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Farmers' Market is open for season

The Sartell Farmers' Market is open for the season from 3-6 p.m. Mondays at Bernick's Arena off Pinecone Road. The market is open rain or shine with great vegetables including asparagus, lettuce and much more as the season advances. In addition to vegetables it carries plants, meat, eggs, great snacks, honey and canned goods.

NEW! Summer Kickoff at Lake George

Start off your summer with St. Cloud Park and Recreation during its Summer Kickoff from noon-3 p.m. Saturday, June 1 at Lake George! Enjoy the park and an afternoon of free family fun while learning about what Park and Recreation has to offer the whole family. Activities for everyone: learn to fish, take a paddleboat and/or canoe ride around the lake, plant a flower, sample the many food trucks, play yard games and try your hand at arts and crafts. Due to inclement weather, the event was rescheduled from the original May date.

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Plant an extra row, donate to the food shelf

Consider planting an extra row in your garden and donating the produce to your local food shelf. Favorites include carrots, beans, beets, kohlrabi, corn, potatoes, cabbage, peppers, onions and asparagus. Any produce that has a longer shelf life is accepted. Catholic Charities Emergency Services at 320-229-4560. CROSS Center at 320-968-7012. The Salvation Army at 320-252-4552.

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Record set at Apple Duathlon

Elite runners in the 37th annual Apple Duathlon take off May 25 from the Sartell Middle School. The USA Triathlon-sanctioned event is a 5k run, a 33k bike ride and ends with another 5k run. Ryan Giuliano (second from right) of Oakwood Hill, Illinois, finished first with a record time of 1:19:46. About 200 people participated in the duathlon and a 5k fun run. See additional photo on page 20.

Sartell SummerFest set for June 7-8

We know it's time for summer because it's time for Sartell SummerFest.

The annual summer event takes place Friday and Saturday, June 7-8.

The fun kicks off on Friday, June 7, when the Sartell Senior Connection and Sartell Historical Society host Historical Tours of Sartell. Tours begin at 4, 5 and 6 p.m. from the Sartell Community Center, 850 19th St. S. The tours are free but space is limited. Call Ann at 320-253-4036, ext. 4, to reserve a spot. Short, vintage children's movies will be shown at the Community Center.

At 10 a.m. Saturday, June 8, the Granite Logistics Parade will travel up Riverside Avenue from Sartell Street to Seventh



photo by Dennis Dalman

The Sartell High School Marching Band wows the crowd at SummerFest 2018.

Street North and end at the Sartell Middle School. Eight marching bands are expected to compete along with as many as 80 parade entries.

Judges will be on Riverside Avenue near DeZurik. Handi-

capped parking will be available in the DeZurik parking lot.

At noon Saturday, June 8, head to Bernick's Arena, 1109 First St. S., for the VoigtJohnson Barbecue serving free hot dogs, chips and pop until 3

p.m. while supplies last.

Liberty Bank Minnesota hosts Libertyville from noon-3 p.m. Saturday, June 8, at Bernick's Arena. The free event offers games, prizes, inflatables, crazy hair, airbrush tattoos and music.

The Great River Bowl & Partners Pub Street Dance starts at 5 p.m. Saturday, June 8, at 202 Second St. S., when gates open for the beer garden and food court. Music by Radio Nation featuring Dave Lumley starts at 5:30 p.m. followed by Diamondback at 8:30 p.m. The free event ends at 12:30 a.m.

Fireworks, sponsored by Blue Line Bar & Grill, end the day at 10 p.m. Fireworks are best viewed from the street dance.

Wet, cold morning doesn't dampen patriotism

by Dennis Dalman
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Blustery winds blew, a drippy rain fell, a chilly temperature caused some shivers, but the nasty weather did not dampen the patriotic spirits of the 150 or so people who attended the Memorial Day ceremony in Sartell.

The ceremony had been planned, as always, for Veterans Park, but the cold rain caused planners at the last min-

ute, shortly before 9 a.m., to change the venue to beneath the Watab Park picnic shelter across the street from Veterans Park.

The ceremony was noteworthy for numerous speeches, several prayers, bagpiper Ben Richason, a reading of the poem "Flanders Field," and patriotic songs performed by the Sartell High School Marching Band. After the laying of the wreath, a gun salute and the playing of "Taps," many en-

joyed free donuts and refreshments served by members of the American Legion of Sartell.

Those who attended were welcomed by Sartell Legion Commander Chuck Haselkamp and Sartell Mayor Ryan Fitzthum. Speakers included Fitzthum, State Sen. Jeff Howe, Staff Sgt. Jeff Schmitt of the Minnesota Air National Guard and State Rep. Tim O'Driscoll of Sartell.

The ceremony was emceed by O'Driscoll's mother, Joyce

O'Driscoll. Boy Scouts distributed small flags to the audience.

The following are several highlights from the speeches:

Schmitt

Jeff Schmitt of Sartell is a member of the Minnesota Air National Guard and serves as a flight medical technician. Recently, he served in the mideast country of Qatar helping evacuate by air wounded military

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Obituary

**Jeffrey J. Albaugh, 70
Sartell**

June 12, 1948-May 19, 2019

Jeffrey J. Albaugh died Sunday May 19, 2019 in Sartell. His funeral will be held at 10 a.m. Friday, June 21, 2019 at St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church in Sartell. The Rev. Timothy Baltes will officiate and burial will be at the Minnesota State Veterans' Cemetery near Little Falls. For all who knew him, please join his family to celebrate his life.



Albaugh

His favorite pastime was going to the beach, swimming at club pools in the Dominican Republic and reading. All that knew him always thought of him as a humble, caring and humorous person. Students would always hang out in his classroom during lunch and after school to hear stories from Mr. "Alby" as he was known by.

Albaugh also made a huge impact in the community in which he resided. Neighbors and friends knew him to be extremely social and inviting; he was a positive influence on all who took the time to get to know his humor and way of life. Albaugh spent much of his time by lakes, fishing and spending time with his family in Minnesota. He was also a Veteran who served in the U.S. Navy during the Vietnam War from 1966-1970.

Survivors include his daughters Melissa Albaugh of Billings, Montana, and Lauren Albaugh of Cody, Wyoming; a sister, Melinda Campbell; and nephews, Jeremy and Luke Campbell.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

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photos by Dennis Dalman

Under the picnic shelter of Watab Park, people wave flags during the end of the Memorial Day ceremony. The event had to be moved from Veterans Park to the shelter because of inclement weather. About 150 people attended the service.

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personnel from Afghanistan, Iraq and other conflicts.

Schmitt credits his own family's military heritage and in particular younger brother, David, for inspiring him to enlist in the Guard six years ago. David was deployed to two war zones twice, once in Afghanistan, once in Iraq. Schmitt noticed David's military service had instilled in him self-worth, self-confidence and the "unmistakably pure passion of a soldier's heart." Time and again, he noticed those qualities in military personnel he met while working in Qatar.

"I met so many brave, patriotic and selfless individuals," he said. "Their dedication is to serve (this country)."

Everyone, Schmitt said, knows veterans living or veterans passed on. His grandfathers served in the military, a cousin is now serving in the U.S. Navy and a great uncle lost his life in WW II.

"It takes a toll on families and brings hardships," he said. "Thank Almighty God and those who served and paid a debt that shall never be forgotten."

Many returning veterans will face challenges in adjusting to life back home, and many will face the challenges of hidden



A gun salute (background) is fired at the end of the Memorial Day ceremony in Sartell.

wounds, Schmitt said. They should be helped and honored, he added, in words and actions. One way to honor veterans, Schmitt said, is to volunteer in communities and help those in need. In that way, he explained, people will be strengthening what veterans fought for – American freedoms.

Fitzthum

Sartell Mayor Ryan Fitzthum recalled how he used to hear his father and others talk about wars such as World War II and Vietnam. But what struck him most personally about war was when he was a 10th-grader at Sartell High School when suddenly, on Sept. 11, 2001,

he heard about a plane crashing into a tower of the World Trade Center in New York City. That is when he began to wonder about the future. But since those terrorist attacks, he added, there have been many conflicts and so many sacrifices of American military personnel who understand the importance of defending freedom.

Howe

Sen. Jeff Howe (R.-Rockville) was a longtime member of the Minnesota Army National Guard who retired with the rank of lieutenant colonel. He served several tours of duty in war zones overseas. He was

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'Round Barns' book explores bygone era

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The round barn in south Sartell, abandoned for years and so forlorn-looking, was the inspiration that led John Roscoe on a 10-year round-barn odyssey throughout Minnesota.

That long persistent pursuit resulted in the recent publication of Roscoe’s “Minnesota’s Round Barns,” an exploration of a bygone era in photos and text. Roscoe will host an autograph party for his new book from 2-5 p.m. Saturday, June 1 at the Blue Line Bar & Grill in Sartell. The book can also be purchased online at lakesidepress.com.

This is Roscoe’s second published book. In 2009, he published “Legacies of Faith,” a book about the history of the oldest Catholic churches in Stearns County that Roscoe co-wrote with his brother, Bob.

Sartell’s barn

About 10 years ago, some residents of Sartell, most of them history buffs, began proposing that the round barn in south Sartell should be restored and repurposed into a historical center where the city’s old artifacts could be displayed.

That dream proposal soon dissipated, however, when it was learned that restoration of the structure would be prohibitively expensive. Efforts to find a buyer and financial support for the project failed.

The Sartell barn was built in 1928 on the Peter Fasen property in what was then Le Sauk Township. The structure was constructed of reinforced concrete with its interior silo also of concrete. Once surrounded by farm fields, the round barn is now being encroached upon by commercial and residential developments.

In 1978, the Fasen property and its barn were purchased by two brothers, Michael and Wilfred Weyer. They continued to use the barn for raising steers and kept hay in the upper loft and silage in the central silo. The barn was used until 1993, at which time it succumbed to abandonment.

Why round?

President George Washington was actually the first proponent of the round-barn concept on his farm in Fairfax County, Virginia. He had one built in 1793 for use as a threshing process. Horses would run in circles around the planked floor, crushing the wheat that had been placed there, the kernels falling through gaps in the oak planks. It was more efficient than people flailing the wheat stalks to release the kernels.

Fast forward to 1848 when the octagonal (eight-sided) round barn was introduced. Once again, farming efficiency



photo by Dennis Dalman

John Roscoe holds his newly published book, “Minnesota’s Round Barns.” Behind Roscoe, in the distance, is the round barn in Sartell that inspired his 10-year odyssey to photograph and write about all the round barns in the state.

and cost were prime considerations. Round-barn construction increased dramatically, starting in the late 1880s. Long before farming became large scale in the mid 20th century, the number of dairy cows on a family farm ranged from about 15 to 30-plus cows.

Most round barns made for efficient production. The entire herd of cows could be placed for milking in stanchions in a round barn, their heads facing toward the interior silo where silage food would be dispersed for each and every cow.

The designs of round barns varied – from more or less round (six, eight or even more sides in a more or less round shape) to true round/circular, as is the one in Sartell. The heyday of the true-round barn occurred from 1910 to 1915.

All 48 barns

Roscoe developed a keen interest in the round barn in Sartell when talk of its possible restoration began. He started the research process and decided to photograph every round barn in Minnesota. At one time there were 180 round barns in the state. Now there are 48 of them, ranging from well-preserved and/or lovingly restored to sagging and buckling structures ravaged by weather and time.

Lucky break

Before he began his round-barn adventure, Roscoe thought it would be a daunting task trying to discover the location of every barn in Minnesota.

As luck would have it, he learned a Minnesota State University, Mankato professor, Roy Meyer, now deceased, had researched the location of all round barns still in existence in the state and then placed that information on the internet.

Even so, it was still difficult in some cases to find the exact locations of some of the barns. Roscoe and his wife, Fran (whom he calls his navigator)



photo by John Roscoe

This is the round barn in south Sartell, built of reinforced concrete in 1928 but rapidly aging and neglected since 1993.

set out on their many journeys from one end of the state to another. Trying to find a barn near the small town of Trail in northern Minnesota’s Polk County was a bit like being caught in a maze for the Roscoes, trying this back road and that and yet another. Finally, they stopped at the town’s small bar where a woman bartender knew exactly where the barn was located.

The Roscoes drove up to the old barn, built sometime in the early 1900s. Its roof was tilting and sagging, its sides bent and buckling – a magnificent ruin.

Roscoe takes great pains to find out something of the history and first owner of each barn. In the case of the Polk County one, he struck out. That is, until he learned of a township supervisor who lived in Trail. Roscoe wrote her a letter. She wrote back, giving the name of a woman who grew up near the barn and who still lived in that neck of the woods. She, Lynda Turenne, was surprised to think anybody would be interested enough in the old barn to put it in a book. She was also surprised by the coincidence that her daughter lives in Sartell, within a mile of the Roscoes. Next day, Roscoe received an email from Turenne of her girlhood memories of the

to 360 degrees. My brother, sister and I grew up playing in that round barn, and as our families grew, they played there too. The barn is still standing and all the grandkids and great-grandkids and now the great-great-grandkids love the farm more than ever.”

Turenne checked into restoring the barn, but the cost was just too much.

“So, soon, the barn will just live in our hearts and memories. However, the barn is etched on the headstones of my parents in a little country cemetery, just two miles from their beloved farm and round barn.”

Oldest

The oldest barn in Minnesota is a 16-sided one built in Le Sueur County in 1886. The newest is one in Swift County, dated 1943.

There are 30 of Minnesota’s 87 counties where round barns still stand. All those counties (and all 48 barns) are featured in Roscoe’s book. There are two in Stearns County, two in Benton County.

One of the pleasures of Roscoe’s adventure is the many descendants of barn owners he came to meet and the wonderful stories they shared with him.

“I learned so much about Minnesota,” he said.

The Roscoe family

John Roscoe, now retired, taught English for 16 years at Albany High School, then became the school’s program coordinator for reading curriculum and assessment.

Fran Roscoe worked for years in a medical clinic.

They have two children – Michael, of Minneapolis; and Christine, of Long Prairie. They have two grandchildren, Abigail and Evan, the children of Christine.

Roscoe is considering doing another book of photos and text – one about stained-glass windows.



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Obituaries

Blake Evan Wilkinson
Winona
March 21, 1955-May 25,
2019

Blake Evan Wilkinson, 64, of Winona, Minnesota, died Saturday, May 25, 2019 in his home.

A memorial service will be held at 2 p.m. with visitation one hour prior on Sunday, June 2, 2019 at Hoff Celebration of Life Center, Goodview. To view his tribute video



Wilkinson

and sign his online guestbook, visit hofffuneral.com.

He was born March 21, 1955 to John and Randine (Jacobson) Wilkinson in North Hollywood, California. He grew up with seven siblings, relocating across the United States frequently until attending High School in Sartell, before joining the Navy, where he was stationed at Norfolk, Virginia.

On July 11, 2015 he married the love of his life, Rita Elliott, on the farm in Houston, Minnesota. He was a skilled artist, talented welder, enjoyed woodworking and had made beautiful furniture for his and Rita's home.

Survivors include the follow-

ing: his loving wife, Rita; children: Ashley (Drew) Deitrick, John (Brittina Klick) Wilkinson; Grandson Bohdi Deitrick; siblings Collin (Jill), Drew, Eric, Forrest, Gavin (Karlyn) and Heidi Wilkinson; stepchildren Cindy (Cory Sweningson) Elliott, Brandi (Lance) Kreckow, Carrie (Dominic) Plank, Brodie (Roxanne) Elliott; stepgrandchildren Guyla, Kaydence, Rachel, Abbie, DJ, Zach, Aaden, Lilly, Sophia, Jayse, Gavin, Gadge, Margaret; and his beloved dog Zuzu.

He was preceded in death by his parents, brother Anthony, step-granddaughter Ashlynn and grandchild baby Wilkinson.

Dorothy H. Jurek
Sartell
Sept. 13, 1929-May 28,
2019

Dorothy Jurek, 89, of Sartell, died May 28 at the St. Cloud Hospital.

Her funeral will be held at 11 a.m. Friday, May 31, 2019 at the Williams Dingmann Family Funeral Home, 1900 Veterans Drive, St. Cloud. The Rev. LeRoy Maus will officiate and burial will be at St. Lawrence Catholic Cemetery in Duellm. Visitation will be from 9-11 a.m. Friday, May 31 at the funeral home in St. Cloud.

Jurek was born Sept. 13, 1929 in St. Cloud to William F. and Margaret L. (Moshier) Eller. She married Peter P. Jurek



Wilkinson

on Aug. 26, 1947 at Holy Angels Catholic Church in St. Cloud. Jurek worked as a cook for St. Cloud School District 742 for 21 years and was also a homemaker. She volunteered at Country Manor and played Farkel and Bingo with her friends. She was a loving, caring and supportive mother of nine children.

Survivors include the following: her children: Nancy (David) Roske of Garrison, Bonnie (Robert) Peterson of Mankato, Deborah Jurek of St. Cloud, Marion (William) Thelen of Sauk Rapids, Donna Darrah of Casper, Wyoming, Jeanette (Dave) Billig of St. Joseph, Steven (Barb) Jurek of Glenwood, Jo Ann (Jeffrey) Nicoll of Rice, Caroline (John) Nyholm of Saucier, Mississippi; 21 grandchildren; and 17 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband; and sisters, Marcella "Sally" Binsfeld and Alvina Lepinski.

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May 15
10:45 p.m. Domestic. 10th Avenue N. Officers were dispatched to a fight. Officers separated all individuals involved. Two individuals were taken to the hospital and one individual was arrested. The individual arrested was taken to Stearns County Jail.

May 16
3:45 p.m. School bus stop arm. Pinecone Road N. Officers received a report from a school bus driver about a vehicle who did not stop for the school bus stop arm. The officer located the driver of the vehicle and the driver admitted to the infraction and realized the seriousness of the issue. The officer issued the driver a verbal warning.

May 17
8:23 a.m. Collision. Seventh Street N. Officers were dispatched to a collision involving a school bus and a car. The officer checked on all passengers of the bus and no one stated any injuries. The driver of the car was not hurt either. The students were transferred off the bus and went to school.

May 18
6:25 a.m. Trespass. CR 120. A business reported an individual who had trespassed was back in the business. Officers confronted the individual who admitted he was stealing from the business. He had in his posses-

sion theft tools and hypodermic needles. He was arrested and transported to Stearns County Jail.

May 19
2:45 a.m. DWI. 19th Avenue S. Officers were dispatched for a vehicle that was off the road. Officers suspected the individual was impaired and conducted field sobriety tests. The individual was arrested and transported to Stearns County Jail.

May 20
10:15 a.m. Animal complaint. Pinecone Road. Officers were dispatched to a large dead bird that was on Pinecone Road. Officers arrived and discovered it was a goose. Public works arrived and removed the goose from the roadway.

May 21
1:30 a.m. Shoplifting. CR 120. Officers were dispatched to a shoplifting call. The individuals left before officers arrived. Working with other local law enforcement, all individuals were located and cited for the theft and escorted from the location.

May 22
11:15 p.m. Suspicious vehicle. Pinecone Road. Officers noticed a running vehicle behind a closed business and stopped to investigate. The individual in the vehicle gave officers a false name, had warrants for their arrest and had paraphernalia and hypodermic needles in their possession. Officers also located another individual hiding in the business. Both were transported to Stearns County Jail.

May 23
1:15 a.m. Shoplifting. CR 120. Officers were dispatched to a business for three individuals who were concealing items. Of-

ficers stopped the individuals outside of the business in a vehicle. Multiple occupants of the vehicle had warrants and meth was found in the vehicle. All three were arrested and taken to Stearns County Jail.

May 24
6:25 p.m. Stolen vehicle. Evergreen Drive. An officer conducting a license-plate check found a stolen vehicle from St. Cloud. The officer stopped the vehicle and a motorcycle that appeared to be involved with the driver of the stolen vehicle. The driver of the motorcycle had a warrant for their arrest and was taken into custody. The driver of the stolen vehicle was taken into custody as well.

May 25
3 p.m. Animals. 15th Street S. Officers were dispatched to a

call of ducklings trapped in a storm drain. Officers arrived and retrieved 11 ducklings from the storm drain. The ducklings were released into the local pond with other ducks.

May 26
9:45 a.m. Unconscious person. Seventh Street N. Officers were dispatched to a call involving a vehicle that was off the roadway in the grass and the driver was not responsive. Officers arrived and assessed the driver. The driver was having a medical issue and was transported to the hospital.

May 27
5:40 p.m. Agency assist. 27th Street N. Sartell officers aided another police agency on a call involving a violent juvenile. Officers arrived and met the combative teen. He was taken into

custody after calming down.

May 28
8:25 a.m. Traffic stop. 2½ Street N. An officer on patrol witnessed a vehicle traveling above the posted speed limit. The officer conducted the stop and the driver stated they did not know they were going that fast. The officer issued a citation for the speed.

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Arndt named Middle School principal

The Sartell-St. Stephen school district selected Laura Arndt as the new Sartell Middle School principal beginning in the 2019-2020 school year.



Arndt

Arndt served as an assistant principal at Sartell Middle School this past year and previously served as an instructional coach for three years at Oak Ridge Elementary School. Prior to her time in the district, Arndt was employed in the Sauk Rapids-Rice school district as a classroom teacher and instructional coach.

"I am excited for Laura to transition into her new role

and know she will serve our district well," Superintendent Jeff Schwiebert said. "She is an outstanding instructional leader who always keeps the best interest of our students at the forefront of her work."

"I have been fortunate to be surrounded by amazing educators who have made a tremendous impact on my life both personally and professionally," Arndt said in a press release. "My goal as an educator has always been to have that same impact on others and I am excited and honored to be the leader of Sartell Middle School."

Arndt succeeds Sartell Middle School Principal Kurt Stumpf who was selected to serve as superintendent for the Janesville-Waldorf-Pemberton school district beginning in the 2019-2020 school year.



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Yearbook staff wins award

Sartell High School's yearbook program has been named a 2019 Jostens' National Yearbook Program of Excellence. The National Yearbook Program of Excellence recognizes engaging yearbooks that reflect a broad representation of the student body while helping students develop 21st century skills such as communication, collaboration, and information and communication technologies literacy. "The Sartell-St. Stephen school district has an excellent reputation for quality programs and services offered to students of all ages," said Principal Brenda Steve about the award. "The breadth and scope of the curricular program, extra-curricular opportunities and specialized programs make the school district one of the finest in Central Minnesota."

School board approves middle school remodeling contracts

by Mike Knaak
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The Sartell-St. Stephen school board approved construction contracts to remodel the existing high school for middle school use during its May 20 meeting.

The contracts for 27 individual projects total \$6,919,099.

Four other projects totaling \$472,972 did not receive bids. Those projects will be awarded later.

The construction is necessary as the school district reconfigures grades as the district opens a new

high school for the 2019-20 school year. The existing high school will be remodeled and will open as a middle school for the 2020-21 school year and the current middle school will house grades three to five. The district has conducted a poll to select a name for that building. The results will be announced in the fall.

After several months of study and discussion, the board also approved more reconfiguration plans.

For the 2020-21 school year, Oak Ridge Elementary School will be designated as a pre-kindergarten, kindergarten Early Learning Center. Pine Meadow Elementary School will serve first and second graders.

Superintendent Jeff Schwiebert said he's received a number

of questions about how busing will work for the new building lineup.

The board also formally approved a revised school calendar to deal with the past winter's snow days.

Board members voted to approve Feb. 18 and April 22 as regular school days for the loss of the instructional days. June 1 will be a half-day workshop and a half day of professional development. June 2 will be a building staff development day at all buildings with the exception of the high school, which will use it as a moving day. June 3 will be a half day of professional development and there will be six hours of flexible professional development for certified staff to make up for the lost time.

Sales to benefit historical society

A brats-and-beverage sale to raise funds for the Sartell Historical Society will take place the second weekend in June in the front of Coborn's Super Store in Sartell.

The sale will happen from 11 a.m.-6 p.m. Friday, June 7; and from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday, June 8. The store

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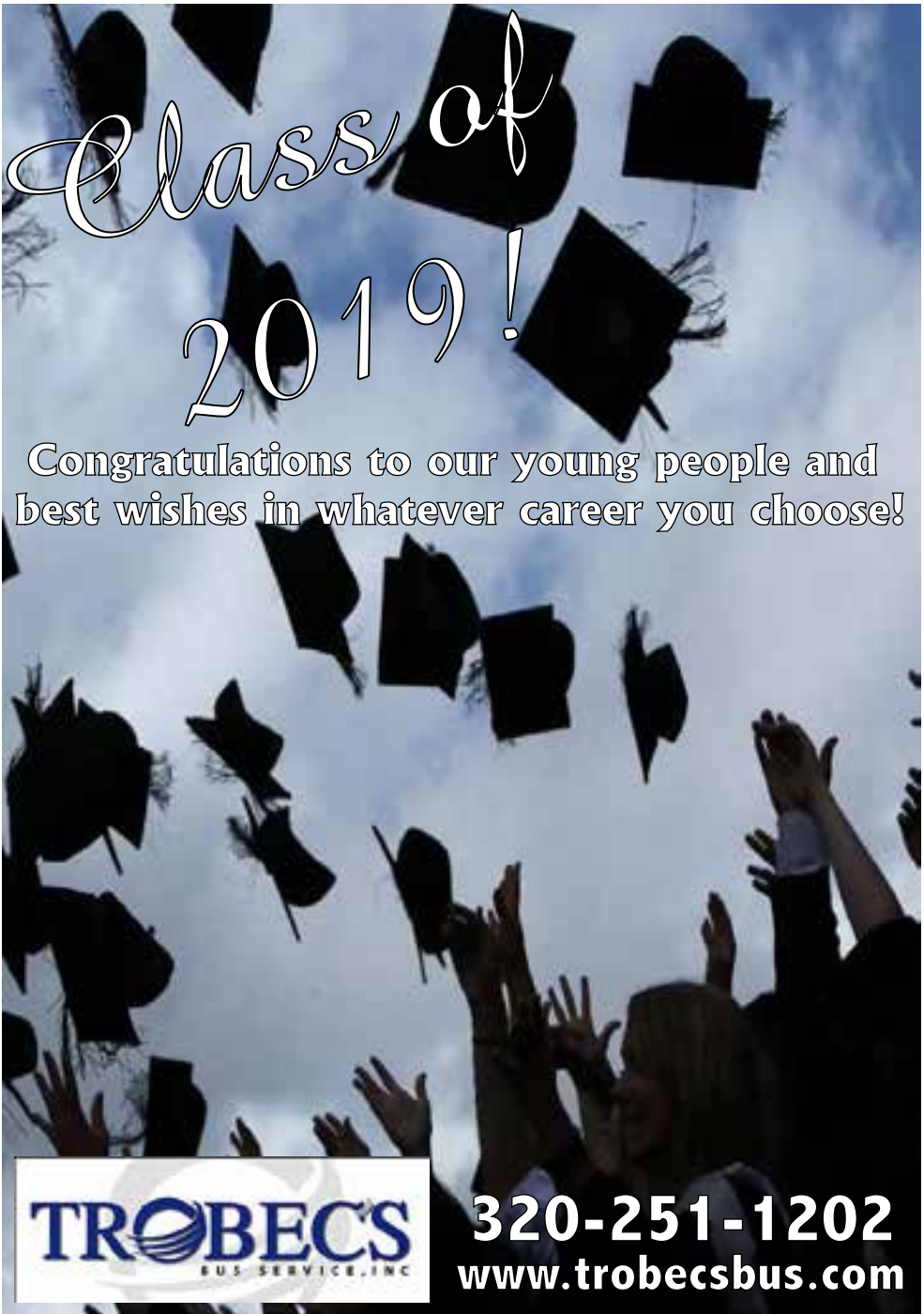
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Middle School students honored for environmental projects



photos by Mike Knaak
Sartell Middle School science teacher Gina Anderson handed out awards won by the school’s YES! group in preparation for a group photo May 24. The club of 28 students won a regional award for their environmental work this year that focused on water quality and invasive species. The honor came with a \$500 check that will be used for a project.



The Sartell Middle School’s YES! group’s award event included ice cream treats. They won a regional award for their environmental project this year that focused on water quality and invasive species.

Correction

There were several errors in a May 17 story headlined “Bye-bye wading pool, hello splash pad.” The winning design referred to in the story in text and photo is a design for a Watab Park playground, not a splash pad. The playground, not the splash pad, will cost about \$100,000 and its construction could begin as early as this fall. Specific play features of the splash pad, not of the playground, will be determined by public input.

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Patriotism

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re-elected several times to the Minnesota Legislature and most recently won the 2018 election to the Senate District 13 seat (formerly served by Michelle Fischbach of Paynesville).

Howe and his wife, Sheri, visited the French countryside of Normandy, France, where the D-Day invasion took place June 6 nearly 75 years ago. From across the English Channel, British and American troops stormed ashore on the beaches of Normandy to rout the German Nazi occupiers of France who had gun emplacements all along the cliffs above the beaches.

Howe said he and wife Sheri walked those vast beaches, at low tide, and they realized powerfully what sacrifices were made by so many soldiers, most of whom became sitting ducks for the Nazis who blasted them with a hail of bullets.

“We must never forget (those who sacrificed),” Howe said. “They’re not gone unless they’re forgotten.”

Such heroes, he added, remind us never to abandon the cause of freedom, and those sacrifices, he noted, should remind all of us to honor and to help service members and their families.

O’Driscoll

Tim O’Driscoll, former Sartell council member and mayor, is the one who started the highly successful Memorial Day ceremonies in Veterans Park, Sartell.

A life-long Sartell resident, O’Driscoll went on to



photos by Dennis Dalman

Members of the Sartell High School Marching Band prepare to perform patriotic tunes at the Memorial Day service in Sartell.

be re-elected multiple times to House District 13B. For years, he has been a passionate advocate for veterans.

In his speech, O’Driscoll referred to a famous TV commercial from the 1950s in which he said the late Doris Day (actually it was Dinah Shore) sang the jingle, “See the U.S.A. in your Chevrolet.” That ad, said O’Driscoll, is an example of how America has always had a love affair with the automobile.

Since the 1950s, there have been wars and more wars, bigger bombs and bigger problems. Using his metaphor of Americans’ love of cars, O’Driscoll suggested Americans, when problems arise or duty calls, don’t waste time looking in the rear-view mirror but look straight ahead through the windshield to face the challenges head on.



Bagpiper Ben Richason leads the American Legion Color Guard of Sartell and guest speakers to the shelter in Watab Park to open the Memorial Day celebration. Despite dreary, wet weather, the event was well-attended.



photo by Mike Knaak

37th Apple Duathlon takes off

Riders mount up for a 33K bike ride, the second stage in the Apple Duathlon, at Sartell Middle School May. 25. See additional photo on the front page.

contributed photo

Public Safety Facility under construction
Members of the Sartell City Council, staff and Public Safety Facility consulting team gathered May 28 for a groundbreaking photo at the new Public Safety Facility site, 501 Pinecone Road S. Those present (from left to right) were the following: Murray Mack, HMA Architects; Brady Andel, council member; Tim Gillet, HMA Architects; Mike Chisum, council member; Fire Chief Jim Sattler;, Mayor Ryan Fitzthum; Police Chief Jim Hughes; Jeff Kolb, council member; Tim Elness, council member; John Kothenbeutel, Public Works director; Anita Archambeau, Community Development director; Jon Halter, SEH Engineering; and Bob Strack, John Nack, Tim Olinger and Chuck Serbus, all of Strack Construction. The Public Safety Facility is currently under construction with completion slated in the summer of 2020.



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, May 31
Benton County Museum, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., 218 First St. N., Sauk Rapids. 320-253-9614. mn-bentonhistory.org.

Saturday, June 1
Sartell High School Commencement, 7:30 p.m., main gym, Sartell High School, 748 Seventh St. N.

Monday, June 3
Benton County Museum, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., 218 First St. N.,

Sauk Rapids. 320-253-9614. mn-bentonhistory.org.

Sartell Farmers’ Market, 3-6 p.m., Bernick’s Arena, 1109 First St S.

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

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

Tuesday, June 4
Memory Writers group develops topics and turns in stories. 10 a.m., Stearns History Museum, 235 33rd Ave. S, St Cloud.

Riverside Jazz Concert, 7 p.m., Watab Creek Park, 7 Riverside Ave. N., Sartell.

Wednesday, June 5
Advocates for Independence, 2-4 p.m., Independent Lifestyles, 215 Benton Drive N., Sauk Rapids. 320-529-9000.

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

Thursday, June 6
Coffee and Conversation, a senior discussion group, 9 a.m., Sartell Community Center, 850 19th St. S. Speaker: Jack Toliver, Navy veteran and military historian. Pearl Harbor - Part 1.

Great River Regional Coin Club, 6:30-8:30 p.m., Miller Auto Marine Sports Plaza, 2930 Second St. S., St. Cloud. 320-241-9229.

Friday, June 7
Benton County Museum, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., 218 First St. N., Sauk Rapids. 320-253-9614. mn-bentonhistory.org.

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

Sartell Farmers’ Market, 3-6 p.m., Bernick’s Arena, 1109 First St S.

Sartell City Council, 6 p.m., Sartell City Hall, 125 Pinecone Road N. 320-253-2171.

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

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

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., 43710 85th Ave. N., Rice.

Thursday, June 13
Coffee and Conversation, a senior discussion group, 9 a.m., Sartell Community Center, 850 19th St. S.

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

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

Friday, June 14
Benton County Museum, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., 218 First St. N., Sauk Rapids. 320-253-9614. mn-bentonhistory.org.

Saturday, June 15
Community meal, 11:30 a.m., First United Methodist Church, 1107 Pinecone Road S. Free.

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Opinion

Our View

What has always and never been?

Graduation. For parents it's a time of pride. For students, it's a time to celebrate achievements past and the adult challenges ahead.

As we mark this annual passage for our community's young people, it's time for the rest of us...friends, family and coworkers...to examine the mindset of this year's high school seniors.

For the last 20 years, Beloit College has compiled "The Mindset List" for 18 year olds. It's an annual compilation of what has always and never been.

Reading the list may help us enjoy commencement and graduation parties with the newest group of young adults.

Highlights from the list:

Among the iconic figures never alive in their lifetime are Victor Borge, Charles Schulz and the original Obi-Wan Kenobi Alec Guinness.

They are the first class born in the new millennium, escaping the dreaded label of "Millennial," though their new designation—iGen, GenZ, etc. — has not yet been agreed upon by them.

Outer space has never been without human habitation.

They have always been able to refer to Wikipedia.

They have grown up afraid that a shooting could happen at their school too.

People loudly conversing with themselves in public are no longer thought to be talking to imaginary friends.

Afghanistan has always been the frustrating quagmire that keeps on giving.

Same-sex couples have always found marital bliss in the Netherlands.

When filling out forms, they are not surprised to find more than two gender categories to choose from.

Presidential candidates winning the popular vote and then losing the election are not unusual.

They've grown up with stories about where their grandparents were on 11/22/63 and where their parents were on 9/11.

They will never fly TWA, Swissair or Sabena airlines.

The Tower of Pisa has always had a prop to keep it leaning.

The Prius has always been on the road in the United States.

They never used a spit bowl in a dentist's office.

They have never seen a crosstown World Series.

"You've got mail" would sound as ancient to them as "number, please" would have sounded to their parents.

A visit to a bank has been a rare event.

Unable to come up with a new tune, Russians have always used the old Soviet national anthem.

Horton has always heard a Who on stage in "Seussical the Musical."

Robert Downey Jr. has always been the sober Iron Man.

Exotic animals have always been providing emotional support to passengers on planes.

Lightbulbs have always been shatterproof.

Xlerators have always been drying hands in 15 seconds with a roar.

I Love You has always been a computer virus.

Thumbprints have always provided log-in security — and are harder to lose — than a password.

Google Doodles have never recognized major religious holidays.

Chernobyl has never produced any power in their lifetimes.

Donny and Marie who?

There have always been more than a billion people in India.

Films have always been distributed on the Internet.

Environmental disasters such as the BP Deepwater Horizon, and the coal sludge spill in Martin City, Kentucky, have always exceeded the Exxon Valdez oil spill.

The detachable computer mouse is almost extinct.

Israeli troops have never occupied Southern Lebanon.

None having served there, American Presidents have always visited Vietnam as commander-in-chief.

Congratulations, class of 2019. What will the list look like when today's kindergartners finish high school?

Will fans fill new stadiums when teams fail?

Mike
Knaak
Editor



stadium as fans were eager to see baseball in the sun after years in the gloomy Metrodome. That first year, 3.2 million fans filled the seats. The Twins postseason campaign ended quickly in the Division Series against the feared Yankees. After two losses at home and one in New York, the season was over.

In 2011, with hopes for a longer postseason run, attendance held steady with 3.1 million paying customers.

Then, as the shine wore off the new stadium and the Twins sunk in the standings, so did attendance. With only one postseason appearance – a one and done wild-card loss in 2017 – and two last-places, attendance dropped to 1.9 million last year.

Now with a new manager and new lineup, the Twins are in first place with the best record in baseball. The fans returned for a couple of sellouts over Memorial Day weekend.

Over in St. Paul, Minnesota United continues to fill its 20,000-seat capacity stadium. Will fickle fans keep coming if the team doesn't produce? The Loons missed the MLS postseason during their first two years. An improved team this year finds itself above the line and they haven't lost at home.

When the team played at TCF, around 22,000 people showed up and for the last

game there last year, about 50,000 fans attended.

Meanwhile, baseball in general is suffering from dropping attendance. League-wide attendance in 2018 declined for the sixth straight season, to 28,659 per game, down 13 percent from its 2007 peak.

Fans say the games take too long and the pace is too slow. Despite minor changes to speed up the game, the average nine-inning game has taken 3 hours 2 minutes so far in 2019, just a few ticks below the 2017 record of 3:05 and about 15 minutes longer than it was 30 years ago.

Soccer doesn't have a pace problem. The action continues for two 45-minute halves with no time outs or breaks for television commercials. Leave your seat for a beer or a trip to the restroom and you will surely miss something. With halftime figured in, the match is over in two hours.

While baseball leaders mull moving the mound back and limiting relief pitching changes, baseball may have another long-term problem.

As a regular fan of both teams, I've observed a younger and much more diverse crowd at Allianz Field than at Target Field.

A Gallup poll found that 7 percent of Americans named soccer as their favorite sport to watch. While that may not sound like much, the figure represents a significant, three-percentage-point gain from just four years ago. Baseball scored 9 percent, down from 13 percent four years ago.

Among adults aged 18-34, soccer was the favorite sport of 11 percent. Six percent chose baseball as their favorite sport.

The 'Twins' challenge may be demographics, not numbers on the scoreboard.

MIAC booting St. Thomas shameful, wrong

Connor
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Guest Writer



title or game.

What did the MIAC schools even have to gain by kicking St. Thomas out? I've struggled to answer that question myself. Kicking out a conference member doesn't make the remaining teams any better. It's more telling to look at how this process was conducted. On May 22, the MIAC schools decided in secret to expel St. Thomas. There was no on-the-record vote, though St. Thomas, St. John's, St. Benedict and Bethel voiced opposition to the action. Because a vote of nine members was required to take this action, the remaining nine schools in the MIAC must have voted to remove.

Shame on them. If the presidents of the MIAC schools really believed this was the correct decision to make, they would have had a public news conference and personally laid out the reasons why they believed the MIAC was better off without St. Thomas. Instead, the conference issued a press release and the presidents have largely refused to make any statements about the matter. This running and hiding is a clear sign even they know the terrible consequences this decision will have.

Morally, especially for the religious tradition these schools have, kicking out someone because they are better than you is a terrible message to send students. In the real world, there will always be people who are better than you at something. You won't always win, but the most important thing is making your best effort, and then learning lessons to improve your performance in the future.

Financially, having St. Thomas in the conference, especially with the Tommie-Johnnie

football rivalry, has been a massive publicity boost to the MIAC, even resulting in ESPN2 coming to Collegeville to cover the game. Losing St. Thomas would take this focus somewhere else, reducing the exposure the MIAC has to prospective college students. It has already been a public-relations disaster as well, with several national outlets commenting on St. Thomas being booted for being "too good," harming the reputation of the MIAC across the nation.

This decision was a self-serving ploy by nine of the MIAC schools to satisfy their interests, rather than the conference as a whole. The students and alumni of the MIAC should stand together to make known their opposition to this action, and advocate for it to be reversed.

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

Stop blaming gun owners for gun violence

Kraig Lalim, Sartell

In this time of increased out-of-state political attention on guns, I have to write and mention Minnesotans like me, who grew up with guns. We've had them at deer camp, and on the back 40 plinking cans. We've gone with them to the range with our daughters, our sons and our friends. We've kept that .22 that our Grandpa gave us right next to the hunting jacket in the closet.

We resent being blamed for violence by the lobbyists and political forces at the Capitol. We're committed to teaching our children how to respect and use firearms safely.

Stop blaming us for what's going wrong in society, and start working with us to make things better. We'll listen, we'll help. But we're not the problem, and stop treating us like we are.

Public notice

REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
SARTELL-ST. STEPHEN PUBLIC SCHOOLS
INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO 748
APRIL 15, 2019
CITY OF ST. STEPHEN CITY HALL

The regular school board meeting of Independent School District 748 was called to order at 6:34 p.m. by Chair Jason Nies. Members present: Nies; Jeremy Snoberger, vice chair; Amanda Byrd, treasurer; Lesa Kramer, director; Patrick Marushin, director; and Jeff Schwiebert, superintendent. Members absent: Pamela Raden, clerk.

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

During the public-comment opportunity, Chad Krauel, 1219 Corrine Court, spoke on the topic of fourth-grade class size and not increasing them.

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

- a. Minutes of the regular school board meeting held on March 18, 2019
Minutes of the board work session held on March 18, 2019
Minutes of the special school board meeting held on April 8, 2019

b. Checks in the amount of \$1,648.987.00 as presented:

General Fund	1,387,740.41
Food Service Fund	99,469.06
Transportation Fund	90,439.00
Community Service Fund	29,593.26
Capital Expenditure Fund	24,435.57
Summer Rec Agency Fund	17,309.70

Check numbers 174934 - 175125

ACHs in the amount of \$5,715.36 as presented:

General Fund	5,503.29
Food Service Fund	203.95
Community Service Fund	8.12

ACH numbers 181900064-181900084

Receipts in the amount of \$4,481,796.28 as presented:

General Fund	4,106,621.78
Food Service Fund	235,748.28
Transportation Fund	13,142.96
Community Service Fund	109,570.94
Capital Expenditure Fund	6,827.07
Building Fund	7,135.25
Summer Rec Agency Fund	2,750.00

Receipts 45801 - 45921

Wire transfers in the amount of \$7,779.73 as presented:

General Fund	1,902.78
Food Service Fund	4,815.70
Community Service Fund	1,061.25

Wire transfers 201800062-201800067

Building Fund Checks in the amount of \$2,786,821.01 as presented:

Building Fund	2,786,821.01
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Check numbers 600503 to 600528

- c. Accept the following donations:

Marie Pangerl, Pine Meadow Elementary, 279 books, leveled books for library; Pamela A. Raden, Sabre Golf Program, \$1,000, donation to Sabre Golf Program in memory of Scott Raden.

d. Accept the resignation of Jason Johnson, SMS, lead custodian, 3/29/19; Mary Pierce-Slocum, Early Childhood/DSC, Early Childhood special-education teacher, end of 18-19 school year; Leah Saldana, ORE, food service worker, 4/14/19; Kurt Stumpf, SMS, principal, 6/30/19.

Student Representative Report: Lauren Lindmeier, student representative

Lindmeier reported on happenings around the district. Pine Meadow students will take the MCA reading and math tests. Pine Meadow and Oak Ridge Music in our School concerts are wrapping up. The Middle School concert season has started and the jazz concert will be on May 2. Fifth-grade students will participate in Battle of the Books and host a Math Master’s contest. At the high school, student council and NHS sent 14 students to their conventions and NHS inducted 24 new inductees. Winter activities are coming to a close with Knowledge Bowl taking second at state; three Speech students also participated at state. Spring activities have started with the musical “The Music Man” being performed on April 25, 26 and 27.

Construction Manager Report on Building Process:

Construction Manager Lee Gruen reported the gymnasium flooring is all down and will be completed May 2. The music cabinets are in, administrative and special-education areas need doors and glass work in order to be complete. Theater drywall is complete and seat counts are being finalized. The kitchen is all tiled with equipment starting to arrive today. Bids will be received tomorrow for the current high school being transformed into the middle school.

Superintendent Report: Jeff Schwiebert, superintendent

Schwiebert reported with the current snow makeup day plan in place there is no additional plan to makeup the weather day from April 11. A public apology was made to the fourth-grade staff from an earlier meeting with the teams

regarding the budget-reduction process. There were some misunderstandings during the discussions and we are very hopeful to gain six more fourth-grade students.

PreK-K Early Learning Center and Grades 1-2 Site Designation Report:

Pine Meadow Elementary Principal Sara Nelson and Oak Ridge Elementary Principal Kip Lynk presented on the PreK-K Early Learning Center and Grades 1-2 Site Designation.

School Board Committee Report:

No reports.

Enrollment Report:

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

A motion was made by Marushin and seconded by Snoberger to APPROVE #1-11:

New Employees/Changes:

Rachel Breitreutz, ORE, physical education, \$68,079, MA 30, Step K, replacing Don Dockendorf, 8/26/2019; Todd Frank, ORE, SPED para, \$16.42/hour, RIV, S1, 6.25 hours/day, new position, 4/8/2019; Kristina Leppenan, Sartell Community Center, youth program coordinator, \$23/hour, 260 days/year, replacing Jina Schoenborn, 4/1/2019; Leah Mockenhaupt, SMS, vocal music, \$42,334, BA, Step C, replacing Kara Rysavy, August 2019; Joe Schulte, SHS, assistant clay target, \$864 (2.25 percent), BA, 0 (\$38,410), replacing Ben Hoffman, 4/6/2019; Beverly Wiebe, SMS, lead custodian, \$21.68/hour, RIV, Step 4, replacing Jason Johnson, 4/8/2019.

New Employees – Pending Licensure:

Joseph Vanek, SHS, FACS teacher, \$40,371, BA, Step A, replacing Mary Hille, August 2019.

Leaves of Absence:
Kelly Hanson, SMS/Transportation, cashier/bus driver, LOA, 4/10/19-5/13/19; Dorothy Karls, SMS/Transportation, food service worker/bus driver, LOA, 4/1/19 - 5/31/19 (intermittent leave); Tara Krupke, PME, teacher, LOA, 4/9/19-4/18/19; Kristina Peterson, PME, para, LOA, 3/22/19-5/31/19 (intermittent leave).

All in favor. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Snoberger and seconded by Kramer to APPROVE BOYS LA-CROSSE TEAM FUNDRAISER AS PRESENTED. All in favor. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Marushin and seconded by Byrd to APPROVE POTENTIAL 3-5 INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL NAMES FOR COMMUNITY VOTE. All in favor. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Marushin and seconded by Kramer to APPROVE BUDGET REDUCTION RECOMMENDATIONS AS PRESENTED. All in favor. Motion carried.

Official Review of Policies:

The Board had the official review of policies: 605, 606, 608, 609 and 905.

The Board had the first reading of revisions of policies: 601, 602, 603, 604 and 607.

Schedule Work Session and Committee Meetings:

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

Future Board Meeting - Monday, May 20 at Sartell High School Media Center - 6:30 p.m.

Committee assignments were reviewed.

A motion to ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 7:21 p.m. was made by Snoberger and seconded by Marushin. All in favor. Motion carried.

/s/ Amanda Byrd, Treasurer

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People

Eighteen Sartell students recently graduated from Sauk Rapids High School.

They are the following: **Braden Burggraff**, **Cassandra Cotten**, **Andrea Fields**, **Sebastian Habiger-Gertken**, **Tianna Hanson**, **Kieran Idzerda**, **Madison Jennings**, **Noah Kuehl**, **Grace Middendorf**, **Soleil Newland**, **Nikolas Oxley**, **Sean Stidmon**, **Logan Stockinger**, **Cole Ten Voorde**, **Samuel Towne**, **Ryver Victorian**, **Tyler Vo** and **Morgan Weisen**.

Eleven Sartell students recently graduated from Cathedral High School.

They are the following: **Jackson Baustian Jangula**, **Peter Berg**, **Riley Halstrom**, **Molly Herker**, **Hallie Hupf**, **Jackson Kent**, **Samuel Larson**, **Luke Schmidt**, **Brooke Schwieters**, **Maya Van Erp** and **Torrie Zimmerman**.

Five St. Stephen students recently graduated from Holdingford High School.

They are the following: **Meghan Hicks**, **Mackenzie Oberg**, **Tyson Patrick**, **Britany Paggen** and **Levi Wallenstein**.

Nikolai Jenson, Sartell, recently graduated from ROCORI High School in Cold Spring.

Samantha Kotaska, Sartell, recently graduated from Holdingford High School.

Eleven Sartell students recently graduated from Apollo High School.

They are the following: **Istahil Ahmed**, **Dustin Bilben**, **Tianna Czech**, **Sydney Doto**, **Amber Moon**, **Cheyenne Nyquist**, **Kallista Phommavongxay**, **Lauren Schofield**, **Ellie Shelstad**, **Tia Smith** and **Lariah Washington**.

Maxwell Svensson, son of Meg and Michael Svensson of Sartell, recently graduated as a homeschooled student. He plans to start his own business and begin his life as an entrepreneur.



Svensson

Five Sartell students, one posthumously, recently graduated from St. John's Prep.

They are following: **Samantha Beckers**, daughter of Kristin and Shawn Beckers; **Tina Chen**, daughter of LiChun and Wanyi Chen; **Anyah Hulsebus**, daughter of Wendy and Spencer Hulsebus; **Cormac Smith**, son of Penelope and Daniel Smith; and **Ian Lo**, son of Rachel Schuneman and Yang Lo. Lo passed away unexpectedly in July of 2017. He is still very much a part of the Class of 2019. His sister, Sydney '16, accepted his diploma on behalf of his family. The Class of 2019 is planting a tree in his honor.

Chloe Spoden, daughter of Brenda and Gary Spoden of Sartell, received the \$10,000 Pres-

idential Honor Award Scholarship at North Dakota State University, Fargo. The scholarship recognizes students who scored a 29 to 31 on the ACT and high academic achievement. Spoden will enter NDSU in the fall and plans to major in animal science.

Sartell High School graduate **Rebecca Elliott**, daughter of Annette and John Elliott of Rice, graduated magna cum laude on May 5 with a degree in music education from Concordia College, Moorhead.

Two Sartell students graduated spring semester from Winona State University. **Reagan Buske** graduated summa cum laude with a bachelor's degree in data science. **Samantha Czeck** graduated cum laude with a bachelor's degree in nursing.

Home Instead Senior Care has named **Barb Hoffman** its 2019 North American CareGiver of the Year. The award is the highest accolade for the organization's more than 65,000 CareGivers throughout North America. Hoffman, of Waite Park, has been a Home Instead CareGiver for eight years. Waite Park Home Instead Senior Care serves Sartell, St. Stephen and St. Joseph. Hoffman was recognized for the extraordinary energy, talent, spirit and hard work she brings to serving others.

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