

Newsleaders

Reaching Everybody!

Friday, May 1, 2020
Volume 32, Issue 9
Est. 1989

Town Crier

Make cards for health care workers, first responders

Show support and thanks to essential workers from the safety of your home by creating a note of thanks and United Way will deliver it. Visit www.unitedwayhelps.org and click on the Covid-19 Resources page to complete the thank-you form.

Help families in crisis

Consider becoming a volunteer for the St. Cloud Area Crisis Nursery, a program of Lutheran Social Service of Minnesota. This family-focused service provides free, 24-hour hotline support to parents dealing with personal stress or crisis, such as an illness, housing problems, financial strains or other issues. Contact Connie Orth, St. Cloud Area Crisis Nursery at 320-654-1090 or connie.orth@lssmn.org.

Mask makers needed

Put your time and talents to use making masks for at-risk community members. This link, www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/diy-cloth-face-coverings.html, shows how masks are used and also shows patterns for making masks. Completed masks can be dropped off at Coborn's, 900 Cooper Ave. S, St. Cloud, behind the service counter during store hours and at Whitney Senior Center West Door, 1527 Northway Drive, St. Cloud, in the covered bin marked MASKS. The bin will be available Monday-Friday 8-4:30 p.m.

Attention parents of 2020 graduates

Parents of 2020 grads and home-schooled students are encouraged to submit their graduate's name, parents' names, school they're graduating from and future plans to be included in the May 29 edition of the St. Joseph Newsleader. Deadline is Friday, May 8. Submit information to news@thenewsleaders.com.

Newsleaders seeks GoFundMe donations

During these turbulent times, advertising support has dwindled. The Newsleaders wants to continue providing up-to-the-minute local coverage both on our website and in print. Please help support the Newsleaders by viewing/contributing to our GoFundMe page on Facebook. Thank you to our contributors! Any amount is greatly appreciated.

Kennedy staff misses students

by Cori Hilsgen
news@thenewsleaders.com

Kennedy Community School principal Anna Willhite said one of the hardest transitions for her and other Kennedy employees, during the Covid-19 pandemic and distance learning, has been the loss of social interactions and connections with Kennedy students.

"Although we have been able to still find creative ways to connect via different platforms, it still isn't the same as connecting face-to-face and seeing the smiling faces of our students," Willhite said. "We are blessed at Kennedy to have amazing educators that are working tirelessly to help remove barriers and support the needs of our students and families to make this transition to distance learning as easy as possible."

Because of the Covid-19 pandemic, Gov. Tim Walz announced on March 15 that schools would begin distance learning on March 30 and this has now been extended for the



contributed photo

Kennedy Community School licensed staff share "Miss You" messages with students to let them know they are thinking about them.

rest of the school year.

Many area schools, like Kennedy, have worked hard and excelled at implementing distance learning options for students. With more than 70 licensed staff working with about 840 Kennedy students, the transitions to distance learning has

created some new challenges with technology.

Kennedy teachers are using the Seesaw platform with students in preschool to fifth grade and are using Schoology for sixth- through eighth-grade students for delivering instruction.

Willhite said students should

be spending about two hours each day on distance learning. Much of the delivery of their lessons is presented through the digital platform, but then there are other activities that students are being asked to focus on as well.

Kennedy • page 3

Education, not tickets for big gatherings

by Mike Knaak
editor@thenewsleaders.com

The warm and dry weather coupled with a traditional college spring party time over the April 18-19 weekend posed a challenge for St. Joseph police attempting to enforce the state's social distancing and stay-at-home orders.

Noncompliance with the orders aimed limiting the spread of coronavirus could result in a \$1,000 fine and 90 days in jail,

but the governor recommended education rather than enforcement.

St. Joseph Police Chief Dwight Pfannenstien told City Council members at the April 20 meeting the education approach produced limited compliance.

Pfannenstien said he and Mayor Rick Schultz met with college officials earlier in the month to make sure students were aware of the rules limiting social gatherings. Even with distance learning underway and

the campuses closed, there are still students living in rental housing.

When the weekend arrived, Pfannenstien said "we did see students who were not socially responsible."

Officers were instructed not to write tickets for big gatherings unless there was a criminal violation. But the officers did take note of who was partying and later made what the chief described as "house visits."

Officers wrote tickets for gar-

bage in yards left over from parties and for residents with no keg permits. The kegs were seized as evidence.

Pfannenstien said the students apparently did not get a clear message from the colleges.

He acknowledged there's frustration with the stay-at-home orders and that many local businesses are feeling the financial pain of being shut down.

"This is a time that we've never seen before," the chief said.

Police chief applies for body camera grant

by Mike Knaak
editor@thenewsleaders.com

St. Joseph police officers may soon be wearing body cameras if a grant to fund them gets approved.

Police Chief Dwight Pfannenstien has applied for a \$10,000 grant from the Department of Justice to cover equipping his department. The chief told the City Council at its April 20 meeting the cameras would cost \$13,290 with the portion of the costs not covered by the grant

coming from the department's equipment budget or forfeiture fund.

The body cameras would be compatible with the cameras in the department's five squad cars. The cost covers body cameras for all 10 members of the department as well as data transfer software and technical support.

Having body-camera video would help the department with court cases, Pfannenstien said.

He cited a recent incident when an officer tried to arrest

a man for public urination. The man tried to run away, the officer grabbed the man and they wrestled for 30-40 seconds. The city attorney dropped disorderly and public urination charges and only charged minor consumption.

"His reward for fighting with an officer was minor consumption," the chief said.

Cameras would save money on litigation, Pfannenstien said. For example, a person charged with DWI would not fight the charge if they knew there was

video to back up the charge. Video allows for quick exoneration if there's a complaint of officer misconduct, he said.

"Students will get the word, be careful what you say to police officers," Pfannenstien said.

Waite Park and Sauk Rapids officers, as well as St. John's Life Safety, use body cameras.

Council member Brian Theisen, who is also a Stearns County deputy, supported the grant application.

"They save court time, lawsuits. I'm all for them," he said.



**Are you
Spring cleaning?**

34737 CR 10 • Albany
1/4 mi. south of Albany Fleet
Supply on CR 10

Monday-Friday 8 a.m.-5p.m.
Saturday 8 a.m.-Noon

320-845-2747 or 320-248-5253

Now handling: • Garbage • Mattress • Furniture • Carpet • Garage and home clean
outs, etc. • Still buying all metals • Recycling all electronics



320-271-3152 • 708 Elm St. E. Suite 103, St. Joseph. • barrettsmusic.com



Auto, Truck, RV & Trailer Repair

320-363-1433

8805 Ridgewood Court, St. Joseph
beelineservice.com

St. Stephen Optical

(formerly Index 53)

Larry Rudolph, Optician

306 Main St. E.
St. Stephen, MN 56375

320-252-9380 Office
320-252-6924 Home

Hours: 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday, Tuesday & Thursday; 9 a.m.-noon Wednesday; 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Friday

BUSINESS DIRECTORY

AUTO BODY REPAIR

Auto Body 2000

(behind Coborn's in the Industrial Park)
St. Joseph • 320-363-1116

DENTISTRY

Laser Dentistry

26 2nd Ave. NW
St. Joseph • 320-363-4468

ELECTRICAL

HI-TEC Electric • St. Joseph
Residential • Commercial
Remodeling • General Service
320-363-8808 • 320-980-0514

EYECARE

Russell Eyecare & Associates
15 E. Minnesota St., Ste. 107
St. Joseph • 320-433-4326

TRUCKING

Brenny Transportation, Inc.
Global Transportation Service
St. Joseph • 320-363-6999
www.brennytransportation.com

YOUR INDUSTRY

Your Business
Address
City • Phone • Website

Call the **St. Joseph Newsleader** at 320-363-7741

if you would like your business included. Check out the online Business Directory
at thenewsleaders.com which hyperlinks to each business' website.

Obituary

Jerome Joseph Reischl, 86
St. Joseph
July 14, 1933-April 19,
2020

Jerome "Jerry" Joseph Reischl died peacefully, in the comfort of his own home, in St. Joseph, on April 19. He was surrounded by those who loved him. In respect for public safety due to COVID-19, Reischl was honored through prayer with his immediate family, followed by a private graveside internment at Minnesota State Veterans Cemetery in Little Falls on April 23. Memorials preferred.

Reischl was born in Collegeville, Minnesota on July 14, 1933 to Theresia (Schrom) and George G. Reischl. The second oldest of five brothers, Reischl developed a strong sense of duty and hard work from an early age, which he applied to serving his family, faith, country, community and work throughout his lifetime. He was enlisted in the U.S. Army for six years, both in active duty and as a reservist, and he was a long-term member of the American Legion - St. Joseph. While he held different work positions, from electrician to excavator, it was his 55-year career as a truck driver for Anderson Trucking people will re-



Reischl

member most. After he retired at age 65, he continued to drive for Anderson, well into his 80s. He was recently recognized as the longest serving employee in the history of the company and was estimated to have driven over six million miles during his lifelong trucking career.

While not working, Reischl loved to hunt, fish, snowmobile and especially looked forward to bow-hunting and archery league each year, for which he won many trophies. Not one to sit idle, he supported the St. Joseph community and parish through his volunteer work over decades. He served on the St. Joseph Parish Cemetery board of directors and worked as a groundskeeper for the parish cemetery. He was a member of the St. Joseph Parish for more than 60 years. He also organized and led the color guard that marched in the St. Joseph parade and performed at military funerals at the Minnesota State Veterans Cemetery in Little Falls.

Most of all, Reischl loved people, and people loved him. He was a caring man who was willing to help anyone in need. While he liked to make things better for others, he lived for spending time with the couple's children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren, who were the lights of his life. Many family gatherings took place on the well-manicured lawn, where every leaf had to be removed as soon as it fell. He enjoyed coffee and playing cards with friends,

and he loved to make people laugh. He was forever a jokester and had a great sense of humor. It was his lighthearted, good nature and kind heart that made him so likable and makes the pain of his passing even harder. He will be deeply missed.

Survivors include the following: his two younger brothers, Bob (Ann) and Harry (Mary) Reischl, both of St. Joseph; his devoted wife of nearly 64 years, Rose Ann "Rosie" and the couple's children and grandchildren, all of who were a great source of pride: daughter Debi (Tim) Barthelemy of Otsego and their children, Dustin (Ashley) Guggenberger of St. Cloud, Krista Reischl of Los Angeles, Nicholas (Amanda) Barthelemy of Lake Elmo, Abbie (David) Linder of Buffalo, and Ashley (Jason) Houtman of Mound; son Randy (Sue) Reischl of St. Joseph and their children: Amanda (Scott) Caird of Rice, Nicole (Ryan) Fischer of Rockville, and Adam (Ali Schwinghammer) of St. Cloud; and son Rick (Lexann) of St. Augusta and their children: Brienne Reischl of Barcelona, Spain; Owen Reischl of St. Cloud and Sydney Kakuk of St. Augusta; and 12 great-grandchildren.

In addition to his parents, Reischl was preceded in death by an infant brother, Clarence, and his brother, Ralph.

The family wishes to thank the many nurses from Central Care Hospice, whose care made it possible for Reischl to stay in his home during his final days.

CARLSON CROSSING TOWNHOMES

We are accepting applications for two-bedroom and three-bedroom townhomes in St.

Joseph, a multi-family development with close amenities and entertainment, nestled in a quiet residential area. Rent based on income.

FOR RENTAL INFO CALL
320-557-0195 or email
ccrossing@brutgerequities.com

Professionally managed by

BRUTGER
EQUITIES, INC.

Income guidelines apply.

Affordable Senior Housing

One bedroom **Riverside**
Fifty-five & older **\$588** **Apartments**

Controlled entrance w/video surveillance
Section 8 welcome • Pets allowed
Includes: heat, electric, a/c, wi-fi, etc.

Call Joyce at 320-252-0880

Access online application at www.stcloudhra.com
101 Riverside Drive SE • St. Cloud

Realife Cooperative at Mueller Gardens

55+ Senior Housing Community
Find your new home here!

Independent Living • Ownership w/Tax Benefits
Secure Community • Maintenance Free
Enjoy Friendship and Social Activities

320-258-3094

6670 Northwood Lane, St. Cloud
realifecoopmuellergardens.org

Sartell-St. Stephen • St. Joseph

Reaching Everybody!
Newsleaders

Newsstands

Arlington Place
Casey's General Store
Coborn's
Holiday
Kay's Kitchen
Kwik Trip

Local Blend
St. Joseph Meat Market
St. Joseph Newsleader Office
Sliced on College Ave.
Sisters of the Order of St. Benedict
SuperAmerica

www.thenewsleaders.com

Published each Friday by Von Meyer Publishing Inc.

Publisher/Owner
Janelle Von Pinnon

Designer
Nina Henne

Editor
Mike Knaak

Assignment Editor
Carolyn Bertsch

Newsleader staff members have the responsibility to report news fairly and accurately and are accountable to the public. Readers who feel we've fallen short of these standards are urged to call the Newsleader office at 320-363-7741. If matters cannot be resolved locally, readers are encouraged to take complaints to the Minnesota News Council, an independent agency designed to improve relationships between the public and the media and resolve conflicts. The council office may be reached at 612-341-9357.

1608 11th Ave SE, St. Cloud, MN 56304

mailing address: 1622 11th Ave SE, St. Cloud, MN 56304

Phone: (320) 363-7741 • E-mail: news@thenewsleaders.com

POSTMASTER: Send address changes to ST. JOSEPH NEWSLEADER, 1622 11th Ave SE, St. Cloud, MN 56304.

Kennedy

from front page

“We have incredible students, staff and families in our Kennedy community,” she said. “Although this isn’t ideal and it is challenging at times, we are all uniting and working together and making distance learning work the best we can.”

Many nonlicensed staff are also supporting students and their families with essential worker childcare and food distribution.

Willhite said Kennedy staff are working with individual students and families to make sure the needs of all students are being met.

“We know everyone’s new normal looks very different and we are working to make sure we can provide as much learning, growth and support each of our students and families need during this time to be successful,” she said.

“We know this is new learning for all of us and I want to ensure we continue to have supports in place to help everyone be as successful as possible,” she said. “As a principal and parent, I know this is challenging to navigate all that is new right now, but I remain hopeful through our collaborative partnership students will continue to grow and be successful; it just looks a little different right now.”

For more information about the St. Cloud school district distance learning, visit the isd742.org website.

The link also offers information for special education, social-emotional support, multilingual education, support for families, parent technical support, access to devices, internet access, and family and student checklists.

March 14

1:37 a.m. Missing person. Minnesota Street W. An intoxicated woman not dressed for the weather wandered away from a wedding party. She was later located in St. Augusta and was fine.

10:52 a.m. Threats. Cypress Drive. A man reported a profanity-laced voicemail. The officer suggested blocking the number or if the caller is identified, filing for a restraining order.

March 17

6:06 p.m. Ordinance violation. Minnesota Street W. An officer observed college students sitting on a futon outdoors. The officer advised the renter that indoor furniture was not allowed outside and the renter then had his friends move the futon to the garage.

March 20

10:02 a.m. No pay. College Avenue N. A no-pay customer was reported at Holiday. The man did not realize that his payment didn’t go through. He returned to the station to pay the balance of \$18.74.

March 31

3:51 p.m. Ordinance violation. College Avenue N. An officer noticed beer cans and rubbish in the backyard in violation of a city ordinance. The owner was notified and agreed to clean up.

3:56 p.m. Ordinance violation. Ash Street W. An officer observed a yard with an abundance of cans and rubbish. The tenant was contacted to clean it up and informed of the possible consequences if it happened again.

4:08 p.m. Ordinance violation. Ash Street W. An officer noticed cans and garbage in the yard. The tenant was informed about the ordinance violation and possible consequences. The man agreed to clean up immediately.

April 1

11:43 a.m. Crash. CR 75 and CR 2. A vehicle collided with a turkey on CR 75 just west of CR 2/3 killing the turkey and breaking the vehicle’s windshield.

April 2

1:07 p.m. Ordinance violation. Minnesota Street W. An officer observed a large amount of rubbish and garbage around the house including broken screens and beer bottles. The officer contacted the renter and advised him he was in violation of a city ordinance and that he had one day to clean up the property.

April 8

3:01 p.m. Ordinance violation.

Birch Street E. The officer observed the yard filled with garbage, debris, junk and a vehicle with expired tabs. The owner was given a week to clean up the yard to avoid a citation.

April 11

4:55 a.m. Vandalism. Dale Street E. An officer found the portable toilet in the park knocked over. The issue was reported to maintenance.

April 12

8:43 a.m. Theft. Second Avenue NW. A man reported his license tab had been removed from his plate, apparently with a knife. The tab was entered as stolen.

April 13

8:22 a.m. Fire. First Avenue SE. An electrical outlet fire was reported at Little Saints Academy. The fire was

out when the officer arrived. The fire department removed the outlet and city maintenance repaired it.

April 18

5:22 p.m. Ordinance violation. Second Avenue NW. An officer observed furniture around a fire pit. The officer advised the renter and others to take the furniture back in the garage or house. They were also given a warning to clean up.

April 19

1:31 p.m. Ordinance violation. College Avenue N. An officer noticed empty beer cases and cans in the yard. The address was also the scene of a party the night before. The renter was cited

for the ordinance violation.

1:48 p.m. Ordinance violation. Elm Street E. An officer observed empty beer cans, glass and plastic bottles as well as other garbage and debris in the yard. The renter was issued a citation for the offense.

2:03 p.m. Ordinance violation. College Avenue N. An officer found cans, bottles, plastic bags, plastic cups and burned beer cans scattered in the yard. There was a keg near the back door. The officer contacted a man sleeping in a pickup and he told the officer to speak to the residents. A man answered the door and told the officer they have a keg cooler for personal use. The officer took the keg for evidence and issued a citation for the garbage.

HELP WANTED
Meat cutters & general laborers
Experience helpful, but not needed

Jerry's Meat Processing
 17067 213th Ave.
 Richmond, MN 56368

320-469-2081
jerrydg7@gmail.com

Pattison Farm 320-251-8773
 7001 Rolling Ridge Road, St. Cloud

- Bedding & Vegetable Plants
- Perennials
- Hanging Baskets
- Reasonable Prices

FREE bedding plant
 with a minimum \$10 purchase
 Exp. Sept. 30, 2020

Call in orders and curbside pickup available

Even though we are SOCIAL DISTANCING we are still here for you.

LEGACY IN STONE

MGC
MURPHY GRANITE CARVING
 (800) 818-5836 alegacyinstone.com

Think about Pre-planning!

The art of celebrating Mom *We deliver!*

- Fresh Flowers • Roses • Blooming Plants • Balloons
- Cards • New - Mr. B's Chocolates
- Outdoor Hanging Baskets • Patio Tubs • Abdullah Chocolates

Featuring Maria Bodelte's paintings, clothing and gifts.

OPEN MOTHER'S DAY, MAY 10
8 a.m. - 3 p.m.

floral arts
 the art of showing you care
 320-363-7705
www.floralartsmn.com
 Big yellow building behind Holiday
 Serving St. Cloud and the surrounding communities

ASTECH
 ASPHALT SURFACE TECHNOLOGIES CORPORATION

ASTECH Corp. is now accepting applications for the following positions:

- Flaggers
- Laborers
- Equipment Operators
- Class A drivers
- Class B drivers

Travel required with multiple days away from home. Competitive pay with overtime and per diem paid. Must pass pre-employment drug screen. Must be 18 years or older. Must have a driver’s license and clean MVR. Benefits include health insurance and 401k.

ASTECH is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

Find our application online at astechmn.com or come to our office (currently locked due to COVID-19) and find our applications. Drop off, put it in the mail, or email the application to: astechjobs@hotmail.com

8348 Ridgewood Road, St. Joseph, MN 56374 • 320-363-8500

Become a nursing assistant and find your **purpose**

As a nursing assistant at St. Benedict’s Community, you’ll find your purpose improving patients’ and residents’ lives. You’ll feel fulfilled by relationships with residents, seeing them progress and providing them comfort.

Paid training available. Learn more and apply at CentraCare.com/cna

CentraCare™

Emergency Care

There may come a time when your pet needs emergency medical care.

Becoming prepared before it happens will give you an edge in saving your pet's life.

Your pet is a curious creature. It is likely that it will one day find itself in a situation that requires your immediate attention. Pets face dangers of ingesting substances that may be toxic, traffic accidents and altercations with other animals. Do your part and learn who to call and how to react to different circumstances before they happen.

FIRST AID AT HOME

When an animal is wounded, the first step is to examine the extent of injury. There may be steps you can take to stabilize your pet at home before a ride to the veterinarian. The American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals has laid out guidelines on how to treat your pet at home.

- **External bleeding:** The best way to alleviate external bleeding is to elevate the wound and apply pressure. This should cause the bleeding to slow down.

- **Choking.** If your pet is choking, insert your fingers in its mouth and see if you can



remove the blockage. Be careful when putting your fingers in your pet's mouth, especially when it is distressed by choking.

- **Heimlich Maneuver.** Sometimes the lodged object may be too far in to remove it by hand. If so, perform sharp abdominal thrusts until the object is in reach to dislodge it by hand.

HAVE A PLAN

You and your vet need to have a discussion about emergency situation protocol. Find out if the office offers a 24-hour service. If not, inquire about the hospital they use to refer emergency situations after regular office hours. Keep the emergency hospital's contact information readily available.

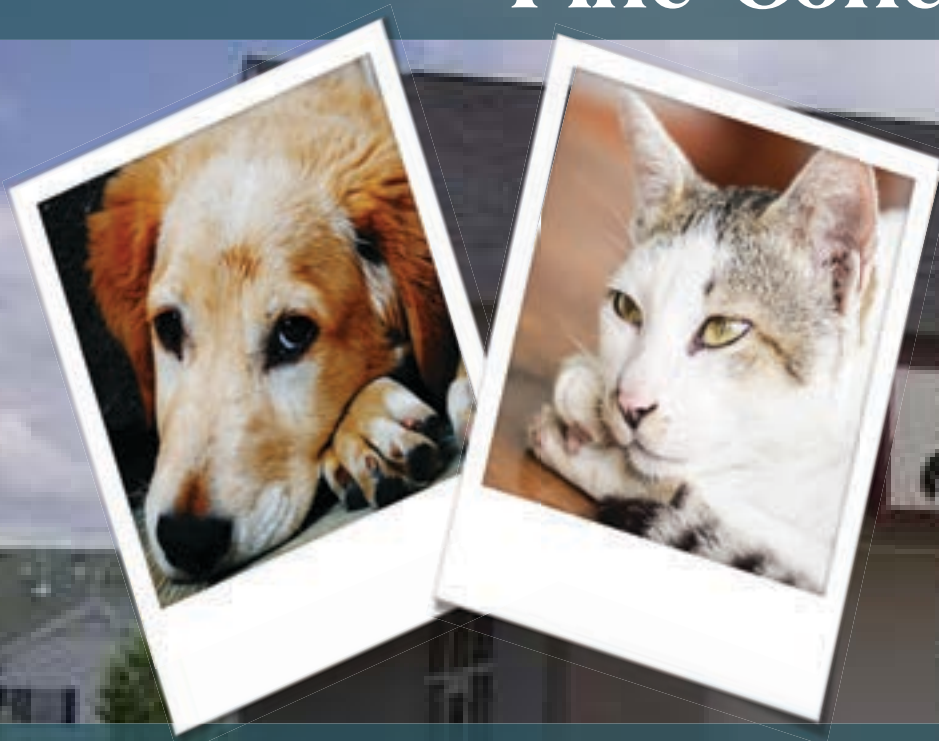
Most pet owners know their pets well enough to determine that something is amiss with them. Even if your vet doesn't perform treatment after hours, they should have an experienced person on call to take your phone call. These emergency operators will be able to determine if your pet is in need of immediate attention or if it can wait until reg-

ular office hours.

Of course, there are definite emergencies that require attention without a call. Some may include an experience with trauma such as a traffic incident. Bloody stool, seizures, a swollen abdomen or suspicions your pet has ingested a toxic substance should be considered immediate attention emergencies.

Pine Cone Pet Hospital

Drop-off appointments, extended evening & emergency appointments are available



PINE CONE
PET HOSPITAL

FINANCE GUIDE | MAKING PROGRESS

Slash your Credit Card Debt

Credit card debt is one of the hardest holes to dig out of when you're focused on cleaning up your personal finances. Relatively low monthly payments can lull you into a space of simply paying the minimum while the high interest rates hurt your cash flow in the future.

But don't fret. If you have credit card debt, you're not the only one. According to the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, Americans held more than \$800 billion in credit card debt at the end of 2018.

Taking control of your credit can be as simple as more carefully monitoring your spending and becoming disciplined in paying more than your minimum payments. Here are some easy ways to pay off your credit card debt faster and enjoy financial freedom sooner.

BE STRATEGIC

It can be intimidating to tackle your credit card debt if you focus on the total amount due, especially if you racked up debt across multiple cards.

When analyzing your debt to figure out where to start, break up your credit card

debt into smaller chunks. Then work with a financial adviser to decide which ones to tackle first.

HIGHER INTEREST RATES

Your best bet is generally to start paying down the debt with the highest interest rate.

These cards mean you're paying the most amount of interest relative to the principal balance, making it harder and longer for you to dig out of debt on that particular card.

Once you have paid off the credit card with the highest interest rate, move onto the

credit card with the next highest interest rate and so on until you are completely out of credit card debt.

LOOK FOR PROMOTIONS

Credit cards can be handy if you keep them under control and pay them off relative-

ly soon, especially if you're running a business or trying to reserve more of your cash on hand. Look for cards with 0% financing promotions, just make sure you pay off the debt during the time period allowed or you could get stuck with big-time fees.



© ADOBE STOCK



Life has changed.

We know getting your job done looks a little different these days.

Through change, uncertainty and separation – **we're here to help.**

Visit [StearnsBank.com](https://www.stearnsbank.com)
to find out more or call
us at **(320) 253-6607**

 **STEARNS
BANK** N.A.

Follow us     | [StearnsBank.com](https://www.stearnsbank.com) |  

Opinion

Our View

Threats could sink upper Mississippi

Sometimes we don't notice even the largest problem – even when it's right before our eyes.

The advocacy group, American Rivers, named the upper Mississippi River running through Minnesota, Wisconsin, Illinois and Iowa, as the most endangered river in the country.

Climate change is driving more intense rain storms, leading to more frequent and prolonged flooding in the Upper Midwest, according to the group's report.

The solution, in addition to addressing the larger climate-change threat, is better watershed management that gives the river room to flood safely, restoring habitat and involving communities in decisions about land use. The ranking is based on the significance of the river to people and wildlife, the magnitude of the threat and the need for critical decision-making during the next 12 months.

The report finds the current situation puts people, habitat and infrastructure at risk – and communities along the upper Mississippi are dangerously unprepared. These risks are greatly exacerbated by two centuries of shortsighted floodplain development that cut the river off from hundreds of thousands of acres of its floodplain, constricting the upper Mississippi River.

According to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, "Last year, record-breaking flooding along the Mississippi and its tributaries swallowed towns, farms, roads, bridges, levees and dams, causing more than \$6 billion in damage."

American Rivers' report says "The 2019 flood along the upper Mississippi River broke records, not only in terms of flood levels, but also in duration — homes, farms, roads and businesses were underwater for more than 100 days. The flood came on the heels of three consecutive years of record-breaking rains across the country.

"The magnitude of major flood events in the Mississippi basin has increased by 20 percent over the past 500 years. Much of that increase has been caused by the combination of river engineering and climate change. Throughout the basin, 40 to 90 percent of the land has been developed and almost every river has been dammed, leveed and/or constricted."

Much of the watershed has been developed to enhance agricultural productivity so drainage moves water off the land as quickly as possible.

The river generates \$345 billion annually, provides more than 643 million gallons of water per day for domestic and industrial uses along its 133-county corridor and supports a \$673 million shipping industry.

The economic gains come with a cost.

The upper Mississippi River lands have been heavily developed to support agriculture and people. Loss of the region's natural floodplains and diverse river habitats is a major contributor to the decline of numerous federally protected species. The Mississippi is a globally significant flyway used by hundreds of species of birds and provides unique habitat for fish, mussels, reptiles, amphibians and mammals.

Even with this damage, the Mississippi's natural resources are able to support a vibrant economy. Tourism and outdoor recreation along the river generate roughly \$25 billion annually and support more than 420,000 jobs.

Unfortunately, efforts to develop the watershed study and flood risk management plan are already threatened by lack of public engagement and lack of adequate funding.

American Rivers urges people to support an integrated water management plan that will prioritize natural and nature-based solutions to protect communities from flooding and deliver a wide range of benefits.

This is the 13th year since 1991 the upper Mississippi has been named one of America's Most Endangered Rivers.

It's time to act so next year, our river is off the list.

Shared emotions, spirit quarantined too

With friends and family out of work, sick or even dying, writing about something as seemingly trivial as the loss of games and sports appears out of place, if not insensitive.

Now as the grass is turning green and the stay-at-home routine enters its second month, the loss of sports can't be ignored.

Opening golf courses two weeks ago reminded me about what's not open – baseball diamonds, soccer fields and tennis courts.

The missing diversions of sports, so important to many of us as participants and spectators, took another hit last week when the Minnesota State High School League canceled all spring sports including state tournaments.

The same week, the Minnesota Baseball Association indefinitely postponed the amateur baseball season. But the association says, "Once the governor says go, our games can start the next day." No spring training needed for these guys.

As a long-ago high school sports participant and a not-so-long ago parent of high school athletes, I know the loss of the spring season for high school athletes is a huge disappointment.

For seniors, the loss is particularly sad for many of them who know that high school is their last chance to play competitive team sports. The hope for one last shot at competing in a state tournament quickly vanished.

Minnesota's spring high school sports season is always a gamble be-

Mike Knaak
Editor



cause late snowstorms or cold snaps often scramble the schedule. But most athletes never imagined an entire season gone.

Central Minnesota is a hot bed of town team baseball. Just about every Stearns County town fields a team among the 300 or so teams throughout Minnesota. A summer Sunday afternoon just is not right without a game.

In my long career as a newspaper photographer, I enjoyed photographing the action and antics of amateur players. Throughout the years, I shot generations of the same family playing ball. I couldn't believe I got paid to do such enjoyable work.

My sports photo assignments included two World Series, a Super Bowl and Stanley Cup, but many of my memorable photos are from the state amateur tournament.

Our daughters played school and club sports all through school offering my spouse and me a year-round schedule of soccer, volleyball, basketball and softball. (Until you've watched a junior high softball game, you really can't appreciate the wisdom of the 10-run rule.)

When our daughters went on to college, we again became big-time sports fans with season tickets to Gopher football and Minnesota United soccer

and a package of Twins tickets.

Now the Twins and Loons are sidelined. Their schedules still hang on our refrigerator, a daily reminder of what we're missing. Even the Gopher football season is a question mark.

In the past few weeks, I've read about plans to restart the summer sports season. There's speculation that baseball games could be played in empty stadiums with fans only watching on television. Or maybe, "quarantine" all teams in a location with clusters of parks such as Florida or Arizona, realigning the leagues to match available stadiums and playing a shortened, televised season. Instead of home-plate ump, technology would be used to call balls and strikes and maintain social distancing.

The PGA plans to restart its tour June 7 with the Charles Schwab Challenge in Fort Worth Texas. The golfers will play without fans on the course. I'm bored to death watching golf on television and I rarely tune in. Rather than watching golf on TV without a gallery, I'd have more fun sitting on a hill at Blackberry Ridge watching the action. At least I'd be able to catch some sun and fresh air.

What will it take to open up the stadiums to thousands of fans? Will we be sitting three seats apart and wearing masks? What about eating hot dogs and drinking beer?

Don't view those concerns as entirely trivial. For many of us, sports offer the community connection and shared experience we're missing, especially as the grass grows green.

Virus rabble-rousers should be ashamed

Who but a nasty grinch would not want the American economy to reopen and thrive like gangbusters?

We all want that to happen. Unfortunately, there's a problem – a highly contagious invisible killer dubbed Covid-19. It's not done killing yet, and only those who indulge in magical thinking believe it's going to vanish anytime soon. I have another phrase for "magical thinking" – "stubborn stupidity."

There are terrible stresses on businesses and employees hurting deeply because of slow-downs, shut-downs, partial closures and stay-at-home isolations. It's no wonder why many are desperate – frantic even – to re-start economic forces. But doing that too soon could bring on a wave of deaths even worse than the devastation in New York. First we have to get reliable data on how many people are infected and how many are unknowingly harboring the virus and infecting others.

Those who recently demonstrated in Minnesota, Michigan and elsewhere ought to be ashamed of themselves. They foolishly castigated governors for the shut-downs, accusing them of purposely damaging the economy and "taking away our freedoms."

Among the demonstrators were those who harbor conspiracy theories as toxic as the virus itself. The main theory goes like this: Months ago, Democrats and the media hyped up an ordinary cold/flu virus as some new vicious bug. It was a hoax; it was a plot to destroy America from with-

Dennis Dalman
Reporter



in. These hoaxsters wanted to shut down the economy in order to make Trump look like a bumbling incompetent know-nothing instead of the wisest, most patriotic of all presidents who finally told it like it is and Made America Great Again.

As the nation tumbles to chaos, these rabble-rousers further claim, the crisis will be an excuse to take away God-given American rights, including – God forbid! – the right to own any and all kinds of guns. And soon – horrors! – America will become a dictatorship run by radical-liberal elites who are so evil that abortion might become mandatory and hunting illegal.

In the meantime, back here in the real world, nurses, doctors and medical technicians are fighting a tireless, courageous battle to keep dying people alive. Many of those medical personnel still have to beg for personal protection equipment, and some became infected and died. As someone said, those selfless medical "soldiers" are fighting a war at the front lines, often without weapons. They deserve our deepest respect and our utmost gratitude, risking their own lives and the lives of their loved ones to help

people in such isolation, anguish and pain.

That is why those demonstrators, those scapegoaters, those peddlers of toxic theories should be so ashamed of themselves. Clustered together in streets, they were shouting their fool heads off. They blasted Gov. Tim Walz for his guidelines and hurled insults and threats at Michigan Gov. Gretchen Whitmer. "Lock her up!" they jeered. Sound familiar?

One young woman with a smarmy grin on her face held up a placard that proclaimed: "I will NOT comply!" Another sign said, "Hoax! It's just a common cold virus!"

What's so ironic is many of those demonstrators who scoff at social distancing (it's part of the plot, you see), just might have infected one another. If some become gravely ill, will they change their minds, will they adjust their attitudes and will they apologize to those struggling so hard to keep them and all Americans safe? Governors' guidelines have already helped prevent a wildfire spread of this modern plague. Those guidelines must continue, step by step, until the economy can begin safely to revive and to thrive again.

What's happening to the economy is bleak to be sure. But to claim Covid-19 is a hoax and to shout in the midst of a contagion for an immediate re-opening of the economy is not only ill-advised – it is completely irresponsible, not to mention stubbornly stupid, magical thinking.

Obituaries

Leo F. Glatzel, 85
St. Joseph
Dec. 9, 1934-April 20, 2020

Leo F. Glatzel, 85, of St. Joseph died peacefully at home, surrounded by family, on April 20 after a long battle with kidney disease. Funeral services will be held at a later date due to COVID-19.



Glatzel

Glatzel was born Dec. 9, 1934 in St. Joseph to Frank and Anna (Horsch) Glatzel. He attended St. Joseph Catholic School. He married Theresa Theisen on June 13, 1961 at St.

Paul's Catholic Church in St. Cloud. He farmed, was a rural mail carrier and drove buses for Trobec's Bus Company for 42 years. He was an active member of St. Joseph's Parish where he served as an usher for 60+ years and a Eucharistic minister for 38 years. He was also a charter member of the St. Joseph Knights of Columbus Council #7057 for 41 years and a member of the Moose Lodge #1400 and the Catholic Order of Foresters.

Glatzel's love for farming was his life. He was born, raised and died on the home farm. He always enjoyed caring for his animals, discussing local history and teaching his grandchildren the value of working hard. He will be remembered as a loving husband, father

and grandfather who told the best stories and jokes and who always made you smile.

Survivors include the following: Theresa, his wife of 58 years; children: Mark of St. Joseph and his significant other Laura Imdieke, Alan (Caroline) of St. Joseph, Jean (Tony) DeGross of Minneapolis; five grandchildren: Riley and Maria Glatzel, Theresa, Lydia and Jacob DeGross; brother-in-law, Gene (Karen) Theisen; and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; and siblings, John, Mary Stang, Rose Gornik and Margaret Raupp.

A heartfelt thank you to CentraCare Hospice.

made by Williams Dingmann Family Funeral Home in Big Lake.

Steffen was born Aug. 2, 1962 in Moorhead to Charles G. and Joann (Sinner) Steffen Sr. He married Audra Tepley on Sept. 17, 1994 in Anoka. Steffen worked as a machinist for JBT Machining, Inc in Anoka until his retirement.

Survivors include the follow-

ing: his wife Audra of Big Lake; children, Nicholas (Jenn Meine) Steffen and Rachael (Eli) Dockendorf; mother, JoAnn McMullen of Osseo; brothers and sister, William (Kristin) Steffen, Matthew (Lisa) Steffen and Anastasia (Michael) Morrone.

He is preceded in death by his father Charles G. Steffen Sr.

Charles "Chuck" Steffen, 57
Big Lake
Aug. 2, 1962-April 14, 2020

Chuck Steffen of Big Lake died April 14 at his home in Big Lake. Private graveside services were held April 16 at Riverside Cemetery in Moran Township (rural Todd County). Alan Judd officiated. Arrangements were

3-6 p.m., Resurrection Lutheran Church, 610 CR 2, St. Joseph.

Monday, May 4

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

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

Wednesday, May 6

St. Cloud school board work session, 6:30 p.m., District Administration Office, 1201 Second

St. S., Waite Park. Meeting conducted by video conferencing.

Thursday, May 7

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

Friday, May 8

St. Joseph Farmers' Market, 3-6 p.m., Resurrection Lutheran Church, 610 CR 2, St. Joseph.

Monday, May 11

St. Joseph Food Shelf, open

PUBLIC NOTICE

STATE OF MINNESOTA
COUNTY OF STEARNS

IN DISTRICT COURT
SEVENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT

Court File No.: 73-PR-20-2764

NOTICE OF AND ORDER
FOR HEARING
ON PETITION
FOR DETERMINATION
OF DESCENT

In Re: Estate of
Sylvester J. Roeder,
Decedent

James J. Roeder ("Petitioner") has filed a Petition for Determination of Descent.

It is Ordered that on May 15, 2020, at 8:45 a.m., a hearing will be held in this Court at 725 Court-house Square, St. Cloud, Minnesota, 56303, on the petition.

The petition represents that the Decedent died intestate more than three (3) years ago leaving property in Minnesota. The petition requests the Court determine the descent of such property and assign the property to the persons entitled.

Any objections to the petition must be raised at the hearing or filed with the Court prior to the hearing. If the petitions is prop-

er and no objections are filed or raised, the petition will be granted.

Notice shall be given by publishing this Notice and Order as provided by law and by:

Mailing a copy of this Notice and Order to each interested person by United States mail at least 14 days before the time set for the hearing.

Publishing this Notice and Order in accordance with Minnesota Statutes section § 524.1-401(3).

BY THE COURT

/s/ Frank Kundrat
 Judge of District Court

/s/ George Lock
 Court Administrator

Dated: April 6, 2020

Filed: April 6, 2020

Attorney for Petitioner
 Joseph A. Wentzell
 Wentzell Law Office, PLLC
 MN# 170616
 2812 Anthony Lane S., Suite 200
 St. Anthony, MN 55418
 Telephone: (612) 436-3292
 FAX: (612) 788-9879
 Email:
 jwentzell@fosterbrever.com

Publish: April 17 & May 1, 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 1
St. Joseph Farmers' Market,

3-6 p.m., Resurrection Lutheran Church, 610 CR 2, St. Joseph.

Monday, May 4

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

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

Wednesday, May 6

St. Cloud school board work session, 6:30 p.m., District Administration Office, 1201 Second

St. S., Waite Park. Meeting conducted by video conferencing.

Thursday, May 7

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

Friday, May 8

St. Joseph Farmers' Market, 3-6 p.m., Resurrection Lutheran Church, 610 CR 2, St. Joseph.

Monday, May 11

St. Joseph Food Shelf, open

1-3 p.m., 124 First Ave. SE, St. Joseph.

Fare for All, 3:30-5:30 p.m., Resurrection Lutheran Church, 610 CR 2, St. Joseph. Drive-thru service.

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

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

Tuesday, May 12
St. Joseph Fire Board, 5:30 p.m., 323 Fourth Ave. NE.

Thursday, May 14
St. Joseph Food Shelf, open 1-3 p.m., 124 First Ave. SE, St. Joseph.

Friday, May 15
St. Joseph Farmers' Market, 3-6 p.m., Resurrection Lutheran Church, 610 CR 2, St. Joseph.

AUTOMOBILES

DONATE YOUR CAR TO CHARITY. Receive maximum value or write off for your taxes. Running or not! All conditions accepted. Free pickup. Call for details. 855-752-6680 (MCN)

DONATE YOUR CAR, TRUCK OR BOAT TO HERITAGE FOR THE BLIND. Free 3 Day Vacation, Tax Deductible, Free Towing, All Paperwork Taken Care Of. CALL 1-855-977-7030 (MCN)

CASH FOR CARS: We Buy Any Condition Vehicle, 2002 and Newer. Competitive Offer! Nationwide FREE Pick Up! Call Now For a Free Quote! 888-366-5659(MCN)

BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES

\$1,380 WEEKLY or more mailing our sales letters from home. FT/PT No experience needed. All supplies provided. Genuine Opportunity! Free Information 1-888-989-8588 (24/7). (MCN)

COMPUTER & IT TRAINING PROGRAM! Train ONLINE to get the skills to become a Computer & Help Desk Professional now! Now offering a \$10,000 scholarship qualified applicants. Call CTI for details! Call 855-960-0997. (M-F 8am-6pm ET) (MCN)

CABLE/INTERNET

BEST SATELLITE TV with 2 Year Price Guarantee! \$59.99/mo with 190 channels and 3 months free premium movie channels! Free next day installation! Call 855-824-1258. (MCN)

DIRECTV - Switch and Save! \$39.99/month. Select All-Included Package. 155 Channels. 1000s of Shows/Movies On Demand. FREE Genie HD DVR Upgrade. Premium movie channels, FREE for 3 mos! Call 1-844-245-2232. (MCN)

Earthlink High Speed Internet. As Low As \$14.95/month (for the first 3 months.) Reliable High Speed. Fiber Optic Technology. Stream Videos, Music and More! Call Earthlink Today 1-855-679-7096 (MCN)

DISH TV \$59.99 For 190 Channels + \$14.95 High Speed Internet. Free Installation, Smart HD DVR Included, Free Voice Remote. Some restrictions apply. 1-844-316-8876. (MCN)

High-Speed Internet. We instantly compare speed, pricing, availability to find the best service for your needs. Starting at \$39.99/month! Quickly compare offers from top providers. Call 1-855-399-9295 (MCN)

COMPUTERS & SUPPLIES

COMPUTER ISSUES? GEEKS ON SITE provides FREE diagnosis REMOTELY 24/7 SERVICE DURING COVID19. No home visit necessary. \$40 OFF with coupon 86407! Restrictions apply. 1-844-938-0797. (MCN)

FINANCIAL

Over \$10K in Debt? Be debt free in 24 to 48 months. No upfront fees to enroll. A+ BBB rated. Call National

Debt Relief 855-995-1557. (MCN)

ARE YOU BEHIND \$10k OR MORE ON YOUR TAXES? Stop wage & bank levies, liens & audits, unfiled tax returns, payroll issues, & resolve tax debt FAST. Call 855-211-8684 (MCN)

Struggling With Your Private Student Loan Payment? New relief programs can reduce your payments. Learn your options. Good credit not necessary. Call the Helpline 855-238-4594 (Mon-Fri 9am-5pm Eastern) (MCN)

AT LAST!! Sincere FREE Stock Picks. 50% Upside Potential. You Can Take A Look: www.LifeAndTheStockMarket.com (MCN)

FOR SALE

Trailer Sale: 150 Trailers for SALE! Utility, Dump, Equipment, Motorcycle, & Enclosed cargo trailers. 100's of parts, tires & wheels, bearings, seals, jacks & lights. For PRICES & INFO: www.FortDodgeTrailerWorld.com 515-972-4554. (MCN)

HEALTH & MEDICAL

Stay in your home longer with an American Standard Walk-In Bathtub. Receive up to \$1,500 off, including a free toilet, and a lifetime warranty on the tub and installation! Call us at 1-855-372-3080 or visit www.walkintubquote.com/midwest (MCN)

DENTAL INSURANCE from Physicians Mutual Insurance Company.

NOT just a discount plan, REAL coverage for 350 procedures. Call 1-855-973-9175 for details. www.dental50plus.com/midwest 6118-0219. (MCN)

Portable Oxygen Concentrator May Be Covered by Medicare! Reclaim independence and mobility with the compact design and long-lasting battery of Inogen One. Free information kit! Call 844-716-2411. (MCN)

Lung Cancer? Asbestos exposure in industrial, construction, manufacturing jobs, or military may be the cause. Family in the home were also exposed. Call 1-866-795-3684 or email cancer@breakinginjurynews.com. \$30 billion is set aside for asbestos victims with cancer. Valuable settlement moneys may not require filing a lawsuit. (MCN)

Arthritis, COPD, Joint Pain or Mobility Issues on the Stairs? **STOP STRUGGLING Give Your Life A Lift!** An Acorn Stairlift is a perfect solution! A BBB Rating. Call now for \$250 OFF your purchase. FREE DVD & brochure. 1-877-358-0034 (MCN)

INCOME OPPORTUNITIES

NEW AUTHORS WANTED! Page Publishing will help you self-publish your own book. FREE author submission kit! Limited offer! Why wait? Call now: 855-623-8796 (MCN)

Become a published author! Publications sold at all major secular & specialty Christian bookstores. CALL

Christian Faith Publishing for your FREE author submission kit. 1-888-981-5761. (MCN)

MISCELLANEOUS

FREE AUTO INSURANCE QUOTES for uninsured and insured drivers. Let us show you how much you can save! Call 855-648-7642. (MCN)

SAVE BIG on HOME INSURANCE! Compare 20 A-rated insurances companies. Let us do the shopping & save you time & money. Get a quote within minutes. Average savings of \$444/year! Call 855-697-1892. (M-F 8am-8pm Central). (MCN)

Unable to work? Denied benefits? We Can Help! Strong recent work history needed. Call to start your application or appeal today! 1-866-276-3845 -Stappacher Law Offices LLC Principal Office: 224 Adams Ave Scranton PA 18503. (MCN)

Eliminate gutter cleaning forever! LeafFilter, the most advanced debris-blocking gutter protection. Schedule a FREE LeafFilter estimate today. 15% off Entire Purchase. 10% Senior & Military Discounts. Call 1-855-577-1268. Promo Code 285. (MCN)

PERSONALS

Meet singles right now! No paid operators, just real people like you. Browse greetings, exchange messages and connect live. Try it free. Call now: 855-651-0114. (MCN)

SUPPORT LOCAL BUSINESSES | DO YOUR PART

Volunteer your Time

If you're in good health, have no pre-existing conditions, and local and state regulations allow, consider volunteering your time to helping local businesses. It depends on your area, but some roles you might fill include child care, delivery driver or health care.

ESSENTIAL SERVICES

Some businesses are counted as essential services and remain open even if others are ordered to shut down. If you're out of work right now, this is a great place to look for a job. You can also volunteer your services. A good place to volunteer would be a place that you love, that is small and is doing something to help others during the pandemic. Arizona Together is an initiative that formed in Arizona to, among other things, pair volunteers with businesses. These volunteers may help in a food warehouse or deliver medications to people who shouldn't leave their homes.

CHILD CARE ASSISTANCE

Many people can't go to work without a safe place to leave their children. Churches and other organizations are stepping up to fill this gap so



© ADOBE STOCK

that people providing essential services, including those on the front line of the pandemic fight, such as doctors and nurses, can continue doing their vital work. The city of Chicago and Sittercity are working to pair experienced child care workers with health care work-

ers who need their services.

TECH HELP

More businesses and consumers are relying on technology more than ever, but most of them lack the experience to set up and run some of the tech they need. If you have the

skills, particularly with video conferencing or streaming, this is a great way to lend a hand. Maybe even remotely, depending on the job.

MANNING SOCIAL MEDIA, EMAILS OR VOICEMAIL

With in-person contact out

of the question, many businesses are dealing with an avalanche of social media messages, emails and voicemails. Lend a hand for a few hours just fielding questions so that your favorite small business owner can get to work doing what they do best.

Ask for  ST CLOUD ORTHOPEDICS

Telehealth Visits Now Available!

And OrthoDirect is still open for Urgent Orthopedic Injuries.

Current OrthoDirect Hours: M-F, 8-5

320-259-4100
StCloudOrthopedics.com

1901 Connecticut Ave S,
Sartell, MN 56377

3315 Roosevelt Rd. 200B
St. Cloud, MN 56301



Opportunity Matters
EMPOWERING LIVES

Help empower individuals with physical and/or cognitive challenges to reach their potential!

Job duties may include the following:

- Assisting clients with daily living skills and goals
- Administering medications
- Supporting clients in activities and outings

Part-time evenings & weekend positions available starting at \$14 an hour, with training provided!

Join our team today!
www.opportunitymatters.org
EOE



Alloy
INSURANCE

Stronger than ever before.

Stronger. That's what we want your insurance coverage to be, now and going forward. Even during these times, Alloy is here to make sure you have what you need at the price you deserve. We do that by choosing from national insurance carriers to create the right mix for you. With discounts for educators and healthcare professionals, and savings for anyone who bundles their coverage, it's time to get Alloy Insured. Give us a call or text us to get in touch. Alloy is here for you.

AlloyInsured.com | 320.251.3333
Auto | Home | Business | Life | Farm | Recreation