drawing, woodworking. He

even carved a bunch of candles for me years ago. And he is so funny, always keeping me and the kids laughing doing whimsical things."

Stefanie recalled the time they were dating, early on, when Jacob picked her up at home and drove her around one winter day after blindfolding her for a surprise. In his yard, he took the blindfold off and she instantly beheld a huge Valentine heart

he'd "drawn" on the snow with colored water.

Her heart, of course, melted.

In many ways, Stefanie's personality is so different from Jacob's.

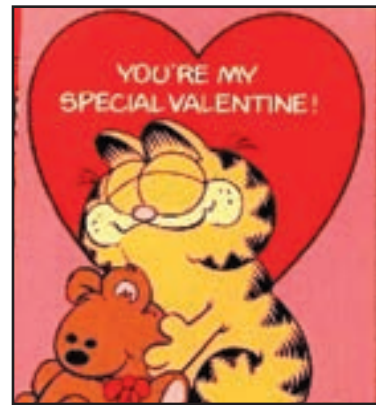
"I was always so, so serious, working two jobs, always looking for a sense of direction and accomplishment," she said. "I was a bit rigid and very organized. He was always filled with

humor and that whimsical creativity. But that is good because we balance each other nicely."

The Rothstein family loves to travel and take hiking trips.

In Hawaii in late January, the couple enjoyed sunrise hikes along steep volcanic forests and soaked up nature's beauty at every step.

"Life can be all about simplicity," Stefanie said. "About being in the moment, opening up to what's around you."



This is a copy of the 1986 Valentine card Jacob Rothstein signed "Love, Jacob" and gave to Stefanie Krebs.

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Newsleaders publisher Janelle Von Pinnon (right) presented a \$250 contribution to American Legion Post 328 of St. Joseph to honor Tom Kleckner (left) who wrote a series of veterans profiles published each edition of 2019 during the post's centennial year.