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Free Movie in Park scheduled Aug. 6

A free Movie in the Park will be shown Thursday, Aug. 6, behind the St. Joseph Community Center, 124 First Ave. SE. Seating starts at 8 p.m. Bring your own lawn chairs, blankets and snacks. No bathrooms nor concessions will be available. Social distancing will be observed; mask use is encouraged. If inclement weather, date will change to Aug. 13.

Garage sale fundraiser set Aug. 12, 13

A garage sale fundraiser, sponsored by the Sartell Senior Connection and Sartell Historical Society, will be held from 7 a.m.-6 p.m. Wednesday and Thursday, Aug. 12 and 13 at the Sartell Community Center, 850 19th St. S. Masks are required to enter the sale and social distancing will be enforced. Donations for the sale will be accepted from 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday and Tuesday, Aug. 10 and 11 at the community center. Book sale: Large selection of new and used, adult and children's books for sale. No clothing please! All items become property of SSC and SHS upon acceptance. All items left at end of sale will be donated to charity. Proceeds will be split between the groups.

Explorer's program informational meeting

The Stearns County Sheriff's Office has scheduled a meeting at 6 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 9, for young people ages 15-21 interested in a law enforcement career. Explorer's Program members learn about law enforcement practices and they volunteer at community events providing security, first aid and traffic control. The group meets from 5:30-9:15 p.m. Sundays. Contact Deputy Eric Schultz at eric.schultz@co.stearns.mn.us to RSVP.

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.



photo by Pablo DeVargas

Look quick before it's gone

Out for a walk after work on July 14, St. Joseph resident Pablo DeVargas sighted the comet Neowise in the sky over the city. He returned to grab his camera and made this photo looking northwest from the new College of St. Benedict athletic fields. He photographed the comet with a 10-second exposure using a Nikon 3200 with a 100mm lens. The 3-mile wide comet made its closest pass to Earth on July 22...just 64 million miles away. You can catch it in the northwestern horizon after sunset. Just follow the Big Dipper down toward the horizon. The best time to look is about 90 minutes after sunset. If you miss it now, there won't be another pass for 6,000 years.

St. Joseph police will add another officer

by Mike Knaak
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Soon there will be another police officer patrolling the streets of St. Joseph.

Thanks to a federal COPS grant approved by the City Council at its July 20 meeting, Chief Dwight Pfannenstien will be hiring an additional officer.

The four-year federal grant pays 75 percent of the wage and benefit package the first year, 50 percent the second

year, 25 percent the third year. The officer must be retained by the city in year four to satisfy the grant requirements. The grant is for \$125,000 paid over the three years.

The chief said need is increasing for another officer to patrol and answer calls. So far this year, calls are running way ahead of last year, even with reduced activities because of the coronavirus.

Pfannenstien said the June count of calls was up by 121.

"We're a month and a half ahead of last year," he said.

Putting another officer on the street will improve response times and improve enforcement of traffic offenses, vandalism and ordinance violations.

The city applied for COPS grants in 2009, 2015 and 2016 but those applications, which would have funded a school resource officer or community service officer, were unsuccessful.

Ambuehl resigns city post

by Mike Knaak
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St. Joseph City Administrator Kris Ambuehl has resigned, according to a statement from Mayor Rick Schultz.



"While we wish Kris well in future endeavors, Kris will be sorely missed. His ability to handle recent, unforeseen and unheard of events confirmed what an asset he is," Schultz said in a statement.

Ambuehl accepted the position of director of Client Development position with Bollig Engineering and Environmental.

"I absolutely loved my position

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Joetown Rocks online raffle a success

by Cori Hilsgen
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Most of the results are in for the Church of St. Joseph raffle, T-shirt sales and online quilt auction and organizers got successful results.

These were the events parishioners were still able to conduct when the Joetown Rocks concert, Church of St. Joseph festival and the St. Joseph Lions annual parade were canceled because of the Covid-19 pandemic.

Church of St. Joseph Business Administrator Amber

Walling said nearly 8,500 raffle tickets were sold for \$10 each for the annual parish raffle.

A grand prize of \$5,000, which was donated by 22 anonymous contributors, and 123 other prizes were raffled off and winners were drawn during a July 4 virtual drawing on Facebook. Winners included local residents as well as out-of-state winners, including Iowa and Colorado.

Joetown Rocks co-chairman Dean Budde, who helped draw the winning raffle tickets, said at the end of the virtual raffle drawing that those who worked

on the raffle book committee were "thoroughly satisfied with the results."

"The Grand Raffle for our Covid-choked Joetown Rocks Festival was a grand success," Budde said. "Parishioners put in a grand effort to sell chances to friends, family and neighbors. Even though only (about) 120 people could win prizes, every parishioner that participated should be proud of the community effort that produced this spectacular result."

A Joetown Rocks T-shirt fundraiser sold 297 T-shirts for \$12-\$15 each.

The online quilt auction was coordinated through Black Diamond Auctions, which has been conducting the quilt auction since 1987, and closed on July 5. Thirty-five of the 39 large and baby quilts were sold on the auction for almost \$12,000.

Three quilts, the Sand and Sea and Scrappy Zig Zag (both pieced by Patty Loehlein), and Calling Cards (pieced by Lois Warnert) all sold in the \$700 range.

The auction allowed bidders to view the quilts and includ-

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June 20
3:48 p.m. Property damage. Leaf Road. The property owner showed the officer damage to a tractor that had wires cut to LED lights and one light stolen. The damage was estimated at \$200. A trail camera valued at \$200 was also stolen. The officer located a possible suspect shoe print. The camera is camouflaged and is 3 by 8 inches with a black and orange SD card in it.

June 23
3:45 p.m. Theft. College Avenue N. Following up on a theft complaint at Holiday, the staff told the officer the parents of the children involved offered to pay for items that were taken. Staff was satisfied with the solution.

June 27
10:25 p.m. Ordinance violation. Millstream Park. An officer observed a man sleeping in a car in Millstream Park. The officer advised the man the park closed at 10 p.m. and he could not sleep in the park.

June 28
11:30 a.m. Theft from vehicle. 13th Avenue SE. A man reported five \$20 bills taken from his truck parked in his unlocked garage. Nothing else was missing.

June 30
9:01 p.m. Collision. Elm Street E. Two vehicles collided in Co-

born's parking lot. Both drivers declined medical treatment and the vehicles were towed.

July 1
2:53 p.m. Collision. Ridgewood Road. Two vehicles were traveling west on Ridgewood Road

when the first vehicle stopped. The second vehicle rear-ended it and ended up in the ditch. There were no injuries.

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Visit with Mayor Rick Schultz
in person or virtually Saturday, Aug. 1



I will be available in person and virtually
9 a.m. – City Hall, Mayor's Office

Zoom Meeting

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- No bathrooms available
- Bring your own lawn chairs and blankets
- Social distancing will be observed
- Mask use encouraged

If it rains, backup date will be Aug. 13
www.cityofstjoseph.com

Apollo upgrade money won't be on the ballot

by Mike Knaak
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Money to renovate the 50-year-old Apollo High School won't be on the ballot this fall. Because of the Covid-19 pandemic, now is not the time to propose a referendum, St. Cloud school Superintendent Willie Jett said at the July 15 school board meeting. Instead of working on a plan for Apollo remodeling, he said

“our focus must be on the quality of instruction and health and safety of staff and students” and how to safely return to school in September. He said the district also needs to take fiscal needs into account when asking taxpayers for more money. Jett said in discussions with community and business leaders as well as the community in general, people agreed that the Apollo upgrade is necessary

but that now is not the time to move ahead. An “overwhelming” number of people, as high as 95 percent, said “not now,” according to Jett. In 2016, a referendum to build a new Tech High School was paired with money for remodeling Apollo. Voters narrowly approved spending more than \$100 million for Tech but defeated the plan to spend \$38.75 million for Apollo.

“We will be bringing the referendum forward in the future when it makes sense,” Jett said. Board chair Jeff Pollreis said the district needs to be “comfortable” with putting forward a referendum and to continually evaluate schools and the economy. “We will be bringing a referendum in the future,” Pollreis said. “That’s a fact. It’s imperative for our community.”

Cultural Connections:

Almost all of us trace our ancestry to refugees

Tani waa kuu muhiim adiga. Fadlan aqri. Ogeysiis! Importante para Usted, por favor léalo. Please read! 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.

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by Juliana Howard

The recent decision to change the name of this column from Refugee/Immigrant

News to Cultural Connections got me thinking and doing a little research. One definition of refugee is "a person forced to leave his or her country in order to escape war, persecution or natural disaster." Unless we are Native American, we can all trace our roots back to immigrants and in many cases, refugees. My heritage is Norwegian on my father's side, and Scotch Irish on my mother's. My father's mother Anna came to America when she was 5 years old. Her mother died aboard the ship. Like many Norwegians, they were fleeing agricultural disasters that had led

to famine. In other words, they were refugees. My maternal great-grandparents were escaping from the potato famine and cholera epidemic in Ireland. They too would qualify as refugees. There were cultural differences my parents faced in their marriage. My mom learned to make lefse and lutefisk but she balked at going to the Lutheran church because they only spoke Norwegian! Thus, I grew up Methodist but became Catholic when I got married, to fit in with my husband's heritage. He is half-Chinese and half-German so I have learned to make his favorite rice and

smoked herring, as well as dumplings and sauerkraut. Because of my white skin, I have been privileged in many, many ways I have taken for granted all these years. Waking up to this privilege is painful and embarrassing. How can I be racist when my children's spouses are Jewish, Chinese, Venezuelan and (now divorced) East Indian? Sad to say, and hard to admit, but white privilege has kept me in denial. But recent events have forced my eyes open. For starters, I just ordered the highly recommended book "White Fragility: Why it's so hard for

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EMERALD ASH BORER

Emerald Ash Borer (EAB)

EAB is an invasive pest from Asia and threatens the ash tree population in the United States. In Michigan alone it has killed over 20 million trees since its discovery in 2002. Through a combination of natural spread and human activity it is now found in Ohio, Maryland, Illinois, Indiana, New Hampshire, Massachusetts, Connecticut, New York, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Virginia, West Virginia, North Carolina, Georgia, Tennessee, Arizona, Kentucky, Kansas, Colorado, Missouri, Minnesota, Wisconsin, placing millions of additional ash trees at risk. It will continue to spread and is probably a permanent member of our insect population.



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How to Find a Lost Pet

Losing a pet can be a scary experience. It may cause anxiety and leave you thinking unclearly. Do your best to keep a level head and develop a plan to bring your pet back home.

BE PREPARED

The best way to bring your lost pet home is to let people know that he has a home. You can do so through effective preparation. Identification tags are incredibly inexpensive and can be a key component in rescuing your pet. This tag should feature your pet's name, your phone number and any other contact information you feel comfortable sharing.

Talk to your vet about microchipping your pet. This chip helps shelter, animal control and veterinarian's office workers find a lost pet's owner.

A microchip may cost a bit more than an ID tag but is one of the most effective ways to find a lost pet.

TELL THE NEIGHBORHOOD

Word of mouth also should be a key part of your mission. Alerting the neighborhood in which your pet went missing will cause many people to be on the lookout. Having a large number of people aware of your missing pet will give you an advantage in recovery.

There are different ways you can choose to alert the

public of your missing pet. Utilizing social media accounts is a great way of getting your message out to the masses. Look for a spot in your local newspaper's advertising section that is dedicated to a lost-and-found for your community.

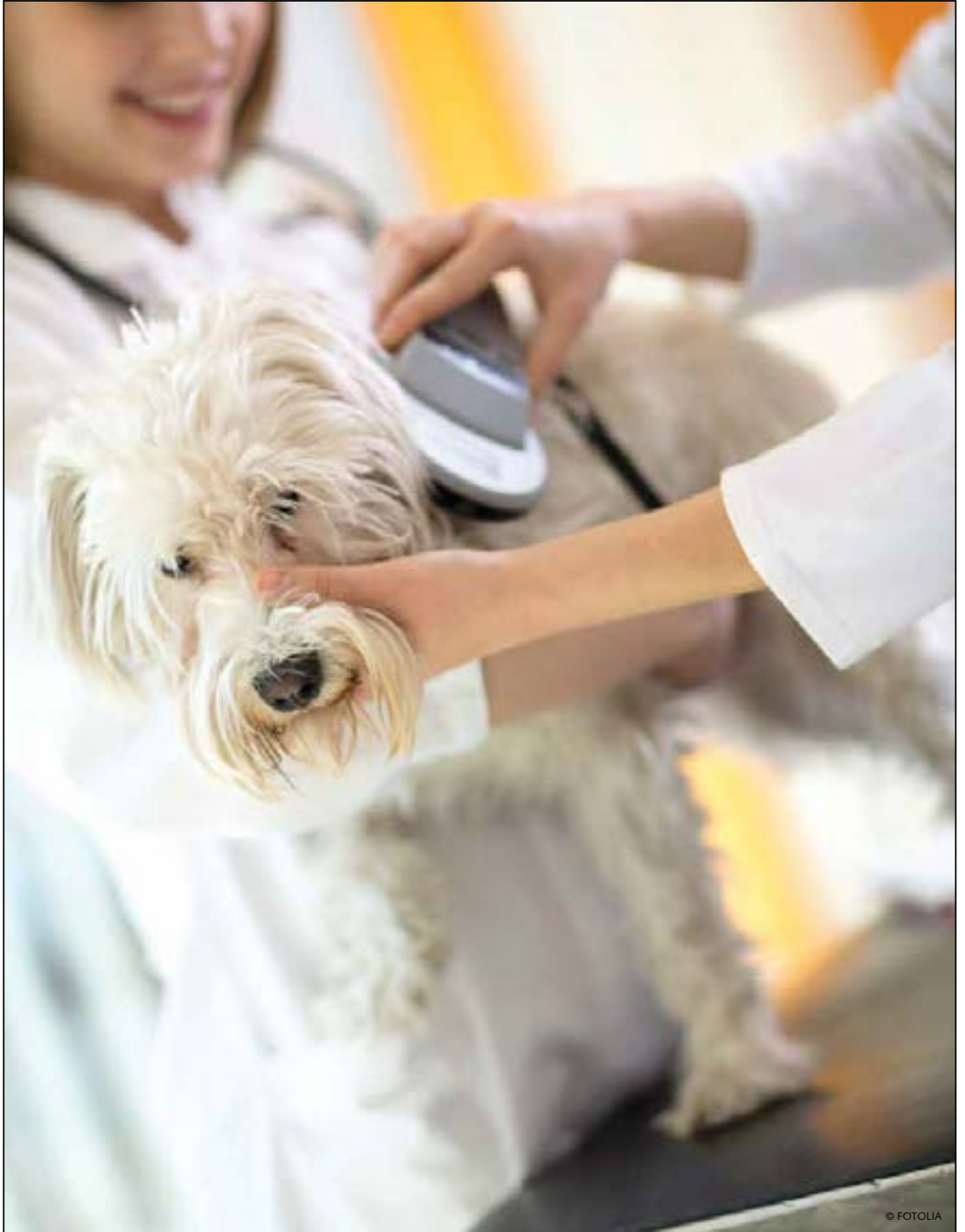
The old-fashioned flyer is another way to get your message to a large group of people. Your flyer should contain your pet's picture, age, breed and any distinguishing features that will make it easy to identify.

Post these flyers in high-traffic areas, such as grocery stores and community centers once you obtain the required permission.

CALL LOCAL SHELTERS

If your pet has been missing for several days, it is possible that a local shelter already has it in its custody. Call your local shelters to see if any of their recent drop-offs match your description. You can always go there in person to check for yourself.

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Opinion

No way are sports back to normal

We *don't* have it totally under control. It's *not* going to be just fine. It *didn't* miraculously go away by April, when it got a little warmer. "We think some of the states can actually open up before the deadline of May 1." *And how'd that work out?*

No, 99 percent of COVID-19 cases are *not* totally harmless.

"The coronavirus is going to go away without a vaccine ... and we're not going to see it again, hopefully." *Still waiting.*

"By Memorial Day weekend we will have this coronavirus epidemic behind us." *Maybe Memorial Day 2021.*

"By June a lot of the country should be back to normal and the hope is that by July the country's really rocking again." *It's the middle of July and we're not really rocking.*

Were these statements wishful thinking or willful ignorance? Normal isn't coming back after a short break... or perhaps even a long break. By now that should be painfully clear and the approach of two traditional fall routines – back to school and back to football – make that painfully obvious despite happy talk and magical predictions.

During the past few weeks, Major League Baseball, Major League Soccer, the National Hockey League and the National Basketball Association restarted their seasons by placing their teams in bubbles. Games in some sports are underway or soon will be...but with no fans. Before the first major league pitch, Canada told the Blue Jays they would not be welcome to play their

Mike Knaak
Editor



home games in Toronto.

We'll see how long pro sports will be able to continue with no serious Covid-19 outbreaks. Science and human nature say all the teams won't finish their seasons.

The real test will be how the NFL and college football handle the pandemic. The pressure is on to play for the pros and big-time college teams because billions of dollars are on the line for tickets, television rights and millions of \$12-beers. Without football revenue, FOX Sports and ESPN, and to a lesser extent NBC, CBS and ABC, will take huge revenue hits.

Pro football players started to report to camp and college players will soon follow. During summer practices, colleges closed or delayed camps when players tested positive. Most major college conferences, including the Big Ten, canceled their nonconference games and the Ivy League scrapped all fall sports.

At the University of Minnesota, the best-case scenario is a \$14 million hole in the athletic budget. If fall sports return without fans, the loss could be \$30 million. And if the season is canceled? Don't even think about what that will

Goodbye Jemima; hello Black Lives Matter

Goodbye, Aunt Jemima.

The Quaker Oats Co. decided recently to "retire" her as a marketing image for its pancake mix.

I grew up with Aunt Jemima. That is, we kids in the 1950s ate stacks of scrumptious syrupy pancakes almost every day. Mom would make them from a box showing the face of a grinning plump-faced Negro woman wearing a red kerchief on her head – Aunt Jemima. That was the word used for African-Americans/Blacks in those days – Negroes.

One day, mom took us three brothers on the Fifth Avenue bus to the Piggly Wiggly grocery store in downtown St. Cloud. Aunt Jemima was going to be there making pancakes. Oh good, we thought, we get to see somebody famous. We were disappointed. The woman there didn't look like the Aunt Jemima on the box. Brother Johnny said she was somebody who was paid to just pretend to be the real Jemima.

Back then, we never thought of that pancake woman as an example of racist stereotyping, probably because in all-white St. Cloud we kids did not even know what "racist" or "stereotyping" even meant.

I do recall my parents loved oysters and would buy cans of "Negro Head Oysters." What a weird creepy name, I used to think. I asked my parents, "Why that name?" They didn't know but assumed it's because the man on the can looked like a Negro chef.

The other day, I did some research. In 19th century America, minstrel shows were popular. In those touring plays, white actors would smear their faces

Dennis Dalman
Reporter



with black greasepaint and sing, dance, do skits and act generally ridiculous, like stumbling bumpkins. White audiences would roar with laughter at the antics of such primitive creatures. When a pancake mix maker saw a character named "Aunt Jemima" in a minstrel show circa 1880, he decided to market his mix using an "Aunt Jemima" image – the loyal dedicated Negro cook lovingly attached to her white-family owners.

The first pancake-box image of her is a shockingly grotesque caricature – a blatantly racist illustration of a grinning, huge-mouthed "mammy" with long rows of tiny teeth. Through the decades, the image was periodically changed to be somewhat less offensive until in recent decades Aunt Jemima looked pretty much like a smiling white woman with a very nice tan.

The first "Negro Head Oysters," I discovered, were first called "N..... Head Oysters," by the Biloxi, Mississippi, company that canned them. The cans for years depicted the image of a hideous, ferocious-looking, huge red-lipped Negro face about to devour a huge oyster. In 1955, after pressure from the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, the oyster company changed the name to "Negro Head" (oh, what a concession!).

mean for the dozen or so low-revenue sports that football supports.

Someone at Stanford did the math and the highly regarded university decided to drop 11 sports after next year because of the expected revenue loss. No field hockey or fencing in Palo Alto. Stanford has been known for its diverse array of teams and its success in nonrevenue sports. Stanford won the Directors' Cup, given to the best overall athletic department in Division I, for 25 straight years.

Don't be surprised if similar cuts come to colleges near you.

The complications and costs of testing and quarantining dozens if not hundreds of players and staff is not just an issue for Division I colleges. This week, St. John's coach Gary Fasching told the StarTribune he expects 220 players arriving on campus for his D-III team. Fasching said testing for each of the seven remaining games on the team's schedule could cost \$154,000.

The paper reported that similar costs for D-II and other D-III colleges could derail the fall season.

The light at the end of Covid-19 tunnel, at least for sports fans, has been the return of sports. But like work, school and entertainment, what we end up with will certainly not be normal if it's here at all.

Do you really want to cram into First Bank Stadium with 67,000 other people screaming SKOL at the top of their lungs? Super spreaders could kill any prospect of a Super Bowl.

There were in those days many brands of products using the vile name of "N..... head" this or that, such as tobacco products.

My research unlocked many half-forgotten recollections from childhood: seeing on lawn statues that included Negro jockeys, Negro children eating watermelon slices, obese Negro mammies; famed white singer Al Jolson singing "Mammy" in blackface; the "Amos and Andy" radio and TV show; endless dumb cartoons in magazines showing Negro cannibals – always with big lips and rings through noses – about to cook white explorers or missionaries in a big pot; Uncle Tom and Mammy salt-and-pepper shakers; and Brazil nuts that were known widely (including by us kids) as "n..... toes."

Imagine the cumulative effect of that barrage of vicious racist stereotyping in marketed images and how it seeped into the collective subconscious of most of us: Negroes as happy clinging servants, Negroes as bumbling comic jesters; Negroes as grinning banjo-playing ragamuffins; Negroes as grateful creatures dependent on their superior white masters.

Such demeaning images helped create and reinforce systemic racism in which Blacks were – and often still are – viewed and treated as "inferiors." Thanks to the "Black Lives (Should) Matter" movement, it's time for Blacks (along with all minorities) and whites to work together to deconstruct that toxic legacy and to forge bonds of mutual outreach, respect, understanding and equality. All of our lives depend upon a difficult but good-faith survivalist journey into a better future.

Our View

Schools face tough fall

Despite best efforts, sometimes there's no good answer to a problem.

That certainly seems the to be the case with how to start the school year during a public health crisis. Everyone agrees students need to go back to school, but the health and safety of students and teachers has to come first.

State health and education leaders told school administrators earlier this summer to plan for three scenarios when school starts again. None of the options are anything like pre-pandemic education. Students and parents will need to adapt to difficult and inconvenient plans. When distance learning ended in the spring, we hoped we wouldn't have to confront it again.

Now the time has come. Guidelines, actually requirements, from the governor are expected next week. While waiting for the word from St. Paul, parents and school leaders have speculated if there will be a one-size-fits-all solution statewide, or if the rules will be applied district by district or even school by school depending on the local health situation.

Although school leaders like to talk about local control of schools, the Department of Education and Department of Health clearly identified which practices are requirements and which practices are recommendations. The state's planning document says "Schools may choose to implement strategies that are more restrictive than the scenario established by the state, but may not choose to implement plans that are less restrictive."

During the summer, schools were directed to prepare for three contingencies:

- In person learning for all students. But this is not school as we've known it. Requirements include social distancing throughout schools.
- A hybrid model with strict social distancing and limiting capacity to 50 percent in schools and buses.
- Distance learning only, like what was implemented for the last two months of the last school year.

Each of these options comes with a long list of challenges, higher expenses and need for more staff. Even if the year begins with in-person learning, there's no guarantee the other two options won't be implemented across the state or even within a building if Covid-19 metrics worsen.

Requirements for the first scenario – in-person learning – directs 6 feet of distance between students. To achieve this, class sizes may have to be reduced or other spaces used as alternatives. This affects not only classrooms but lunch lines, locker rooms and restrooms. On school buses, reducing capacity and adding buses and routes would be required.

The hybrid model limits capacity at 50 percent. Will that mean smaller classes with more teachers, alternating in-school days with distance learning or partial day schedules? Plans will be needed for contactless delivery of meals and school materials.

With either of the first two options, people will be in schools, so frequent hand-washing and disinfecting of surfaces will need to be part of the routine.

Beginning the year with distance learning, which may be necessary for health reasons, is the least attractive of the three options. Teachers would be starting the year with students they've never met or worked with in person. Parents, teachers and students rose to the challenge last spring, but that experience highlighted challenges when parents work outside the home and children attend different schools. For some children, distance learning worked fine, but students needing extra attention or special help did not fare as well. And nobody sees distance learning as an adequate long-term model for education.

Planning also has to accommodate the real possibility that some parents will not want to send their children back to the classroom until there is a vaccine and that some teachers and staff, who may have underlying health conditions, will not want to risk infection.

When a plan is announced, the community needs to focus on how to make it work by supporting school leaders and teachers. These are not easy decisions or simple solutions.

Meanwhile, the next time you leave home make sure you wear a mask. The price tag for a night of mask-less socializing with friends may turn out to be a very difficult school year.

Connections

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white people to talk about racism" by Robin DiAngelo. Cultural Bridges has as its mission to increase understanding and build relationships with our neighbors who have landed here from another country. Some are brown, some are Black, some are white. All are welcome! says Cultural Bridges. We hope that changing the column's name to Cultural Connections will broaden our mission. Because many new arrivals come from Africa, I suggest reading the excellent book by Joseph Mbele, "Africans and Americans; Embracing Cultural Differences." Mbele, a Tanzanian, is a professor of English at St. Olaf College in Northfield. The book is at Amazon and you can explore

his website and see the work he is doing at www.africonexion.com.

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contributed photo

Juliana and Jerry Howard trace their ancestry to Scotland, Ireland, China, Norway and Germany.

If you have any questions, contact Juliana Howard at 715-791-8976 or Jamal Elmi at 320-310-2351.

Filings open for city offices

Filings open Tuesday, July 28, for candidates for the St. Joseph City Council and mayor. Voters will elect a mayor for a two-year term. Two City Council seats are up for election. Council members serve

four-year terms. Those seats are currently held by Troy Goracke and Bob Loso. The filing period ends Tuesday, Aug. 11. The general election is Nov. 3.

People

Kevin Wenger of St. Joseph graduated spring semester with a master's degree in data analytics leadership from Drake University, Des Moines, Iowa.

Shelbi Keehr of St. Joseph was named to the spring semester dean's list for achieving a grade-point average of 3.5 or higher at Bemidji State University.

Ana Yanci Vidal Figueroa of St. Joseph was named to the spring semester dean's list for achieving a 3.5 grade-

point average or higher at Normandale Community College, Bloomington.

Ten St. Joseph students were named to the spring semester dean's list for achieving a grade-point average of 3.66 or higher at the University of Minnesota-Twin Cities.

The students are **Logan Bakken, Lauren Chlan, Garrett Gaarder, Cooper Gerads, Grayson Martone, John Martone, Mitchell Shimak, Nicole Shimak, Kelli Spaniol** and **Jacob Walgren**.

Obituary

Jerome 'Jerry' Clarence Dingmann, 76
May 19, 1943-May 15, 2020
Sartell

Jerome (Jerry) Clarence Dingmann, 76, died after a short battle with cancer on May 15 at Country Manor in Sartell. A

celebration of his life will be held from 4-8 p.m. Friday, July 24 at Shady's Hometown Tavern in Albany.

Dingmann was born May 19, 1943, to Joseph and Katherine (Jacobs) Dingmann in Melrose. He worked at Electrolux for 37 years before retir-

ing in 2005. He married Mary (Honer) on May 4, 2007 at their home, and resided there until his passing. He enjoyed hunting, fishing, driving his motorcycle, and spending time with his family.

Survivors include the following: his wife Mary; his

daughter, Selena (Ervin Jr.) Bueckers; Mary's two sons, whom he always considered his own; Michael (Amy) Honer and Matthew (Janelle) Honer; 11 grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; his brothers and sisters; Renee Braegelmann, Janet (Claude)

Yurczyk; JoAnn (Leon) Salzl; Ron (Judy); Harold (Jean); Eldred (Judy); Vern (Joyce); Duane (Ann); Arnie (Renee); and Joe (Mary).

Dingmann was preceded in death by his parents, brother-in-law Ralph Braegelmann, and niece Jody Dingmann.

Community Calendar

Is your event listed? Send your information to: Newsleader Calendar, 1622 11th Ave. SE., St. Cloud, MN 56304., e-mail it to news@thenewsleaders.com. Most events are listed at no cost. Those events are typically free or of minimal charge for people to attend. Some events, which have paid advertising in the Newsleaders, are also listed in the calendar and may charge more.

Friday, July 24
Lions Y2K Brat Sale, 9 a.m.-5 p.m., St. Joseph Meat Market, 26 First Ave. NW.
St. Joseph Farmers' Market, 3-6 p.m., Resurrection Lutheran Church, 610 CR 2, St. Joseph.

Saturday, July 25
Lions Y2K Brat Sale, 9 a.m.-4 p.m., St. Joseph Meat Market, 26 First Ave. NW.

Sunday, July 26
Joe Town Table, 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m., free community meal, American Legion, 101 W. Minnesota St., St. Joseph.

Monday, July 27
St. Joseph Food Shelf, open 1-3 p.m., 124 First Ave. SE, St. Joseph.

St. Joseph Township Board Meeting, 7 p.m., Township Hall. Due to concerns over the health and safety of the public all township meetings will be con-

ducted through teleconference until further notice.

Tuesday, July 28
Collegeville Township Board Meeting, 7 p.m., Township Hall, 27724 CR50.

Thursday, July 30
St. Joseph Food Shelf, open 1-3 p.m., 124 First Ave. SE, St. Joseph.

Friday, July 31
Lions Y2K Brat Sale, 9 a.m.-5 p.m., St. Joseph Meat Market, 26 First Ave. NW.

Saturday, Aug. 1
Outdoor Craft and Vendor Event, 9 a.m.-3 p.m.,

behind the St. Joseph Community Center, 124 First Ave. SE.

Lions Y2K Brat Sale, 9 a.m.-4 p.m., St. Joseph Meat Market, 26 First Ave. NW.

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

Blood Drive, 1-7 p.m. Avon Community Church, 204 Avon Ave. N. Visit www.redcrossblood.org or call 320-248-3375 to schedule an appointment. Masks required.

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

Thursday, Aug. 6
St. Joseph Food Shelf, open 1-3 p.m., 124 First Ave. SE, St. Joseph.

Movie in the Park behind the St. Joseph Community Center, 124 First Ave. SE. Seating will begin at 8 p.m., followed by the movie at 8:30 pm.

Sunday, Aug. 9
Explorer's Program Informational Meeting, 6 p.m., Stearns County Law Enforcement Center, 807 Courthouse Square, St. Cloud.

Blotter

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July 3
4:17 p.m. Burglary. Jade Road. A woman reported that within the last two weeks, someone broke into the house and rummaged through the cabinets. Nothing appeared stolen but the front door was damaged and a chest was damaged.

July 4
6:27 a.m. Theft. 10th Avenue SE. A woman reported her license plate stolen.

July 8
9:50 a.m. Collision. CR 75 and 20th Avenue SE. A vehicle was traveling west on CR 75 when a second vehicle stopped in the left turn lane to go south on 20th Avenue. The driver of the first vehicle looked down briefly and when she looked up, the light had turned red. She hit the brakes, skidded on the wet road and collided with the rear of the second vehicle.

July 11
11:07 a.m. Collision. CR 75 and CR 133. The driver of the first vehicle missed the red light and went through the intersection.

She swerved to avoid the second vehicle that was traveling north on CR 133 with a green light. The vehicles collided and needed to be towed. Both drivers declined medical attention.

3:49 p.m. Warrant arrest. I-94 and CR 2. An officer watched on I-94 for a vehicle headed east from Sauk Centre that left without paying for gas. The officer stopped the vehicle and identified the driver who had a Department of Corrections warrant. The man was arrested. A female passenger was instructed to return to Sauk Centre and pay for the gas.

July 14
12:49 p.m. Collision. CR 75 and Cedar Street E. Two vehicles collided at the intersection. The first driver was attempting to cross the westbound lane of CR 75 to go east on CR 75. The second driver was traveling west on CR 75. A vehicle in the turn lane of westbound CR 75 to turn onto Cedar Street blocked the view of the first driver. The first vehicle pulled out in front of the second vehicle and the two collided.

July 15
7:42 p.m. Gun complaint. Ash Street E and First Avenue NE. A man reported he saw another man standing near the intersection with a black rifle equipped with a scope pointing it toward the sky. No threats were made. Officers searched the area but did not find anyone. After checking with neighbors, officers learned of a man who matched the description. He said he has a bb gun to defend his garden from rabbits. He was advised of the city ordinance regarding shooting bb guns in the city limits.

Choosing a Credit Card

Money is a fact of life — and yet, there are times when you just won’t have enough. This is especially true for the larger purchases you will inevitably make throughout your life.

A credit card can be a very useful and lifesaving financial tool, but it also can be a quick path to financial ruin if you don’t approach it with respect and a certain amount of caution.

If you are looking to get your first credit card or to reopen a card after an extended absence, here are three aspects you need to consider before signing on the dotted line.

UNDERSTAND YOUR NEEDS

Understanding what you want a credit card for is a necessary first step to making a financially sound decision. For which expenses do you intend to use your credit card?

For example, if you are looking for a card to serve in “emergencies only,” you will want to look for a major credit card provider.

If your intent is to use it to build a positive credit history, you will do better to set your limit low. You also should choose a card with a more specific purpose, such as a



specific store’s credit card.

MAKE IT WORK FOR YOU — NOT AGAINST YOU

If you are a frequent traveler, look for a card that offers frequent flyer miles. If you love to shop a particular brand, consider that brand’s card as you will likely receive dis-

counts otherwise unavailable to you.

There also are many cards with cash back rewards for every dollar you spend. The bottom line is if you have to charge something, make sure the provider gives you a little something for the privilege of choosing its card.

KNOW WHAT YOU HAVE TO PAY — BESIDES THE BILL

Pay your bill in full every month. If this is not possible (it happens, especially when emergencies arise), plan to pay off your bill in as few payments as possible.

Understand that your pur-

chases are not the only thing you are paying for. The APR (annual percentage rate) will impact your total amount due if you don’t pay your bill in full.

Know what this rate is for each card you are considering, and avoid cards with APRs above 20 percent.



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