



Reaching Everybody! Newsleaders

Friday, May 15, 2020
Volume 25, Issue 10
Est. 1995

Town Crier

Farmers' market reopens

The Sartell Farmers' Market is open from 3-6 p.m. Mondays in the parking lot of Bernick's Ice Arena. Find great locally grown and produced food including: meat, eggs, vegetables, caramel corn, salsa, honey, treats, plants and much more.

Make cards of gratitude for health-care workers

Essential workers in Central Minnesota are dedicating extra time and energy to keep our community safe. Show support by creating a simple note of thanks and praise for these workers. Visit www.unitedwayhelps.org and click on the Covid-19 Resources page to complete the thank-you form. Contact Mary Krippner, United Way volunteer engagement manager, at 320-223-7991.

1,000-plus masks needed

Community members are needed to make and donate cloth masks for at-risk community members and health care workers. This link from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/diy-cloth-face-coverings.html 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. Contact Mary Krippner, United Way volunteer engagement manager, at 320-223-7991.

Help families in crisis

Consider becoming a volunteer for the St. Cloud Area Crisis Nursery, a program of Lutheran Social Service of Minnesota. This service provides free, 24-hour hotline support to parents dealing with personal stress or crisis. The Crisis Nursery needs volunteers to counsel and support families that call the hotline from 5 p.m.-8 a.m. Monday through Friday and on weekends. Volunteers answer the hotline from home. Training provided. Contact Connie Orth, St. Cloud Area Crisis Nursery, at 320-654-1090, or connie.orth@lssmn.org.

INSERT:
City of St. Stephen
newsletter

Senior Salute, drive-in ceremony will likely replace traditional graduation

by Mike Knaak
editor@thenewsleaders.com

Two unique and hopefully memorable events will likely replace a traditional graduation ceremony for Sartell High School seniors this year.

After the Minnesota Department of Education ruled out any large gatherings where social distancing would be difficult to maintain during the Covid-19 pandemic, school and community leaders created two events for the weekend of May 29-30.

A Senior Salute Drive-by along Pinecone Road is being planned by a group of parents and community volunteers for Friday,

May 29. To maintain social distancing, participants will remain in vehicles and no walkers will be allowed. At the May 11 Sartell City Council meeting, Mayor Ryan Fitzthum announced Liberty Bank donated \$8,000 to cover costs of the event.

Pinecone Road will be closed off starting at 6 p.m. Friday, May 29 so students can get in place and parade participants can stage. Families will be limited to two vehicles per student.

"The Waters Church and Celebration Church have both generously allowed us to use their parking lot and property to stage the vehicles for the parade," Jason Mathiasen, one of the event

planners, wrote in an email.

The seniors will be lined up from 15th Street to 27th Street approximately 20 feet apart. Family, friends, teachers, staff and coaches will decorate cars and drive the route to recognize and honor the seniors with cheers, music and signs.

The parade will start at 7 p.m. and because of state guidelines, no portable toilets will be set out along the route. To adhere to public health guidelines, parade entries will be limited to those directly associated with the students – no businesses or other random groups, according to Mathiasen.

Parents will be notified about

details of the salute via an email to be sent out after a meeting on Friday, May 15. Details including sign-up and directions for parents will be posted online at www.everythingsartell.com later this week.

On Saturday, May 30, a drive-in movie type ceremony is planned at the high school parking lot. The plans will be decided at the school board meeting on Monday, May 18. Each senior's family would be allowed one vehicle in the main lot with another lot available for others who want to attend. WJON would broadcast the event and there are plans for a livestream of the

Salute • page 2



photo by Mike Knaak

Anglers head through the channel near the public access on Little Rock Lake.

'Gold' discovered in Little Rock Lake

by Dennis Dalman
news@thenewsleaders.com

Not all lake algae is bad, especially the golden algae discovered recently in Little Rock Lake – an indication the lake-river drawdown last year is now showing promise.

The discovery was made in a sample of a phytoplankton colony taken from the lake at the public access just off of Hwy. 10 S. The samples taken were then analyzed at the St. Cloud State University Phytoplankton Laboratory, and that is when the "gold" was discovered.

The news was recently announced by the Minnesota De-

partment of Natural Resources.

The golden algae, said a spokesperson for the DNR, is typical of a spring algae bloom in a healthy body of water. That kind of algae has not been found in Little Rock Lake for more than 10 years. Golden algae is one of three major algae groups in aquatic systems. The other two are known as green algae and cyanobacteria. For years, Little Rock Lake was dominated by cyanobacteria, the worst algae group for healthy lake ecology. That type of algae can produce toxins that pose a threat to public safety.

The golden algae are good news because they produce

high-energy oils via photosynthesis that are good for fish. The green algae and some cyanobacteria will likely reappear as summer approaches, but the presence of the golden algae is an indication the lake water's healthy balance is being restored, said the DNR spokesperson. A cleaner, healthier lake will also have positive benefits for the Mississippi River at and north of Sartell to which the lake is connected.

Monitoring of the lake and river will continue through the summer.

The long-anticipated lake-river drawdown occurred during a six-week period from early Au-

gust to mid-September of last year when the lake and river levels were lowered by 3 feet for that extended period. That was accomplished by opening the hydroelectric dam at Sartell. Then, many thousands of beneficial aquatic plants were planted by volunteers in areas of the lake exposed by the water draw-down. Those plants will thrive on the nutrients, such as nitrogen and phosphorous, in the water, helping keep the water cleaner and less susceptible to vast detrimental algae blooms.

The draw-down was a collaborative project by the Min-

'Gold' • page 11

PUBLIC NOTICE
NOTICE OF CANDIDATE FILINGS
FOR THE CITY OF SARTELL

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that affidavits of candidacy for the Municipal Primary Election to be held Aug. 11, 2020, may be obtained from the City Clerk at the Sartell City Hall, 125 Pinecone Road N., during regular office hours (8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.) Monday-Friday (excluding holidays) between the following dates:

First day for filing – Tuesday, May 19, 2020

Last day for filing – Tuesday, June 2, 2020 (office hours extended until 5 p.m.)

City offices on the ballot are as follows:

COUNCIL MEMBERS (2) – four-year terms

/s/ Anna Gruber
 City Administrator

Publish: May 15, 2020

PUBLIC NOTICE
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
CITY OF ST. STEPHEN

Notice is hereby given that a Public Hearing of the St. Stephen City Council in and for the City of St. Stephen, Stearns County, Minnesota, is scheduled at 6:30 p.m., or as soon thereafter as possible, on Tuesday, May 26, 2020, in the Council Room** at 2 Sixth Ave. SE, St. Stephen, Minnesota, to consider the following:

CONDITIONAL-USE PERMIT APPLICATION OF J.R. FERCHÉ, INC. TO CONSIDER THE APPLICATION FOR A CONDITIONAL-USE PERMIT TO REMOVE NATURAL RESOURCES (SAND) FOR A ROAD PROJECT AND CREATE A SCENIC WILDLIFE POND AT 823 SIXTH AVE. SE, ST. STEPHEN, MINNESOTA. THE PROPERTY IS ZONED FR-FARM RESIDENCE.

Anyone wishing to comment will be heard at the public hearing. Written comments may be for-

warded to the office of the City Clerk/Administrator before the time of the public hearing.

****PLEASE NOTE:** Due to the current COVID-19 pandemic, this Public Hearing may take place via remote access. If you are interested in attending this meeting, please contact City Hall at 320-251-0964 on May 22, 2020, to confirm whether there will be remote access and to obtain the login information.

/s/ Julie Jacobs
 Julie Jacobs
 City Clerk

Dated: May 11, 2020
 Publish: May 15, 2020

Published: Sartell-St. Stephen Newsleader on May 15, 2020

Salute

from front page

program so people in cars as well as family members at home can listen and watch. The program would begin at 9 p.m. and last about 45 minutes. A surprise will end the evening.

The program could include short speeches and presentations. A photographer will roam the parking lot photographing people in their cars. Seniors and family members must stay in their vehicles.

"The class of 2020 will always be remembered but they don't know it right now," Superintendent Jeff Schwiebert said. "We're trying to do some things special for them."

At its May 6 meeting, Sartell-St. Stephen school district board members and administrators discussed a number of options to the traditional commencement scheduled for May 30. When the Minnesota Department of Education issued its rules last week, those options were taken off the table.

Schwiebert and High School Principal Brenda Steve described ideas suggested during meetings they've had with parents and students. Recognition of the significant life milestone of graduation was a top issue for parents and students as well as keeping graduation traditions. Students also want a chance to share the event with their friends, family and teachers.

The students "highlighted what's important to the class and

that's families see them get their diploma, honor every senior and have some sort of ceremony with the class," Steve said.

Seniors suggested several options to the traditional large ceremony usually conducted in a packed school gym.

They suggested an outdoor event on May 29 and/or May 30 at the high school with each student receiving a diploma, being photographed and recognized by school leaders. Social distancing would be maintained and attendance would be limited to family.

The students suggested a second event for June 26 that would look more like a traditional ceremony. Students would gather on the football field with parents in the stands. Both groups would sit 6 feet apart.

With the education commissioner's ruling, those ideas were no longer possible. The rules eliminated ideas for a walk-through ceremony or a football field event, even with social distancing.

"The safest way to observe graduation/commencement is for everyone to stay home. Indoor graduations and ceremonies held outside in stadiums and football fields are not permitted," the state guidelines said.

The concern, Schwiebert said, was that participants would gather before or after the event in the parking lot.

The state guidelines continued: "In-person social gatherings with people from multiple households, even in situations where ample space between attendees could be accommodated, does not comply with social distancing practices and introduces a great deal of contact unpredictability and increases the potential for disease transmission. These gatherings are not considered safe at any size and will not be permitted."

In a letter to parents, Schwiebert wrote, "Everyone is working to try and make a special graduation for our Class of 2020. We are trying to wait as long as possible to make final decisions with the hope things will improve. However, we are being realistic about Covid-19 and so it is necessary to have other plans in place with the goal of giving our kids as much as possible."

For the past three months, everyone associated with graduation has worked to create a memorable and meaningful ending to

the school year while sticking to the public health guidelines and Mathiasen recognized all that effort including help from city government and businesses.

"We struggled with how to pay for all of this," Mathiasen wrote in an email. "Many of the local businesses who would typically support something like this are really struggling with the stay-at-home and mandated shutdown."

Mathiasen wrote Mark Bragelman, president of Liberty Bank, asked how to help and that led to the \$8,000 contribution. "He listened and then said, 'Give these kids an amazing event. They deserve this and they deserve to know there are a lot of us out here not directly connected to them who care and feel terrible for them.'"

Distance learning update

Schwiebert and Assistant Superintendent Kay Nelson updated the board on distance learning plans. Teachers and administrators met May 1 and May 4 to plan for the rest of the year.

The two days without classes gave teachers a "chance to pause to reflect on how things are going. Teachers had time to regroup and put together the rest of their year," Nelson said.

Schwiebert said the state Department of Education issued a directive late May 1 that no student should fail a class as a result of distance learning. That means, he said, the district will need to adjust the high school grading structure with input from teachers, students and parents.

"The Department of Education doesn't want us to throw anybody under the bus as a result of distance learning," Schwiebert said. "We need to make every effort to make sure every kid gets an ample opportunity to earn the credit."

Nelson said there will still be expectations.

"If they haven't shown mastery, they will have an extended period of time to complete work," Nelson said. "There's a certain faction of our kids having a hard time with structure and engaging. Most kids are doing OK. Some are actually doing better. The majority are doing the best they can and for the most part our kids are doing OK."

Reporter Dennis Dalman contributed to this story.



ACCURATE HEARING SERVICES
"Life is better with Accurate Hearing."

- Free Hearing Screenings • Hearing Aid Sales & Service
- Clean & Check All Hearing Aid Brands

320-258-4494 or 1-888-407-4327
 161 19th St. S. • Ste. 111 • Sartell
www.accuratehearing.com

BUSINESS DIRECTORY

AUTO BODY REPAIR
Auto Body 2000
 (behind Coborn's in the Industrial Park)
 St. Joseph • 320-363-1116

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

Call the Sartell-St. Stephen Newsleaders at 320-363-7741 if you would like to be in the business directory.



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



Income guidelines apply.

Sartell-St. Stephen • St. Joseph

Newsleaders

Reaching Everybody!

Newsstands
 Coborn's - Riverside
 Country Manor
 Country Store & Pharmacy
 Hardee's
 Holiday on 7th
 Holiday - Riverside
 House of Pizza

Kwik Trip
 Little Dukes - Pinecone
 The Newsleaders office
 Sartell City Hall
 School District Offices
 SuperAmerica
 Walgreens

www.thenewsleaders.com

Published each Friday by Von Meyer Publishing Inc.
 The Sartell-St. Stephen Newsleaders is the legal newspaper for the Sartell-St. Stephen school district and city of St. Stephen

Publisher/Owner	Designer	Editor	Assignment Editor
Janelle Von Pinnon	Nina Henne	Mike Knaak	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.

CLC Free Store combines prayer with action

by Dennis Dalman
news@thenewsleaders.com

Responses from grateful people in this time of need range from heart-warming to heart-breaking, according to Jess Lundsetter, who founded a food help program in March along with four other members of Celebration Lutheran Church in Sartell.

Soon, they learned that so many people in the area are feeling afraid, anxious, separated, lonely and utterly uncertain as to what the future will bring as far as the spread of the virus disease and the devastated economy.

After the Sartell group helped people obtain food items and hygienic supplies, people emailed or wrote notes of thanks.

“So good to know somebody who cares,” said one.

“Thank you; we don’t feel so alone now,” said another.

The name of the food program is CLC (Celebration Lutheran Church) Free Food Store. Other members, so far anyway, are Lundsetter’s husband, Dustin Tomhave; Maria Crane, Karyn Gentile and Tyler Malotky.

All of them realize there are enormous needs by people in the area, but the group is determined to help out as best they can, even in smaller ways.



contributed photo
Jess Lundsetter and her husband, Dustin Tomhave, are co-coordinators of the Celebration Lutheran Church Free Community Store, which they helped found in March as a way to help people in need.

Although the church building is closed, the group accepts donations of nonperishable food items that are inventoried, then stored in the church’s lobby, which Lundsetter dubs a make-shift pantry. Many of the items are placed in big covered plastic totes on a long card table on the corner of the church property at 15th Street and 10th Avenue just off Pinecone Road N. Anybody is welcome to take needed items and, hopefully if possible, add items to the totes.

In addition, members of the group have also made doorstep deliveries to homes when they receive requests.

Because the church is closed temporarily for its members, they and other congregants

responses.

“And the donations keep coming in,” said Lundsetter. “People are more than willing to share at a time like this. The response has been overwhelming.”

At one point, they received so many donations they decided to share them with other organizations that help people in need: Place of Hope, Terebinth Refuge, Anna Marie’s Alliance, the Pregnancy Resource Center.

“We brought trunkloads of stuff to them,” Lundsetter said.

One request they received was from a 72-year-old woman in St. Cloud who had no idea how or where she could get some hand sanitizer. Lundsetter and her husband took hand sanitizer to the woman.

“I think of her now as my adopted grandmother,” Lundsetter said. “My own grandmother lives in Fergus Falls and because of social distancing, I cannot visit her. This woman in St. Cloud likes to do (jigsaw) puzzles so we brought her some of them. She had a bout with cancer, which puts her at high risk for the virus. This Sunday, I’m going to bake a ham, and we’ll bring her a ham dinner. She is such a day-brightener.”

Lundsetter has a degree in marriage and family therapy, although she is currently not

Store • page 4

People

Dr. Timothy G. Hiesterman has been recognized by his peers as an American Osteopathic Academy of Orthopedics Fellow. He was presented with a Certificate and Fellow Medallion on Oct. 25, 2019, in Colorado Springs among 15



Hiesterman

other recipients.

Hiesterman, who joined St. Cloud Orthopedics in 2011, was honored for being on the front edge of new technological advancements in fracture management, orthopedic surgery and nonoperative orthopedics.

Morgan Gugger of Sartell is now a member of the Alpha Chapter of Wisconsin Phi Beta Kappa at the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

Members embody excellence in both depth and breadth of study in the liberal arts and sciences. Approximately 5 percent of the Letters & Science senior class is inducted into the liberal arts and science scholar society.

Roberta Schultz of Sartell has been promoted to vice president of Operations at Meduit. She leads the company’s Sartell office of more than 240 employees as well as Meduit’s

Gaithersburg service line. Formerly ProSource Billing Inc., the Sartell organization was acquired by Meduit in October 2019.

Schultz brings more than 30 years of expertise in the healthcare revenue-cycle in-



Schultz

dustry to her role at Meduit. Schultz was co-founder and director of ProSource Billing Inc. where she developed all operational policies and procedures for the national billing company.

She has worked across the healthcare industry with hospitals, clinics and physician practices to meet their healthcare billing needs. She earned a bachelor’s degree in finance from St. Cloud State University.

**GENERAL NOTICE
TO CONTROL OR ERADICATE
NOXIOUS WEEDS**

Notice is hereby given this 15th day of May, 2020, pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, section 18.83, subd. 7, (1992), that all persons in Stearns County, Minnesota, shall control or eradicate all noxious weeds on land they own, occupy or are required to maintain. Control or eradication may be accomplished by any lawful method but the methods may need to be repeated in order to prevent the spread of viable noxious weed seeds and other propagating parts to other lands. Failure to comply with the general notice may mean that an individual notice will be issued. An individual notice may be appealed within two working days of receipt to the appeal committee in the county where the land is located. Failure to comply with the individual notice will mean that the inspector having jurisdiction may either hire the work done or seek a misdemeanor charge against the person(s) who failed to comply. If the work is hired done by the inspector, the cost can be placed as a tax upon the land and collected as other real estate taxes are collected. You may obtain a list of the plants that are designated noxious and of the members of the appeal committee from your County Agricultural Inspector or Local Weed Inspector. The Local Weed Inspectors are township supervisors, city mayors or their appointed assistants.

Bob Dunning
Stearns County Agricultural Inspector
P.O. Box 246, St. Cloud, MN Phone 320-255-6180

Want a beautiful lawn without lugging hoses?

We can customize a sprinkler system that’s right for your lawn. Traut Companies is the leader in water management and green building options.

Call today for a FREE estimate.

TRAUT

COMPANIES

320-251-5090
141 28th Ave. S.
Waite Park, MN
trautcompanies.com


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

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

Think about Pre-planning!



**"GOT QUESTIONS?
 THE LIBRARY IS
 HERE TO HELP!"**
1-833-GET-GRRL



**GREAT RIVER REGIONAL
 LIBRARY**
1-833-GET-GRRL
 Explore...learn...connect...

Monday-Friday
 10:00 am-4:00 pm

Private Entrances

Every cottage at our 55+ Village has a front porch allowing you to come and go as you please.

Eight cottages.

Just blocks from downtown St. Joseph.

\$1,350 to \$1,650/month

320-363-7656



308 College Circle



Member of American Association of Orthodontists

Alan F Schneider DDS
 SchneiderOrtho.com
 (320)251-0455 (855)251-0455

• Quality care for children and adults
 • Free initial exams
 • Appointments available Monday-Friday

325 19th St. S., #102 • Sartell (Near the Orthopedic Center)

Store

from page 3

working in order to be a stay-at-home mom to Ella, a high-school student; and 3-year-old Miles. Her husband, Dustin, is a design engineer for Ichor Systems in Sauk Rapids.

"We now worship online because the church is closed," Lundsetter said. "So we can pray, but this program we started is a way to combine prayer with action in the power of God's love."

The help program is for anyone at all in Sartell and in the greater St. Cloud area.

"So many stores are out of so many things," she said. "A lot of empty shelves. There are older people who are hurting because of health issues. There are moms at home with little ones who cannot go to stores to get what they need. There are so many people hurting and in need."

Donations are always welcome at the CLC Free Commu-



contributed photo

Jess Lundsetter and her son, 3-year-old Miles, take a break with donated food items in the lobby of Celebration Lutheran Church in Sartell.

nity Store: nonperishable food items and personal hygiene products that include soap, hand sanitizer, toilet paper and baby diapers. The store is also seeking more volunteers.

Checks to buy more items are also welcome. They can be

sent to CLC Free Community Store, in care of Pastor Jeff Sackett, 1500 Pinecone Road N., Sartell, MN 56377.

For more information, call Jess Lundsetter at 320-760-4918.

Filings open for races with possible primary elections

by Mike Knaak
 editor@thenewsleaders.com

The filing period for the August primary election opens Tuesday, May 19, and runs through Tuesday, June 5, for offices with potential primaries, including Sartell City Council.

This fall, Sen. Tina Smith's U.S. Senate seat and all U.S.

House of Representative seats will be up for election. State senators and representatives will also be on the ballot. In Stearns County, Second District Commissioner Joe Perske's seat will be on the ballot.

Sartell residents will elect two City Council members for four-year terms. Seats held by Mike Chisum and Brady Andel

are up.

Candidates for state offices file with the secretary of state; county candidates file with the auditor; and local candidates file at city hall.

Races without potential primaries includes Sartell-St. Stephen school board. Filing for those races takes place from July 28-Aug. 11.



WE ARE HIRING

- Integrity
- Teamwork
- Continuous Improvement
- Client Focus
- Results Oriented

Meduit is Growing Rapidly! We want YOU!

Meduit is one of the nation's leading revenue cycle management solutions companies with decades of experience in healthcare revenue cycle management, serving more than 500 hospital and physician practices in 46 states.

Scheduling Specialist
Medical Billing Specialist
Customer Service Specialist

Meduit Benefits

- Paid Time Off
- Holiday Pay
- Medical
- Vision & Dental
- 401k match
- And Much More!

Apply Online Today!
www.MeduitRCM.com/Careers

Located at 200 14th Ave E,
 Sartell, MN 56377

Maximize Employment Benefits

If you're not already taking advantage of your company's retirement plan, 401(k) match or other benefits, what are you waiting for? These programs are some of the biggest perks of working for a company that cares about the financial well-being of its employees.

Some work programs can be complicated, so be sure to stay current on everything offered by your company. Ask your human resources professional to explain your various options as an employee.

RETIREMENT PLAN

We're all going to want to hang it up at some time in our lives. If your employer has a 401(k) plan and you don't contribute to it, you're absolutely leaving money on the table. Your human resources department should be able to walk you through your options, which likely include contributing more than the minimum to your overall plan.

If your employer doesn't offer a retirement plan, look into options like IRAs or SEP IRAs that can help you sup-



© ADOBE STOCK

plement your income in your retirement years. Work with a local financial professional to discuss your options.

MAXIMIZE YOUR BENEFITS

Traditional 401(k) plans are likely just one program offered by your company. Ask about flexible spending

accounts or medical and dental insurance to make sure you're not missing out on any possible perks.

Health insurance can be particularly expensive on the open market, so be sure to enroll in your company's program if it is cost-effective for you and your family.

Maximize your benefits and

take advantage of the ones that can save you money by reducing taxes or out-of-pocket expenses. You'll find that some benefits are optional, while some are required by law. Set a meeting with your HR professional to make sure you're plugged into all the programs that make sense for your financial situation.

WELLNESS PROGRAMS

In addition to health insurance, some employers offer wellness programs for employees, including voluntary exercise and diet activities. These are typically not mandatory, but employees are generally encouraged to work out and make smarter lifestyle choices in exchange for incentives.



Times have changed.

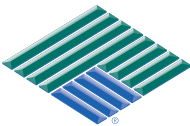
Life looks different for everyone these days.

As we face this evolving time together, let's remain inspired by the hope of tomorrow and navigate challenges one day at a time.

We'll emerge stronger and more connected than ever.

Whatever your new normal is, **we're here with you.**

Visit **StearnsBank.com**
or call **(320) 253-6607**
to learn more.



STEARNS BANK N.A.

Follow us | StearnsBank.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



barrett's music Instruments Lessons Repairs

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



BEE LINE
 Bee Line Service Center, Inc.

Auto, Truck, RV & Trailer Repair

320-363-1433
 8805 Ridgewood Court, St. Joseph
 beelineservice.com



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



ACERAGE FOR SALE



We have several beautiful parcels of land located in Collegeville and Wakefield townships.

39-80 acres each from heavily wooded to open and wetlands.

Starting at \$253,500.

Call Jon Petters for more information today!

COLLEGEVILLE BROKERAGE

320-363-7656 ext. 2
 www.collegevillebrokerage.com






contributed photo

An architect's drawing shows the arena expansion with turf in place.

Youth sports group requests city funds for athletic complex

by Dennis Dalman
 news@thenewsleaders.com

The Sartell Youth Recreation Center has requested \$130,000 annually for 20 years from the city of Sartell toward the cost of the proposed expansion of the Bernick's Ice Arena.

The request was made during the May 11 City Council meeting by Chad Ritter, president of the Sartell Youth Recreation Center. Ritter gave a detailed update of the expansion project.

There were two other requests to the city mentioned

by Ritter – to approve the option of a fabric roof on the new structure and to extend the land-lease on that property until 2041. As of now, the lease agreement is set to expire in 2033, Ritter noted.

The council members told Ritter they will have answers to all three requests in the near future.

If the council accedes to those three requests, it would help make the ongoing private fundraising campaign go better, Ritter said. The SYRC has raised through private donations \$3.012 million so far from 15 major donors, which is 58 percent of the estimated \$5.2-million cost of the project.

Two major donors are Scheels Sporting Goods and Regional Diagnostic Radiology. Scheels will have naming rights for the new building, which will be known as the Scheels Athletic Complex. Raising funds has been more difficult in recent months due to the insecurities raised by the Covid-19 virus crises, Ritter noted.

The campaign is currently in the Major Gift phase, with a Community Gift Phase to start soon and extend to early fall. The SYRC is hoping to begin the project in autumn of this year, with a completion date in 2021.

If all funding can be secured soon, about \$700,000 in interest costs could be saved, Ritter said.

The expansion project has changed since its inception about four years ago. Orig-

inally, the new building to the south of the current Bernick's Arena was to be a structure with open sides. The new plan, which will cost the same, will be an enclosed steel-frame complex with a fabric roof.

It would have a year-round use – an ice sheet for skating and hockey and indoor turf matting for virtually any kind of sport or other functions. The school district, Ritter noted, is excited about the prospect of leasing options at the complex for the girls' and boys' hockey programs and for other school-related uses.

The size of the indoor turf will be 200 feet by 80 feet.

A city-private partnership at the complex site is nothing new. Sixteen years ago, the city used some of its regional half-cent sales tax revenue to help build the Bernick's Ice Arena, along with fundraising by the SYRC Association.

Thousands of hours of volunteer work made the arena feasible. The arena has proven to be successful not just for hockey and skating but as a venue for a variety of nonsporting events.

Sartell Mayor Ryan Fitzthum, who is a member of the hockey board, told Ritter he is aware of how "a ton of energy and support" has gone into efforts to get the complex built. He said the council will have answers to Ritter's three requests as soon as possible after consulting with city staff.

BRUTGER
 EQUITIES, INC.

EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT:

Brutger Equities Inc., a property management and development company, has an immediate opening for an Executive Assistant that combines administrative and analytical tasks into a dynamic and diverse position. Candidate must have experience in:

- Corporate document organization
- Real estate title work
- Debt documents management
- Insurance claims support
- Office systems management
- Clerical support to exec team
- Strong spreadsheet skills
- Proficient in Microsoft products
- Paralegal experience a plus
- Strong organization skills
- Detail oriented

We offer a great work environment with competitive compensation package and benefits including, but not limited to, Health, Life, LTD, 401(k).

If you feel you are a match for this position, please send resume and salary requirements to:

Brutger Equities Inc.
 Attn: Human Resources
 PO Box 399
 St. Cloud, MN 56302
 Shanson@brutgerequities.com
 Fax: (320) 529-2808

Blotter

Obituary

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

April 28
11:25 a.m. Community policing. Ridgewood Court. Officers provided a drive-by for a community member's birthday.

April 29
7 p.m. Lost juvenile. Sunburst Avenue. Officers were dispatched to a residence regarding a lost juvenile. Officers made contact with a parent. The juvenile has a history of running away from home. Child was located by father. Officers spoke with the father regarding the situation in hopes of preventing further issues.

April 30
10 p.m. Agency assist. Hwy. 10 and Hwy. 15. An officer assisted Morrison County and Royalton Police Department with a felony traffic stop.

May 1
8 p.m. Welfare check. Fifth Avenue E. A person reported an intoxicated woman in the stairwell of an apartment building. The caller believed the woman lives in the building. Officers made contact with the woman. She showed she was able to care for herself.

May 2
4 p.m. Agency assist. Hwy. 15 and Sauk River Bridge. Sartell officers assisted Stearns County with checking the Sauk River for a reported kayaker who appeared to be in distress. Officers were unable to locate the kayaker. Other surrounding agencies checked possible

locations for the kayaker but did not observe anything abnormal.

May 3
Noon. Juvenile problem. Eighth Avenue N. A caller reported juveniles driving a dirt bike up and down the roadway. The call said the juveniles were almost struck by an SUV. An officer was dispatched to the area but was unable to locate the juveniles. The complainant gave a home address of where they believed the bike came from. The officer made contact with the juvenile's mother. Mother said she will put an end to the issue.

May 4
Hazard. Ninth Avenue N. and Brookwood Lane. An officer noticed copious amounts of mulch along with various equipment blocking the road. The city was notified the road would be cleared within an hour; however, an officer passed by more than two hours later and the road was still blocked. A ticket will be delivered for failing to register the obstruction of traffic right-of-way.

May 5
12:45 a.m. Open door. First Street N. An officer observed a shed door at a residence was left open. The officer checked the area but did not observe anything out of the ordinary. The officer left his card on a vehicle near the garage/residence.

May 6
10:15 p.m. Argument. 17th Street S. Officers were dispatched to a civil argument between two individuals regarding their marriage separation and locked doors to their home. The couple had been arguing but there were no reports or signs of anything physical, however one of the individuals was intoxicated. Officers spoke to both parties to diffuse the situation and transported the

intoxicated individual to a residence in St. Cloud.

May 7
2:30 a.m. Loud music. Sunburst Avenue. Officers went to a townhome after loud music was reported for the second time. The complainant reported hearing loud music and people talking through the walls of their townhome. Officers stood and could hear music and loud conversation. Citations were issued to the homeowner.

May 8
12:30 a.m. Park patrol. Northside Park. An officer drove through North Side Park and observed no issues.

May 9
6:15 p.m. Welfare check. 11th Avenue E. A person who attends a Narcotics Anonymous group was not able to get in touch with another member for two weeks. An officer contacted the individual member and determined they were fine.

May 10
12:10 a.m. Personal assist. Meadow Drive. An individual requested an officer's help gathering their things from a former partner's residence. The complainant said the person was withholding belongings and throwing items at the complainant. An officer assisted the complainant in gathering property and mediated the situation. The complainant had a ride coming and was going to stay at another location for the night.

May 11
9:45 a.m. Argument. Roberts Road. A 911 caller reported hearing yelling and children crying from a surrounding apartment. Officers found there was a couple arguing over relationship issues. Officers worked with the couple to diffuse the situation.

**Jean "Jeannie" Peterson, 74
Sartell
July 14, 1945-May 9, 2020**

Jean "Jeannie" Peterson, 74, of Sartell, died May 9, 2020 after facing Multiple Sclerosis head on for more than 30 years. A celebration of life will be held at a later date.

Peterson was born July 14, 1945 to Jalmer and Vienna Lindgren in Grand Rapids. Her childhood and early married years were spent in her beloved hometown of Bovey. Like most "Iron Rangers" Jeannie's tremendous pride of her hometown of Bovey, "Home of the Picture Grace," was obvious within minutes of meeting her. She had many stories of her Bovey life and her infectious smile made it apparent how much she adored her "Finlander roots."

She married Daniel Peterson on Oct. 23, 1965 in Bovey. They spent their early married years in Duluth where she graduated from University of Minnesota-Duluth with a degree in teaching. They enjoyed their years in Duluth socializing while making lifelong friendships.

In 1976, Dan, Jean and their three children moved to Sartell where they eventually bought their "dream home" on the river. Many early morning coffee boat rides and socializing (once again) on the "Peterson sandbar" were just a few of the things she enjoyed about her life in Via Riviera. Peterson also enjoyed as much time as possible at their cabin on Island Lake where many memories were made with family and friends.

Peterson was employed by the Sartell-St. Stephen school district as the Gifted and Talented teacher (a program she founded) and later as a classroom teacher. She enjoyed working with the students and watching them thrive through their schooling years. She was active in her church choir at



Peterson

Celebration Lutheran Church and loved to "hum along" while making her way through a day. Sometime in the 1980s, Peterson was diagnosed with multiple sclerosis. She made it very clear her diagnosis was not going to control her life and was determined to stay independent as long as possible. She kept herself active with her "Book Club" friends, her YMCA MS group, her children and grandchildren. These were her ways to "battle" this incurable disease.

Peterson was recently described as a person whose "positivity was infectious"... we couldn't say it better. We love you Mom and will miss you every day.

Survivors include the following: her three children: Kris (Scott) Schlichting of Rice, Jay (Shelley) Peterson of Clear Lake and Jill (Jason) Dekarske of Otsego; her adored five grandchildren: Jordan Schlichting, Jerad Schlichting, McKenzie Peterson, Daniel Peterson and Clara Dekarske; her beloved friend Sue Hansen; brothers Robert (Jayne) Lindgren, and Don (Judy) Lindgren, all of Estero, Florida; sister-in-law Diane Jasper; the caring women who watched over her every day; nieces; nephews; and so many dear friends.

She was preceded in death by her devoted husband Dan of 52 years; her parents; sister Janice; and brother-in-laws Bradley Eilertson and Joe Jasper.

Arrangements have been entrusted to Williams Dingmann Family Funeral Home, Sauk Rapids.

Obituary and Guest Book available online: www.williamsdingmann.com.



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





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

Opinion

Our View

Masks are here to stay; get used to it

Get used to it...the coronavirus and the disruption to our daily lives it causes will be with us for months, maybe years...not weeks. The number of people who do not wear masks in public when grocery shopping or performing other essential tasks indicates many people have not accepted this reality.

People who don't wear masks offer a number of reasons – none of them supported by facts or science.

I'm not worried about getting infected and I feel fine. Wearing a mask is not about protecting **you**. It will help you from infecting people around you. Many people with the virus do not show symptoms but they can still spread the disease. If you get infected today, at a minimum you'll likely experience five infectious days without symptoms, and some people go 28 without symptoms while they can still infect others.

Covid-19 affects mostly people in big cities with crowded living spaces, mass transit and lots of pedestrians. Six weeks ago, Stearns County's case numbers were in the low double digits and stayed that way for weeks. But thanks to a ramp-up in testing, Stearns County's number slowly increased until two weeks ago. Then major outbreaks at poultry processing plants in Cold Spring and Melrose pushed the county numbers to more than 1,500 cases and Stearns County gained national attention for the dramatic case increase. As of Monday, state health workers had confirmed 194 Covid-19 cases among workers at the Pilgrim's Pride poultry processing plant — more than double the 83 cases just four days earlier.

Stearns County's dramatic outbreaks occurred in small towns, not big cities.

Mandated mask-wearing rules are an overreach by big government. Americans prize their individuality and personal freedom. You can think covering your face is overreach and still wear a mask so you don't make someone else sick. Be willing to accept some discomfort for the common good.

The worst is behind us. It's easy to conclude the worst is behind us as some states open up parts of society and Donald Trump promotes economic recovery. The facts don't back that up. In Minnesota, Gov. Walz says he expects deaths to "steadily rise." The state plans to spend \$6.9 million on a warehouse to temporarily store human remains of Covid-19 patients in case there's a surge in deaths.

"I know this is a sensitive topic. It's an uncomfortable topic for a lot of people. But we need to have a capability — we need to have a plan for a large number of deaths," said Joe Kelly, the state's Homeland Security and Emergency Management director.

Just because Minnesota is slowly easing shut-down orders does not mean the worst is over. It does mean we've slowed the spread, partly by practicing good public health habits. Easing up on hand-washing, mask-wearing and social distancing practices will lead to a spike in the number of sick and dead Minnesotans and force a return to the strictest stay-at-home rules.

The coronavirus pandemic is a hoax over-hyped by the media. Don't frame this public health crisis as a red-state/blue state, Republican/Democrat debate. You are not showing your political or social opinions by covering or not covering your face. Covering your face does show you believe in science, prefer to set a good example for others and care about those around you. Wearing a mask in public, maintaining social distancing, not touching your face and washing your hands will not stop the spread, it will only slow it down so health care workers and hospitals aren't overwhelmed.

As stay-at-home orders gradually ease, there will be more deaths. By August, the national death toll will be north of 140,000 victims.

Wearing a mask keeps respiratory secretions within that barrier and helps protect others if you're sick, even if you have minimal or no symptoms. It's also a helpful reminder not to touch your face.

One more fact – in the time it took you to read this editorial, five of your fellow Americans have died because of a Covid-19 infection.

40 years later, wind replaces power plant

The announcement last week that Great River Energy plans to shut down a huge coal-fired electricity-generating plant in the middle North Dakota came about 40 years too late.

The Maple Grove-based co-op announced it will close Coal Creek Station — one of the Upper Midwest's largest power plants — late in 2022. It will be replaced to a great extent with new wind farms, including four in Minnesota. Stearns Electric is one of Great River's 28 member cooperatives.

When Coal Creek, which was conveniently built next to a coal mine, shuts down, Great River expects about two-thirds of its energy to come from wind turbines.

That's a big change from the mid-1970s, when Great River Energy's fore-runner, UPA/CPA, convinced state regulators the Coal Creek plant was needed to supply an increasing demand for electricity and the co-op needed a giant high-voltage power line running across 170 miles of Minnesota to supply users.

When the co-op and state regulators unveiled the plan, at first only a small group of environmentalists offered opposition. Initial public hearings were poorly attended, but as more details emerged, the opposition grew.

Opponents charged the plant was unnecessary and that solar and wind offered environmentally friendly options. The Green New Deal was not a thing then and only a small group of scientists warned of climate change caused by fossil fuel.

Farmers soon joined the environmentalists to block the line. The farmers

Mike Knaak
Editor



said their land was chosen for the line because it was viewed as less valuable than running it along I-94 or through wildlife areas. They objected to the line cutting across their cultivated fields and argued the high voltage posed a health risk to them and their animals.

By 1977, protests sprang up around surveying and construction sites as the protestors confronted work crews. The story soon became big news.

I covered the initial protests when I was photo editor at the St. Cloud Times. Only a few other journalists paid attention. A WCCO-TV crew and sometimes a reporter and photographer from both Minneapolis papers...the Tribune and the Star...would show up. Otherwise it was just me and my Times colleagues Mark Pearson, Dave Peters or Maureen McCarthy.

The protests and confrontations made for strong visuals, but I also needed patience. The best moments popped up quickly and usually unexpectedly, so I spent lots of time just standing around, talking with farmers, deputies and construction workers.

The growing protests, and sporadic violence, soon overwhelmed the small county sheriff's departments in Stearns, Pope and Grant counties. In January 1978, Gov. Rudy Perpich mobilized 200 State Patrol troopers — dubbed Rudy's

Rangers by the protestors — to protect the construction sites for the 180-foot-high towers.

By now, instead of a handful of journalists, hundreds of reporters from around the world converged on Stearns County.

One of my more memorable photos happened as protestors, loaded in a manure spreader, threatened a group of troopers by swinging baseball bats. After several passes, the troopers decided they had enough, and at the next pass, Maced the protestors. A few days later, protestors retaliated by spraying troopers with anhydrous ammonia, a fertilizer that can cause chemical burns and even death.

After this attack, which was widely criticized, the farmers resorted to nonviolent protests including covering themselves with manure before being arrested — another moment that created a great photo.

On March 5, more than 8,000 people marched from Lowry to Glenwood in Pope County to protest. My photo from the March for Justice ended up on the cover of Paul Wellstone's book, "Powerline: The First Battle of the Energy War."

I spent a good deal of time during four or five years on the story with an interesting cast of characters — George Crocker, Gloria Woida, Virgil Fuchs, Alice Tripp, Larry Long. At the time, I didn't think I'd outlive the power line.

I'd like to hear what the folks who fought the line — those who are still alive — think now.

It only took 40 years to prove they were right.

Flyovers, sports provide crisis distraction

While it feels like everything has been at a standstill with the quarantine measures in place, life continues to go on. Many brave the risk of infection to go to essential jobs, care for their family and friends or wait anxiously for stay-at-home orders to be lifted so they can get back to work. College and high school seniors will graduate without the usual commencement and fanfare and enter an uncertain path ahead. While we all hope coronavirus will eventually be defeated in the future, I have found efforts to honor our healthcare workers with flyovers and measures to try and keep sports going are bringing hope and distraction during these hard times.

When I was younger, I was a huge fan of airshows and planes, so the sight of the Blue Angels and Thunderbirds aerial display teams flying together over New York was an amazing sight to me on the news. There is just something about soaring at high speeds thousands of feet in the air that captures our imagination and inspires us in activities on the ground. I was especially excited then, to hear there would be a similar flyover by the Minnesota Air National Guard over St. Cloud Hospital. Seeing the planes and hearing the reaction from people I know across the area, it generated a buzz of anticipation and fun that was much needed in our current environment.

Connor Kockler
Guest Writer



I can't think of a better cause that the flights could honor either, than our dedicated healthcare workers. During the past few months, they have worked hard in conditions dangerous to themselves to ensure patients infected with Covid-19 are well cared for. Their sacrifice and dedication is an inspiration to us all and a tremendous service for our country. When this is over, we should remember everything they did and appreciate them for all they do.

The spectre of a return for sports is also starting to appear like a possibility. While we deal with Covid-19, I think sports can also be an important distraction for people who need something to take their mind off the present moment. I know I was highly invested in the virtual NFL Draft a couple weeks ago, doing my own research and discussing it with many of my friends. It was a great way to connect and have something fun to talk about after many weeks of quarantine.

Now, there is a smattering of sports across the world that are starting to reopen their doors. The Korean Baseball Organization now offers live games for ESPN viewers, UFC fights are be-

ing organized and NASCAR is going to resume their season with a race at Darlington this weekend. While I will never get used to seeing empty stands and participants wearing masks and enforcing social distancing measures for the teams, I know it is essential some of what we love about sports must be sacrificed so they can be done safely. With hope though, perhaps more leagues will be able to open back up and we can have another thing to stay occupied with while we stay safe at home or at work.

While these events of hope and fun bring some semblance of normal back to our lives, it is important we continue to stay vigilant and do our best to follow social-distancing rules. Though some businesses are finally able to open back up, the virus is not yet contained, as we've seen with the recent spread in our local area. If we want stay-at-home orders to be over soon, in the absence of a vaccine the best thing we can do is to stop the spread through our individual actions. I hope everyone can continue to stay safe, and that new developments allow us to have some fun and entertainment, while remembering the grave situation and the struggles many are going through at the moment.

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

Letters to the editor

Covid-19 vs. economy

Ben Frey, Sartell

We hear about it every day. Some believe the Covid-19 is less severe than the press is making it out to be, and they wish for businesses to reopen and for life to return to “normal.” Others believe doing so will lead to millions of infected and, many thousand more dead. This is what the media, and social media portrays; but it runs much deeper than this.

They fail to address all aspects of the shutdown. More time spent at home is causing a rise in domestic violence-related crimes. Incidents of child abuse (also on the rise) can’t be reported by staff at schools because they aren’t in session. For some, not working or being able to go anyplace will lead to increased mental health issues, some of which will result in suicide. Some people’s reason to live is to work and provide for their family; taking that away leaves them in a hopeless state.

Additionally, the lack of income has forced some small businesses to close permanently. Those employees now have no hope of going back to work. Workers are being laid off in record numbers. Some small towns have one business that is the mainstay of their economy. A shutdown for them means the town itself dies. The loss of income also means some people will have their cars repossessed, others may be evicted or they will

lose their house. The need-less loss of meat and dairy products from the shutdown creates a demand that cannot be met, and prices that unemployed people cannot afford.

The shutdown IS affecting every American in some way. The Covid-19 itself is not.

Will life ever be the same?

Ron Marquette, Sartell

Pandemic (Feb-April 2020)

They say - A virus called Coronavirus or Covid-19 is running rampant across the U.S. and the world.

They say - This virus is an invisible killer, not discriminating, and is three times as potent as the influenza strand.

They say - We are told to stay home - “shelter in place” to help slow the spread of this virus.

They say - Businesses are closed, restaurants and bars are empty, schools are closed, sporting events canceled. Cities are like ghost towns.

They say - Toilet paper is a hot commodity everywhere –people fight over it.

They say - New York is the epicenter of the spread in the U.S. Other metro areas are also affected, as well as every state.

They say - Other countries are completely shut down now – the world has an eerie silence.

They say - New York had 800 deaths in one 24-hour period – and some 700 the day before. Freezer trucks pull up

to the hospitals to haul away the countless bodies. Funeral homes are overwhelmed. This is all too common.

They say - A prominent surgeon, a famous country singer, a rock star, and countless others who were special to someone somewhere have succumbed to the virus.

They say - Nurses and doctors are having a hard time getting enough ventilators and protection equipment.

They say - Some healthcare workers are seen wearing garbage bags as virus deterrent while treating patients – and they still continue their care.

They say - A nurse on TV weeps as her patient has just died from the virus – and as she turns toward the camera she collapses to the ground after completing an 18-hour shift.

They say - A young boy peers into the window of a virus-infected nursing home to wave to his favorite grandma, but is unable to go inside to see or hug her. He finds out two days later that she has passed away.

They say - A vaccine is some time away – many clinical trials need to be completed.

They say - Our minds and psyche are being bombarded with news about the virus. We long to think of other things and better days.

When will life get back to normal in 2020? – and will it ever be the same?

We ask – We ask – We pray.

Search for financial director continues

by Dennis Dalman
news@thenewsleaders.com

A search for a new financial director for Sartell is underway. Heidi Ostlie, the former director, announced her resignation last month in order to take a job with the city of Fergus Falls.

At the May 11 City Council meeting, member Mike Chisum said he wants to be assured the full City Council will be able to interview the candidate or candidates. Chisum’s fellow council members agreed but noted in order to respect the privacy of individual applicants, it would be best to have the city’s

personnel committee meet with applicants first. Then, if the personnel committee recommends one or more candidates, they could then appear before the full council for the interview process.

Chisum said he is amenable to that particular process. The position of financial director, he added, is such a vital job for the city that the interview process must involve the entire council.

Mayor Ryan Fitzthum noted the interview process might have to be done via Zoom because of the ongoing virus crisis.

The Gates development gets nod from council

by Dennis Dalman
news@thenewsleaders.com

The Gates, a residential development just to the south of Blackberry Ridge Golf Course, received a go-ahead by the Sartell City Council at its May 11 meeting.

The project will involve the building of 22 single-family homes in a cul-de-sac-style neighborhood.

The council agreed to rezone that area from Planned Unit Development to Residential (single-family plat). The council also agreed to approve the preliminary plat and a memo-

randum of understanding. The council vote to approve was unanimous.

‘Gold’ from front page

nesota DNR, Benton County Soil and Water Conservation District, the Little Rock Lake Association and Eagle Creek Renewable Energy (which operates the dam at Sartell). Also involved were hundreds of volunteers that included lake residents and organizations such as the Boy Scouts.

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.

Monday, May 18
Sartell Farmers’ Market, 3-6 p.m., Bernick’s Arena.
Sartell-St. Stephen school board, 6:30 p.m., Sartell High School, 3101 Pinecone Road N.

Saturday, May 16
Community Meal, 11:30 a.m.-12:45 p.m., First United Methodist Church, 1107 Pinecone Road S., Sartell. Free.

Brockway Township Board, 7:30 p.m., Township Hall, 43710 85th Ave. N.
Monday, May 25
Sartell Farmers’ Market, 3-6 p.m., Bernick’s Arena.

ADOPTION
ADOPTION. Southern California sunlit nursery awaits baby. Promise warm loving home, secure future, educational opportunities. Generous living expenses paid. Kay and Ramsey 1(209)651-0335 or attorney 1(310)663-3467. (MCN)

ANNOUNCEMENTS
INVESTIGATE BEFORE YOU INVEST! Midwest Free Community Paper Association does not knowingly accept fraudulent or deceptive advertising. Readers are cautioned to thoroughly investigate all classifieds and other ads which require an investment. (MCN)

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

DONATE YOUR CAR, TRUCK 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
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)

NOTE TO READERS! In order to avoid misunderstandings, some advertisers do not offer “employment.” Some of them sell information on manuals, directories and other materials designed to help their clients establish mail order selling and other businesses at home. It is always best to “investigate before you invest.”

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)

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)

FOR SALE
Trailer Sale: 150 trailers for sale! Utility. Dump, Equipment, Motorcycle, Aluminum 3 Horse Slant & Enclosed Cargos. 100’s of parts, tires & wheels, bearings, seals, brakes, hubs, jacks & lights. For prices: www.FortDodgeTrailerWorld.com 515-972-4554. (MCN)

HEALTH & MEDICAL
Stay in your home longer with an American Standard Walk-In Bath tub. 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)

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
SAVE BIG on HOME INSURANCE! Compare 20 A-rated insurance 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)

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)

WANT TO BUY
Need some cash! Sell us your unwanted gold, jewelry, watches & diamonds. Call GOLD GEEK 1-866-274-7898 or visit www.GetGoldGeek.com/midwest BBB A Plus Rated. Request your 100 Percent FREE, no risk, no strings attached appraisal kit. Call today! (MCN)

LIBERTY BANK MINNESOTA SUPPORTS SARTELL'S HEROES

We are living in uncertain times because of the Covid-19 Pandemic. Yet we can always be certain of the Heroes among us who provide for our safety! Liberty Bank Minnesota has decided to honor these heroes with two significant contributions to support their efforts.

Unfortunately we had to cancel our annual *Libertyville* event in

June in the interest of public safety. But we still wanted to show appreciation to the Sartell Community for the patronage you have shown us. Funds that would have been used to produce the *Libertyville* event are being used to provide two donations to these "Heroes Among Us":

\$6,000 for the Sartell Police Department Youth Programs



Sartell PD Chief, Jim Hughes and
Liberty Senior VP, Robin Gohman
(Note: Appropriate social distancing!)

\$6,000 for the Sartell Fire Department Relief Association



Sartell Volunteer
Firefighters

At Liberty Bank Minnesota we're proud to be in Sartell and are grateful for all the wonderful customers we have been able to serve. We look forward to more community involvement in the years to come!



198 Pinecone Road, Sartell, MN 56377

