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Winter farmers' market opens at community center

The Sartell Farmers Market is open from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 2, inside the Sartell Community Center, 850 19th St. S. Come join us for the first market of the winter season. You will find many great items including the following: eggs, meat, squash, onions, potatoes, salsa, BBQ Sauce, honey, maple syrup, baked goods, canned goods, hand-made crafts and much more. Get a jump on your holiday shopping and plan for great meals for the coming month.

Turn clocks back Sunday morning

Daylight saving time, which started in March, ends Sunday, Nov. 3. At 2 a.m. Sunday, or before retiring Saturday night, residents should turn clocks back one hour to reflect the ending of daylight saving time.

Food-packaging event needs volunteers

Volunteers are needed for the seventh annual We Are Thankful food-packaging event on Sunday, Nov. 17, at the River's Edge Convention Center, 10 Fourth Ave. S., St. Cloud. Three volunteer shifts are available from 9-11 a.m., 11 a.m.-1 p.m. and 1-3 p.m. Donations are also needed to pay for ingredients. For more information, call the United Way of Central Minnesota at 320-223-7991 or email mkrip-pner@unitedwayhelps.org.

Pathways 4 Youth needs pantry donations

Donations are needed for Pathways 4 Youth pantry. Items needed include Pop-Tarts, peanut butter and jelly, Gatorade, canned pasta, spaghetti noodles and sauce, and chocolate pudding. Donations can be dropped off from noon-6 p.m. Monday-Thursday at Pathways, 203 Cooper Ave. N., St. Cloud or contact them at pathways@pathways4youthmn.org.

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Half-century old tool serves students again

by Mike Knaak
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Thanks to support from a local company, a shop tool from the original Sartell High School is again ready to serve students.

The machine, a vertical mill, was in relative disrepair until DeZURIK stepped up and paid for a technician to repair and upgrade the machine.

In addition to returning the tool to working order, a digital screen was added. The addition allows for accuracy to the 1,000th of an inch to be seen on a digital screen instead of reading a dial.

Other than the digital screen, the basic machine design has not changed much in 50 years, according to technology education teacher Nick Phillips. A new machine costs about \$18,000.

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photo by Mike Knaak

Technology education teacher Nick Phillips stands by the reconditioned 50-year-old vertical mill that now includes digital readout.

School levy special election is Nov. 5

by Mike Knaak
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Sartell-St. Stephen school district voters will be asked to approve an operating levy in a special election on Nov. 5.

If approved the levy will raise \$1.7 million a year for 10 years.

For this special election, the levy will be the only question

on the ballot. Instead of polling places typically used for general elections, three polling places for the special election have been set up.

The polling places will be open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.:

Celebration Lutheran Church
 1500 Pinecone Road N.
Sartell City Hall
 125 Pinecone Road N.

St. Stephen City Hall
 2 Sixth Ave. SE.
 St. Stephen

Early voting and absentee ballots are available from 8 a.m.-4 p.m. through Monday, Nov. 4, at the District Service Center, 212 Third Ave. N.

The ballot wording asks voters to revoke the district's existing levy and replace it with a

new authorization.

Voting Yes approves the levy and a property tax increase.

A year ago, district voters turned down a similar measure.

Because of a change in state funding approved by the Legislature, the property-tax impact of this levy will be less than it was a year ago.

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'Gary's Players' raises \$8,700 for cancer center

by Dennis Dalman
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A golf benefit in memory of Gary Primus of Sartell ("the man with the mustache") raised \$8,700, and every cent of it was given recently to the Co-born Cancer Center's Greatest Needs Fund.

Primus died Feb. 24 at home at age 63 of lung cancer eight years after his beloved wife, Terri, also died of that disease at age 62.

Gary's survivors decided to donate to the cancer center because of the excellent, kind and compassionate care Gary received there during his treatments.

The idea for the fundraiser dubbed Gary's Players at Black-

berry Ridge Golf Course came from Kevin Primus, 55, also a Sartell resident. Those who competed in the tournament included many family members, friends, co-workers and acquaintances.

Brother Kevin reminisced about the brother he loved. A golf benefit was appropriate, Primus said, because Gary "lived and breathed golf," frequently playing golf with buddies at Blackberry Ridge, Territory Golf Course in St. Cloud and many others.

"Gary was a kind, caring, good-hearted guy with an awesome sense of humor and with a laugh that if you heard it once, you never forgot it," Primus said. "It was a low kind of chuckle-laugh. And he had

a big-ass mustache that he was so proud of."

Gary had a walrus mustache, the kind that actor Sam Elliott sported in his many cowboy movies.

For many years, Gary worked at Nahan Printing in St. Cloud where he served as supervisor and later as a color specialist.

The cancer that took his life was relentless – a vicious continuous assault on his body. Gary kept noticing a pain in his ribs and decided to have it checked out. Diagnostic tests showed cancer in his ribs and in one of his hips. Rapidly, the cancer then invaded his lungs and, still later, his brain. Surgery was required to remove at least some of the tumor in his brain.

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The late Gary Primus (left) and brother Kevin (right) have always been good buddies, especially after their father died of a heart attack when Kevin was 21.

Tool

from front page

The vertical mill is used in the school's metal classes taken by 450 to 500 students a year for drilling holes and carving metal.

DeZURIK offered to replace the mill with a new or used machine or update the old one.

"We didn't have the heart to

throw it out," technology education teacher Joe Schulte said. "It was here when my dad took shop classes in 1970."

"If you took a shop class at Sartell High School, you likely saw or used this machine (during) the last 50 years. After its reconditioning, courtesy of DeZURIK, it is good for another 50 years," Schulte wrote in a report about the vertical mill.

In addition to funding the machine upgrade, DeZURIK



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DeZURIK staff joined teachers for the return of the vertical mill to Sartell High School. (From left) Scott DeZurik, Jim Bowe, Chandler Commerford, Wade Domres, Joe Schulte and Nick Phillips.

regularly offers internships for the school's technology students and occasionally hires a student right after graduation.

"They are impressed with the students we send there," Phillips said.

The relationship with DeZURIK is part of the school's Career and Technical Education Advisory Committee. Another committee member, Northern Metal Products, donated 10 welding tables worth about \$10,000.

Maintaining an advisory committee of related industries and businesses helps the school keep its certification, which includes eligibility for federal grants. Teachers also need to maintain their certification showing they have the appropriate skills and knowledge, a process that takes 80 to 100 hours, Schulte said.

Current advisory committee members are: Jim Bowe, DeZURIK Manufacturing; Jon Pearson, St. Cloud Freightliner;

Sarah Lampert, Park Industries; Les Engel, Engel Metallurgical; Greg Pietrowski, Northern Metal Products; Derrick Silvestri, St. Cloud State University; April Ryan, SEH Inc.; Brian Lommel, Bitstream Productions; Steve Struzek, BestWay Metal Fab; and Mitch Pangerl, Valley View Construction.

If businesses are interested in joining the Advisory Committee, contact High School Principal Brenda Steve at steve@sartell.k12.mn.us.

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Gary's

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Meantime, Gary underwent radiation and chemo treatments at the Coborn Cancer Center in St. Cloud.

"He went through a lot," Primus said. "But he never lost his positive attitude, even through the worst of the ordeal."

Family and friends were devastated by his death.

"Everybody liked Gary," Primus said. "He was quite the guy. That's why there were so many people at the golf benefit. Because they loved Gary and wanted to honor his memory. Dad died of a heart attack when I was only 21 so big-brother Gary became a really close brother. With dad gone, I would go to Gary for advice. He was like my second dad. He and I spent a lot of time on golf courses, having what we called quality B.S. time."

Gary loved golf, bowling and spending lots of time with family – especially his grandkids. Gary and Terri had three children: Tim of Cold Spring; Tracy, also of Cold Spring; and Beth Klaverkamp of St. Cloud. There are eight grandchildren.

Gary and Kevin grew up in Albany, the sons of the late Leander Primus and his wife, Lorraine (now of Avon), who proudly attended with other family members the presentation ceremony of the \$8,700 check at Coborn Cancer Center. The Primus brothers graduated from Albany High School. There are also a brother Tom, who lives in Colorado; and sister Judy Cigelski of Albany.

Kevin is employed by Knife River Construction in St. Cloud. He and wife Lisa have three children: Nick Gruba, 36, of Dalbo; Ryan Gruba, 33, of Foley; and Kelsey Gruba of Milaca. The children are Lisa's from a previous marriage. They have two grandchildren.

"What I've learned from this," Kevin said, "is that there are so many people with caring hearts and who were so happy to support the cause of raising money in memory of Gary."

If you have a tip concerning a crime, call the Sartell Police Department at 320-251-8186 or Tri-County Crime Stoppers at 320-255-1301, or access its tip site at tricitycrimestoppers.org. Crime Stoppers offers rewards up to \$1,000 for information leading to the arrest and conviction of those responsible for a crime.

Oct. 16
8:50 a.m. Traffic stop. Third Avenue N. An officer witnessed a vehicle traveling at a higher-than-posted speed limit close to a school. Stopping the vehicle, the officer gave a verbal warning to the driver.

Oct. 17
4:15 p.m. Traffic stop. Connecticut Avenue. An officer witnessed a vehicle continue through a stop sign without stopping. The officer stopped the vehicle and gave a verbal warning to the driver.

Oct. 18
10:30 p.m. Domestic. Lowell Lane. Officers were dispatched to a domestic in progress. Both parties were separated and not cooperative with the officers. Officers advised both parties to stay away from each other for the night and to call if the situation escalated.

Oct. 19
1 p.m. Hit-and-run. CR 120. An officer was dispatched to a hit-and-run in the parking lot of a business. The damage to the vehicle was recorded and the owner of the vehicle that left was contacted. The owner admitted to being at the business at the time but did not realize they had hit another vehicle. Information was exchanged between the parties.

Oct. 20
10:25 p.m. Domestic. Hi Vue Drive. Officers were dispatched for a physical domestic. Officers spoke with the involved parties and determined that probable cause existed to arrest one party for domestic assault and interfering with a 911 call. The individual was transported to Stearns County Jail.

Oct. 21
1:40 a.m. Suspicious vehicle. Sunset Avenue. An officer checked out a parked suspicious vehicle. The officer could not locate any suspicious activity and the vehicle was legally parked.

Oct. 22
1 p.m. Alcohol at school. Third Avenue N. The officer assigned to a school was notified about alcohol found on a student. The officer confiscated the con-

triband and contacted the student's parents.

Oct. 23
1:45 p.m. Tobacco. Pinecone Road. The school resource officer was notified about an electronic cigarette found on a student. The officer took possession of the vape and notified the student's parents.

Oct. 24
5:15 p.m. Suspicious person. Connecticut Avenue S. An individual was asking people at a business for money. When the officer arrived, the individual left in a vehicle. Stopping the vehicle, it was discovered the driver had a warrant for their arrest. The driver was taken to Stearns County Jail.

Oct. 25
12:45 a.m. Domestic. Pheasant Crest Loop. Officers went to a residence for a domestic situation. Upon arrival, officers spoke with both parties. One of the parties was arrested for domestic assault and transported to Stearns County Jail for the infraction.

Oct. 26
5:50 p.m. Traffic stop. CR 78. An officer was at an intersection when another squad responding to an emergency approached the intersection with

lights and sirens activated. The intersection lights changed and the hazard warning light began flashing advising drivers of the approaching emergency vehicle. A vehicle proceeded through the intersection narrowly avoiding the responding police vehicle. The driver was issued a citation for failing to yield to an emergency vehicle.

Oct. 27
7:50 p.m. Road hazard. CR 120. An officer was dispatched to a vehicle blocking part of the roadway on a bridge. The officer arrived and called for a tow for the vehicle. The tow company arrived and removed the vehicle.

Oct. 28
10:05 a.m. Traffic stop. Riverside Avenue S. An officer witnessed a vehicle traveling at a higher rate of speed than the posted speed limit. The officer stopped the vehicle as it pulled into a business parking lot. The officer issued a citation.

Oct. 29
7:20 a.m. Pheasant Crest Loop. Domestic. Officers were called regarding a domestic. Officers talked with both parties. The officers separated the parties and allowed one of them to leave to prevent further issues.

People

Autumn Blommer of Sartell, a member of World Association of Kickboxing Organizations USA, represented Team WAKO USA in Guatemala on Sept 28 winning two gold medals, one silver and overall grand champion.

Blommer competes in point sparring and trains locally at Start BJJ Minnesota and National Karate.

She will be traveling to Puerto Rico in December. She is a student at Sartell High School.



Blommer

Keenan Lund, a 2016 graduate of Sartell High School, entered the U.S. Air Force Academy on June 27. He completed five weeks of basic cadet training that culminated in formal acceptance into the Air Force Academy on Aug. 6. Keenan began his Division 1 College Hockey career with the Air Force Academy this fall. As a freshman, he played in his first college hockey game against Arizona State Sun Devils on Oct. 19. His journey to college hockey in-

cluded skating three years of high school hockey with the Sartell Sabres and three seasons of Junior hockey – one year with the Granite City Lumberjacks and two years with the Minot Minotauros.



Lund

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INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 748
(SARTELL-ST. STEPHEN)
STATE OF MINNESOTA

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the election judges for Independent School District No. 748 shall count the ballots cast in the School District’s Nov. 5, 2019 special election at the following locations for the combined polling places specified.

COMBINED POLLING PLACE:	Sartell City Hall 125 Pinecone Road N. Sartell, Minnesota 56377
COMBINED POLLING PLACE:	Celebration Lutheran Church 1500 Pinecone Road N. Sartell, Minnesota 56377
COMBINED POLLING PLACE:	St. Stephen City Hall 2 Sixth Ave. SE St. Stephen, Minnesota 56375

Dated: July 15, 2019.

BY ORDER OF THE SCHOOL BOARD

By /s/ Pamela Raden
School District Clerk

Independent School District No. 748
(Sartell-St. Stephen)
State of Minnesota

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Levy

from front page

This chart shows the approximate tax increase. Taxpayers can figure their own tax impact with an online calculator at Sartell.k12.mn.us/2019levy.

Taxable Market value	Yearly increase
\$100,000	\$74.30
\$150,000	\$111.45
\$200,000	\$148.60
\$250,000	\$185.75
\$300,000	\$222.90
\$350,000	\$260.05
\$400,000	\$297.20
\$450,000	\$334.35

School leaders point out that operating levies tax agricultural property differently than

bonding. Farmers are taxed on their residence and one acre of land, not their entire acreage. The Legislature provided additional property-tax relief for farmers with a tax credit on bonding, including the money approved for the new high school. Farmers received a 40 percent tax credit for 2019 and that increases by 10 percent a year through 2023.

District leaders say the money raised by the operating levy is needed to meet the needs of a growing district.

They explain the operational levy is part of a multi-year strategic plan that includes funding the new high school, remodeling the old high school to serve as a middle school, converting the current middle school for grades three through five and reconfiguring the

grades in the two elementary buildings starting next fall.

The increased funding will support operating a total of six buildings (including the District Service Center) when the old high school-to-middle school remodeling is complete next year. Operations include custodians, food service, heating/cooling and maintenance. The new high school is just short of 300,000 square feet. It costs about \$3.50-\$4 per square foot to operate a building. The added cost because of an additional building is between \$1 million and \$1.2 million annually.

The school district prepared a special website with information about the levy at <https://www.sartell.k12.mn.us/2019levy/>.

Schools still need math, reading tutors

Tutors are still needed for the Minnesota Math Corps and the Minnesota Reading Corps.

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

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

Sartell schools are looking for three reading tutors and one math tutor. Two math tutors are needed in St. Joseph.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE OF SPECIAL ELECTION
INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 748 (SARTELL-ST. STEPHEN)
STATE OF MINNESOTA

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a special election has been called and will be held in and for Independent School District No. 748 (Sartell-St. Stephen), State of Minnesota, on Tuesday, Nov. 5, 2019, for the purpose of voting on the following question:

School District Question 1
Revoking Existing Referendum Revenue
Authorization; Approving New Authorization

The board of Independent School District No. 748 (Sartell-St. Stephen) has proposed to revoke the school district’s existing referendum revenue authorization of \$24.83 per pupil and to replace that authorization with a new authorization of \$460 per pupil. The proposed new referendum revenue authorization would be applicable for 10 years, beginning with taxes payable in 2020, unless otherwise revoked or reduced as provided by law.

	Property value	Pay 2020 Revoked Authority	Pay 2020 Proposed New Authority	Pay 2020 Net Change
	50,000	-2.12	39.27	37.15
	75,000	-3.18	58.91	55.73
	100,000	-4.24	78.54	74.3
	125,000	-5.3	98.18	92.88
	150,000	-6.36	117.81	111.45
Residential, Homesteads, Apartments, and Commercial Industrial Property	175,000	-7.42	137.45	130.03
	200,000	-8.48	157.08	148.6
	225,000	-9.54	176.72	167.18
	250,000	-10.6	196.35	185.75
	275,000	-11.66	215.99	204.33
	300,000	-12.72	235.62	222.9
	325,000	-13.78	255.26	241.48
	350,000	-14.84	274.89	260.05
	375,000	-15.9	294.53	278.63
	400,000	-16.96	314.16	297.2
	425,000	-18.02	333.8	315.78
	450,000	-19.08	353.43	334.35
	475,000	-20.14	373.07	352.93
	500,000	-21.2	392.7	371.5

This combined polling place serves all territory in Independent School District No. 748 located in the City of St. Stephen; and St. Wendel, East Brockway and West Brockway Townships; Stearns County, Minnesota.

Any eligible voter residing in the school district may vote at said election at the combined polling place designated above for the precinct in which he or she resides. The polls for said election will be opened at 7 a.m. and will close at 8 p.m., on the date of said election.

A voter must be registered to vote to be eligible to vote in this election. An unregistered individual may register to vote at the polling place on election day.

Dated: July 15, 2019.

BY ORDER OF THE SCHOOL BOARD

/s/Pamela Raden
School District Clerk

Independent School District No. 748
(Sartell-St. Stephen)
State of Minnesota

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BY VOTING “YES” ON THIS BALLOT QUESTION, YOU ARE VOTING FOR A PROPERTY TAX INCREASE.

School District Question 1 would revoke the school district’s existing referendum revenue authorization and approve a new authorization. Passage of School District Question 1 will result in an increase in your property taxes.

The annual dollar increases for typical residential homesteads, apartments, commercial-industrial properties, and most other classes of property within the school district are as shown in the table below.

For agricultural property (both homestead and non-homestead), the taxes for the proposed referendum will be based on the value of the house, garage and surrounding one acre of land only. There will be no referendum taxes paid on the value of other agricultural lands and buildings. For seasonal residential recreational property (i.e. cabins), there will be no taxes paid for the proposed referendum.

The combined polling places for this election and the precincts served by those polling places will be as follows:

COMBINED POLLING PLACE: Sartell City Hall
125 Pinecone Road N.
Sartell, Minnesota 56377

This combined polling place serves all territory in Independent School District No. 748 located in the City of Sartell, Precincts 1, 3 and 4 and Le Sauk Township in Stearns County, Minnesota; and the City of Sartell, Precinct 2; Benton County, Minnesota.

COMBINED POLLING PLACE: Celebration Lutheran Church
1500 Pinecone Road N.
Sartell, Minnesota 56377

This combined polling place serves all territory in Independent School District No. 748 located in the City of Sartell, Precincts 5, 6 and 7; Stearns County, Minnesota.

COMBINED POLLING PLACE: St. Stephen City Hall
2 Sixth Ave. SE
St. Stephen, Minnesota 56375

Sartell eighth-grader excels in videography

by Dennis Dalman
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At the young age of 13, Warner Lolmasteymaugh of Sartell is not only an accomplished videographer and video editor – he is



Lolmasteymaugh

also a budding movie director.

The Sartell Middle School eighth-grader just wrapped up a production titled “Locked in the Dark,” which is a short spooky movie he scripted in time for Halloween. The black-and-white silent film stars friend Ethan Bird as the protagonist who tries to escape the clutches of a sinister bogeyman while locked in a house.

In writing and filming the movie, Lolmasteymaugh was inspired by classic horror movies of the old days – silent black-and-white movies like “Nosferatu” and “Phantom of the Opera.”

Lolmasteymaugh is a virtual compendium of movies and movie-making. He doesn’t just watch movies; he studies them; he takes notes about their styles of photography, editing, dialogue, plot developments and sound effects.

He has a big book shelf plum-stuffed with DVDs of movies and video games that he seeks out at area stores and libraries.

The young videographer is the son of Ken and Rachel

Lolmasteymaugh. He has two younger siblings – sisters Evie and Anna. Anna is already showing a keen interest in video basics, he said, and Evie’s special passion is food and cooking.

Lolmasteymaugh took to video the way a duck takes to water. Three years ago, when he was just 10, he began to explore and play around with video techniques via his computer. On his adventure of discovery, he created YouTube videos and blogs and began to fiddle around with various software and video applications. He was soon hooked, and his hobby became, as he calls it, his passion.

One day, his mother, Rachel, asked him if he could put together some videos for the company she works for, Face-time Business Resources. He obliged, and his success with those tasks launched him into more videos commissioned by people, businesses and organizations. He now calls his videography business Blacksmith Studios.

He has created videos involving The Waters Church, Sta-Fit, House of Pizza, Blue Line Bar & Grill, Sartell Pediatrics, Granite City 5k Run, St. Patrick’s Day Parade in St. Cloud, the Fifth Avenue Live event in St. Cloud and a training session of the Sartell firefighters – to name just some of his works.

Last summer, he created a video to honor the start of a new school year in Sartell. The film was a “thank you” and “welcome back” tribute to



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Warner Lolmasteymaugh records a scene for a video production he did about the Sartell Fire Department.

teachers, administrators, staff, food-service employees, bus drivers and others involved in the school district. With his trusty videocam, Lolmasteymaugh set out for Sartell businesses and other places to ask questions of people, including a couple students, who shared their thoughts and feelings about school personnel. Then he edited his footage, added a piano score and presented the video production at a banquet of school people who warmly applauded the movie and the appreciative comments from the people in it. One was an interview with Sartell Mayor Ryan Fitzthum in front of City Hall.

“We’re excited for the school year to kick off,” Fitzthum said. “And Go Sabres!”

Lolmasteymaugh uses a Canon Vixia R-600 and a Mercury-brand tripod when filming.

“The Canon Vixia is very sturdy and gets the job done,” he said.

To learn his craft and in a constant effort to fine-tune his skills, he took some online videography courses to explore the highly technical subject. Last summer, he interned at BadCat Digital Marketing in St. Cloud. Lolmasteymaugh said his favorite school subject is language arts.

“Video is a very big passion of mine,” he said. “I hope to do it as a career. Maybe videos of sports games and doing some of my own personal movies. Some of my videos have been advertisements, ways to pro-

mote things or to shed light on certain topics.”

Despite all the studies and works to learn his craft, Lolmasteymaugh said he learned at least as much by just having fun with his camera, winging it, learning from mistakes, filming his friends in the backyard. For a school art project, he shot a little movie based on Mark Twain’s “The Adventures of Tom Sawyer,” starring friend Zach Moore as Tom.

Lolmasteymaugh is hoping his love of videography will secure him a solid future career, one that is challenging and fun at the same time. His unswerving dedication and his sharp-eyed focus to the craft will almost certainly guarantee him a string of future achievements.

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, Nov. 1

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

Saturday, Nov. 2

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

Sunday, Nov. 3

System Change for Climate Justice, 10:30 a.m., St. Cloud Unitarian Universalist Fellowship, 3226 Maine Prairie Road, St. Cloud. Speaker is CSB/SJU professor Corrie Gross.

Monday, Nov. 4

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

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

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

Tuesday, Nov. 5

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

Wednesday, Nov. 6

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

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

Sartell-St. Stephen school board work session, 6:30 p.m., District Service Center, 212 Third Ave. N.

Thursday, Nov. 7

Coffee and Conversation, a senior discussion group, 9 a.m., Sartell Community Center, 850 19th St. S. Speaker is Stearns County Attorney Janelle Kendall.

Blood drive, 1-7 p.m., St. Francis Xavier, 308 Second St. N., Sartell. Appointments at 800-733-2767 or RedCross-Blood.org.

Friday, Nov. 8

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

Saturday, Nov. 9

Dine and Dialogue, 2:30-4:45 p.m., St. Cloud Library, Mississippi Room, 1300 St. Germain St., St. Cloud. Join community leaders in a discussion about how American values transcend religion and race.

Monday, Nov. 11

Veterans Day program, sponsored by the St. Cloud Metropolitan Veterans Council, 1:30 p.m., Building 8 (Auditorium), St. Cloud VA Medical

Center, 4801 Veterans Drive.

Tuesday, Nov. 12

Sartell Chamber of Commerce, 11:30 a.m., Waters Church, 1227 Pinecone Road. 320-258.6061. info@sartell-chamber.com.

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.

Brockway Township Board, 7:30 p.m., Township Hall, 43710 85th Ave. N

Wednesday, Nov. 13

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

Le Sauk Township Board, 7 p.m., Township Hall, 220

Fourth Ave. S., Sartell.

Thursday, Nov. 14

Coffee and Conversation, a senior discussion group, 9 a.m., Sartell Community Center, 850 19th St. S. Speaker is Ken Ramler on the topic of carving.

Friday, Nov. 15

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.

Saturday, Nov. 16

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

Community Meal, 11:30 a.m.-12:45 p.m., First United Methodist Church, 1107 Pinecone Road S., Sartell. Free.

Sunday, Nov. 17

Best Omelette in Town, 8 a.m.-noon, American Legion, 17 Second Ave. N, Waite Park. Fee includes hash browns, toast, coffee, juice and water.

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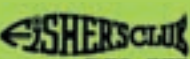
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Planned TCHS building aims for efficiency, comfort

by Dennis Dalman
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Even a brief review of the Tri-County Humane Society's annual report for 2018 makes abundantly clear why a new building has to be constructed.

A tour of the current facility underlines that fact.

Ground will soon be broken for a \$3.5-million shelter building just to the west of the current facility, which will be demolished. Fundraising continues for the new project, with about slightly less than \$1 million still to raise, and pledges for up to a five-year time frame are being accepted. There are also naming-rights available.

The new TCHS facility will be twice the size of the current one.

The current building, which opened in 1989, is an extremely busy and jam-packed place, as the following facts demonstrate. In 2018, the TCHS did the following:

- Placed 3,123 pets (a 95.6 percent adoption rate)
- Received 2,270 cats, 743 dogs and 254 other animals.
- Placed 1,204 pets in foster homes for three reasons (the animals were pregnant, too young or too small, or had medical issues).
- Performed 2,181 surgeries (1,969 of them on-site).
- Hosted 23 MN SNAP and 22 veterinary centers for low-cost mobile spay-neuter services.
- Welcomed 200 volunteers to give of their time and skills for the sake of the animals and adoptees. Those volunteers worked 18,800 hours for a total monetary equivalency of \$475,000.
- Hosted or provided countless school visits, birthday parties, pet-therapy visits to senior-care centers, tours for schools, 50 offsite adoption events and many educational programs.

Throughout the last four-plus decades, the number of animals brought to the shelter vastly increased, the number of programs and volunteers grew by leaps and bounds and TCHS staff had to adapt to crowded quarters. It rapidly reached the point where staff had to become ingeniously improvisatory to "make do" with tiny rooms and spaces that had to be used for so many needs.

As TCHS Executive Director Vicki Davis put it: "We have done a lot of improvising over the years – patching, repurposing and tacking on as best we could."

A new building, she added, will allow staff and volunteers to do an even better job in a



photos by Dennis Dalman

Sibling Dalmatians, dubbed Perdita and Pongo, await a "forever family" at one of three canine adoption rooms at the Tri-County Humane Society.

place of greater comfort and help for the animals. The new facility is being designed for efficiency so animals, staff, volunteers and visitors can better inter-relate in conditions less crowded, less stressful.

The TCHS is now conducting tours of the current (old) building so members of the public can see for themselves. One afternoon in late October, TCHS Director of Philanthropy Tauna Quimby conducted one of the tours. It began in a medical building (to the southwest of the shelter) where surgeries (mainly spaying/neutering) are performed. The tour then moved on to the shelter building.

Quimby said during the tour day there were 130 animals in the shelter and 244 in foster-care homes of volunteers.

Tour participants poked their noses into many rooms – an intake room where new animals are checked for fleas or other problems, a room lined with cats in cat cages, rooms filled with eager dogs up for adoption, a busy laundry room, a meet-and-greet room for pets and prospective adopters, kennel areas where animals can be let out for exercise or to interact with visitors.

In the dog rooms were visitors checking out the pooches, who elicited oohs and ahhs from the people – especially two delightfully cute sibling Dalmatians dubbed Perdita and Pongo.

Another room, as crowded as the others, contained miscellaneous adoptable critters, such as rabbits, guinea pigs, hamsters, snakes and even some birds.

In all of the rooms – even the break room – supplies are stacked, shelved, crammed in, with staff doing their work practically elbow to elbow.

Favorite stories

Every staff members has a favorite heartwarming animal story to tell. Laura Lund, animal-care manager, told the tour participants how she is still thrilled that two very elderly dogs brought in three weeks previously were both adopted, by the same family.

Tour guide Quimby shared one of her many favorites. One day, before the shelter even opened, there stood an animal-control officer with a chicken under his arm. When a worker arrived, she said to the man: "A chicken? We've never had a chicken here."

"Well, you do now," said the man, smiling, explaining it had been found in the Sartell area.

The staff were thrilled about their new arrival but scratched their brains about how best to get it – perhaps – adopted. They decided to put a photo of it on the TCHS website. Within 24 hours, a woman arrived at the shelter and asked to see the chicken. She was taken to the small-animals room where she stood stunned and smiling in front of the cage and its contents, a chicken and some freshly laid eggs. And then, in a sudden swirl of cackling and commotion, the critter stood up, beat its wings up and down, squawked and performed a manic version of the "Chicken Dance." Sure enough, it was the woman's chicken, lost for several months and at long last reunited.

The staff members also have favorite stories of the people who love the humane society. One of them, Quimby said, is a young girl named Addie who lives in Sartell. She loves dogs, even though her family does not have one. One summer, she offered her help in the

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Tauna Quimby (center) is the Tri-County Humane Society’s director of philanthropy and also conducts tours of the current TCHS facility. Here, in the surgical room, Quimby prepares to lead a tour. At left is tour participant Mary Puterbaugh of Waite Park, who also assists with some TCHS surgeries; and at right is Dave Masters, an educator and St. Cloud City Council member.

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neighborhood to clean up doggie waste for a small fee. She saved all she earned and made a gift of the money – \$100-plus – to the TCHS. So many pet enthusiasts raise funds for TCHS in a variety of ways: garage sales, lemonade-stand sales and organizations like Sartell Youth Hockey, to name just one.

Director Davis, who has been with the TCHS for 35 years, met with participants at the end of the tour. She recalled the first humane society was located in a run-down, dysfunctional former gas station. When the staff moved into the new (current) building, it was like entering the “Taj Mahal,” she recalled. But the “Taj Mahal” quickly became overcrowded, and now Davis, staff, volunteers and no doubt animals will be happy to move into a new “Taj Mahal,” a bigger, more efficient, less stressful one.

There will be three TCHS



Tri-County Humane Society Executive Director Vicki Davis chats with members of a recent guided tour of the facility – Mary Puterbaugh of Waite Park and Dave Masters of St. Cloud.

tours, free and open to the public, in the month of November, all of them on Tuesdays: Nov. 5 from 5-6 p.m., Nov. 12 from 5-6 p.m.; and Nov. 19 from 1-2 p.m.

People can also take a virtual tour, including seeing an artist’s conceptions of views of the new building, by going to: www.happinesshappen-

[shere.org](http://www.shere.org)

Anybody who wants to donate to the TCHS Building Fund should go to its website at www.tricountyhumanesociety.org and hit the “Donate” button.

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A BRIEF HISTORY

In 1992, Morrill Worcester, owner of Worcester Wreath Company, found his company with a surplus of wreaths as the holiday season ended. As a child, he visited Arlington National Cemetery after winning a trip to Washington, D.C. The experience would stick with him and ultimately lead him to donate

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The wreath-laying ceremony in Arlington went on silently until 2005, when an image of the adorned stones spread across the internet and went viral, prompting the movement to become a registered nonprofit. In 2014, the group met their amazing goal of covering the entirety of the Arlington National Cemetery with 226,525 wreaths.

Today, with the help of volunteers and donations, the group distributes wreaths to all 50 states and offers

learning tools to teach younger generations about the significance of our military members.

HOW TO DONATE

You can make a monetary contribution by sponsoring wreaths to be used during ceremonies. It is a passionate way to say "thank you" to a fallen soldier who sacrificed their lives for our country's freedom. Another unique donation they accept is assistance from trucking companies to trek their wreaths across the country. The Honor Fleet is made up of generous truck owners who distribute the symbols throughout the nation.

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**OPERATION
HELP A HERO**

This organization offers all-around support for serving military members, veterans and their families. A part of their mission is to connect with servicemen and service-women year-round. Around the holidays, Operation Christmas Spirit is their unique way to offer relief, gifts and support throughout the season.

Their website makes it easy to do your part in supporting their cause and the military. Whether you make a financial donation or volunteer your time to operate a charity event or coordinate a gathering, the organization is always in need of volunteers.

SOLDIER'S ANGELS

This nonprofit group pro-



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vides comfort to military members through numerous charities. Two of their holiday focused chapters include:

Adopt-A-Family offers gifts for military children and provide parents with grocery store gift cards to create a delicious holiday meal.

Holiday Community members coordinate the sending of cards, letters and stockings to service troops and veterans.

According to the organization, donations have helped contribute to these impressive statistics.

- More than 120,000 items provided to veterans at their VA Medical facilities in 2017.
- 851,000 care packages sent to deployed service members over the last 15 years.
- More than 22,000 veterans were provided with food

assistance throughout the country in 2017.

TOYS FOR TOTS

Established in 1947, the Toys for Tots program was developed by Marine Corps Reserve Maj. Bill Hendricks, whose wife handcrafted dolls to give to children in need. Hendricks was unable to find an agency to help distribute the toys, so they decided to start their own

service. Today, the Marine Toys for Tots Program is attributed to distributing an average of over 18 million toys to seven million less fortunate children annually. Donating to the cause is easy, as most businesses participate in collecting gifts over the holidays. If you can't find a donation center in your area, urge local companies to take part in the giving tradition.



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Col. Schramel shares fond Sartell memories

by Dennis Dalman
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Right after Thomas Schramel graduated from Sartell High School in 1985, he enlisted in the U.S. Air Force, planning to serve for four years, then go to college.

And that is just what he did, but little did he know at the time he would go on to serve his country in the Air Force until Nov. 1 of this year. Col. Schramel, 52, will officially retire from the service on that day after nearly three decades in the Air Force.

"I always wanted to be around airplanes," said Schramel in a telephone interview from his home in Yorktown, Virginia. "That is why I enlisted in the Air Force. That, and the educational benefits were a good thing, too."

After his four years of military service, true to his plans he enrolled in Old Dominion University in Norfolk, Virginia, where he earned a degree in criminal justice, but he soon realized how much he missed his Air Force work and joined up again with the rank of second lieutenant. Since then, he has been promoted to first lieutenant, captain, major, lieutenant colonel and colonel.

Schramel's first military occupational specialty was as a radio/radar repairman, but he went on to acquire a vast number of educational accomplishments and military roles: to name just some, Master of Liberal Arts degree, squadron officer school, air-war college, avionics technician, flight commander, assistant professor of aerospace studies, maintenance supervisor and commander of the 35th Maintenance Group at Misawa Air Base in Japan. That assignment was his last before moving to Virginia before announcing his retirement.

Schramel served wartime duties in Iraq (twice) and in Afghanistan. He was also stationed in Kuwait, Saudi Arabia and Japan.

He has been honored with a dozen awards and decorations, including the Bronze Star Med-



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Col. Thomas Schramel, who grew up in Sartell, stands with his family during a change-of-command ceremony July 19 of this year. Schramel will retire from the U.S. Air Force Nov. 1 after nearly three decades of service. From left to right are Max, Thomas, Janet and Burke.

al, Meritorious Service Medal with seven oak-leaf clusters, Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal with Bronze Star, the North Atlantic Treaty Organization Medal and multiple medals for his services in Iraq and Afghanistan.

Born at St. Cloud Hospital, Schramel grew up in Sartell, the son of Marvin and Maxine Schramel, who now live, retired in Vergas (near Detroit Lakes). His siblings are Joe, who still lives in Sartell by the "old" Coborn's store; Kathy Sauer of Rice; Amy Gottwalt of St. Cloud and Paul of Detroit Lakes.

Schramel said his favorite memories of Sartell revolve around mostly sports and hunting. He loved playing football on the Sartell Sabres team for the late, great coach Dean Taylor.

"I learned a lot of life lessons from Coach Taylor," he said.

"He was a great man."

Schramel was also – and still is – an avid hunter.

"I attended Sartell Elementary School (now the District Services Center) and all my school years were in Sartell, right up through high school," he said. "That was a nice way to grow up. What I don't miss are the Minnesota winters."

Schramel has revisited Sartell about six times since leaving in the mid-1980s, the last visit being about six years ago. He is aware, through the family grapevine, of the boomtown changes that took place in Sartell during the past few decades. However, he plans to see those changes soon during a trip to the city as part of his retirement plans.

Schramel and his wife, Janet, have two children: daughter Burke, who is a junior at Florida State University; and son

Max, a senior at Grafton High School in Yorktown.

Janet has her own at-home business. She coordinates home-restoration projects between owners and contractors after homes have been repossessed by banks. She and Thomas met on a blind date in Oklahoma.

"I proposed," said Schramel, "and fortunately she said yes."

A military career often necessitates all kinds of moves from place to place, base to base. Schramel said that, yes, it can be trying on families, but that in some ways it can strengthen children because they learn to become emotionally flexible and rapidly adaptable to new and ever-changing places and people. His daughter, he noted as an example, adapted very quickly to her college life in Florida, despite twinges of lonesomeness. The children

also learned a lot about other cultures, especially during the time their father was stationed in Japan.

Schramel said the most rewarding times in the U.S. Air Force were his tours of duty in Iraq and Afghanistan.

"That's when I realized all the training I had previously can help our whole nation's security," he said. "It's war time, and it's all real. That's what I was paid and trained to do – launching combat air power to protect the service people there. Those times were the most difficult but also the most rewarding."

On Nov. 1, his retirement date, Schramel intends to celebrate by going out to dinner. Then he's going to get to work once again, seeking a job as a defense contractor.

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Sartell Lions Park now has a SaveStation

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An AED SaveStation was installed in mid-October right at Lions Community Park just across from Sartell City Hall.

The Sartell Lions Club contributed money to purchase the SaveStation, which is a device that holds an automatic external defibrillator, also known as an AED. Countless lives have been saved by the use of AEDs. All a person has to do is grab the small machine, press a button on it and a pre-programmed voice talks the person through the procedure after the machine's pads are placed on the chest of someone suffering from cardiac arrest. The SaveStation AEDs function even in Minnesota's severe winter weather.

Just recently, an AED saved the life of Mike Canfield, a St. Cloud man who has been a football referee for four decades. Canfield was refereeing a game in Kimball one day in October when he handed the football to a kicker and then instantly fell to the ground. Someone ran inside the school to get an AED. The machine shocked Canfield's heart back to life, and he survived.

"It (AED) saved my life," said Canfield during an interview on KSTP-TV. "You never

really think about just how great a life is until you're almost not here."

Canfield, 71, said he is going to give up his refereeing to concentrate on his golf game.

Rich Feneis of Sartell was also featured in the KSTP story. He and Joel Vogel of St. Joseph have spearheaded a drive to get more SaveStations in Central Minnesota. So far there are 49 of them – several in St. Joseph with more to come and more of the SaveStations planned for Sartell. Richmond and Cold Spring are also planning for some, and Boy Scouts from those cities will help in letting people know where the SaveStations are installed and how to use them.

Directional signs are also being installed at various places in the area – signs that point to where the nearest SaveStations are located.

"There's a need for them everywhere," said Feneis, who founded an organization dubbed Advocates for Health. Others instrumental in the SaveStation efforts are too numerous to mention but include CentraCare Health system, which gives generous grants for the AEDs; police departments and sheriff's departments, with a big boost from Stearns County Sheriff Steve Soyka and many monetary contributors.



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(At left) This is the newly installed AED SaveStation at Lions Community Park in Sartell. More of the life-saving stations are planned for the city. There are now about 50 of them in Central Minnesota. (Above) This AED directional sign with its arrow points the way to one of several SaveStations in St. Joseph.

Council endorses school levy

by Dennis Dalman
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Expressing hesitancy, the Sartell City Council voted to endorse the school district's request for an increase in its operating levy.

On Tuesday, Nov. 5, Sartell and St. Stephen voters will decide whether to increase that levy by \$1.7 million annually over a period of 10 years.

At the Oct. 28 City Council meeting, City Administra-

tor Mary Degiovanni said city staff had drafted a resolution in support of the levy's approval based on input from the city Economic Development Commission, the Sartell Chamber of Commerce and many businesses. They all agree that failure to pass the levy would have an indirect but definite negative impact on the economic strength of the city.

Council members all agreed with that opinion, but several said they were hesitant to pass

the resolution because the city should not take sides on levies in other jurisdictions, such as, in this case, the school district.

Council members, however, agreed voters' approving the levy would keep Sartell economically strong in so many ways and that its failure would likely cause lay-offs and other disruptions to the schools and to the city's well-being. They approved the resolution to support the levy unanimously.

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Social networks are publishers, not platforms

When online message boards, chat rooms and discussion lists first appeared in the digital world, they were much different than today's social media environment.

In the 1990s, they were viewed as digital "bulletin boards," much like physical bulletin boards, where contributors could post words and photos for public display.

At the time, lawmakers, under pressure from free speech advocates, wrote Section 230 of the Communications Decency Act, which protects the bulletin board — the platform — from legal responsibility for what's posted. Without the protection, web services and social networks would be targets for lawsuits and would become censors for users' content, advocates argued.

The law needs to be changed.

Social networks such as Facebook, Twitter and YouTube are much more than platforms. They are publishers, much like legacy media such as television, radio, newspapers and magazines, and they should be held to the same legal standard. Social media and networks that publish comments from users should be subject to the same libel laws as other publishers.

The extremely rich and powerful digital "platforms" don't just host the posts and deliver them to readers. They are publishers. The software behind who sees what posts and how readers see them are curated — "edited" — much the same way stories and photos are edited for broadcast or print readers.

However, in legacy media, gatekeepers apply values such as impact, timeliness, prominence and proximity. Those same values are not coded into Facebook's software that instead monetizes outrage and extremism.

Publishers are held to account for libelous reporting or comments, and social media should be too.

Regulations governing political advertising on digital platforms also should be tightened to reflect technology of the 2020s, not the 1990s.

As another election season approaches, this is especially important. The nation learned the hard way how social media political ads interfered in the 2016 election.

When a political ad appears in print or in a broadcast, it carries text that says who placed it and who is responsible for the content. The tiny words appear at the bottom of the television screen or the printed ad, but they are there and if you make an effort, you can read them.

That standard should be applied to political ads on social media.

Sen. Amy Klobuchar has introduced legislation holding social media publishers accountable for political advertising. In addition to disclosing who paid for the ad, websites and digital platforms would have to keep on file fairly extensive information on purchasers, their target audiences, the number of views generated, the dates and times of publication and the rates charged. The bill would require online platforms to make all reasonable efforts to ensure foreign individuals and entities are not purchasing political ads in order to influence the American electorate.

In the 1990s, the noble notion that bulletin board users would police themselves prevailed. Good speech would drive out bad speech by empowering millions of users to have their say. Now, social networks are rich and powerful. With sophisticated software and business practices, they have become publishers.

The Communications Decency Act should be updated to reflect today's digital world.

In search of DC friends, Trump needs a dog

"If you want a friend in Washington," Harry Truman once said, "get a dog."

Truman is one of my favorite presidents. He faced the more consequential challenges of the 20th century — dropping the first atomic bomb, desegregating the military, recognizing the state of Israel. And he did it with a no-nonsense attitude.

If you visit Independence, Missouri, devote a half day to visiting Truman's presidential library. It's impressive, but a more intimate window to Truman's world requires a short walk. From the museum head south about a mile to his house. It's also open to the public.

The white, two-story wood-frame home, with the detached garage, reminds me of the mid 20th century homes of our grandparents. Neat, simple, comfortable, functional. The house reflects the attitude of the man who clearly understood Washington and the need for a pet.

Donald Trump should take the advice of Truman, who had a cocker spaniel, to brighten his day.

A stage full of Democrats can't wait to unseat Trump next year by attacking his lack of character and chaotic first term.

Courts across the country blocked his most aggressive policies on immigration, presidential power and environment.

Despite his decrees, a growing

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number of present and former officials answered congressional subpoenas to offer evidence for an impeachment case.

Outraged Republicans and Democrats forced him to cancel hosting world leaders at his Florida resort.

Even his most loyal Republican defenders blasted his military decision in Syria.

He could use some friends — or a loyal dog.

Trump is the first president in nearly 120 years not to have a canine companion in the White House. The last president not to have a dog was William McKinley. (McKinley's pet was a Mexican double-yellow-headed parrot, which he named Washington Post, according to the Presidential Pet Museum.) Things did not end well for McKinley. He died of gangrene a year into his second term after a failed assassination attempt.

Trump often compares himself to Abraham Lincoln and peppers his interviews and speeches with Lincoln references.

"If you can believe it, Abraham Lincoln was treated supposedly very badly, but nobody's been treated badly

ly like me," Trump said, apparently forgetting Lincoln was assassinated.

Lincoln could be pet inspiration. When Lincoln left Springfield, Illinois, for Washington, he left behind the family dog, Fido. Lincoln was a great fan of cats but he and his family also had a few dogs, including Jip, at the White House.

Trump admires Andrew Jackson and a portrait of the seventh president hangs in the Oval Office. Jackson's pet was a horse, but he's also said to have had a parrot, Poll, that was taught to swear. Maybe Trump could teach a parrot to say "No collusion" or "Make America Great Again." That'd be a great attraction at his rallies.

I was glad to see Trump enjoy another American tradition this week when he attended Sunday's World Series game at Nationals Park. He didn't throw out the first pitch though. Trump is the first president since William Howard Taft not to have thrown a pitch at a Major League Baseball game and I can understand why. When his image was shown on the giant TV screen Sunday night, the crowd booed and chanted "lock him up."

Trump should practice his delivery during the winter so he's ready for next season's opening game.

In the meantime, he should consider adding a pooch, pony or parrot to his White House family.

New measures making roads safer

During the last few months, there have been several measures taken by the state of Minnesota and local police forces in an attempt to reduce driving accidents and make the roads safer for all drivers. There is the increasing prevalence of roundabouts and other better-designed intersections, the new hands-free law that took effect in August, and most recently, the blue traffic lights being installed around the area. I applaud these steps and argue we should continue to do more to work towards zero traffic deaths. That includes us individually as drivers.

Driving is something that most of us do every day. We drive to work, school, appointments and events. It's such a common activity that often we don't recognize how dangerous it can be. According to the Minnesota Department of Public Safety, there were 79,215 accidents reported last year. That's about 217 per day across our state. These crashes resulted in 381 deaths and 27,877 injuries. That's a lot when most traffic incidents are wholly preventable. Though I wish everyone could just drive safely and make things easier for everyone, I recognize it isn't that easy. That's why some of the measures that have been implemented during the past few years are so useful and effective.

Roundabouts have been popping up all over recently. While I recognize some people are confused about how to use them, once that hurdle is eclipsed, they are a great way to both prevent accidents and make accidents

Connor Kockler
Guest Writer



that do happen less severe. By making drivers go around an intersection rather than through it, a roundabout almost eliminates the risk of dangerous t-bone collisions, which are a common occurrence in stop-sign intersections. They also reduce traffic speed in nearby streets, making them safer, and are great for drivers by reducing the amount of time you have to wait to get through the intersection compared with stop signs.

The new hands-free law is also a great step by the state as a whole to reduce distracted driving, which is another major cause of traffic accidents and fatalities. Now, using a phone in the car without using a hands-free mode or device can bring fines. And honestly, it's just good common sense. If you can't pay attention to something or someone else at home while you're using your phone, it'd be logical you can't pay attention to driving while using one either.

Next, the blue traffic lights, that have a lot of people talking. What are these mysterious lights that are now starting to be affixed to traffic signals all over? Well, they actually have a pretty straightforward purpose; stopping red-light runners. It's very simple, the blue lights are linked in the

system to the red lights turning on. Whenever the red lights are on in that part of an intersection, the blue lights also turn on.

This allows police officers to sit at a safer spot farther down the road, spot a runner going through with the blue lights and then pull the offender over. Previously, the police would need two cars, one to sit in front of the red light and spot someone going through, and a second one to then give chase on the other side of the intersection. So the blue lights reduce police manpower needed to enforce red lights, as well as making things safer and easier for officers.

While all of these measures are making a strong impact, we as drivers and commuters should also do our part. Being conscientious of other drivers, obeying speed limits and generally following the rules of the road makes things safer for everyone. Bad decisions while driving can affect your life and friends and family. No one should have to deal with the aftermath of a tragic, preventable car accident. I'm optimistic about the progress we've made so far, and I'm looking forward to further actions, at all levels to make driving safer and easier for everyone.

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Guest column: school board unanimously urges levy approval

by the Sartell-St. Stephen school board

Thank you to the Sartell-St. Stephen community for your years of support in the growth and continued success of the school district. Your willingness to move to this community, reside in this community and your support at the polls is key to what makes this district great.

We are honored as school board members to represent this community. Our current board is made of six individuals who are passionate about the Sartell-St. Stephen school district and have a vested interest in seeing our district continue to succeed at the highest levels. This board is uniquely comprised of six parents that have 11 kids currently enrolled in our district, along with seven kids that have

graduated during the last several years. For the second time in two years, this board has unanimously voted in favor of a new 10-year operating levy.

We invite our community to join us in support of the great students of our district by voting to approve a new \$1.77-million operating levy. The Sartell-St. Stephen school district board understands the expectation of excellence from our community and we are committed to doing our very best to fulfill that charge. However, we cannot do it alone. Supporting leading-edge academic programs and providing an education that meets the changing needs of our students requires resources...and that is why we have asked our community to approve this financial need.

We are thankful to our com-

munity for approving a bond referendum in 2016. That building bond allowed for the construction of a new high school along with providing safe and secure entrances at Pine Meadow Elementary and Sartell Middle School and additional remodeling and reconfiguration projects at our other schools.

Our new high school adds an additional 300,000 square feet to support our student growth and learning needs. We are grateful our communities recognized and supported that need. At the time of the bond referendum vote, we shared it would be necessary to come back to voters to ask for funds to operate this additional space. We did not feel it fiscally prudent to ask taxpayers for the operating levy at the same time since the additional funding was not required

until 2019. We made that ask in November 2018, unfortunately without success. The need for additional funding still exists which is why we are making the request again.

We held several listening sessions after last year's failed levy vote. We heard from several of you that you wanted us to take a closer look at our budget and you also wished we would have done more to explain why the levy was needed and what would happen if another levy failed.

Earlier this spring we made \$1.3 million in budget reductions. These reductions included transportation changes, reduction of administrative staff and administrative pay freezes, increased activity fees, reductions to certified and noncertified staff, along with several new

district needs which were placed on hold.

If we are successful and this levy passes, as a district we will be able to maintain current class sizes, maintain and grow Pre-K-12 academic programming, and extra-curricular programming along with supporting the operations of all school buildings.

If we are unsuccessful and this levy does not pass, we will again be forced to make tough budget decisions resulting in significant reductions. Among things we will need to consider: increasing class sizes, significant changes to student transportation practices and cuts to academic programs and activities.

On Tuesday, Nov. 5: Vote for our future. Vote for our community. Most importantly, vote for our students.

Passing school levy will benefit all of us

William A. Smoley, Sartell

I support the operating levy for the Sartell-St. Stephen school district. We built a new high school that we needed and now we need to provide for its operation and maintenance. This levy doesn't come as a surprise. At the time of the bond issue the district told us this would be coming.

Yes the new school is bigger with more bells and whistles than the schools we attended. But so are our cars, TVs, phones and appliances. Our school was built for today and tomorrow, not yesterday! It only makes sense to provide for its smooth operation and maintenance.

The cost is not burdensome, about 50 cents a day on a \$250,000 home. What do we

spend on a cup of coffee, on a bottle of water, on our iPhone and cable TV?

Good schools benefit all of us! They make for better communities. They make our homes more valuable. People without children in school paid taxes for the schools we attended. Now it's our turn.

The levy is needed, it's not burdensome, it will benefit all of us, please vote YES on Tuesday, Nov. 5!

Student urges levy vote based on facts

Ava Radeke, eighth grade, Sartell Middle School

As a student that will go to school at Sartell for the next four years, I'm disappointed in the people in our community who are able to disregard the importance of this referendum. The negativity is based on cost

instead of what is right for the future of our community. We are taught to form an opinion based on fact. People are neglecting the fact the students, who cannot vote, will be the ones paying for our voters uninformed decisions.

Like many Sartell residents, my parents moved here due to the reputation of the Sartell schools. Our experience here has been individualized, challenging and provides us with skills to promote excellence. Increasing class sizes will mean less individual time to build relationships with our teachers and peers, from whom we are supposed to learn. We have been lucky enough to have outstanding teachers who are able to give time to their students. Having larger class sizes will throw off the balance and all will struggle to keep up with the curriculum and make sure every student gets the at-

tention they deserve.

Eliminating bus routes will add to the already congested parking lots. This will waste time for students who will have to wake up earlier and have to make it through the school day. Parents will have to add drop off into their already busy schedules if they don't want their kids to walk.

Middle school activities give everyone a place to be after school. These activities give students skills that can't always be learned in the classroom. I have participated in activities that have prepared me to be an active thinker and leader among my peers and my community. In class and extracurriculars we are taught to be Sabre Strong by standing up for what we believe in. We are taught to give people equal opportunity and to put ourselves in others' shoes. If this referendum doesn't pass, we

give the generations after us lesser opportunities, when we are supposed to put our future in their hands.

Vote YES on Nov. 5! Thank you!

If the community is not about education, then what are we about?

Joe Schulte, Sartell

I would like to start this letter of support for a yes-vote on the operating levy by asking every community member this question – "If the ISD748 community is not about education, then what are we about?"

You might answer, "We're a mill town."

Sadly I'd say, "...not any more."

Maybe you'd offer, "We're a bedroom community."

I believe we are so much

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Remodeling on schedule at old high school

by Mike Knaak
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Remodeling the old Sartell high school for use by middle school students in grades six through eight is on schedule, school board members were told at their Oct. 21 meeting.

Interior demolition is complete and framing has begun in what was the media center. Concrete is being poured in what will be science rooms below the old media center.

Old blue carpet from throughout the school has been removed.

Workers did find rotted plywood and insulation behind

the slanted roof panels where moisture collected. Contractors anticipated finding that damage and the replacement and repair was included in the budget.

The reconfiguration will cost about \$11 million. The money was included in the 2016 bond vote that also funded the new high school on Pinecone Road.

The old high school, built in 1993, will open next fall for middle school students. The current middle school, which opened in 1969 as the district's first high school, will serve third- through fifth-graders and be named Riverview Intermediate School.



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Framing is underway in the old media center.

Council again says no to pet chickens

by Dennis Dalman
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The Oct. 14 Sartell City Council meeting once again opened with a family making a plea to keep three pet chickens, and the meeting closed with two council members vigorously opposing the request to allow chickens in the city.

During the Open Forum portion of the meeting, Ryan and Molly Siemens urged the council to let them keep their three pet chickens by amending the city's animal ordinance to allow for that small number of chickens. It was the third time in two months the Siemens presented their plea to the city council.

The Siemenses purchased the three pet birds (Clara, A.J., Ivy) almost two years ago to raise as pets after the family's dog died. At that time, they said they were unaware of a city ordinance against

chickens. When they learned about the ordinance, they placed the three birds on a property in Grove City where chickens are allowed and where the Siemenses go to visit the pets on weekends.

Ryan Siemens told the council the family has received "overwhelming support" from people who think the city should let them keep their pet birds, including 94 percent of people in a door-to-door survey the family took in several neighborhoods.

Molly Siemens then spoke about how having pet chickens is a very positive thing for the community and that the pets pose no problems for anybody.

Siemens invited the council members to visit their one-acre lot south of Second Street to see for themselves where the pets lived.

Molly asked the council to consider amending the ordinance if only on a trial basis.

Toward the end of the council meeting, under "Updates," member Mike Chisum spoke first. The poultry ordinance, he said, has been in place for years, and this council and others have thoroughly discussed the issue at workshops. The council, said Chisum, has to treat all residents in an equal fashion and cannot make ordinance exception for some and not for others.

Chisum said he has received only a few emails in support of the Siemens' pet chickens and said he has received far more responses ("probably 23") from residents who have no interest in allowing chickens in the city.

Council member Tim Elness said he agreed with what Chisum said.

Then council member Jeff Kolb spoke up. He said he himself grew up in a small community where he raised pheasants. He has friends who have pot-bellied pigs as pets

and they make wonderful pets, he noted. Kolb said he totally "gets" why some would also like chickens as pets.

But allowing for pet chickens is "just not the right fit" for Sartell.

Oct. 28 update

At the Oct. 28 council meeting, Ryan and Molly Siemens once again addressed the council to clarify what they termed misinformation in remarks made by council members Mike Chisum and Jeff Kolb at the previous meeting, Oct. 14.

Here are the council comments clarified by Ryan Siemens:

His family was not aware of a no-chickens policy when it acquired three pet chickens 18 months ago.

Chisum stated he received 23 calls from residents opposed to allowing chickens. But Siemens said there is, in fact, overwhelming support for chickens as indicated by a

94 percent positive response from a survey of 96 homes in the city, as well as support from people who happen to meet the Siemens.

The pet chickens did have a fenced-in area on the Siemens' property.

The waste from chickens is negligible and not smelly, Siemens said, and it is used as compost for the garden.

Molly Siemens told the council she talked on the phone with city staff in the cities of Eagan, Maple Grove, Minneapolis and St. Paul, cities that all allow for chickens in yards. They have received virtually no complaints, she said, other than one about a fence accidentally left open and one about a rooster (not allowed in that city's chicken policy). The latter was the only complaint received by that city since 2013, Siemens said. Most ordinances, she added, allow four hens per yard.

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more than a place to sleep. We've got more than "big opportunities and small-town charm," and we're not just "a place to call home."

We are communities that surround, support and continue to enjoy the benefits of having exceptional schools. These public schools have set their own bar and high standard of excellence in education for 51 years. The faculty of Sartell-St. Stephen schools have been and continue to be drawn to the challenge and opportunity to teach in this district, stemming from a community that believes in something more for their students. As a 1997 graduate, I am a proud Sabre and

product of ISD748, and as a technology education teacher at SHS for the past 11 years, I was one of those teachers who have answered this call. I continue to be humbled and impressed by the talent and dedication that surrounds me. I work alongside so many amazing and skilled professionals, and as the current president of the Sartell Education Association, I represent more than 280 members who collectively stand ready to continue the tradition of excellence we have helped to build. I can also tell you we cannot promise to deliver on continued excellence without the continued community support we have felt so strongly in the past.

A big part of that continued support takes the form of a YES vote on our proposed operating levy.

The additional pressure I

have seen and felt on the Sartell-St. Stephen faculty from increased class sizes, reduced budgets, reductions in prep time and an increase in supervision duties has resulted in the loss of common planning time together, teachers falling behind earlier than ever, stressing out about how they can make it through this year. It has teachers frustrated, defeated and questioning why they can't do their jobs to the manner and standard they are used to. Some are already questioning whether or not they want to continue teaching altogether. This materializes in our classrooms as students having to wait, questions going unanswered, feeling the pace of learning slowed or simply not experiencing the rigor and level of learning that previous classes have had. Teachers are having to put more effort forth

than they have ever before just to try to maintain what has been the standard.

It would be easy to not vote, and just as easily allow our school district to slip into educational mediocrity. You could choose to vote no as a misguided means of driving the change you think is necessary in our school system or in education. The reality is the new Sartell High School at 3101 Pinecone Road now stands, ready and equipped, with the space, technology, teachers, and staff willing to continue a tradition of excellence.

The new building is not going anywhere. However, if this community chooses not to fund it adequately, we will never realize the potential of this space, and we will certainly fall short of academic expectations relative to past performance. The district's other buildings

are staging for major renovations that will poise them for much the same potential of continued success, but they, too, will fall short if not funded to provide for appropriate class sizes and adequate staffing for teachers, cooks, custodians, paraprofessionals, technology support staff, specialists, bus drivers, administrators and administrative support.

The plain truth is we cannot expect to maintain the reputation and standard we currently hold with reduced community support. Something has to give. It is painful to experience right now, but my only hope is this pain is short-lived and we will avoid the terrible mistake of turning our backs on our schools. I urge you to ask yourselves what your community is about, and if education comes to mind, make the effort and commitment to vote YES.

PUBLIC NOTICE

REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
SARTELL-ST. STEPHEN PUBLIC SCHOOLS
INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO 748
SEPT. 16, 2019
DISTRICT SERVICE CENTER BOARD ROOM

The regular school board meeting of Independent School District 748 was called to order at 6:31 p.m. by Chair Jason Nies. Members present: Nies; Pamela Raden, clerk; Amanda Byrd, treasurer; Lesa Kramer, director; Patrick Marushin, director; and Jeff Schwiebert, superintendent. Arrival post roll call: Jeremy Snoberger, vice chair, 6:37 p.m. Members absent: none.

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

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

- a. Minutes of the regular school board meeting held on Aug. 19, 2019 Minutes of the board work session held on Sept. 11, 2019
- b. Checks in the amount of \$1,290,085.89 as presented:

General Fund	996,889.02
Food Service Fund	21,046.02
Transportation Fund	14,362.47
Community Service Fund	7,182.47
Capital Expenditure Fund	245,991.65
Summer Rec Agency Fund	4,614.26

Check numbers 176078 – 176281

ACHs in the amount of \$4,809.70 as presented:

General Fund	4,034.70
Food Service Fund	422.58
Summer Rec Agency Fund	352.60
ACH numbers 192000011-192000028	

Receipts in the amount of \$7,050,050.82 as presented:

General Fund	6,666,615.58
Food Service Fund	53,876.14
Transportation Fund	1,062.99
Community Service Fund	54,874.11
Capital Expenditure Fund	21,407.77
Building Fund	3,660.50
Debt Service Fund	237,738.73
Summer Rec Agency Fund	10,815.00
Receipts 46368 - 46477	

Wire transfers in the amount of \$104,414.69 as presented:

General Fund	47,906.76
Food Service Fund	2,888.67
Transportation Fund	20,786.46
Community Service Fund	961.00
Capital Expenditure Fund	6,090.17
Building Fund	25,781.63
Wire transfers 201900091-201900139	

Building Fund Checks in the amount of \$2,675,474.04 as presented:

Building Fund	2,675,474.05
Check numbers 600683 to 600724	

c. Accept the following donations:

Sartell-St. Stephen Education Foundation, Sartell-St.Stephen ISD 748, \$34,067, SSEF grants 19-20; Lynn, Jason and Kelli Quinn, girls' soccer team, \$2,000, support the girls' soccer program; Scott M Raden Memorial Fund, boys' golf team, \$2,000, support for the boys' golf team.

d. Accept the resignation of Barbara Eaton, SMS, para, 8/2/19; DanLynn Kolstad, District, sub food service worker, 8/23/19. Rescind resignation of Sara Yarand, SHS, para, 7/15/19.

e. Approval of Student Teacher Agreements with Minnesota State University Moorhead.

Construction Manager Report on Building Process:

Construction Manager Lee Gruen reported the open house for the new high school went very well; he thanked the board for allowing him to attend. A few loose ends are being wrapped up at the site and he will continue to work with Brenda Steve to complete the last few tasks. The remodel at the old high school to transition to a middle school is in full progress.

Superintendent Report: Jeff Schwiebert, superintendent

Superintendent Schwiebert reported the new high school received three donations from community members, with thanks going to: The Omann family who donated the large decorative rocks on the property, Northern Metals provided the metal blue

tables and Wells Concrete provided the dugout area concrete. Open house for the new high school went extremely well. Thank you to all staff who provided their time to make this a success. There will be two more levy presentations to staff. The grades 3-5 building's name was announced as River-view Intermediate School, with students helping with the reveal event. Transition planning for next year's grade reconfiguration will begin and be held on the fourth Tuesday of each month.

Assessment Results / Building Goals Report:

District Assessment Coordinator Marie Pangerl reported on the 2018-19 assessment results. Assistant Superintendent of Learning Services Kay Nelson and building principals reported on building goals for 2019-20.

Student Representative Report:

Student Representatives Sarah Ufearo reported on happenings around the district. Students officially moved into the new high school with an emphasis on showing respect for the school. The year has started with only a few hiccups, with concerns from students involving lockers and the ability to carry backpacks. Homecoming has begun with the carnival, powder-puff football game and fundraiser for "Tanner's Team" events. The events will end with the football game and dance in the gymnasium. The Middle School has been selling T-shirts for homecoming and will hold a pepfest and grill-out during the week. At Oak Ridge and Pine Meadow students have focused on Positive Behavioral Intervention and Support for building values and safety. Both schools will have a walk-a-thon and dress up days in celebration of homecoming week.

Enrollment Report:

Superintendent Schwiebert reported on the current 2019-2020 enrollment numbers for each school.

School Board Committee Report:

No reports.
New Continuing Contract Report:

Director of Human Resources Bart Appleton reported on certified staff members who have obtained Continuing Contract status in the district beginning this school year.

A motion was made by Marushin and seconded by Snoberger to APPROVE #1-32:

New Employees/Changes:

Adam Abfalter, ORE, part-time cleaner, \$15.27/hour, RI, S1, 4 hours/day, replacing Laura Becker-Pallister, 8/27/2019; Molly Butkowski, DSC-Early Childhood, para, \$16.42/hour, RIV, S1, 15 hours/week, new position, 8/27/2019; Jim Christensen, SHS, fall play technical

director, \$1,287 (3.35 percent), BA, 0 (\$38,410), replacing Samantha Deans, 8/27/2019; Barb Cooney, SHS, receptionist, \$18.77/hour, RII, S1, 202 days/year, replacing Sue Sathre, 9/3/2019; Chris Euteneuer, Transportation, bus driver, \$22.83/hour, 3.5 hours/day, replacing Kelly Hanson, 9/3/2019; Wyatt Gwost, Transportation, bus driver, \$22.83/hour, 3.5 hours/day, replacing Vern Klaverkamp, 8/27/2019; Nicholas Hemmesch, SMS, student supervisor, \$13.87/hour, RI, S1, 2.25 hours/day, replacing Elisa Gaetz, 9/3/2019; Amy Henn, SMS, para, \$16.42/hour, RIV, S1, 7 hours/day, replacing Kendra Reinert, 8/27/2019; Karen Johnson, ORE, student supervisor, \$13.87/hour, RI, S1, 2 hours/day, replacing Jenna Boyle, 9/3/2019; Mallory Johnson, SMS, junior high girls soccer, \$1,220 (6.35 percent), BA, 0 (\$38,410), 50 percent contract, replacing Andrea Potter, 8/26/2019; Eric Kopplitz, SHS, SPED, \$20,185, BA, Step A, .5 FTE, replacing Stacy Kubesh, 8/21/2019; Priscilla Lessard, SMS, food service worker, \$15.27/hour, RI, S1, 3 hours/day, replacing Michelle Shouse, 8/20/2019; Wendy Meierhofer, PME, para, \$16.42/hour, RIV, S1, 6.25 hours/day, new position, 9/23/2019; Rachel Michalek, DSC, health assistant, \$22.30/hour, RVII, S1, 5 hours/day, 162 days/year, replacing Holly Justin, 8/26/2019; Susan Oachs, DSC, child care attendant, \$13.87/hour, RI, S1, 5.25 hours/day (M/W/F), 6.75 hours/day (T/TH), replacing Alyssa Kasella, 9/3/2019; Gina Och, DSC – Early Childhood, child care attendant, \$16.97/hour, R1, S5, 1.75 hours/day (T/TH), 3.25 hours/day (F), replacing Mara Richardson, 9/9/2019; Brittany Olson, SMS, fifth-grade, \$55,120, MA10, Step C, replacing Jordan Gieske, 8/21/2019; Jill Peterson, SMS, cashier, \$15.27/hour, RI, S1, 3 hours/day, replacing Kelly Hanson, 8/19/2019; Amy Reinert, SMS, lead building supervisor, \$15.31/hour, RIII, S1, 8 hours/day, replacing Alyssa Bergland, 9/3/2019; Jennifer Reuckert, SMS, junior high girls' soccer, \$1,220 (6.35 percent), BA, 0 (\$38,410), percent contract, replacing Andrea Potter, 8/26/2019; Sarah Schmitz, DSC-Early Childhood, child care attendant, \$13.87/hour, RI, S1, 1.75 hours/day (M/W), new position, 9/9/2019; Peter Schreifels, SHS, para, \$16.42/hour, RIV, S1, 7 hours/day, replacing Nancy Walters, 8/27/2019; Chris Schumer, SMS, eighth grade football, \$2,439 (6.35), BA, 0 (\$38,410), replacing Jake Smith, 8/26/2019; Rebecca Simonsen, ORE, para, \$16.42/hour, RIV, S1, 4 hours/day, new position, 9/19/2019; Rebecca Simonsen, DSC-Early Childhood, child care attendant, \$13.87/hour, RI, S1, 3 hours/day, new position, 9/19/2019; Lori Tchida, SHS, temporary lead custodian, \$23.80/hour, RIV, S6, 8 hours/day, replacing Brian Larson, 9/10/2019; David Thompson, SMS, 7/8-grade Knowledge Bowl, \$864 (2.25 percent), BA, 0 (\$38,410), replacing Nicole Schmitt, 9/1/2019; David Thompson, SMS, 7/8-grade Academic Triathlon, \$864 (2.25%), BA, 0

(\$38,410), replacing Nicole Schmitt, 9/15/2019; Kayla Vadnais, SMS, para, \$16.42/hour, RIV, S1, 7 hours/day, replacing Barb Eaton, 8/27/2019; Leah Westergren, SHS, para, \$16.42/hour, RIV, S1, 7 hours/day, new position, 8/27/2019; Renee Zieglmeier, SMS, para, \$16.42/hour, RIV, S1, 7 hours/day, new position, 8/17/2019.

Leaves of Absence:

Joseph Vanek, SHS, FACS, LOA, 9/12/19-6/30/20.

All in favor. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Snoberger and seconded by Kramer to APPROVE RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING THE SARTELL-ST. STEPHEN SCHOOL FOREST FOR THE SARTELL-ST. STEPHEN INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO 748. On a roll call vote: Nies, Snoberger, Raden, Byrd, Kramer and Marushin in favor. None against. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Marushin and seconded by Byrd to APPROVE THE PROPOSED SARTELL HIGH SCHOOL MARCHING BAND EXTENDED FIELD TRIP FROM JUNE 7-12, 2020 TO DENVER. All in favor. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Snoberger and seconded by Marushin to APPROVE RESOLUTION APPOINTING ELECTION JUDGES FOR THE NOV. 5, 2019 SCHOOL DISTRICT SPECIAL ELECTION. On a roll call vote: Nies, Snoberger, Raden, Byrd, Kramer and Marushin in favor. None against. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Marushin and seconded by Raden to APPROVE REVISIONS TO POLICIES 610, 611, 612, 615, 618 AND 619. All in favor. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Snoberger and seconded by Kramer to APPROVE THE CERTIFICATION OF THE MAXIMUM AMOUNT FOR THE PROPOSED 2019/PAYABLE 2020 LEVY AS PRESENTED. All in favor. Motion carried.

Schedule Work Session and Committee Meetings:

Future Board Meeting - Monday, Oct. 21 @ District Service Center - 6:30 p.m.

Official Review of Policies:

The Board had the official second reading of adoption of proposed policy 713.

Committee assignments were reviewed.

A motion to ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 7:46 p.m. was made by Marushin and seconded by Raden. All in favor. Motion carried.

/s/ Pamela Raden, clerk

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2019-20 Sabres Winter Sports

Boys hockey

11/26	7:30 p.m.	Mahtomedi	Away
11/29	7:15 p.m.	Crookston	Away
11/30	1 p.m.	Warroad	Away
12/3	7:15 p.m.	Fergus Falls	Home
12/10	7:15 p.m.	Riccori-River Lake	Home
12/12	7:15 p.m.	Brainerd	Away
12/20	7:15 p.m.	Tech/Apollo	Home
12/26	TBD	Blaine Tournament	Away
12/27	TBD	Blaine Tournament	Away
12/28	TBD	U of M Tournament	Away
1/7	7:15 p.m.	Alexandria	Home
1/9	7:15 p.m.	Fergus Falls	Away
1/11	7:15 p.m.	St. Cloud Cathedral	Away
1/14	7:15 p.m.	Little Falls	Away
1/16	7 p.m.	Simley	Away
1/18	3 p.m.	Virginia	Home
1/21	7:15 p.m.	Rocori-River Lakes	Away
1/24	7:15 p.m.	Brainerd	Home
1/28	7:15 p.m.	Monticello	Away
1/31	7:15 p.m.	Sauk Rapids-Rice	Home
2/1	6 p.m.	Mankato West	Home
2/4	7:15 p.m.	Tech-Apollo	Away
2/7	7:15 p.m.	Willmar	Home
2/8	1 p.m.	Denfeld	Home
2/11	7:15 p.m.	Alexandria	Away

Girls Nordic skiing

12/5	2 p.m.	TBD	Home
12/12	2 p.m.	Apollo	Home
12/20	4 p.m.	Mora	Away
12/21	TBA	Mora True Pursuit	Away
1/4	10 a.m.	Mesabi Invitational	Away
1/9	2 p.m.	St. John's Prep	Away
1/23	2 p.m.	Conference meet - Alexandria	Away
1/28	10 a.m.	Little Falls	Away

Home meets are at the soccer fields, 748 Seventh St. N.

Boys swimming and diving

12/12	6 p.m.	TBD	Home
12/17	6 p.m.	St. Cloud Tech	Home
12/19	6 p.m.	Traingular	Home
1/4	Noon	U of M Invitational	Away
1/7	6 p.m.	Fergus Falls	Away
1/9	6 p.m.	Willmar	Away
1/14	6 p.m.	TBD	Home
1/18	Noon	Tru Team	Away
1/23	6 p.m.	Sauk Rapids-Rice	Away
1/25	Noon	U of M True Team	Away
1/30	6 p.m.	TBD	Home
2/8	10 a.m.	Conference Championship	Willmar

Dance

11/16	Noon	Invitational	Home
11/22	7 p.m.	Conference Tournament	Home
12/7	9 a.m.	Holy Angels Invitational	Away
12/14	9 a.m.	Eastview Invitational	Away
1/4	9 a.m.	Edina Invitational	Away
1/10	7 p.m.	Conference Tournament	Rocori
1/18	9 a.m.	Totino-Grace Invitational	Away
2/14-15	TBD	State Tournament at Target Center	Away

Wrestling

11/29	2 p.m.	Melrose Invitational	Away
12/5	6:15 p.m.	TBD	Home
12/6	4 p.m.	Big Lake Invitational	Away
12/12	4 p.m.	Quad at Rocori	Away
12/19	5 p.m.	Triangular	Home
12/20	4 p.m.	Redwood Valley Invitational	Away
12/21	9 a.m.	Redwood Valley Invitational	Away
12/27	10 a.m.	Fargo Invitational	Away
12/28	9 a.m.	Fargo Invitational	Away
1/9	5 p.m.	Bemidji	Away
1/10	4 p.m.	Paynesville Tournament	Away
1/16	5 p.m.	Triangular, Willmar	Away
1/18	9 a.m.	Cambridge - Isanti	Away
1/21	5 p.m.	Quad at Little Falls	Away
1/23	6 p.m.	Alexandria	Home
1/30	6:15 p.m.	Pierz	Away
2/1	10 a.m.	Cretin-Derham Hall Invitational	Away

Boys Nordic skiing

12/5	2 p.m.	TBD	Home
12/12	2 p.m.	Apollo	Home
12/20	4 p.m.	Mora	Away
12/21	TBA	Mora True Pursuit	Away
1/4	10 a.m.	Mesabi Invitational	Away
1/9	2 p.m.	St. John's Prep	Away
1/23	2 p.m.	Conference meet - Alexandria	Away
1/28	10 a.m.	Little Falls	Away

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Boys basketball

11/23	9 a.m.	Rocori	Away
12/3	7:15 p.m.	Detroit Lakes	Home
12/5	7:15 p.m.	Fergus Falls	Away
12/7	7 p.m.	St. Francis	Away
12/13	8 p.m.	Sauk Rapids - Rice	Away
12/17	7:15 p.m.	Melrose	Home
12/20	8 p.m.	Willmar	Home
12/27	TBD	TBD	Home
12/28	TBD	TBD	Home
1/3	7:15 p.m.	Brainerd	Home
1/9	7:15 p.m.	Alexandria	Away
1/14	7:15 p.m.	St. Cloud Apollo	Home
1/17	7:15 p.m.	St. Cloud Tech	Away
1/18	3 p.m.	Moorhead	Home
1/21	7:15 p.m.	St. Cloud Cathedral	Home
1/23	7:15 p.m.	Rocori	Away
1/28	7:15 p.m.	Fergus Falls	Home
1/31	7:15 p.m.	Willmar	Away
2/4	7:15 p.m.	Monticello	Away
2/6	7:15 p.m.	Sauk Rapids-Rice	Home
2/8	2:30 p.m.	Bemidji	Away
2/13	7:15 p.m.	Little Falls	Home
2/14	7:15 p.m.	Brainerd	Away
2/18	7:15 p.m.	Alexandria	Home
2/20	7:15 p.m.	St. Cloud Apollo	Away
2/24	7:15 p.m.	St. Cloud Tech	Home
2/28	7:15 p.m.	Rocori	Home

Gymnastics

12/5	6 p.m.	Alexandria	Away
12/10	6:30 p.m.	Monticello	Away
12/19	6 p.m.	Fergus Falls	Away
1/2	6 p.m.	St. Cloud Tech	Away
1/4	Noon	Big Lake	Away
1/7	6 p.m.	Sauk Rapids-Rice	Away
1/11	11 a.m.	Moorhead Invitational	Away
1/13	6 p.m.	Sauk Rapids-Rice	Away
1/18	11 a.m.	Park Invitational	Away
1/25	11 a.m.	Minnetonka Invitational	Away
1/30	6 p.m.	Brainerd	Away
2/8	1 p.m.	Conference Championship	Willmar

Girls hockey

11/8	7:15 p.m.	Rogers	Home
11/15	7:15 p.m.	St. Cloud Ice Breakers	Home
11/19	7:15 p.m.	Buffalo	Away
11/22	7:15 p.m.	Alexandria	Home
11/26	7:15 p.m.	Fergus Falls	Away
11/29	TBD	Cathedral Tournament	Away
11/30	TBD	Cathedral Tournament	Away
12/3	7:15 p.m.	Willmar	Home
12/7	2 p.m.	Cloquet	Home
12/10	7:15 p.m.	Rocori-River Lakes	Away
12/12	7:15 p.m.	Brainerd-Little Falls	Home
12/13	7:15 p.m.	Moorhead	Home
12/19	7:15 p.m.	St. Cloud Ice Breakers	Away
12/26	7 p.m.	Fargo North	Home
12/27	2 p.m.	West Fargo	Home
1/2	7:15 p.m.	Hutchinson	Away
1/7	7:15 p.m.	Alexandria	Away
1/9	7:15 p.m.	Willmar	Away
1/16	7:15 p.m.	Fergus Falls	Home
1/21	7:15 p.m.	Rocori-River Lakes	Home
1/24	7:30 p.m.	Roseau	Away
1/25	2 p.m.	Thief River Falls	Away
1/28	7:15 p.m.	Brainerd-Little Falls	Away
1/30	7:15 p.m.	North Wright County	Home
2/1	1 p.m.	Bemidji	Home
2/8	7 p.m.	TBD	Home

Girls basketball

11/23	9 a.m.	Brainerd	Away
11/26	7:15 p.m.	Willmar	Away
12/3	7:15 p.m.	Monticello	Away
12/6	7:15 p.m.	Brainerd	Away
12/9	7:15 p.m.	St. Francis	Home
12/10	7:15 p.m.	St. Cloud Apollo	Home
12/13	6 p.m.	Sauk Rapids-Rice	Away
12/20	6 p.m.	Willmar	Home
12/26	TBD	TBD	Home
12/27	TBD	TBD	Home
1/2	7:15 p.m.	St. Cloud Tech	Home
1/7	7:15 p.m.	Alexandria	Home
1/10	7:15 p.m.	Fergus Falls	Away
1/13	7:15 p.m.	Rocori	Home
1/17	7:15 p.m.	Bemidji	Home
1/21	7:15 p.m.	Princeton	Away
1/24	7:15 p.m.	Brainerd	Home
1/27	7:15 p.m.	Becker	Home
1/30	7:15 p.m.	St. Cloud Apollo	Away
2/1	2 p.m.	Detroit Lakes	Away
2/4	7:15 p.m.	Sauk Rapids-Rice	Home
2/7	7:15 p.m.	Rocori	Away
2/11	7:15 p.m.	Little Falls	Home
2/13	7:15 p.m.	St. Cloud Tech	Away
2/18	7:15 p.m.	Alexandria	Away
2/21	7:15 p.m.	Fergus Falls	Home





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