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Polling place moved

Because of the Covid-19 pandemic, the polling place for Precinct 1 has been moved from Haehn Campus Center to Resurrection Lutheran Church for the primary and general elections. The Precinct 2 polling place remains the Government Center. The change generally affects people west of College Avenue.

Walk to End Alzheimer's volunteers needed

Volunteers are needed to help the Alzheimer's Association plan the next Walk to End Alzheimer's. Volunteers will coordinate logistics, recruit new participants and sponsors, market the event, seek refreshments and prizes, plan entertainment and help ensure the event reaches fundraising goals. The committee meets monthly. The event is scheduled for Saturday, Sept. 12, at Lake George in St. Cloud. Contact Jenny, Alzheimer's Association at 320-257-0696 or jatheis@alz.org.

Mask drop-off sites

The need for masks continues. Make and donate cloth masks for at-risk community members. This link <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/how-to-make-cloth-face-covering.html> from the CDC-Centers for Disease Control and Prevention indicates how masks are used and also shows patterns for making masks. Completed masks can be dropped off at Coborn's, 900 Cooper Ave. S., St. Cloud, behind the service counter during store hours and at Whitney Senior Center West Door, 1527 Northway Drive, St. Cloud, in the covered bin marked MASKS. The bin is available Monday-Friday 8-4:30 p.m. Click here for the pattern. Contact Mary Krippner, United Way Volunteer Engagement manager at 320-223-7991.

Food prep helped needed

The Yes Network is looking for help with food preparation in their St. Cloud State University and Apollo High School kitchens. Help is needed 8-11 a.m., two or three days a week, four to five people a day. Contact Jerry, Yes Network at jerrysparby@gmail.com.

More businesses begin to re-open, cautiously

by Dennis Dalman
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Spring has sprung, summer is just around the bend, and many St. Joseph residents who are finally able to go to local businesses are mighty happy about de-isolating in the nice weather.

Those are the many people tired of being cooped-up or otherwise isolated due to the ongoing virus pandemic, which started a deadly infection swath across the United States, starting this past March.

St. Joseph restaurants/bars opened June 1 for limited outdoor dining restrictions and June 10 for limited indoor dining, as well. In addition, June 10 was the re-opening date, with limitations, for many other businesses such as churches, hair and nail salons, movie theaters, bowling alleys and more.

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photo by Dennis Dalman

On a hot and windy Sunday, June 7, people gathered for lunch and refreshments at Neighbors Route 75 Bar and Grill just east of St. Joseph.

Annual July 4 quilt auction moves online

by Cori Hilsgen
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People who enjoy an occasional alcoholic drink usually have a preference for what they like to drink.

If you are one of these people and prefer to drink Crown Royal Whiskey, a blended Canadian whiskey, you might be interested in a quilt the Church of St. Joseph quilters pieced, quilted and hand-stitched for the parish's annual Fourth of July festival.

The church festival has been canceled this year because of the Covid-19 pandemic, but an online quilt auction will be conducted the weekend of July 4.

The 90- by 98-inch Crown Royal quilt was pieced together by Jeny Meyer and Michelle Mehr and contains blocks created from the colorful whiskey logo bags that were donated by Jim Fautsch in memory of his wife Phyllis, and

Ann Terwey.

Even though the quilters were forced to stop stitching in mid-March because of the Covid-19 pandemic, they still have a large selection of quilts they were able to finish before residents were asked to stay home and practice social distancing.

In addition to the Crown Royal quilt, this year's selection for the online quilt auction also includes at least 19 full- to queen-size and 17 baby quilts.

Delrose Fischer, who has been the chairperson since 1996, said she is always looking for new ideas for the festival auction.

"We really have some unique quilts this year," she said.

The group of quilters who meet regularly to stitch together includes Fischer, Marilyn Brinkman, Cathy Buchheit, Sharon Froehle, Ione Jacobs, Linda Loso, Jeny Meyer, Josie Meyer, Betty Schloemer, Ilene

Quilts • back page



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This Grandmother's Rose Garden quilt, made from vintage fabric, is included with this year's selection of quilts to be auctioned. The blocks, donated by Kay Lemke, were pieced together by her mother Viola Hiemenz.

Citizen-friendly budget software approved

by Mike Knaak
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Ways to open up city government and encourage more citizen participation were the focus of the June 1 St. Joseph City Council meeting.

Members approved one new service but postponed a decision on a second plan so they could do more research.

The council unanimously approved paying \$7,000 a year for budgeting software that will provide citizens with a web-based method to dig into the details of the city budget. Instead of just seeing numbers, the software, produced by ClearGov, will offer more detailed descriptions, charts and data to compare similar cities. Department heads will be able

to update budget narratives and department goals.

Council member Bob Loso asked if the administration would be able to monitor usage. Just like the rest of the city website, traffic can be tracked.

The annual fee includes training and software upgrades. The money will come from the administration's capital budget. The new service should be run-

ning in two to four weeks.

The council postponed a decision on a second proposal that would allow remote video participation in meetings for council members and the public.

There's a greater need for remote access by council members and the public to follow social distancing guidelines. Local

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Obituary

Leander J. Meyer, 98
St. Joseph
Feb. 2, 1922-June 1, 2020

Leander J. Meyer, 98, died peacefully on Monday, June 1, 2020, at Serenity Place in St. Joseph. A private Mass of Christian Burial was followed by burial in the St. Joseph Parish Cemetery.

Meyer was born Feb. 2, 1922, to C. Margaret (Sand) and Maximilian Meyer. He married Dolores Bechtold on May 20, 1947. Together they raised seven children on the family farm in St. Joseph. Meyer also developed a business as a woodworker and cabinet maker; his handiwork can be found in many central Minnesota homes and businesses. After retirement, both he and Dolores enjoyed wintering in Arizona, and he was able to continue traveling there until 2018. Lee, as he was known in the community, was known for his extensive volunteer service. He served as the St. Joseph Township Clerk for 16 years. He was the Chair of the St. Joseph Parish July 4th Festival for 25 years. In the early 90s, he was the grand marshal of the Festival parade.



Meyer

On July 4, 2019, he was grand marshal again, this time as a 97 year old. He and Dolores were active with Senior Citizens of St. Joseph and were honored in a July 4th Festival parade as Senior King and Queen. He served in various volunteer positions for the Knights of Columbus and the Catholic Order of Foresters (mutual insurance) and was active for many years as a member and an officer of the American Milk Producers Inc. He delivered Meals on Wheels as an RSVP volunteer well into his 80s.

Meyer's pastimes covered a range of interests. A dedicated fisherman and hunter, he was a lifetime member of the St. Joseph Rod and Gun Club. In their younger years, he and Dolores enjoyed 20 plus years of square dancing and danced competitively throughout the region. In between woodshop commissions, he crafted grandfather clocks — some made for family members and others donated to the St. Joseph Parish for fundraising. He enjoyed cardplaying from boyhood until his final days and was proficient in many games, including Wizard, a game he taught to staff and residents at Serenity Place.

Meyer believed in service that extended beyond organizations to include neighbors, friends, family and sometimes strangers. He offered a helping

hand to anyone who needed it, and his genuine affection for all kinds of people made him a good friend to many. He loved telling a good story and playing practical jokes. He will be remembered as a man who knew hardship and hard work, but who always did his best with enthusiasm, energy and a can-do attitude. He will be missed by many.

Survivors include the following: daughters Kathleen of St. Joseph, Rita (Larry Rapp) of North Oaks, and Helen of Minneapolis; sons David (Debbie) of White Bear Lake, John (Susan) of Ocala, Florida, James (Susan Hennen) of Sartell, and Paul (Christine) of Plymouth; 16 grandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren; sister Marcella Roe of Grey Eagle; and sisters-in-law Josephine Meyer of St. Joseph and Dorothy Meyer of Sedona, Arizona.

He was preceded in death by his wife Dolores; parents Margaret and Max; and siblings Cyril, Catherine and Roman.

The family is grateful for the support and care provided by the staff of Serenity Place and the Centracare Hospice and Homecare Program.

Memorials are preferred to the St. Joseph Community Food Shelf, P.O. Box 384, St. Joseph, MN 56374. Personal condolences can be sent to the Meyer Family, 22 E. Minnesota St., St. Joseph, MN 56374.

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Re-open

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The St. Joseph City Council, like other area city councils, recently approved an interim ordinance allowing outdoor tables to be placed on fenced-in areas of sidewalks and onto parking lots. The businesses obtained permits from the cities after submitting their safety plans for re-opening.

The rules for outdoor dining are that tables must be 6 feet apart, no more than four people per table unless they are

all family members, staff are required to wear face masks, reservations must be made and no more than 50 people can be seated at one time.

Phase III

As of June 10, businesses continued to re-open with the mandated safety measures as spelled out in the governor's Phase III re-opening plans.

Those businesses include – again – bars and restaurants that may now offer indoor dining but only at 50 percent capacity of their maximum allowable seating as allowed under a particular establish-

ment's fire-safety capacity. Outdoor seating can also be extended to a maximum of 250 people.

Other businesses that received a green light on June 10 are churches, hair salons, nail salons, barber shops, swimming pools, some sporting, movie theaters, bowling alleys, gymnasiums, outdoor gatherings and some indoor gatherings.

Safety restrictions apply to all of them. Churches, for example, can accommodate up to 50 percent of the former number of worshippers.

Outdoor gatherings allow

for up to 25 people at once, and indoor gatherings (such as parties) are advised to host only 10 people or fewer at a time.

Salons (hair, nails and more) can increase their customer numbers from 25 percent to 50 percent as of June 10.

Sports that don't involve body contact, such as tennis or shuffleboard, are now allowed, but the body-contact sports are still not allowed to

host games.

Gym areas are allowed a 25- percent customer capacity.

Bowling alleys and movie theaters can also have up to a 25-percent customer capacity.

Outdoor concerts can be held for up to 250 people with social distancing of six feet.

In all of those activities and gatherings, social distancing must be adhered to, and the wearing of masks is strongly recommended by the governor's re-opening safety plan.

Council

from front page

governments across the state are looking for ways to comply with open meeting laws during the public health crisis. Beyond the current social-distancing challenges, council members favored options for citizens to participate in meetings without attending in person, but were not ready to pick a solution.

Mayor Rick Schultz said he favored some method for remote meetings, but he wants to investigate other options and see what other cities are do-

ing before approving a specific plan.

The \$7,200 proposal also included adding a microphone and other electronics to another council table workstation. The council approved that expense but propositioned a decision on the remote video conferencing equipment.

Lobbying contract

The council agreed to extend for one month at a cost of \$1,000 the contract with its legislative lobbyist.

St. Joseph's two bonding requests, for the Community Center and East Park, could be part of a bonding bill when the legislature returns for an

expected special session later this month.

Summer projects

Public Works Director Terry Thene reported picnic tables have been delivered to restaurants and bars to provide outdoor seating following easing of Covid-19 restrictions. Thene said the College of St. Benedict and St. Benedict's Monastery contributed some tables to the effort.

Two projects, paving in the industrial park and Millstream Park parking lot, are on schedule.

The City Council's next meeting is 6 p.m. Wednesday, June 15.

Blotter

If you have a tip concerning a crime, call the St. Joseph Police Department at 320-363-8250 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.

May 20

2:08 a.m. Alarm. First Avenue SE. Alarms were going off in the Community Center but the office found no smoke or fire. The fire department arrived to take care of the alarm.

2:48 a.m. Alarm. First Avenue SE. A second alarm went off while the officer was in the parking lot. The alarm company was contacted.

1:13 p.m. Harassment. Baker Street E. A man was reported to be harassing a woman because he wanted to see his son. The man was advised to go through the courts and the woman was advised to complete a trespass form and to seek a court order keeping him away. The man left.

May 21

1:11 p.m. Garbage dumping. Second Avenue NE. There was a report of garbage dumped on a yard. The officer found the person who dumped the garbage is a St. Joseph resident who missed the pickup at her house, so she took the items to her son's house. Police explained the garbage pickup rules to the woman.

8:24 p.m. Dumping complaint. 12th Avenue SE. A woman found two paint cans with old paint dumped by her mailbox. Neighbors did not see anything. Paint can be dropped off at the hazardous waste

facility.

May 23

1:45 p.m. Threats. Iris Lane NE. A man received text messages that listed his family members and contained photos from the internet that appeared to be of murdered people. The sender's number appeared to be a scam. The man blocked the number.

May 24

2:48 p.m. Harassment. Baker Street E. A woman reported a neighbor was harassing her with letters, Facebook posts and talking about her to other neighbors. The woman is working on getting an order for protection. The woman also said there is a missing key to her apartment. The items were added to the case file and the officer advised the woman to get her locks changed.

May 29

12:54 p.m. Scam. Ash Street E. A woman said she received a letter saying her unemployment benefits had been denied, but she did not apply for benefits. The unemployment office reported someone used the woman's name, address, date of birth and Social Security number to apply on May 25. A check was sent to an unknown account for \$1,340. The account has been locked. The woman was advised to contact her bank, credit card companies, Social Security and her employer. The woman did not lose any money.

June 5

5:48 p.m. Scam. Hill Street W. A woman reported she received a letter about an inheritance. The letter said the inheritance was coming from a relative who had died recently. The person named died three years ago and she was not

expecting any inheritance from the death. The woman was advised to discard the letter.

7:30 p.m. Fraud. Cypress Drive. A woman signed up online to have her car wrapped with advertising. She received a check for \$2,950 and she called the bank listed. The bank said it sounded like it might be fraudulent. The officer called the phone number listed on the letter that came with the check and it was no good.

June 6

8:39 p.m. Fire. Minnesota Street E. An officer arrived at a fire call and saw smoke coming out of the windows. The officer met with the homeowner who said it was burned food and there was no active fire. The fire department was canceled.

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Resources for persons affected by the pandemic

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Announcements brought to you by Cultural Bridges of St. Joseph, a committee of Central Minnesota Community Empowerment Organization. We are dedicated to ease your transition into our community.

Senior Dining Meals on Wheels is available for those who are home bound and unable to get out. Diners receive frozen dinners that can be heated up anytime. Contact 320-845-4070. Volunteers are needed for delivery.

The St. Joseph Food Shelf is open 1-3 p.m. Mondays and Thursdays at the Community Center, 124 First Ave. SE. If you can't go at these times, you can schedule a time to go

there. Contact number is 478-213-2700.

The Catholic Worker Organization is providing shelter and food for persons in the area who are unsheltered. Contact Molly Weyrens at 320-828-4465 or centralmncw@gmail.com. Donations requested, P.O. Box 94, St. Joseph, MN 56374.

AVIVO provides chemical and mental health services, career education and employment, household items, small appliances, technology items

and shelf-stable food. Contact avivomn.org for a complete list. Contact 320-227-1300. Donations of cash or items requested.

The Great River Regional Library provides books for pick up at 1300 St. Germain St. Contact 320-650-2500.

The Community Gardens at St. Benedict's Monastery may still have plots available. Somali residents contact Mary Quinlivan at 612-616-5343. All others contact Sister Patricia

Ruether at 320-363-7100.

Midnimo Grocery and Halal Meat provides free food for Somali residents experiencing food insecurity. Address: 2 21st Ave. S., St. Cloud. Phone: 320-281-5141.

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(From left) Terri Boysen, Lou Jagielski and Joan Thralow with cookies for the soldiers.

Cooking treats for the troops

Resurrection Lutheran Church has a reputation for being community minded and serving those who serve including the military. When the Rev. Jennifer Thul's husband deployed, Terri Boysen and Joan Thralow started thinking and planning and organizing ways to help. When asked

what soldiers need, chaplain Maj. Daryl Thul initially said sheet sets and blankets. As the deployment went on and soldiers were missing home, Thul suggested homemade cookies. "Make sure they are slightly undercooked because then when they get here they aren't all dried out and inedible," he

advised.

Thul is the brigade chaplain for Headquarters and Headquarters Company of the 34th Combat Aviation Brigade. The brigade has been deployed throughout the Middle East since fall 2019.

This is the second shipment of cookies to the troops. The first shipment was 1,000 cookies and were made by several Resurrection Lutheran women. This time, St. Joseph community members joined the group.

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Decline in Credit Cards

Paper or plastic? More people are choosing the former when it comes to their finances.

Americans are paying off their credit card debt at unprecedented rates, according to the Federal Reserve System.

As consumers pay off their cards, many people are choosing to completely ditch them or keep the balances low with basic purchases that allow for quick payoffs. This strategy helps accelerate credit rating improvement and allows for growth in savings.

THE DECLINE

Consumer debt related to credit cards has been steadily falling by billions of dollars over the past few years.

Debit cards have a lot to do with the decline. Experts say that the dollar amount of purchases placed on debit cards will exceed that put on credit cards by next year.

Debit cards offer the convenience of making quick transactions without the seemingly endless rise in interest rates and late-payment charges associated with credit cards.

MORE RESPONSIBLE CONSUMERS

The uncertain economy may be the driving force behind more people paying off their debt and avoiding credit card misuse.

Consumer delinquencies fell to an 18-year low in January, according to the American Bankers Association.

With people paying more attention to their finances and building effective budgeting strategies, the ABA attributes the sharp decline in delinquencies to a more responsible, diligent consumer base.

BY THE NUMBERS

Although on the decline, credit card usage is still a major contributor to household debt, the third largest, in fact, behind mortgage and student loan debt.

The Federal Reserve released these statistics for August 2013 regarding credit cards:

- \$7,120: The average credit card debt per American family
- \$853.6 billion: Americans' total credit card debt
- 46.7%: Percentage of households with a credit card balance



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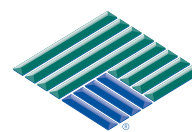


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Opinion

Our View What to do about Two Minnesotas?

The video of a white Minneapolis police officer kneeling on the neck of a black man while he slowly died shocked people around the world. The incident outraged millions, who took to the streets in protest. But by looking deeper than that chilling incident, we find an even larger blight on Minnesota's reputation.

The Twin Cities' shiny image as a progressive city, home to Fortune 500 companies, innovators in technology and medicine, and world-class health care, arts and education is an illusion for the state's people of color. With a closer look at the facts, that shiny illusion fades.

The legacy of rogue and racist Minneapolis cops is not news to anyone who pays attention. Minnesota's race issues go far beyond fixing the Minneapolis Police Department.

By many measurements, we see we are not One Minnesota, but Two Minnesotas. Stark racial differences in quality of life have long existed and the protests peeled back that reality for many in the state who were unaware, Gov. Tim Walz said.

Let's start with the police department. About 20 percent of Minneapolis's population of 430,000 is black. But when the police get physical nearly 60 percent of the time the person subject to that force is black, according to the department's records.

Since 2015, the Minneapolis police have documented using force about 11,500 times. For at least 6,650 acts of force, the subject of that force was black. By comparison, the police have used force about 2,750 times against white people, who make up about 60 percent of the population. Those numbers mean Minneapolis cops use force against black people at a rate at least seven times that of white people during the past five years.

Now let's look at income and home ownership.

The typical black family in Minneapolis earns less than half as much as the typical white family and homeownership among black people is one-third the rate of white families.

As a result, many black families have been effectively locked out of the prosperity the city's overwhelmingly white population enjoys.

The median black family income in Minneapolis was \$36,000 in 2018, according to Census Bureau data. Though that figure compares favorably with black families in many other U.S. metro areas, it is far from the nearly \$83,000 a typical white family in the city would earn. The \$47,000 difference is one of the largest such gaps in the nation.

In percentage terms, the typical black household earns only 44 percent as much as the typical white one. Of the nation's 100 largest metropolitan areas, only Milwaukee has a larger gap between black and white earnings.

Roughly one-quarter of black families in Minneapolis own their home, which is one of the lowest black homeownership rates in the United States. The city's white families, by contrast, have one of the nation's highest rates at 76 percent. The resultant gap works out to more than 50 percentage points. Only Madison, Wisconsin, and Scranton/Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania, have larger gaps.

The housing disparity dates back 75 years or more. In the first half of the 20th century estate transactions in many Minneapolis neighborhoods were bound by provisions that limited ownership to white families. As racially-restrictive deeds spread, African Americans were pushed into a few small areas of the city. And even as the number of black residents continued to climb, ever-larger swaths of the city became entirely white. Though no longer enforceable, those covenants continue to shape settlement patterns in the Twin Cities.

Minnesotans have a lot of work to do. Nationally, Minnesota ranks fifth in a list of states that have the longest way to go to reach racial equality. Three of our neighboring states (Wisconsin, Iowa and South Dakota), along with Connecticut are ahead of us as states with the biggest disparity. States were ranked by income gap, education gap, home ownership and incarceration rate.

Reacting to the demonstrations, we should, in the words of Colin Powell "rather than curse them we should embrace them." Minnesotans need to take a realistic look at the facts and then take action so we indeed have One Minnesota.

As Walz said last week, "I don't think we get another chance to fix this in our country."

Exploits in space, strife on Earth

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Here we are again. Restarting the space race. NASA launched its first manned rocket from U.S. soil in nine years on May 30. As I watched the high-definition video of the astronauts inside the SpaceX craft, I couldn't help but think about my memories when the first American rocketed into space.

I was a first grader at Waseca's Hartley Elementary School when on a May morning in 1961 Alan Shepard's 15-minute sub-orbital flight launched the United States on the first step to the moon, a mission accomplished in 1969.

I sat in the classroom listening to the scratchy radio broadcast piped over the school's loudspeaker system. In 1961 classrooms weren't equipped with TVs. So the only image I experienced was in my imagination. Years later, on a visit to the Air and Space Museum, I stood next to a tiny Mercury capsule that looked nothing like what the 7-year-old me imagined.

Many of my strongest memories of my youth are tied to space. John Glenn's flight, Apollo 8 circling the moon on Christmas Eve 1968, Apollo 11 landing on the moon on a hot July night in 1969 and Jim Lovell's call from Apollo 13: "Houston, we've had a problem." (Years later I photographed Lovell when he visited St. Cloud.)

Back on planet Earth, other events were not so uplifting. While astronauts soared high above, civil rights demonstrators clashed with police and grow-

ing opposition to the Vietnam War pitted Americans against each other. The nation seemed ready to explode in 1968 with the assassinations of Martin Luther King Jr. and Robert Kennedy.

Here we are again. Last week's protests following the murder of George Floyd reminded me of the riots after King's death. More than just images of burning buildings and looting came to mind. The rhetoric of the 1960s returned too with talk of "when the looting starts, the shooting starts" and the prospect of turning "vicious dogs" on demonstrators - words that described what actually happened in the 1960s. "LAW AND ORDER" means the same thing when Donald Trump says it as it did for Richard Nixon. (Don't worry white people, I'll protect you from the scary black people.)

As I watched the overwhelmingly peaceful demonstrators in Washington, D.C., my mind flashed to the August 1963 March on Washington and King's speech in front of the Lincoln Memorial, again through the eyes of my little-kid memory.

As an adult, on visits to Washington for work or pleasure, I've visited the Lincoln Memorial many times and

I always stand on the steps, imagining the day King stood in that very spot.

Whenever I'm in Washington, I always make a point of walking on the mall, from Lincoln to the Capitol. I prefer going at dusk, after the tourists have gone home, and when the monuments are lit. From Lincoln, it's just a short trip to the Vietnam Veterans Memorial with its black granite walls rising in the darkness.

Farther to the east, the White House appears. Before the Oklahoma City bombing in 1995, you could actually drive past. Then the Secret Service closed the street to all but pedestrian and bicycle traffic. Sadly, security keeps pushing people back from the People's House.

Now the old 6-foot-6-inch tall fence is being replaced by a fence twice as high. During the recent protests, (hopefully) temporary fencing around Lafayette Square to the north and the Ellipse to the south pushed people farther away. And for at least one night, the White House's exterior lights were off. Over at the Lincoln Memorial, soldiers stood in King's spot, "guarding" Lincoln.

Reacting to George Floyd's death, The Rev. Al Sharpton is organizing a March on Washington for late August to mark the 57th anniversary of the historic 1963 demonstration. Sharpton said the event will be led by the families of black people who have died at the hands of police officers.

Here we are again.

Now is not the time for silence

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our own founding documents, from hundreds of years ago, profess.

"We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal," the Declaration of Independence, published in 1776, reads. After 244 years, we still haven't lived up to those words. Using their First Amendment rights to speak and organize, millions of Americans across the country have spoken up over the last few weeks to demand their voices be heard and support family, friends and colleagues who are directly affected by injustices every day.

That is the American spirit at work, and I hope we will listen to the many Americans who have emerged as leaders through these traumatic times and support them in their campaigns to bring about a more fair and just America.

The first step in facing a problem though is admitting it exists. It is high past time we recognize the issues that are faced by millions of Americans everyday because of their race and background. This is especially important for us living in areas where people of color are vastly outnumbered by and often unheard by white majorities. We need to take a step back and let our fellow Americans outline what they

are facing and what needs to be done to combat discrimination and oppression against them. This is not a time for political leaders to propose quick, easy "solutions" and then move on to other issues. They should not take anyone's support or votes for granted. The hardships and disadvantages many Americans live with have been built up and sustained throughout centuries. Even attempting to rectify them will require a long, arduous and committed process.

I hope by using my voice and platform here I can show my support toward those who have been denied a voice and a platform for so long. I know I can't begin to even come close to understanding what so many have experienced unheard and unrecognized.

The worst thing that can be done now though is to stay silent. We cannot afford to let these calls for true change and reform be pushed aside in favor of the next news cycle and once again ignored. That has happened already for far too long, and we owe it to our fellow Americans to take steps now to never let ignorance of their struggles be the norm ever again. We owe it to them to hear their voices and work toward the changes needed to create an America where everyone is safe, valued, respected and heard.

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Quilts

from front page

Schmitt, Geri Schwab and newly recruited quilter DeDe Schulte.

Besides sewing the quilts, Brinkman, Fischer, Loso, Jeny Meyer, Schloemer and Schmitt help Patty Loehlein and Lois Warnert piece quilts.

Froehle, Loso, Schloemer, Schmitt and Schwab hem most of the quilts.

Judy Meemkin, who pieced quilts 1986-2016, occasionally still helps piece baby quilts and sews borders on the quilts. She also helps set up and clean up for the group's Monday lunches.

Lynn Valek threads needles for the group to help make it easier for those who have a difficult time seeing the small holes in the needles.

Another quilt stitched by the group is a Grandmother's Rose Garden quilt donated by Kay Lemke. The blocks on the quilt were pieced by Lemke's mother, Viola Hiemenz, many years ago, pieced by Loso and hemmed by

Schloemer. It is made from vintage fabric.

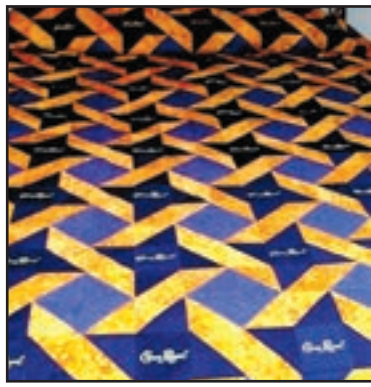
Other quilts include a Lady with Umbrellas quilt that was donated by daughters of Polly Schulte, who helped start the quilting group. Schloemer finished the quilt that had been started by Schulte.

Another is one of Minnesota State Parks with fabric donated by Angie Johnson and pieced together by Loso. A Fun-on-the-Farm quilt was pieced by Warnert. Mary Brinker donated a Sail Boats quilt and Karen Brinkman donated an appliquéd dinosaurs children's quilt. Norine Olmsheid donated five quilt tops and the quilters have stitched two of them for the festival auction.

Fischer said a Robbing Peter to Pay Paul quilt required a lot of stitching and took the quilters four days to complete.

Since 1996, the group has set a goal to try to raise \$10,000 or more from the quilts and have raised between \$9,500-\$13,000 yearly. Last year's quilt auction raised \$13,000.

The group enjoys gathering and visiting with each other as they stitch the quilts. Many of them en-



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The Crown Royal quilt.

joy the social time they can share.

This year, after finishing the Crown Royal quilt, some of them sampled a taste of the whiskey.

Black Diamond Auctions, which has been conducting the quilt auction since 1987, will conduct the online auction. Interested bidders can use their computer or smart phones to participate.

For anyone who is interested in seeing how the auction might work ahead of time, Black Diamond currently has some auctions on their website. Interested bidders can register at the Black Diamond website at any time, even if the quilt auction does not have pictures on it yet.

To register, visit bid.blackdiamondauctions.com.

Jeny Meyer said the quilters are working to create a safe, live quilt preview the weekend of June 27-28 and hope to have all the quilts on display in the Church of St. Joseph Heritage Hall.

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Candidates file for offices with primary elections

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Filings closed June 2 for elected positions with a potential primary on Aug. 11. Here are the filings for offices as recorded by the Secretary of State.

U.S. Senate

DFL incumbent Tina Smith will be challenged by Steve Carlson, Ahmad R. Hassan, Paula Overby and Christopher Lovell Seymore Sr.

Republicans will have a choice between the party endorsed candidate, Jason Lewis, and John L. Berman, Bob Carney Jr., Cynthia Gail and James Reibestein.

Two minor party candidates filed for U.S. Senate. They are Kevin O'Connor, Legal Marijuana Now, and Oliver Steinberg, Grassroots - Legalize Cannabis.

Sixth District

Both parties will conduct primaries in the Sixth District. On the Republican side, incumbent Tom Emmer is challenged by Patrick Munro. Democrats will choose between endorsed candidate Tawnja Zahradka and Aaron Aanerud.

Legislature

There will be no primary contests for District 13 Senate and House.

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In Senate District 13, Republican incumbent Jeff Howe will face DFL challenger Michael Wilmsen. Republican incumbent Tim O'Driscoll will compete with Democrat Benjamin Carollo in District 13B.

House District 13A includes St. Joseph and most of south-east Stearns County from Lynden Township to Paynesville.

St. Cloud school board

There are four seats open on the school board. Incumbents Al Dahlgren, Shannon Haws and Monica M. Segura-Schwartz will be joined on the ballot by Scott Andreasen, Omar Abdullahi Podi and Andrea Preppernau. Incumbent Jeff Pollreis did not file for re-election. With seven candidates, a primary will not be necessary and all candidates will be on the general election ballot.

Commissioner District 2

Incumbent Joe Perske is the only candidate who filed to represent Stearns County Commissioner District 2. There will be no primary for that seat and he will run unopposed on the Nov. 3 ballot.

The filing period for offices that do not conduct primaries runs from July 28 until Aug. 11. Those races include St. Joseph City Council.

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