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Masks still needed

The need for masks continues. Make and donate cloth masks for at-risk community members. Completed masks can be dropped off 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 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Contact Mary Krippner 320-223-7991.

Students will return to campuses this fall

The College of St. Benedict and St. John's University plan to reopen their campuses with the first day of classes scheduled for Aug. 31, subject to state and federal health guidelines. Both campuses have plans for testing, tracing and, as needed, separating. Places for isolation and quarantine have been identified and there will be rules for physical distancing and building access.

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 recent contributors! Any amount is greatly appreciated.

Unique events replace traditional graduation

by Mike Knaak
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Two unique events will take the place of a traditional graduation ceremony to honor Sartell High School seniors this weekend.

Public health guidelines for dealing with the coronavirus pandemic ruled out traditional graduation events so school and community leaders designed alternative events.

The plan calls for a Senior Salute parade along Pinecone Road on Friday, May 29, and a

drive-in graduation ceremony on Saturday, May 30.

The procession will begin at 7 p.m. May 29 along Pinecone Road. Starting at 6 p.m. seniors will be lined up on the walking path from 15th Street to 27th Street N. A congratulatory yard sign with their name will designate their spot and the students will be placed 15 to 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.

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.

More information about the Senior Salute is available at www.everythingsartell.com/senior-salute-2020. The website includes a map, event details and a place to register.

On Saturday, May 30, a drive-in movie type ceremony will take place at the high

school parking lot. The program begins at 9 p.m. and lasts about 45 minutes.

At its May 18 meeting, the Sartell-St. Stephen school board approved these details:

- Vehicles will enter the north lot where there's a space for 350 cars.
- One vehicle per senior's household except if a student has a second family.
- As the vehicles enter, seniors will receive a program, a class flower and a reminder about social distancing rules.

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photo by Mike Knaak

Sartell school lunches will continue through June

Food service staff pass out prepared breakfasts and lunches to families in waiting cars at Sartell Middle School. The food service will continue from 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m through June 30. The school district has distributed as many as 2,000 meals a day.

Goal near for Foundation's Riverview campaign

by Mike Knaak
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The Sartell-St. Stephen Education Foundation campaign for Riverview Intermediate School has reached nearly three-fourths of its goal.

As of mid-May, the foundation has raised more than \$70,000 of its fundraising goal of \$100,000. In addition, the foundation's projects will be boosted by a matching grant of up to \$100,000 from Pat Lynch and Granite Logistics.

Even with the virus business shutdowns and layoffs, giving continues.

"It's slowed down but not stopped," said Amy Trombley,

foundation chair. "It's exciting to see people wanting to give. The community has a giving nature and supports our kids."

During the summer, the current middle school will be transformed and renamed Riverview Intermediate school to serve third-, fourth- and fifth-graders.

During the past year, the school's teachers and administrators developed a vision and programs for the school specifically designed for young adolescents.

Principal Zach Dingmann says the plan supports hands-on learning, environmental education and community engagement. The foundation money

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A drawing shows the future STEAM Lab at Riverview Intermediate School.

Obituary

**Marilyn "Lynn" P. Borgert, 85
Sartell
Aug. 12, 1934-May 22, 2020**

Marilyn "Lynn" P. Borgert died Friday, May 22, 2020 at the St. Cloud Hospital. Graveside services were held May 28 at St. Francis Xavier Cemetery in Sartell.



Borgert
in Sartell.

There was a private family visitation at the funeral home prior to the burial. The family will have a memorial Mass at St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church in Sartell at a later date. Arrangements were entrusted to Williams Dingmann Family Funeral Home, Sauk Rapids.

Marilyn "Lynn" P. Borgert was born on Aug. 12, 1934 in St. Cloud to Alvin and Florence (Bastien) Woods. She married Eugene "Gene" Borgert on Sept. 17, 1955 at St. Mary's Cathedral Church in St. Cloud. They lived all of their lives in St. Cloud and Sartell. Borgert was very artistic, owning and operating Ceramic Pines ceramic shop with her husband for 20 years. She retired as a receptionist at the north information desk at the St. Cloud Hospital after 25 years. Borg-

ert was very active in the St. Francis Xavier Church and was a member of the Christian Mothers. She was also very active in the Riverside Lions Club in Sauk Rapids for many years. She enjoyed sewing, painting, decorating for Christmas, traveling, gardening, cooking and baking. Borgert was very proud of her family. She loved getting together with them at holidays, family reunions and at the cabin on Pelican Lake.

Survivors include the following: her husband, Gene of Sartell; children, Scott (Susan Whalen) of Memphis, Tennessee, Denise (Daniel) Stang of Sartell, Pamela (Jim) McMahon of St. Cloud, and Timothy of Sartell; siblings, Marjorie (Warren) Bystedt, Judy (Donald) Bryam, Suzanne (David) Fritz, Michael (Jean) Woods, Sharon (Robert) Bemboom, Patrick Woods, Nancy (Edward) Johnson, Laurie (Maurry) Bloom and Malia (Grant) Golberg; brother-in-law, Michael O'Connor; sister-in-law, Judy Woods; grandchildren, Kristopher, Joshua, Jason, Mathew, Amber, Sarah, Dina, James, Sean, Kelsey, Willow, Summer, Cody and Autumn; and 21 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; sister, Anita O'Connor; and brother, John Woods.

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- Vehicles will be parked 6 six feet apart and windows can be rolled down.

- Student speakers get out of their cars and use a microphone when it's their time to speak.

- Giant screens will be placed around the parking lot.

- WJON-FM, 95.3, will broadcast the event and the program will be livestreamed on the district's YouTube channel so people anywhere can watch.

- Except for speakers, people can't leave their cars.

- In case of rain the event will be 2 p.m. Sunday, May 31.

Before the state issued specific rules for graduation ceremonies, seniors and school administrators had proposed an event with each student receiving a diploma while maintaining social distancing. That event would have been followed by a gathering later in the summer on the football field.

Under the latest Department of Education rules, those plans



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Sartell High School teacher Sarah Crandall (right) dropped off a graduation cap and gown to senior Lydia Anderson, daughter of Gina and Jason Anderson. Crandall was one of many teachers who visited students who finished the year with distance learning. "It was so bittersweet, to make eye contact and see the smile in person!" Crandall said. "They were very grateful for the personalization the drop off provided. It was good for the soul."

couldn't happen so the school developed the drive-in option.

"When we shared this plan with the senior graduation committee, they were so sad about not being able to do what they originally planned,"

said Brenda Steve, high school principal. "It breaks my heart some of the things they wanted to do we won't be able to do but we're going to try to make this the absolute best we can for the kids."

Goal

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will support those programs.

There are three components to the plan.

The first is STEAM (for Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Mathematics). Materials and instruction will focus on leading-edge experiences such as flying drones, experiencing computer programming and working with engineering kits.

The former middle school swimming pool has been filled, and the space converted to a flexible activity space. For active students, the foundation says the space will "celebrate and capture that energy in ways that can propel them to learn in new ways, promote healthy lifestyles, engage in teamwork and community-building, and simply provide an outlet to get the wiggles out and play."

What was the pool seating area has been carpeted to provide a space to sit or stretch out.

The foundation's website describes the space: "Promoting physical experiences for students such as scaling climbing walls, using yoga mats, interacting with a MotionMagix screen and participating in games that will engage their minds and bodies in a safe, positive and fun environment."

The space has been named The Pier to reflect Sartell's history and geography, Dingmann said. "The Pier was a great name," Dingmann said. "It ties into a water theme."

The media hub will be in the center of the school. The space is designed for exploring books, reading, multi-media and collaboration with flexible seating. Throughout the years, the media hub space has been a multi-purpose room, classrooms and music rooms.

"It's the center and heart of the building. We wanted our kids to be reading there," Dingmann said.

Last winter, the woods to the west of the school was designated a School Forest by the Department of Natural Resources. That designa-

tion will boost the school's environmental focus. The forest presents opportunities beyond the obvious biology and nature lessons. Dingmann said the plan is to involve all disciplines including art and technology. Art students, for example, could draw and design wood duck houses while technology students could explore how to more efficiently maintain the forest.

The fundraising and school conversion continued during the district's distance learning period this spring and while families and businesses are facing economic challenges. With the school closed, construction crews got a head start on remodeling. To help families and to support local businesses, the foundation bought gift cards for teachers and staff as a part of its teacher appreciation program, Trombley said.

"We are moving along in these trying times," Dingmann said. "We have to plan and prepare for next fall. We're optimistic and positive and excited to welcome kids back here this fall."



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May 12

12:20 p.m. Assist person. 22nd Street S. An individual requested officer assistance after locking their car keys and medication in the trunk of their vehicle. Using tools, the officer was able to open the trunk to retrieve the individual's keys and medication.

May 13

6:45 p.m. Fire alarm. 19th Street S. An officer was dispatched to a fire alarm in an apartment building. There was no fire, just burned food. The officer arrived and turned off the alarm.

May 14

7:30 a.m. Extra patrol. Heritage Drive. A caller reported speeding on Heritage Drive. A Community Service Officer spoke over the phone with the complainant and the speed trailer was requested.

May 15

11:20 p.m. Loud music. 20th Avenue N. A caller reported loud music coming from a neighbor's house. An officer contacted the owner who said they did not realize the music was so loud and agreed to turn it down.

May 16

10 a.m. Theft from vehicle. Fourth Avenue S. An officer spoke with an individual regarding their vehicle being broken into. The individual stated several items (including cash) were taken from the vehicle.

May 17

10:15 p.m. Vehicle vandalism. Riverside Avenue N and Seventh Street N. A caller reported an egg being thrown at their vehicle from a passing vehicle. The egg's impact chipped the paint on the caller's vehicle. The egg was thrown from a black sedan.

May 18

6:15 p.m. Gas. 17th Street S. A caller reported a natural gas odor coming from a vent on the back side of their house. An officer along with the Sartell Fire Department responded to check the vent and utilities in the basement, which were all fine.

Sixth Avenue work underway in St. Stephen

The Sixth Avenue SE road construction project is underway in St. Stephen. Here's the work schedule:
May 18: Install traffic control, temporary mailboxes, erosion control and fencing
May 19-22: Reclaim road, grade and pack.
May 26-July 10: Road

May 19
2:15 a.m. Suspicious activity. 18th Avenue N. A caller reported someone knocking on their front door waking up the whole family. An officer checked the area but noticed nothing out of the ordinary. The officer followed up with the complainant in person and advised them to call back if the abnormal activity continued.

May 20
4:55 a.m. Traffic stop. CR 29 and Hwy. 15. An officer witnessed a vehicle traveling 20 mph over the speed limit. The officer contacted the driver and discussed speed. The officer issued a citation to the driver.

May 21
3:45 a.m. Extra patrol. Pinecone Road S. An officer patrolled the area around the new Sartell Public Safety Facility. Everything appeared normal.

May 22
12:20 a.m. Lift assist. First Street NE. Officers went to a residence to assist an elderly citizen who had fallen and was unable to get back on their feet. The officers examined the individual and did not need Mayo Ambulance service.

May 23
3 a.m. Domestic. Fourth Street N. A Sartell officer was assisted by a Stearns County deputy and a Waite Park police officer in a possible domestic. Officers and the deputy spoke with a man, woman and children. The children had similar descriptions of what happened. The children stated this happens frequently, but this time it lasted longer. The man was not very cooperative, and the woman stated it was just an argument. While interacting with all parties, nothing physical or criminal was found, and the children stated they were not scared. The children were advised to call back if there were more issues.

May 24
11:15 p.m. Suspicious vehicle. Central Park Boulevard. An officer witnessed a vehicle in Central Park after park closure. The officer contacted the individuals and gave them a verbal warning for curfew and advised them to go home.

May 25
11:30 a.m. Vehicle vandalism. 15th Avenue N., 13th Avenue N. and Cougar Court. There were multiple calls regarding someone egging parked vehicles in the city in the last 24 hours. There are no suspects at this time. Officers have been patrolling the area.

grading, subgrade excavation, sand correction and ditch work.
June 3-July 10: Install culverts.
July 10-Aug. 10: Finish grade road and gravel, erosion control.
Aug. 10-14: Pave road.
Aug. 17-Sept. 26: Clean up and complete project.

Scout raising funds for garden shed

by Dennis Dalman
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A Sartell Boy Scout, Lucas Hintgen, has begun a campaign to raise funds to purchase and install a new storage shed at the Sartell Community Garden near Oak Ridge Elementary School. The shed is used for storing tools and supplies for Sartell residents who plant plots in the big garden.

If more is raised than needed, the excess will be donated to area community food shelves.

Hintgen, 15, is the son of Julie and David Hintgen. Last month he appeared before the Sartell City Council to present his planned project, the garden shed, as part of the criteria to earn his Eagle Scout honor. The council thanked him and endorsed the project. The current storage shed at the garden is very old, small and dilapidated.

Hintgen plans to buy the shed at Menard's for \$3,000. Hintgen has written letters asking for support from area organizations and businesses. It is more difficult to raise funds in the time of the virus pandemic. But so far, several organizations and one individual have come to the rescue. The Sartell Lions Club donated \$250. Lions Club member Mike DeLuca pitched in \$500. And the Great River Rotary of Sauk Rapids gave \$300. Now, Hintgen is trying to raise the rest of the cost – \$1,950.

Anyone who would like to donate can send a check to: Sartell Community Garden Shed Project, P.O. Box 217, Sartell, MN 56377.



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Boy Scout Lucas Hintgen and Sartell Lions Club member Mike DeLuca stand by the old, small storage shed at the community garden near Oak Ridge Elementary School. Hintgen, as part of his Eagle Scout requirements, is raising funds to place a new, bigger shed at the site.

Obituary

Ann L. Wheeler, 87
Sartell
Mach 24, 1933-May 15, 2020

Ann L. Wheeler, 87, of Sartell, died Friday, May 15, at Country Manor Health Care Center, Sartell. A private service was held May 18 and burial was in Macville Cemetery in Hill City. Arrangements have been entrusted to Williams Dingmann Family Funeral Home, Sauk Rapids.

Wheeler was born March 24, 1933 in Aitkin to Conrad and Fannie (Gorsuch) Angermo. She married Harry Wheeler on June 7, 1951 in Hill City. Wheeler had many occupations throughout her life including working as a chef at many restaurants, the St. Cloud



Times and Child Care Choices. She was most proud of her work as a security guard at Sartell Paper Mill. Wheeler loved gardening, being outdoors, traveling and sewing. She was a tough woman that always persevered through life's challenges. Wheeler always provided for her family and was helpful and kind to everyone she knew. She was a great mom, raising six children and many more neighborhood kids as well. Survivors include the following: her children, Brent (Linda) of Grand Rapids, Todd (Lori) of Foreston, Tamara of St. Joseph, Connie (Jaime) Nelson of Sauk Rapids and Chad (fiancée Nikki) of Grand Rapids; 19 grandchildren and 17 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents; husband Harry in 1985; son, Jesse, and infant grandson, Jeremy. Obituary and guest book available online: www.williamsdingmann.com.

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People

Nineteen Sartell students graduated this spring from Sauk Rapids-Rice High School.

They are the following: Anna Borsvold, Andrew Brennhof, Maren Buss, Nicole Christiansen, Jonathon Friedrich, Mackenzy Hassett, Brandon Hejhal, Brooke Kramer, Amber Kutzorik, Tyler Lee, Makenna Mohs, Josie Roering, Nicholas Schmitt, Sean Stidmon, Megan Stockinger, Conner Sura, Chloe Thomas, Trace Wagner and Jacob Weyer.

graduated this spring from Cathedral High School.

They are the following: Anthony Botz, Tricia Castro, Elizabeth Chandler, Shane Corbett, Maxwell Ehlen, Grace Falconer, Elizabeth Hamak, Alexandra Illies, Rebecca Loberg, Brienna Lunde, Jordann Swingle, Franklin Tomczik, Nathan Warner, Lauren Yelle and Jonathon Zabinski.

Four Sartell students were among the Top Ten 2020 graduates from Cathedral High School.

They are the following: An-



Botz



Castro



Corbett



Hamak

thony Botz, Tricia Castro, Shane Corbett and Elizabeth Hamak.

Botz, son of Chantel Braegelmann and Chris Botz, plans to pursue a degree in chemical engineering from Purdue University, West Lafayette, Indiana; Castro, daughter of Gemma Linn and Nathaniel Castro, plans to major in health promotion and disease prevention while pursuing a pre-med track at the University of Southern California in Los Angeles; Corbett, son of Kelly and Philip Corbett, plans to study business at North Dakota State University, Fargo; Hamak, daughter of Bridget and Scott Hamak, plans to pursue a degree in political science and communications at the College of St. Benedict, St. Joseph.

Four Sartell students graduated this spring from St. John's Preparatory School, Collegeville.

They are the following: Benjamin Martin, Ana Carolina "Carol" Vieira de Magalhães, Jeremiah Weber and Luc Westling.

Martin, son of Nadine Martin, will attend St. John's University, Collegeville; Vieira de Magalhães, daughter of Elen and Jaceguai Magalhães, will attend Northwestern University in Evanston, Illinois; Weber, son of Kari and Stephen Weber, will attend St. Olaf College in Northfield; Westling, son of Seung-Lim Westling and Craig Westling, will attend Boston College in Chestnut Hill, Massachusetts.

Four St. Stephen students graduated this spring from Holdingford High School.

They are the following: Jo-Anna Gebel, Blake Niemeyer, Taylor Pogatchnik and Elizabeth Rudser.

Five Sartell students graduated this spring from Apollo High School.

They are the following: Moulid Ahmed, Autumn Bravo, Hunter Madison, Arien Pestana-Mata and Kate Sheldstad.

Three Sartell High School students have received Federated Challenge Scholarships from Big Brothers Big Sisters of Central Minnesota.

The students are Jaeger Johnson and Dana Justin, who will be attending St. Cloud Technical & Community College, and Kendrick Sindt, who will be attending Dunwoody Institute of Technology.

Each student received an award between \$1,000 to \$5,000 per year and it is a renewable scholarship. The Federated Challenge Scholarship, made possible by Federated Insurance and the Federated Challenge, awards deserving Big Brothers Big Sisters' program participants who plan to continue their education in a non-four year post-secondary program that is focused on apprenticeship, certificate, trade school, technical or community college.

Senior Marena Kouba of Sartell and graduate of Sartell High School has been selected as one of the team captains for the St. Cloud State University women's swim and dive team.

Kouba

Two Sartell students graduated this spring from Albany High School. They are the following: Olivia Harren and Jadyn Peitz.

Five Sartell students graduated May 9 from Minnesota State University, Mankato. The students are Nathan Boenish, bachelor's in finance; Kira Haglin, bachelor's in communication disorders, summa cum laude; McKenna Hupf, bachelor's in sociology; Hannah Tilstra, master's in industrial/organizational psychology; and Kelsi Zyvoloski, bachelor's in accounting, magna cum laude.

Devon Tracy of St. Stephen graduated this spring from Apollo High School.



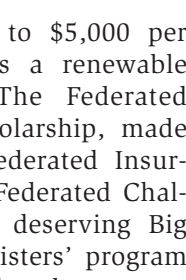
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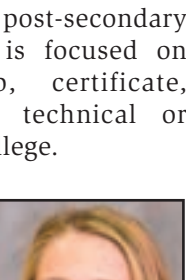
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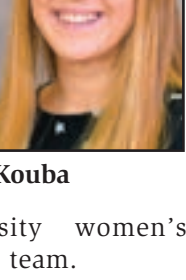
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Jack Verkuilen of Sartell graduated May 10 with a bachelor's degree in nursing from the College of St. Scholastica in Duluth.

Three Sartell-St. Stephen area students graduated from Minnesota State University, Moorhead. They are Brooke Traut, master's in nursing, St. Stephen; Olivia Garner, bachelor's in graphic design, a Sartell High School graduate from Moorhead; and Ryan Schwieters, bachelor's in construction management, a Cathedral High School graduate from Sartell.

Jessica Lemke, a freshman from Sartell, was named to the dean's list for fall and spring semesters at Creighton University. A grade-point average of 3.5 or higher is required for the dean's list.

Sartell High School's yearbook program has been named a Jostens 2020 National Yearbook Program of Excellence. The National Yearbook Program of Excellence recognizes engaging yearbooks that reflect a broad representation of the student body while helping students develop 21st century skills such as communication, collaboration, and information and communication technologies literacy.

The Sartell High School award-winning yearbook program is led by Editors Carter Potthoff, Kiley Rodarmel and James Smith under the direction of Angie Heckman, yearbook adviser. Jostens' National Yearbook Program of Excellence Awards are presented twice a year, in spring and in fall based on the yearbook's arrival date at the school. The award was presented to the Sartell yearbook for achieving the defined criteria in creating an inclusive yearbook, generating school engagement and successfully managing the yearbook creation process.

Staff members are: Hailey Anderson, McKenna Anderson, Safaa Asif, Hannah Bjelland, Jacob Bjelland, Aniya Bye, Kendal Coffin, Alex Daniel, Emily Davis, Elizabeth Dille, Emerson Dyer, Aidan Forberg, Hannah Frank, Austin Frauenholtz, Emma Gent, Shaelyn Hagen, Riley Hauck, Andrew Heckman, Belle Heinen, Brianna Hollenkamp, Emilie Houge, Mathieu Jobin, Cody Lantis, Maliah Nemeth-Grabinski, Dalton Notsch, Alexis Nygaard, Anya Overlien, Shauna Schmidt, Isabella Schmitt, Ivy Senn, Claire Shaw, Michala Van Heel, Morgan Vosberg, Abdul Wadood and Faith Wettstein.

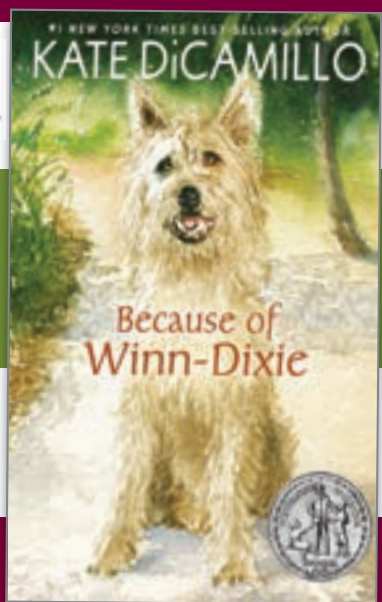
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Pet Ownership Statistics

Pet owners form a collective community focused on one thing: the health and safety of their animal friends. There is a strong bond between people who fall into this category, and it's fun to see how others became so involved in pet ownership.

Here are some recent statistics reported by the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals and the American Veterinary Medical Association:

- About 70 to 80 million dogs and 74 to 96 million cats are owned in the United States. Up to 47 percent of all households in the United States have a dog, and up to 37 percent have a cat.
- Approximately 40 percent of pet owners learned about their pet through word of mouth.

- The majority of pets are obtained from acquaintances and family members. About 28 percent of dogs are purchased from breeders, and 29 percent of cats and dogs are adopted from shelters and rescues.
- More than 35 percent of cats are acquired as strays.
- The most common reasons why people relinquish or give away their dogs is because their place of residence does not allow pets (29 percent). The most common reasons for cats are that they were not allowed in the resi-

- dence (21 percent) and allergies (11 percent).
- The average number of litters a fertile cat produces is one to two a year; the average number of kittens is four to six per litter.
- The average number of litters a fertile dog produces is one a year; the average number of puppies is four to six.
- Only 10 percent of the animals received by shelters have been spayed or neutered, while 83 percent of pet dogs and 91 percent of pet cats are spayed or neutered.

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Buddies start mosquito, tick-control business

by Dennis Dalman
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When good buddies Will McCabe and Lawton Miller are suited up with gloves, long sleeves and protective clothing, along with respirator masks on their faces, they look like they're seeking to eradicate killer viruses.

Well, in a way, that's kind of what they're doing. They are spraying to kill ticks and mosquitoes, those pesky critters that can carry and spread bacteria and viruses. So far, however, and fortunately, there is no proof that they can transmit the dangerous and contagious Covid-19 virus.

Miller and McCabe, both Sartell residents, are co-owners of a new business they recently opened, called Mosquito Mob. Both 21 and 2017 graduates of Sartell High School, the two men's friendship goes back all the way to elementary school. Their bond is almost like that of inseparable twin brothers, almost constantly together and sharing a love of the outdoors – fishing, swimming, sports. They were very active in high-

school sports: football, baseball, hockey, wrestling, tennis.

"We love to watch big game sports," Miller said. "We also have a good, close way of communicating, and we're both on the same page. It's like the right hand knowing what the left hand's doing."

McCabe and Miller not only founded Mosquito Mob, they are its sole employees. They do spraying jobs in the greater St. Cloud area, including many properties – mostly residential lots – in Sartell. Once they land a job, they suit up and mix together two kinds of pesticides. On their backs they carry steel backpacks, which hold the chemicals, then they drive to their job in a truck equipped with a 100-gallon tank that holds the spray product and that they use to fill their blowers (sprayers).

The average residential lot takes about 30 minutes to spray its vegetation. Large lots can take up to two hours. The pesticide solution dries in about 30 minutes, after which time it is safe for people and pets to be around, Miller said.

The spraying job's effective-

ness last about three weeks.

"It's a rewarding job," he said, "because many people really need the help. Some clients have had tick-borne diseases. One guy found a tick in his yard and had it tested. It was positive for Lyme disease. He called right away to hire us."

Ticks can cause Lyme disease and other forms of infection and disease. Mosquitoes, from time immemorial, have spread the dreaded malaria disease, which has killed millions of people throughout history, especially in tropical countries. In fact, it's been said the ordinary mosquito is the "deadliest animal" on the planet, McCabe noted.

Besides malaria, other diseases caused by mosquitoes include West Nile, Zika, dengue, yellow fever and chikungunya.

Ticks can carry pathogens that cause not only Lyme disease but a whole spate of diseases in various parts of the United States and the world. They include the Bourbon virus, Colorado tick fever, heartland virus and the sinister-sounding ehrlichiosis, Borrelia mayonii, anaplasmosis and Babesiosis.

To avoid bites by mosquitoes and ticks, it's recommended people avoid the critters by wearing long pants and long-sleeved shirts and applying repellents that contain DEET. It's also advised that people check



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Lawton Miller (left) and Will McCabe start to don gear for a mosquito-and-tick control job.

their skin and hair carefully for ticks after being outdoors, especially in wooded areas. If mosquitoes are swarming outdoors, it is best to move indoors or to a screened-in area.

Needless to say, Miller and McCabe are intensely aware of how ticks and mosquitoes can bring misery to so many people. Both men learned a vast amount of information about the pests while working during six summers for a St. Cloud-based tick-and-mosquito eradication service called The Mosquito Squad. When that company called it quits, Mc-

Cabe and Miller decided to start their own business. Since March, they've acquired about 40 customers.

"I really like this job," McCabe said. "It's great to work outside in the summer. And as business owners, we can set our own schedules. It's a pretty simple business, really. And we're happy to provide service to a community we grew up in."

For more about Mosquito Mob, visit its website at mosquitomobmn.com or call 320-223-8755 or 320-292-4944.

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Band director starts online music show

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Dave Lumley of Sartell loves to perform music for audiences, but lately he has been doing it for remote listeners via Facebook.

Lumley is the Sartell High School band director, a job he's had for eight years, and like other teachers he now communicates mostly online from his home because of the ongoing virus crisis.



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Dave Lumley is a guitarist who recently started an online musical show. Lumley is the Sartell High School band director.

On his Facebook page, DaveLumleyMusic, he takes requests for songs like a radio disc jockey. He also sings while playing his guitar and features other performers, such as bass guitar player Micah Barrett of Barrett's Music in St. Joseph. Lumley shares those other musicians' performances on MN Music Livestream Concerts.

The Dave Lumley Music show starts at 7 p.m. every Thursday and Sunday. Recently, he hosted an All Beatles Night. The shows are also archived on the website so listeners/viewers can enjoy previous shows. Each show is anywhere from 90 minutes to two hours. So far, there have

been 17 shows. Lumley's show has a virtual tip jar where people can give tips via apps like Venmo or Paypal.

"Tips are not required," he said, "but I do appreciate them."

"Music" is practically Dave Lumley's middle name. Besides his teaching and extensive listening, he also plays in a band, Radio Nation. Its members include guitarist Darrin Martinson (the Sartell Middle School band director), drummer Jeremy Schreifels and vocalist Ashley Block. They have performed remotely, each in their own homes, on Lumley's show. He is currently working

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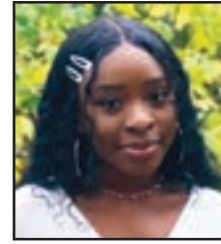
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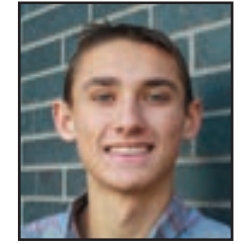
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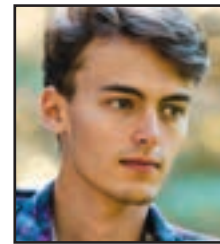
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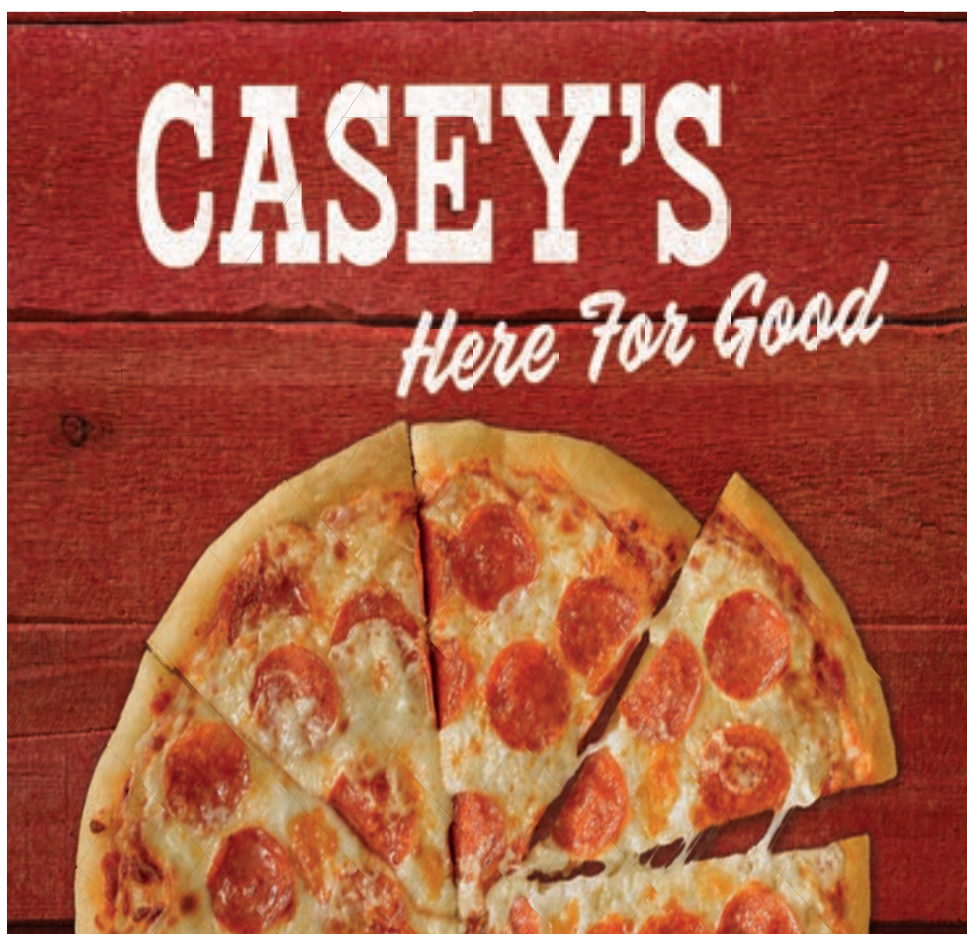
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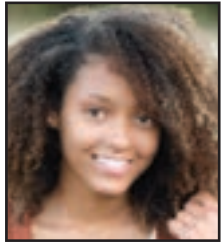
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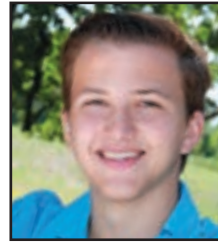
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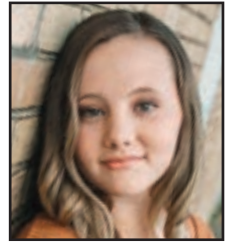
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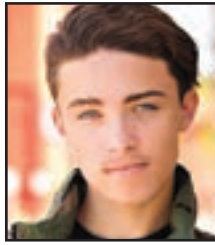
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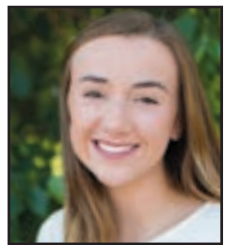
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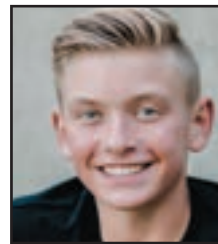
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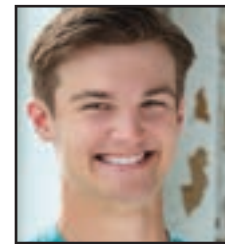
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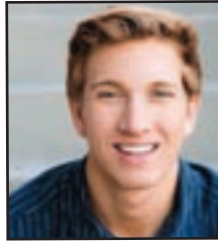
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Meyer recycles fabric to make quilts for donating

by Cori Hilsgen
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Without bragging very much about it, Josie Meyer, 91, has been using her quilting skills to help other people for many years.

Meyer, who grew up in Sartell, moved to St. Joseph when she married her husband, Cyril, in 1950.

She is unsure of the exact year she started quilting but when asked how long she has been quilting she replied: "Forever, I've been doing that since I got married."

Besides being an active member of the Church of St. Joseph quilting group, Meyer also works on many other quilts with women at the St. Joseph's school building in Waite Park.

Together these quilters stitch and sew quilts to donate to Catholic Charities Emergency Services to distribute to people who need them.

Meyer began quilting with this group in the early 1960s. At that time, her mother donated quilts to her home parish of St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church in Sartell, and Meyer knew they needed help so she joined the group. After Meyer helped a few times, she knew she wanted to keep sewing.

The group first met in a house in Waite Park where rooms were small and it was harder to gather to stitch the quilts. Quilting fabric and supplies were stored outside the house under a tarp.

The group then moved downtown St. Cloud and later to other buildings owned by Catholic Charities until moving to the current space in Waite Park.

The group creates and donates more than 400 quilts each year. In the early years, Meyer quilted with a sewing partner, Lucy Meyer, who was not related. The two women sewed as many as 12 quilt tops each week to donate.

Meyer has slowed down, but she continues to finish as many quilt tops as she can which is determined by how she is feeling and how much fabric has been donated to her.

Meyer usually still averages about one or two quilt tops each week or two.

Sometimes she will take a short break.

What is remarkable about Meyer is how skilled she is at using any fabric donated to her for the quilt tops. She will recycle and use any fabric she receives.

Her son Mike (Jeny) Meyer co-owns Pam's Auto with Pat Huesers (Tamara) of St. Joseph. The sales staff at Pam's donate uniform shirts when they start to show too much wear-usually after about every 18 months

or so. Other fabric comes from Catholic Charities when fabric pieces are donated by people in the area to be used by the quilters.

Meyer is the processor of the fabric. She irons it and cuts as many squares as she can from the fabric, cutting it in 6.5-, 5.5- and 4.5-inch blocks.

Meyer takes the uniform shirts apart by first cutting off the buttons. Then she uses a razor blade to open every single seam on the shirts. The separated pieces of the shirt are ironed flat, the logos removed and then the blocks are cut from the fabric that remains.

Meyer uses every piece of material she can. She will even use pieces from the shirt collar, often sewing small pieces together to make full blocks.

When using other pieces of fabric, she saves even the smallest pieces to create colorful patchwork blocks.

"I like everything about quilting," Meyer said. "Sorting the fabric, cutting the fabric, even ripping the clothes."

Cyril died in 1999, but he and Josie have a large family of nine children which includes Mike and Jeny Meyer, Theresa and Joe Berg, Ray and Jackie Meyer, Andy and Jai Meyer, Jerome and Susan Meyer all from St. Joseph, Sheila and Al Burski, St Augusta, Mary and David Haukom, Colorado Springs, Colorado, Judy Hauglie of Baxter and Don and Cathy Meyer, Avon. Meyer also has 29 grandchildren and 26 great-grandchildren.

Jeny and Mike Meyer reside in a house close to Josie. They are parents to three children Tyler, Josie and Max.

Jeny has been quilting with Josie and the quilting group in St. Joseph for three years and recently helped Josie piece together a quilt top. The quilt is made out of black blocks that were made from some of the recycled Pam's Auto work shirts.

Jeny said people often help Josie cut fabric.

"If she has larger pieces of donated fabric, I help cut blocks, so do her daughters when they visit," Jeny said. "Through(out) the years, I have helped lay the quilts out on the floor for her if I happen to be there, but she does that on her own, too. I enjoy coming to play with fabric with her. She always has a fun variety to look through. Lately, with the stay-at-home order, I have been here more frequently, and have helped with the last several quilts. She knows I like the crazy patchwork blocks, so we had a good time looking through them, and using them up."

Jeny said Josie is always glad to get the stack of blocks decreased in size, however, the



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Josie Meyer shows some of the quilt tops she creates and donates to Catholic Charities Emergency Services. The solid blue squares in the quilt top she is holding were cut from recycled work uniform shirts.



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Josie Meyer and Jeny Meyer, of St. Joseph, recently pieced together this block quilt made from recycled fabrics. Josie has been piecing, stitching and donating quilts similar to this for many years to Catholic Charities Emergency Services.

next day she is right back to sewing small pieces together to make more blocks, adding to the stack.

Jeny commented about

Josie's quilts.

"I love them," Jeny said. "She does not waste a thing. Some blocks have as many as 10 pieces in them. This woman

is inspiring. What's equally impressive is how beautiful these thrown aside scraps end up looking. What I might have tossed aside is her artwork."

Public notice

REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
SARTELL-ST. STEPHEN PUBLIC SCHOOLS
INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO 748
APRIL 20, 2020
DISTRICT SERVICE CENTER BOARD ROOM VIA TELE-
CONFERENCE

The regular school board meeting of Independent School District 748 was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Chair Jeremy Snoberger. Members present via teleconference: Snoberger; Jason Nies, vice chair; Amanda Byrd, clerk; Patrick Marushin, treasurer; Lesa Kramer, director; Pamela Raden, director and Jeff Schwiebert, superintendent. Members absent: none.

A motion was made by Marushin and seconded by Raden to APPROVE THE AGENDA AS PRESENTED. On a roll call vote, the following voted in favor: Kramer, Raden, Byrd, Nies, Marushin and Snoberger. The following voted against: none. Motion carried 6-0.

A motion was made by Kramer and seconded by Byrd to APPROVE CONSENT ITEMS A-D AS PRESENTED BELOW. On a roll call vote, the following voted in favor: Kramer, Raden, Nies, Byrd, Marushin and Snoberger. The following voted against: none. Motion carried 6-0.

a. Minutes of the regular school board meeting held on March 23, 2020

Minutes of the special meeting / work session held on April 1, 2020

b. Checks in the amount of \$1,859,945.94 as presented:

General Fund	1,286,678.67
Food Service Fund	92,191.80
Transportation Fund	128,254.06
Community Service Fund	33,033.32
Capital Expenditure Fund	319,170.84
Internal Service Fund	617.25
Check numbers 178162 – 178401	

ACHs in the amount of \$6,680.73 as presented:

General Fund	6,425.41
Food Service Fund	53.50
Community Service Fund	201.82
ACH numbers 192000184-192000203	

Receipts in the amount of \$4,630,690.48 as presented:

General Fund	4,325,592.64
Food Service Fund	194,605.28
Transportation Fund	13,074.34
Community Service Fund	16,971.82
Capital Expenditure Fund	70,432.31
Building Fund	1,129.40
Scholarship Trust	500.00
Internal Service Fund	8,384.69
Receipts 47472 - 47598	

Wire transfers in the amount of \$603,887.89 as presented:

General Fund	41,406.47
Food Service Fund	8,591.82
Transportation Fund	250.58
Community Service Fund	301.28
Capital Expenditure Fund	41,682.11
Building Fund	40.51
Internal Service Fund	511,615.12
Wire transfers 201900694-201900816	

Building Fund Checks in the amount of \$1,080,040.34 as presented:

Building Fund	1,080,040.34
Check numbers 600937 to 600966	

c. Accept the following donations:

Country Financial, Pine Meadow Elementary, \$100, donation to kindergarten; EPIC, Community Education, four cases of water, 500 granola bars, donation for spring break student lunches; Erberts and Gerberts, Community Education, 50 bagged meals, donation for spring break student lunches; House of Pizza, Community Education, 1,305 bagged lunches, donation for spring break student lunches; Laraway Financial Advisors Inc., Community Education, \$600, donation for spring break student lunches; Lesa L Kramer, Community Education, \$200, donation for spring break student lunches; Lisa Koll, Community Education, \$20, donation for spring break student lunches; Oak Ridge Elementary PTO, Community Education, 30 cases of water, donation for spring break student lunches; Upper Deck, Community Education, \$188 worth of meal supplies, donation for spring break student lunches; Rachel Mareck, Community Education, \$100, donation for spring break student lunches.

d. Accept the resignation of Andrea Keske-Sovich, SMS, ala carte PM, end of school year. Accept the retirement of Millie Stang, DSC, payroll, 6/30/20.

Student Representative Report: Courtney Snoberger, student representative

Snoberger reported on happenings around the district. All buildings are currently transitioning to distance learning with teachers and students adapting to the situation and getting into their same patterns. Staff and students are working on different ways to stay in contact as elementary students are submitting their projects to their teachers and high school students are participating in daily Sabre Strong challenges along with sharing photos of what they are doing during the isolation with the yearbook staff for a special section reserved in this year’s yearbook. Overall students are grateful for the staff adapting and working with them during distance learning.

Construction Manager Report on Building Process:

Construction Manager Lee Gruen reported his staff has had a smooth transition to working from home. The project at the old High School is on the downhill slope and everything is looking great. The remainder of the flooring is due in next week and the cleaners are starting to clean throughout the building. The renovation project at River-view Intermediate has been reviewed and approved by the state building department so the building permit was submitted today. The project will be underway Monday and the timeline will be updated pending the Governor’s guidance for the state and schools. The project remains on track, with the bleachers being the only item currently affected as that company has been shut down due to stay-at-home orders.

Superintendent Report: Jeff Schwiebert, Superintendent

Schwiebert reported on the current state of distance learning. Principals Brenda Steve, Laura Arndt, Sara Nelson and Jason Mielke were invited to give school-specific updates sharing survey results. The Governor will be deciding this week how schools will provide education for the rest of the school year. Extra-curricular activities are currently classified as active and not cancelled by the MSHSL. The current procedure for daily attendance and grading in relation to traditional letter grades or pass/fail was presented. Director of Business Services Joe Prom was invited to give an update of food service meals and transportation packet delivery. The Kidstop-run child-care program for essential workers at Pine Meadow continues to run well with numbers decreasing slightly.

Enrollment Report:

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

School Board Committee Reports:

Chair Snoberger reported on potential lease of space to the Benton-Stearns Education District at the District Service Center, highlighting the benefits to both districts.

Director Raden reported the recent Communications and Technology committee meeting she attended.

A motion was made by Nies and seconded by Marushin to APPROVE #1-15:

New Employees/Changes:

Cris Drais, PME, grade 1, \$54,462, BA20, Step H, transfer, 8/31/2020; Dan Eekhoff, SHS, LTS, \$191.45/day, replacing Emily Stoebe, 4/20/2020; Amie Hentges, SHS, activities secretary, \$29.83/hour, RV, S6, 222 days/year, 8 hours/day, replacing Ronell Uran, 7/1/2020; Mark Krippner, SHS, science, \$70,829, MA30, Step K, new position, 8/31/2020; Greg Henning, SHS, head cross country, \$6,124 (13 percent), BA, Step F (\$47,106), replacing Jeff Kellerman, 8/17/2020; Rebecca Monahan, PME, grade 1, \$76,061, MA30, Step N, transfer, 8/31/2020; Courtney Murray, SHS, technology education, \$43,024, BA, Step B, replacing Warren Christie, 8/26/2020; Cheryl Nies, ORE, cook, \$24.76/hour, RIV, S6, 6.25 hours/day, new position, 8/26/2020; Brittany Olson, PME, grade 2, \$58,371, MA10, Step D, transfer, 8/31/2020; Rachel Petty, ORE, kindergarten, \$42,002, BA, Step A, replacing Rebecca Monahan, 8/26/2020; Brennan Rath, RIS, ITS, \$65,061, MA, Step M, transfer, 8/31/2020; Amy Schaefer, SMS, SPED, \$59,787, MA, Step H, replacing Pat Cicharz, 8/26/2020; Lisa Thielen, SMS, EBD SPED-Level III, \$60,806, MA, Step I, new position, 8/26/2020.

New Employees – Pending Licensure:

Ilsa Stone, ORE, kindergarten, \$42,002, BA, Step A, replacing Cris Drais, 8/26/2020; Waverly Moline, ORE, kindergarten, \$42,002, BA, Step A, replacing Shannan Kral, 8/26/2020.

Leaves of Absence:
None.

On a roll-call vote, the following voted in favor: Kramer, Nies, Byrd, Marushin, Raden and Snoberger. The following voted against: none. Motion carried 6-0.

A motion was made by Kramer and seconded by Nies TO APPROVE AWARDING

CONTRACTS TO LOW RESPONSIBLE BIDS FOR RIVER-VIEW INTERMEDIATE RENOVATION AS RECOMMENDED BELOW:

Contract 10: Alumnum Entrances / Glazing Strutural Glass Products \$71,800

Contract 12: Tiling Tim’s Construction Group \$45,138

Contract 13: Floor Coverings Commercial Flooring Services \$54,136

Contract 15: Acoustical Ceiling St. Cloud Acousticstics \$119,650

Contract 17: Accessories-Material Construction Supply: \$7,007

Contract 18: SignageBuild-ing Material Supply: \$5,450

Contract 21: Window Shades Multiple Concepts Interior: \$3,145

Bid Clarification Notes:

The following contracts did not receive bids and will be awarded at a later date:

Contract 16: Painting

On a roll-call vote, the following voted in favor: Kramer, Nies, Byrd, Marushin, Raden and Snoberger. The following voted against: none. Motion carried 6-0.

A motion was made by Marushin and seconded by Raden to MOVE THE LOCATION OF THE MAY 18, 2020 REGULAR BOARD MEETING FROM SARTELL HIGH SCHOOL -WATAB ROOM 101-102 TO THE DISTRICT SERVICE CENTER VIA TELECONFERENCE. On a roll-call vote, the following voted in favor: Kramer, Nies, Byrd, Marushin, Byrd and Snoberger. The following voted against: none. Motion carried 6-0.

Schedule Work Session and Committee Meetings:

Board Work Session – Wednesday, May 6 – District Services Center @ 6:30 p.m.

Future Board Meeting – Monday, May 18 – District Services Center @ 6:30 p.m.

Committee Assignments were reviewed.

A motion to ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 8:24 p.m. was made by Nies and seconded by Marushin. On a roll call vote, the following voted in favor: Kramer, Nies, Byrd, Marushin, Raden and Snoberger. The following voted against: none. Motion carried 6-0.

/s/ Amanda Byrd, clerk

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Opinion

Our View

Don't tie Postal Service funding, fees to politics

In 1775, when the Continental Congress appointed Benjamin Franklin the first postmaster general, the challenges facing today's post office could hardly be imagined.

The U.S. Postal Service is one of few federal agencies explicitly authorized by the Constitution. It is legally obligated to serve all Americans, regardless of geography, at uniform price and quality.

"Price and quality" are at the heart of the current debate about post office funding. The Postal Service faces yet again another budget crisis resulting from fewer First Class letters, mandated contributions to pensions and an obligation to deliver to every mailbox, no matter how remote and expensive to reach.

Congress needs to act on Postal Service funding and at the same time there should be an independent audit to determine appropriate postage rates.

The Postal Service confronts several financial challenges. More people emailing and fewer people licking stamps means less revenue. In 2006, Congress passed a law to require the USPS to pre-fund 75 years worth of retiree health benefits in the span of 10 years – a cost of approximately \$110 billion. Although the money is intended to be set aside for future postal retirees, the funds are instead being diverted to help pay down the national debt.

Unlike FedEx or UPS, the Postal Service must deliver to every address. It costs the same to mail a letter across town (although hardly anyone does that anymore) than it does to mail a friend in Hawaii or Key West.

Unlike military bases, national parks or NASA launch sites, every congressional district has post offices. No member of congress wants to shut down, raise the price or cut the services of this ubiquitous and popular public service. A survey by the Pew Research Center finds at a time when only a tiny fraction of people surveyed believe the federal government does the right thing most of the time, 90 percent of respondents have a favorable opinion of the Postal Service, a higher rating than any other agency.

Now the public health crisis means the post office is more important than ever. We buy more online and many people depend on mail delivery of prescriptions. When you buy from Amazon and other online retailers, it's a good bet FedEx or UPS hands off that package to the Postal Service to be delivered the last mile to your house.

With a general election months away, Congress and many state officials who run voting see mail-in ballots as a safe, fraud-free way of making sure every person can vote without risking their health. Some 45 states, including Minnesota, allow some form of voting by mail. Before the pandemic struck the United States, five states – Colorado, Hawaii, Oregon, Utah and Washington – conducted their elections using a vote-by-mail system. Other states are now acting to increase vote-by-mail options.

Unfortunately, these two issues – postage rates and vote by mail – collide with two of Donald Trump's pet peeves.

Amazon's owner, Jeff Bezos, also owns the Washington Post, which has a long history of holding presidents accountable (remember Richard Nixon and Bill Clinton) with aggressive, independent reporting. Trump would like to quadruple the rate Amazon pays to ship. However USPS leaders say they make money on packages and they are required by law to charge the cost of service.

More than Washington Post reporters, the prospect of voting by mail, really gets under Trump's skin. With a high voter turnout, helped in part by easier voting, he sees an abrupt and embarrassing end to his presidency.

Whether we should increase vote-by-mail options should be decided by elected officials and secretaries of state. It should not get tangled up with funding the post office.

Congress should provide short-term funding to keep the USPS operating beyond September, and meanwhile, independent analysts should take a critical look at postage rates and services and come up with a budget based on facts, not political pique.

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We've failed to imagine pandemic victims

Mike Knaak
Editor



How old are you?
How much do you weigh?
How tall are you?
Almost from birth, we're obsessed with numbers and counting. Babies quickly learn how to count fingers and toes. As we get older, we keep counting.

What's your SAT score?
How much money do you make?
How's your 401(k) doing?
So it is with the coronavirus pandemic.

How many masks do we have? How many ventilators? How many people are in the ICU? And – how many people died today?

This past week, the virus claimed its 100,000th American life.

In reporting the daily death toll that's now around 1,200, reporters have tried to compare it with something we can relate to. We're told it equals the lives lost if five airliners crashed every day. As total deaths mounted, we learned the number exceeded Americans who died on 9/11. Then it surpassed the 7,000 soldiers who died in Afghanistan and Iraq. Next we buried more Americans than the 36,517 total deaths in the Korean War and quickly passed the 58,209 American deaths in the Vietnam War.

Last Sunday, the New York Times published the names of a 1,000 of those victims on the front page. That full newspaper page only recorded 1 percent of those who died.

Almost 3,000 people died in the 9/11 attacks. In the days that followed, we learned about the victims' lives, their families, how they died and how some of them died trying to save others.

Much to honor, to mourn, on these dark days

These days, my neighbors and I sit on the lawn and yell at one another.

No, we're not arguing. We're doing the new normal – social distancing. But communication is difficult because we are so hard-of-hearing we're next door to deaf.

And so we sit far apart and yell our heads off.

"What did you say? I can't hear you with that TRAIN roaring by! Speak LOUDER!"

"I said, 'It's kind of humid today.'"

"WHO did WHAT today?"

"No, no, NO! HUMID. It's HUMID today."

"Oh, yeah, you're right. It IS!"

By this fall, we'll probably all be sitting there screaming at one another through those big ear funnel-trumpets or maybe by then we'll all be fitted, finally, with hearing aids. I keep hearing in my head my parents' frequent admonition of years ago when they'd have a snoutful: "Nobody's gettin' any younger. And that old gray mare, she ain't what she used to be."

Thus, here we are adapting in our own ways to this new reality caused by a vicious invisible virus.

As a reporter covering CV-related stories, I'm so impressed with the many people who are adapting inventively. They are using true grit, ingenuity, creativity, makeshift methods and extraordinary kindness and courtesy toward others to ease them and others through sometimes long, lonely, anxious hours. There are parents and children all home together doing their

ers. Americans' outrage led to two wars, one of which continues 19 years later. We vowed to avenge their deaths and hold those who planned and sheltered the terrorists to account.

Standing on a pile of rubble at Ground Zero, President Bush shouted through a bull horn "I can hear you! I can hear you! The rest of the world hears you! And the people – and the people who knocked these buildings down will hear all of us soon!"

As the Covid-19 death toll climbs, where's the outrage, the sense of purpose, the national unity that followed 9/11? Why haven't we focused on the individuals who died and where's the concern to keep the rest of us safe?

Recently, Donald Trump started to question the death toll – that the numbers are inflated to make him look bad while in reality, public health experts say the toll is higher, not lower. A Florida public health official, not a politician, lost her job because she refused to manipulate death data for political purposes. Nebraska's Republican governor blocked infection and death details from the state's packing plants.

It's all about the numbers, as if hiding the actual death count means those people really didn't die.

A study by Columbia University showed 36,000 fewer people would

have died if U.S. officials would have acted just one week earlier to impose social distancing measures. Move it back a week earlier, to March 1, and 54,000 fewer Americans would have died. Trump responded, not with sympathy for the victims or reflection on policy. He attacked Columbia as a "liberal, disgraceful institution."

Numbers are crucial to how Trump sees the world – how high is the stock market, what's the trade deficit with China, what was the rating for his latest television appearance?

Health experts constantly repeat wearing a face covering, washing your hands and staying 6 feet away from others are the easiest ways we can all save lives. Yet mask opponents see those measures as a symbol of one's political or social standing. When deciding whether to follow proven public health practices, think about the individuals you may be saving...your aging parents, your friend with a compromised immune system or a child with asthma. Commit an unselfish, but inconvenient act.

A report investigating the government failures before 9/11 found the fundamental flaw was a failure of imagination. Officials failed to connect the dots to conclude that terrorists would actually hijack airliners and fly them into big buildings.

In this tragedy too, we have a failure of imagination. We have failed to imagine the faces, families and life stories behind the deaths of 100,000 of our fellow citizens. We just keep counting the numbers.

forcing them to let their employees go as they agonize whether or not their businesses will even survive.

Of course, even sadder than the economic devastation are all the people who have died, cut down so swiftly, so cruelly by that hideous virus: spouses, parents, grandparents, nurses, doctors, nursing-home residents, military veterans, transportation workers, even some little children. It goes on and on, this ghastly parade of death. More than 100,000 victims. And still counting.

It's impossible to fathom the sheer extent of that kind of suffering and sorrow when people are unable to comfort, to hug or to say goodbye in person to precious loved ones at the brink of death. Even the mourning process at funerals is not possible in these dark days.

This pandemic is such a heavy burden in so many complicated ways for so many people. It's no wonder – with all the pent-up anxieties – that people want to bust out of their isolation and all this social distancing and join others for a grand old time. There's nothing normal about this new normal; people are social creatures, meant to be together. Let's hope the darkness will pass, that the gloom and doom will soon be vanquished by a brimming, celebratory life force.

In the meantime, let's wear masks and continue social distancing. And let's thank and pay honor to all these everyday heroes who are finding such ingenious, generous ways in getting us all through these toughest of times.

Dennis Dalman
Reporter



jobs or learning via computers as they discover and rediscover fun ways to be together, to have fun, to bond. There are dedicated teachers connecting online to at-home students. There are volunteers delivering lunches to students and to elderly and/or medically compromised folks who must self-isolate as virtual shut-ins.

The constant courage of those on the front lines of the battle against CV is awe-inspiring – all of those doctors, nurses and medical technicians who are often exhausted physically and emotionally after long work shifts.

Then there are those caught between a rock and a hard place, the ones who cannot work from home, who go to their jobs because they must go – either out of a sense of undying dedication or because they need the money, paycheck to paycheck, to pay the bills and feed their families.

Then there are those workers – oh so many of them – whose jobs have vanished or who are laid off, perhaps permanently. Millions of them have lost their health insurance along with their jobs. Imagine the terror they must be feeling. And let's also remember all the small-business owners who find themselves in a terrible financial pinch,

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out a way how they can appear together on the show with safe distancing.

“People are really enjoying the show,” Lumley said. “You get a few people who tune in and watch the whole thing. And a lot of people don’t necessarily watch, but they listen. And some pop in for five or 10 minutes.”

Lumley started the show in his basement and later moved it to his garage for more space.

“I started the show in March, and I had a good fan base right from the start,” he said. “I really missed performing because I love to share music. That’s one reason I started the show. I really missed playing, and I knew a lot of people sitting at home getting bored. So I got all my equipment and figured out how to do it (create the show).”

Recently, Lumley helped start

another livestream Facebook website, one for live entertainment from Rolling Ridge, a wedding and events center in St. Joseph. Lumley books musical entertainment talents for Rolling Ridge. The first show, called Woodfire Wednesday, was presented at 7 p.m. May 20.

When he’s not making music, Lumley is spending a lot of time at home with his family – wife Cheryl, an accountant; and children Gavin, Makayda and Ryland, all of them elementary-school students. The parents help the children with their distance-learning lessons and projects.

Lumley graduated from Anandale High School, then lived in Clearwater for a time and graduated from St. Cloud State University in 2006.

To view and hear the Dave Lumley Music show, go to Facebook and type in DaveLumleyMusic in the search bar. The shows, again, are at 7 p.m. every Thursday and Sunday.



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Borgert greets family member in Country Manor
The extended family of Eugene and Marilyn Borgert gathered outside County Manor in Sartell on May 25 to greet Eugene, who is being treated for back issues. Marilyn died on May 22 and his family was not able to be with him because of Covid-19 restrictions. The staff moved his bed closer to the window so he could see his family and they talked on speaker phone.

An open letter to Archbishop Hebda

Amy Bergeron, Sartell
Dear Archbishop Hebda,
I am a lifelong practicing Catholic. It is with a sad heart that I listened to your statement and intention to defy Gov Walz’s executive Covid-19 restrictions around gatherings, which includes places of worship. I know the St Paul Cathedral is huge, extravagantly beautiful and accommodates

thousands. I fear your archbishop chair view, however, is myopic. Your statements re-open deep wounds of misguided church power and authority. It is my concern that you missed the point of caring, unity and leadership for a whole flock, who live outside the borders of ‘your’ cathedral. You had a great opportunity to model Christ in humility, prayerful wisdom and obedience. Instead, you seemed to forget about community, faith and prayer in an age, where

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we can, and have, creatively been brought together in worship with spiritual teaching, reading of the Word, and even Mass on our TVs, computers and phones. Why not bring us together, instead of dividing us about coming (or not coming) to a building to worship?

This week, I saw the demolition of my home-town church in Melrose, destroyed by arson; another really sad story. It was the spiritual home of a “strong faith community,” so say Restore St. Mary advocates. Un-

fortunately the strength of the faith community has been put to the test... a people now scattered and bitterly divided with the loss of our great historic Church AND missteps in pastoral care by Archbishop Kettler, in the Diocese of St Cloud.

This is so very hurtful. Is not our faith more than a house of worship?

So here is my question for your prayerful consideration. Where is Catholic leadership in looking after the faith and common good? What is true

shepherding? What is in the service and care to the Catholic community that buildings don’t provide?

In summary then, it is my concern that this is not the time for the Catholic Church to be yet another source of pain and division. If you pray today, instead of lifting up your voice to speak... please try more listening. It is something we all need more of, including me.

God bless.

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.

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Sartell Farmers’ Market, 3-6 p.m., Bernick’s Arena.

Wednesday, June 3
St. Stephen City Council, 6:30 p.m., City Hall, 2 Sixth Ave. E.
Sartell-St. Stephen school board, 6:30 p.m. District Service Center, 212 Third Ave. N.

Monday, June 8
Sartell Farmers’ Market, 3-6 p.m., Bernick’s Arena.
Sartell City Council, 6 p.m., City Hall, 125 Pinecone Road N.

Tuesday, June 9
Le Sauk Township Board, 7 p.m., Township Hall, 220 Fourth Ave. S., Sartell. Until further notice, meetings will be held electronically using the GoToMeeting App.

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