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### **Town Crier**

#### Legion plans **Memorial Day events**

American Legion of St. Joseph members will honor veterans with a series of events on Memorial Day, May 31.

At 8:45 a.m., Legionnaires, members of Legion Auxiliary and the Sons of the American Legion will march to the 9 a.m. service at St. Joseph Catholic Church. At 11:15 a.m., Legion members and Honor Guard travel to St. John's Abbey cemetery for a ceremony. At 11:55 a.m., Legion members and Honor Guard visit Yankee Cemetery south of St. Joseph.

#### Farmers' Market open Memorial Day, Mondays

Sartell Farmers Market is open every Monday, including Memorial Day, from 3-6 pm in Bernick's Ice Arena parking lot, 1109 First St. S. Find many great items including the following: eggs, meat, asparagus, radishes, rhubarb, caramel corn, salsa, honey and many other great items to start your week. Also attending is Mr. Misty ice cream truck. Please check back each week as the vegetables are starting to arrive and new items appear each week.

#### Garage sale set June 9-10 to help Sartell organizations

The Sartell Senior Connection and Sartell Historical Society will hold a garage sale from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. Wednesday and Thursday, June 9 and 10 at the Sartell Community Center, 850 19th St. S. Proceeds from the sale will benefit both organizations. Questions, call Ann at 258-7324.

#### Provide companionship

**Assumption Community Faith** in Action is looking for volunteers to be friendly visitors. Friendly visitors visit with and provide companionship to older adults in their own homes. Activities may include playing cards, looking at photo albums or going on outings to a restaurant, movie or other place of interest. Telephone companions make regular (daily or weekly) phone calls to older adults. Volunteers will provide companionship and socialization to reduce isolation and loneliness. Contact Ashley, Assumption Community Faith in Action, at 320-247-9790 or haselkamp.ashley@assumptionhome.com.

### July 4 parade marches on!

by Heidi L. Everett editor@thenewsleaders.com

The St. Joseph Lions Club voted at their May 18 meeting to hold the Fourth of July parade this summer.

The parade has been put on by the St. Joseph Lions Club since 1964. Ken and Mary Stommes have been parade cochairs for the last 10 years. The parade was cancelled in 2020 due to COVID-19 safety restrictions.

"We're going on the premise that the governor said everything will be wide open by then," Ken said.

Initially, the club also was concerned about getting enough people to work the parade.

"We feel we are in pretty good shape," Ken said.

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photo by Mike Knaak

#### Looking for the perfect fit

Alejandro Padilla, 9, of St. Joseph tries on a new bike helmet during the St. Joseph Women of Today bike safety event May 15 at Melody Park. About 100 helmets, as well as gift cards and bicycles donated by local businesses, were given away. Children could also bike around Pleasant Acres. Alejandro is the son of Vanessa and Miguel Padilla.

## Outdoor dining ordinance streamlined, finalized

by Heidi L. Everett

editor@thenewsleaders.com

On May 3, St. Joseph City Council approved a new permanent ordinance for outdoor dining and sidewalk cafes designed to streamline the approval process while maintaining standards of the City's character

and expectations.

"The permanent ordinance creates more flexibility than what the current ordinance offers, streamlines the approval process and adds minimal aesthetic requirements," said Nate Keller, community development director. "It better defines what constitutes an outdoor patio ver-

sus sidewalk cafe and what requirements they should follow."

This reporter incorrectly stated April 30 that the ordinance was passed at the April 19 City Council meeting; however, the ordinance was tabled and ordinance language revised.

The current ordinance requires Planning Commission

and City Council approval for proposed outdoor patios and sidewalk cafes. The new ordinance eliminates those approval requirements and allows for staff to approve administratively.

Keller noted the ordinance may be amended in June regarding patio-size limitations.

### Stretch, strengthen and de-stress this summer



Yoga participants relax in child's pose at the outdoor Summer Solstice class with Shanti Yoga Center in 2020 at Milk and Honey Ciders in St. Joseph.

by Heidi L. Everett editor@thenewsleaders.com

Anyone interested in keeping calm and carrying on this summer need look no further than outdoor yoga sessions throughout St. Joseph.

The drop-in sessions from Shanti Yoga Center are open to everyone. While the sessions are free, donations are encouraged.

"If you've got friends visiting for the weekend, just bring them," said Jessie Sandoval, who founded Shanti Yoga Center in St. Cloud in August 2019. The center was offering 40 classes a week.

"Then, we had to close in March due to COVID, so we moved everything virtual," Sandoval said.

As the pandemic worsened and safety precautions tightened, Sandoval got creative in

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## Sartell Soccer **Association**

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June 15-Aug. 10 Tuesday evenings 6-7 p.m. Early bird registration ends May 17

Go to sartellsoccer.org for more information.



### Stretch

#### from front page

2020 and started having outdoor sessions in wide open spaces where people could socially distance, including a winter solstice yoga session at Milk and Honey Ciders in St. Joseph.

"We had more than 90 people at that event, and it was around 30 degrees outside," Sandoval said. "It could've been way colder, but we wanted people to be comfortable getting uncomfortable in the cold and know they could still move their bodies and do something."

Due to the success of that event at building community, Sandoval has expanded outdoor yoga sessions.

"My premise is always about

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Jessie Sandoval, owner of Shanti Yoga Center, wants to build community and connection through outdoor yoga classes. She became interested in yoga as a tool to alleviate stress while



Even with temps hovering around 30 degrees, more than 90 people participated in the Winter Solstice outdoor yoga class with Shanti Yoga Center in 2020.



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### Stretch

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community and connection, practicing yoga and being outside with nature," Sandoval said. "I am blessed and grateful our sangha, our community, of students and teachers is so strong and resilient."

To that end, everyone is welcome this summer at 6 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursday at Millstream Park in St. Joseph. Saturdays at 11 a.m. are split between Milk and Honey Ciders and Bad Habit Brewing to accommodate other events scheduled at those venues.

Everyone is welcome regardless of previous yoga experience, Sandoval said, including kids and dogs. Bringing a yoga mat or towel is helpful.

"We want to make it accessible for all whether you've ever done yoga or not," she said, "and, we are on gravel, so we won't be standing on our heads."

Sandoval also encourages participants to wear comfortable clothes to move in and layers that are easy to shed, so they can be comfortable.

Shanti Yoga Center has a team of teachers who lead the sessions, so participants are not just getting one person's teaching.

"It's an opportunity to experience different teachers and different practices," Sandoval said. "But ultimately it's about moving our bodies and enjoying nature."

Sandoval became interested in yoga as a college student at College of St. Benedict in St. Joseph.

"I was stressed out, had a hard time sleeping and was getting migraines," she said. "There was this recognition that I needed to find a better balance."

She found yoga, which allowed her to be physically active, injury free and "I started to feel better in my mind," she said

"I found yoga was such a tool to have a way of managing stress and managing my approach to things," Sandoval said. "I just wanted to continue to help people find that calm."

"Yoga is about easing the suffering in our mind," she said. "That gives us freedom."

The yoga center is slowly upping its indoor class sizes while maintaining hybrid and outdoor options.

"As we make our slow entry into being back in the world, people can join us from home or join us in the studio or at one of our outdoor spaces," Sandoval said.

Find the outdoor yoga schedule for St. Joseph and all other class offerings on Shanti Yoga Center's Facebook event calendar or website: www.shantiyoga.center.

# Seeking applicants for social challenge fellowship

LITTLE FALLS - Applicants are being sought for a unique fellowship program that powers up the innovators and idea people in Central Minnesota. The Initiators Fellowship, launched by the Initiative Foundation in 2016, is available to social entrepreneurs in its 14-county service area, including Stearns and Benton counties.

The two-year, 2022-2023 Fellowship program awards a \$30,000 annual stipend along with other supports to promising entrepreneurs who want to grow as leaders and who have a passion to tackle a social challenge.

The Initiators Fellowship starts with people committed to social change, an inspirational idea and a plan for harnessing the power of the marketplace. Through a rigorous selection process, Fellows are vetted from a pool of applicants to receive a two-year suite of supports that includes training, mentoring, networking and financial backing to foster growth and development. Social enterprise ventures are for-profit or nonprofit businesses that are created to achieve a mission.

#### Jonathon Friesner's story

Jonathan Friesner is a member of the 2021-2022 Fellows cohort. A devoted gardener, Jon wondered how he could grow food during Minnesota's long off-season. Now, he is part of a four-person collaboration that has solved the challenge using their new product, GroShed. An automated indoor agriculture solution, a GroShed buildingor farm-employs nutrient-rich water rather than soil and can be used to grow produce yearround. It's a hydroponic garden in a self-contained shed requiring only to be plugged into electricity and an outdoor water supply.

The GroShed team is investing their time, effort and money in this passion project. "There is a lot of processed food around here," Friesner said. "Gaining access to fresh, local foods is almost impossible in Northern Minnesota outside of our short growing season."

To change the equation, Friesner, a former contractor,

and his partners have scaled down typical hydroponics technology so the average person can grow what they want: tomatoes, broccoli, onions, herbs, lettuces, peppers, chilies.

By the end of 2020, GroShed sold 18 shed-sized farms and was fielding interest from a range of potential customers — from restaurants to food shelves. For now, the startup is sticking to mostly Minnesota customers. "We want to see as many farms as possible in our own state so we can warranty and fix things easily," said Friesner.

He dreams of bringing fresh food to Minnesotans, and he envisions boosting the state's economy as larger commercial farmers realize GroShed's potential for providing winter income. "Rural Minnesota is a place of great innovation and untapped resources, but we're frequently overlooked and can't always compete with Twin Cities operations," he said. "It's so cool the Initiative Foundation is seeking out ingenuity and entrepreneurship in the rest of the state. [Ours] is a big mission, but we absolutely believe it's doable."

### More than just a fellowship

In addition to the annual stipend, Fellows benefit from an executive-level mentor, deep programming, educational opportunities and support from dedicated staff members. A complete definition of social entrepreneurship and other details can be found in the resources section at greaterminnesota.net/fellows.

The Initiators Fellowship is suitable for emerging social entrepreneurs ranging from recent college graduates to mid-career individuals. Additional requirements include living within one of four participating Minnesota Initiative Foundation regions, or an adjacent tribal nation, for the two-year duration of the Fellowship term. Diversity is a core program value. Applicants with diverse backgrounds, experiences, ability, economic status and perspectives are encouraged to apply. Full eligibility details and an eligibility quiz can be found on the Fellowship website, greaterminnesota.net/fellows.

"The Initiators Fellowship aims to provide the next generation of regional leaders an opportunity to use their entrepreneurial spirit to address society's needs while also building the business and leadership capacity of Greater Minnesota," said Matt Varilek, Initiative Foundation president.

The program is open to applicants from the regions represented by the Initiative Foundation, West Central Initiative Foundation, Northwest Minnesota Foundation and Southwest Initiative Foundation. Online applications for the 2022-2023 cohort are open from May 24 through June 15, 2021.

Learn more about the program and social entrepreneurship by visiting Greaterminnesota.net/fellows or by contacting Chris Fastner, Initiators Fellowship program manager, at initiators@ifound.org or (320) 631-2019.

### **Parade**

#### from front page

St. Joseph resident Andy Loso was selected as the grand marshal. The nomination letter talked of Loso's long-standing roots in the community.

"Andy represents St. Joseph heritage going back to the mid-1800s," wrote Fran Court, who nominated him. "He takes great pride in his family and his work."

The nomination letter also told of Loso's work and many volunteer activities at the Church of St. Joseph, including working in maintenance, serving as project manager for the church renovation, and volunteering on the parish cemetery board and finance council

"Andy would truly represent the St. Joseph community as this year's grand marshal," Court wrote.

Online registration for parade participants opened last week on the St. Joseph Lions website: https://e-clubhouse.org/sites/stjosephmn/index.php

"We're fired up now," Mary said. "We're going to have some fun."

#### -PUBLIC NOTICE

#### PUBLIC NOTICE OF REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

Resource Training & Solutions, District 0923, requests proposals for group insurance coverage for the health plan year beginning Oct. 1, 2021. Sealed and electronic proposals will be accepted until 2 p.m. central time on June 14, 2021. Please submit and deliver bids to the following address via registered or certified mail, or by professional courier, or secure electronic correspondence no later than the deadline shown above.

Resource Training & Solutions, Attn: Julie Toole, 137 23rd St. S., Sartell, MN 56377. Copies of the request for proposal and exhibits may be requested from Julie Toole, jtoole@resourcecoop-mn. gov and will be sent electronically at no charge. District reserves the right to select the proposal which it determines to be in the best interest of the District.

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#### Care for shelter animals

Shelter Animal Care Providers help keep a clean atmosphere for the animals and visitors at the Tri-County Humane Society as well as provide attention to the animals while they are waiting to be adopted. Volunteers keep cages and animal areas clean, socialize the animals, assist customers with viewing animals and take shelter dogs for walks. Customer-service skills are important for this position. Volunteer shifts are generally a minimum of two hours per week and needed early/mid-day weekday shifts. For more information, contact Kate Kompas, TCHS volunteer/ humane education coordinator, at (320) 252-0896 ext. 27 or volunteer@tricountyhumanesociety.org.

#### Evelyn J. Schindler Sartell March 1, 1922-May 22, 2021

Evelyn J. Schindler, 99, died peacefully on Saturday, May 22 at the Country Manor Campus in Sartell.



A private Schindler memorial service will be held at St. Joseph Catholic Church in St. Joseph. The Rev. Jerome Tupa, OSB, will officiate. Burial will be

in the Minnesota State Veteran's

Cemetery in Little Falls.

Schindler was born March 1, 1922 to Frank and Helena (Stock) Simon on the family farm in Collegeville Township, Minnesota. She married John F. Schindler on Oct. 6, 1956 in St. Joseph. She was a fun, loving and caring mother, a homemaker and was employed in food service at the College of St. Benedict. She was active in her community, volunteering for the St. Joseph Catholic Church, the parish school and Meals on Wheels. She was a member of the St Joseph VFW

Christian Women.

Grandma Evie cherished her grandchildren and loved spending time with them. She also enjoyed going to the cabin, train and car trips out West, country drives, crocheting, needlework and gardening.

Survivors include the following: her husband, John; children, Jane (Stephen) Kirby Deuterman of Port Angeles, Washington, Carl of St. Joseph, Mary (Gary) Johnson of St. Joseph, and Susan (Brian) Schindler Frericks of Emily; grandchildren, Nicole (Aaron) Blackmore, Gregory Kirby, Steven (Jordan)

Kirby, Makayla (Jesse) Frericks Holzer and Makenzie Frericks; great-grandchildren, Morgan and Logan Blackmore; sisterin-law, Maggie Schindler; and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents; and granddaughter, Lindsey Johnson. At age 99, she was the last survivor of her large, close-knit family; her siblings, Helen Marthaler, Lucille Orth, Marie, Edmund, Albin, Richard, Bernard, Herbert, Wilfred, Celestine, Harold, Francis and Clarence (Fr. Julian, OSB).

In lieu of flowers, memorials are preferred.

#### CITY OF ST. JOSEPH SUMMARY FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED DEC. 31, 2020

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The purpose of this report is to provide a summary of financial information concerning the City of St. Joseph to interested citizens. The complete financial statements maybe examined at the City Offices, 75 Callaway St. E. Questions regarding this report should be directed to Lori Bartlett, Finance Director, at 320-363-7201.

Revenues and Expenditures	ss for General (								
(Governmen	(Governmental Funds)		% Increase	ase Water		Refuse	Storm Water	Street Light Utility	Total
Revenue:	2020	2019	(Decrease) Current Assets:  (Cash and Investments	\$ 1,064,128	\$ 627,758	\$ 228,669	\$ 197,420	\$ 69,495	\$ 2,187,470
Taxes	3,094,824	2,469,982	25.30 Cash with Fiscal Agent Taxes Receivable - Deli	430,453 equent: 273	-	-		-	430,453 273
Sales Tax	505,818	498,304	1.51 Special Assessments Ro		883	589	190	126	
Lodging Tax	4,914	15,584	100.00 Accounts Receivable	154,813	242,752	53,051	25,646	14,538	27,289 490,800
Franchise Fees	132,991	134,704	(1.27) Interest Receivable Due from Other Govern	3,165 ments 2	997	444	516	132	5,254 2
Licenses and Permits	178,139	255,953	(30 40) Total Current A		872,390	282,753	223,772	84,291	3,141,541
Special Assessments	431,803	553,105	(21.93) Noncurrent Assets: (21.93) Capital Assets:						
Intergovernmental Revenue	2,271,792	3,708,468	(38 74) Land	372,941	4,941	-		-	377,882
Charges for Services	840,269	807,797	4.02 Easements  Construction in Pro	ress 1,014,106	598,035	-	67,915 843,749	-	67,915 2,455,890
Fines and Forfeits	43,317	52,289	(17.16) Buildings Improvements	7,502,432 289,760	1,295,254	-	-	-	8,797,686 289,760
Miscellaneous	398,306	436,583	Plant and Lines	10,425,242	8,800,193		5,627,925	-	24,853,360
Miscenaneous	398,300	430,363	(8.//) Machinery and Equ Sewer Rights	pment 252,577	621,121 10,977,565	46,416	173,263		1,093,377 10,977,565
Total Revenue	s 7,902,173	8,932,769	(11.54) Total Capital As Less Accumulated I		22,297,109 (6,382,757)	46,416 (45,957)	6,712,852 (1,769,092)	-	48,913,435 (14,710,253)
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Expenditures:		1,210.07	10tal As		16,786,742	283,212	5,167,532	84,291	37,344,723
General Government	1,020,077	815,401	Deferred Outflows of Reso Deferred Outflows of R	esources Related To Pensions 15,100	12,211	1,247	2,929	499	31,986
Public Safety	1,741,056	1,626,997	7.01 Total Assets and I	Deferred Outflows of Resources \$ 15,038,046	\$ 16,798,953	\$ 284,459	\$ 5,170,461	\$ 84,790	\$ 37,376,709
Streets and Highways	473,547	486,341	(2.63) Current Liabilities:  (2.63) Accounts Payable	\$ 16,024	\$ 13,892	\$ 22,531	\$ 224	\$ 4.281	\$ 56,952
Culture and Recreation	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	,	Due to Other Governme	nts 3,594	121,264	2,354	-	-	127,212
<b>1</b>	434,177	422,239	2.83 Salaries and Benefits Pa	yable 2,720 7,818	2,459 33,640	235	364	318	6,096 41,458
Economic Development	527,583	392,001	34.59 Unearned Revenue Long-Term Liabilities I	6,708 ue Within One Year 1.021.790	533,046	67	122	- 27	6,708 1,555,052
Capital Outlay	3,649,330	5,038,722	(27.37) Total Current Liabil		704,301	25,187	710	4,626	1,793,478
Debt Service	1,854,000	1,087,000	70.56 Noncurrent Liabilities:						
Interest and Fiscal Charges	564,330	338,973	66.48 Compensated Absences Notes Payable, Net Una	53,290 mortized Premiums	53,290 4,812,881	298	429	119	107,426 4,812,881
Total Expenditure	s 10,264,100	10,207,674	Bonds Payable, Net Un	amortized Premiums 3,938,493	1,106,670				5,045,163
Per Capit		1,390.31	(4.90) Net Pension Liability Less Amounts Due Wit	118,783 nin One Year (1,021,790)	96,056 (533,046)	9,807 (67)	23,039 (122)	3,923 (27)	251,608 (1,555,052)
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Excess of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	(2,361,927)	(1,274,905)	85.26 Deferred Inflows of Resour		0,240,132	33,223	24,030	0,041	10,455,504
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Total Long Term Indebtednes		15,409,463	10.12 Net Position:	No.					
Per Capit	a 2,185.88	2,098.81	4.15 Investment in Capital A Related Debt	9,851,118	9,994,801	459	4,943,760	-	24,790,138
			Unrestricted Total Net Position	1,032,101 10,883,219	558,018 10,552,819	248,164	201,210 5,144,970	75,905 75,905	2,115,398 26,905,536
General and Special Revenue Funds Unreserved		1,622,506	4.65 Total Liabilities F	eferred Inflows of Resources	10,002,019	210,023	5,11,570	15,755	20,703,330
Per Capit	a 218.72	220.99	(1.03) and Net Position	\$ 15,038,046	\$ 16,798,953	\$ 284,459	\$ 5,170,461	\$ 84,790	\$ 37,376,709

#### Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Net Position - Proprietary Funds

#### Statement of Cash Flows - Proprietary Funds

<u>627,758</u> <u>\$ 228,669</u> <u>\$ 197,420</u> <u>\$ 69,495</u> <u>\$ 2,187,470</u>

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OPERATING REVENUES:	Water	Sanitary Sewer	Refuse	Storm Water	Utility	Total CASH FLOWS - OPERATING ACTIVITIES:						
Charges for Services	\$ 1,126,425	\$ 1,345,104	\$ 314,623	\$ 147,231	\$ 82,418	\$ 3.015.801 Receipts from Customers and Users	\$ 1,121,072	\$ 1,340,061	\$ 309,505	\$ 136,079	\$ 81,214	\$ 2,987,931
°	0 1,120,123	Ψ 1,515,101	ψ 511,025	Ψ 117,231	02,110	Payments to Suppliers	(241,827)	(275,430)	(294,810)	(21,887)	(60,546)	(894,500)
OPERATING EXPENSES:						385,118 Payments to Employees	(216,318)		(30,795)	(54,490)	(10,154)	(471,189)
Wages and Salaries	192,104	138,124	18,698	30,626	5,566	385,118 Payments to Employees 68,030 Other Miscellaneous Receipts	50,119	1,105	4,437	62	10,131)	55,733
Materials and Supplies	44,944	19,793	2,924	369	-						10 524	
Repairs and Maintenance	77,635		3,135	14,455	14,618	138,757 Net Cash Flows - Operating Activities	713,046	906,304	(11,663)	59,764	10,524	1,677,975
Professional Services	32,416		2,474	4,473	326	54,564						
Insurance Utilities	13,452	10,500	-	- 0.40	-	23,952 CASH FLOWS - NONCAPITAL FINANCING ACT	TVITIES:					
1	71,809	18,025	- 115	848	45,515	130,197	222,750	154,717	8,925	11,376	3,340	401,108
Depreciation Contracted Services	441,855	534,644 229,024	115 286,975	138,623	-	1,115,237 Transfer from Other Funds 515,999 Transfer to Other Funds	(25,295)	,	(10,425)	(27,595)	(6,600)	(114,160)
Miscellaneous	10,861	1,607	1,161	1,803	121							
Total Operating Expenses	885,076	995,506	315,482	191,197	66,156	15,563 2,453,417 Net Cash Flows - Noncapital Financing Activities	197,455	110,472	(1,500)	(16,219)	(3,260)	286,948
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Operating Loss	241,349	349,598	(859)	(43,966)	16,262	562,384 CASH FLOWS - CAPITAL AND RELATED						
NONOPERATING REVENUES (EXPENSES):						FINANCING ACTIVITIES:						
Investment Income	28,881	12,141	6,100	7,080	1,808	56,010 Principal Paid on Debt	(581,000)	(1,595,902)		-		(2,176,902)
Special Assessments	859	883	589	190	126	2,647 Interest Paid on Debt	(110,286)			_		(207,467)
Property Taxes	143	-	-	-	-	143 Bond Proceeds	14,547	1,045,000				1,059,547
Operating Grants and Contributions	3,000	-	-	-	-	3 000	,		(55.4)	(151.046)	•	
Interest Expense	(110,099)	(148,121)	-	-	-	(258,220) Acquisition of Capital Assets	(19,226)	(2,406)	(574)	(171,946)		(194,152)
Amortization of Bond Premium	5,147	1,668	-	-	-	6,815 Net Cash Flows - Capital and Related Financing A	ctivities (695,965)	(650,489)	(574)	(171,946)		(1,518,974)
Other Income	46,833	1,105	4,437	62	10	52,447						
Total Nonoperating Revenues (Expenses)	(25,236)	(132,324)	11,126	7,332	1,944	(137,158) CASH FLOWS - INVESTING ACTIVITIES:						
Income before Capital Contributions and Transfers	216,113	217,274	10,267	(36,634)	18,206	425,226 Interest and Dividends Received	28,484	13,887	6,510	7,582	1,842	58,305
Capital Contributions	320,088	355,610	-	326,245	-	1,001,943						
Transfers In	222,750	154,717	8,925	11,376	3,340	401,108 Net Change in Cash and Cash Equivalents	243,020	380,174	(7,227)	(120,819)	9,106	504,254
Transfers Out	(25,295)	(44,245)	(10,425)	(27,595)	(6,600)	(114,160)	-,	, .	(-, -,	( ','-')	.,	
Change in Net Position	733,656	683,356	8,767	273,392	14,946	1,714,117 CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS:						
NET POSITION:						Beginning of Year	821,108	247,584	235,896	318,239	60,389	1,683,216
Beginning of Year	10,149,563	9,869,463	239,856	4,871,578	60,959	25,191,419						

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Visiting a dog park can be a great way to exercise and socialize your dog. There aren't many public places where dogs are allowed off leash, so take advantage of being able to allow your dog to run free.

There are some rules you need to follow when visiting a dog park, to make sure people and dogs stay safe.

- 1. The most important health and safety precaution you can take before visiting a dog park is to be sure your dog is up to date on shots. Some dog parks will require you to write your pet's rabies vaccine identification number on a registration form before entering.
- 2. Your dog should know to come when called and respond to its name before visiting the dog park. Be sure these basic training goals are met before venturing out.
- 3. Your dog should be properly socialized before being exposed to other dogs in an off-leash setting. If your dog is newly adopted, first introduce the dog to friends' and neighbors' dogs and see how it goes before hitting the dog park.
- 4. Be prepared to find your dog in case it manages to escape the park.
- 5. Pick up after your dog immediately when he elimi-



nates. No exceptions. This means you should be prepared with plenty of bags and dispose of them in provided

6. Don't bring food with you. This includes your own food and treats for your pup. You will quickly find yourself surrounded by hungry dogs, who might jump or bite to try to get the food.

7. Keep your dog's collar on and its leash with you. If your dog gets out of hand or does not obey commands, leash the dog immediately.

If it's your first visit to a dog park, keep in mind that your dog might be guarded while on the leash. This is because it

might feel trapped and unable to escape if an aggressive dog should approach. Unleash the dog as soon as possible after entering the park to give it a chance to get its bearings and get comfortable off the leash.



#### **Abby Dierkes** of St. Joseph recently graduated from Rocori High School. Her plans are to go to Bemidji State University majoring in wildlife biology.

Three St. Joseph students recently graduated from Cathedral High School. They are the following: Jack Pelzel, son of Jodi and Jamie Pelzel; Mallory Schneider, daughter of Lori and Kyle Schneider; and Luke

Shangrow, son of JoJo and Dave Shangrow. Pelzel plans to attend Concordia College-Moorhead; Schneider will attend the College of St. Benedict in the fall; and Shangrow plans to attend St. John's University in Collegeville in the fall.

Jack Pelzel, son of Jodi and Jamie Pelzel of St. Joseph, was among the Top 10 graduates from Cathedral High School. He

plans to attend Concordia College to study applied physics.

Lydia Peters, daughter of Alicia Peters and Nick Campbell of St. Joseph, recently graduated from Minne- Peters

sota Connections Academy. She

plans to take the next school year off to explore interests then attend a four-year college.

Ethan Gohmann, son of Mary Pat and Curt Gohmann of St. Joseph, recently graduated from Sartell High School. He plans to attend Alexandria Technical and Community College for a mechatronics degree.

Jenna Schreifels, daughter

of Tracy Schreifels of St. Joseph, recently graduated from Sauk Rapids-Rice High School. She plans to attend St. Cloud Technical and Community College in the surgical technician program.

**Nickolas** Breth, son of Rebecca and Tyler Breth. of St. Joseph, recently graduated from Holdingford High Breth

School.

Alex Hausmann, son of Chad and Deana Hausmann of St. Joseph recently graduated from Apollo High School. He will be attending the University of Minnesota-Twin Cities.

Lauren Kunde of St. Joseph graduated from Minnesota State University Moorhead in May with a master's degree in educational leadership.

Meg Schneider, daughter of Kurt and Joanne Schneider of St. Joseph, graduated from Bethel University.

Riley Zimmer graduated with honors with a bachelor of science in nursing from Minnesota State University Mankato.

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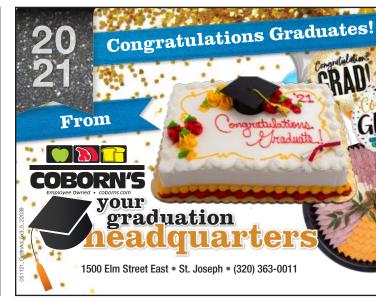
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### Pint-sized superheroes marvel at success

by Heidi L. Everett editor@thenewsleaders.com

Superheroes showed their strength May 21 at St. Joseph Catholic School as they gathered to celebrate a successful fundraiser to benefit area food shelves.

Event coordinator and preschool teacher Cheri Burg said more than \$600 was raised in addition to gathering boxes upon boxes of food items.

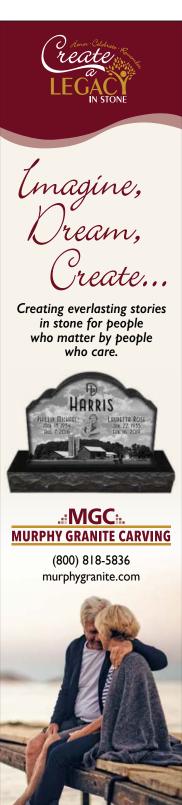
"Our school has the core values of caring deeply, sharing generously, serving willingly and speaking kindly," Burg said. "This gives kids the chance to practice these values."

Burg said the fundraiser also is educational. A different organization is selected each year, so kids learn about local needs.

"I don't think kids know how many people are food insecure in our community," she said.

"This year, students donated \$5 to dress in a costume and also donated food to stock the shelves for summer," said Tess Koltes, third-grade teacher.

The annual event also in-





cluded what is typically part of a field day this year because of earlier COVID restrictions. At Superhero Day, game stations were set up throughout the schoolyard where students could test a variety of super powers. Among the 14 games were Super Words, Kryptonite Relay, Super Agility and others.

Their biggest superpowers – compassion and service – were shown outside of the games, though.

photos by Heidi L. Everett

(Above) Addy Schneider, 6, of Cold Spring, takes flight as Mr. Incredible, David Fremo, of Cold Spring, measures the distance. (At right) Superhero Sully, Aiden Geier, 8, of St. Cloud, lands a winner.





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(Above) Dahlia Coborn, 4, of Cold Spring, races Principal Karl Terhaar, aka Leaf Man. (Below, left) Braelyn Trantina, 4, of St. Joseph, takes aim. (Below right) Nora Frame, 5, of St. Joseph, keeps a watchful eye on her community. (Bottom right) Mike Swanson of St. Joseph tries to get a flashy high-five from his kiddo Dax, 6.







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Speakers on Mental Illness for Faith-Based Communities, 12-1 p.m. Presented by NAMI, speakers will share their personal stories of recovery from mental illness. Register at https://namimn.org/education-and-public-awareness/classes/.

#### Saturday, May 29

Are you a compulsive eater? **Overeaters Anonymous** can help. Meetings held on Tuesday, 6 PM at Alano Club in Cold Spring or Saturday, 9 AM at Whitney Senior Center in St. Cloud. For more information call Joyce @ 320-761-2275 or Donna @ 320-291-7251 or visit oa.org.

**St. Joseph Lions Brat Sale**, 9-4 p.m., 26 1st Ave NW, St. Joseph.

#### Monday, May 31

**St. Joseph Food Shelf**, open 1-3 p.m., 18 Birch St. E, St. Joseph.

Mill City String Quartet, 7:30 p.m., Livestream available from May 1-May 31 at www. chambermusicstcloud.org.

#### Tuesday, June 1

**Memory Writers** group develops topics and turns in stories. 10 a.m.-noon, Stearns History Museum, 235 33rd Ave. S,

St Cloud. Contact Jan Sorell for more info at jsorrell97@gmail. com. Free for museum members and \$7 for non-members.

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**St. Joseph Lions Club**, 7 p.m., Millstream Park Pavilion 101 Fifth Ave. NW., St Joseph.

#### Wednesday, June 2

Advocates for Independence, 2-4 p.m., Independent Lifestyles meeting virtually, contact Michelle at 320-529-9000 for registration details.

**St. Stephen City Council**, 6:30 p.m., St. Stephen City Hall, 2 Sixth Ave SE.

#### Thursday, June 3

**Coffee and Conversation**, a senior discussion group, 9 a.m., Sartell Community Center, 850 19th St. S. Pre-register to attend in-person, call Anna at 320-258-7324.

**St. Joseph Food Shelf**, open 1-3 p.m., 18 Birch St. E, St. Joseph.

MnDOT to host "Let's Talk Transportation!" Virtual Event, 5:30-7 p.m., Test your knowledge of the state transportation system and share your vision for the future! Event includes trivia, colorful comics and more. To register for this free event, visit https://minnesotago.org/stories/#trivia-dates and select "June 3."

Calendar

#### Friday, June 4

Girls 360° free virtual group, 10 a.m.-noon Wednesdays, June 9-July 28, via zoom. Area girls ages 13 to 17 who struggle with low self-esteem or confidence can learn positive life skills. Group hosted by The Village Family Service Center in St. Cloud. For more information or to register, call The Village at (320) 253-5930 or visit www. The Village Family.org. Registration deadline: Friday, June 4.

#### Saturday, June 5

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Spring Spin Fest & Fiber Fair, 10-4 p.m., Rocking Horse Farm Knitshop, 25636 County Road 74, St. Cloud. Vendor marketplace, spinning circle, fiber art displays, demonstrations, food truck, and more.

Monday, June 7
St. Joseph Food Shelf, open

1-3 p.m., 18 Birch St. E, St. Joseph

**St. Joseph City Council**, 6 p.m., Government Center, 75 Callaway St. E., St. Joseph. 1st and 3rd Monday.

#### Tuesday, June 8

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National Alliance on Mental Illness, 7-8:30 p.m., currently meeting via Zoom on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month. Please go to the NAMI St. Cloud website: www.namistcloud. com for registration details. This group is for family and friends of a person dealing with a mental illness, any diagnosis, any age. Learn coping and problem solving skills. Questions, call 320-654-1259, or email fsnamist-cloud@gmail.com.

#### Wednesday, June 9

Sartell Citywide Garage Sale, 7:30 a.m.-6 p.m. Donations to the sale will be accepted starting June 3.

St. Cloud Schools Board of Education Agenda Planning Committee, 8 a.m., District 742 Administration Office, 1201 S. Second St, Waite Park.

Breakfast Club, 9 a.m. Speaker Brendon Duffy will present Precedented Times: The 1918-19 Spanish Flu. Stearns History Museum, St. Cloud. Free for members, \$7 for nonmembers. Call 320-253-8424 to register.

St. Joseph Area Chamber of Commerce, 11:30 a.m., meeting via Zoom. Contact the chamber at stjosephchamber@gmail.com to register.

Free Online Alzheimer's Education Classes, 12-1 p.m. New content every other Wednesday, May 12-July 21. Registration is available online at: https://mailchi.mp/edgewoodhealthcare/alzheimerseventseries or by phone at 701-330-2626.

#### Thursday, June 10

**St. Joseph Food Shelf**, open 1-3 p.m., 18 Birch St. E, St. Joseph.

#### <u>Friday, June 11</u>

Homegrown 5K, Two-mile, & "Little Sprouts" 1K, 5 p.m., \$5.00 registration cost. Wilson Park, 625 Riverside Drive NE, St. Cloud.

#### Sunday, June 13

Sartell Youth Hockey 2021 Scheels Gift Card & Gun Raffle, 6 p.m. drawing. Approximately \$40,000 in prizes. Visit sartellhockeyraffle.com for ticket and event information.

### Opinion-

#### Our view:

## SCOTUS on trial next term

On May 17, 2021, the Supreme Court of the United States agreed to hear Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization when it convenes for its next term Oct. 4, 2021. The annual term for SCOTUS runs October through October.

This case challenges the constitutionality of a Mississippi law prohibiting abortions after the 15th week of pregnancy except in cases of medical emergencies or fetal abnormalities.

The U.S. district court held the law was unconstitutional, and put a permanent stop to its enforcement. On appeal, the Fifth Circuit agreed.

The question presented before the Supreme Court regarding this case is "Whether all pre-viability prohibitions on elective abortions are unconstitutional."

In its landmark 1973 case, Roe v. Wade, the U.S. Supreme Court recognized a constitutional right to abortion but held that states could prohibit abortion after fetal viability — the point at which a fetus can sustain life outside the uterus. Since then, the Supreme Court has consistently reaffirmed this right while allowing new limits on an individual's ability to obtain one.

The current U.S. Supreme Court standard holds states may prohibit abortion after fetal viability so long as there are exceptions for the life and health of the pregnant person. Viability — which can range from 24 to 28 weeks — must be determined on an individual basis.

Legislators across the country in 2021 still had time to try and dismantle women's reproductive health rights despite other urgent priorities, including the pandemic, vaccination rollout, a struggling economy, systemic racism and redistricting. The most recent assault on women's bodies comes out of Texas when on May 19, Gov. Greg Abbott signed the fetal heartbeat abortion bill, banning abortion as early as six weeks. It is scheduled to go into effect Sept. 1.

From 2017 through 2020, 45 states enacted legislation to limit a women's access to reproductive healthcare. Many of those laws are making their way through the court system.

The last presidential administration was committed to nominating Supreme Court justices who have public record or personal beliefs opposing women's reproductive health rights. Questions about women's reproductive health legislation were asked frequently in their confirmation hearings, and the expected answers about handling each case on its own merits were given.

Their appointments may have dramatically shifted the balance of the courts for the next two decades, and in the next Supreme Court term, we will see if they value precedence or fulfill the role of activist judge by putting party ideology or faith before the law.

Pray for the former.

### Thank you, Liz Cheney, for the troubling truth

(This is an open letter I sent May 12 to Rep. Liz Cheney.)

Honorable Rep. Liz Cheney,

Thank you! After the Big Lie knocked the wind out of this country, you told the truth – that the Big Lie was just that, a lie and a BIG one. The truth you first told months ago was "bad" enough. But your real "crime" is that you persisted in telling that same hard truth over and over, trying to warn us all.

It was like rubbing salt into the self-inflicted wounds of your fellow Republicans who scrambled from the House gallery May 11 just before you delivered your impassioned, defiant speech. They fled from your words, slamming their ears shut because if there's one thing they didn't want to hear it's the truth. The truth that the former president lied about an election victory being stolen from him, a claim he made repeatedly even weeks before the election. It was his way of setting the scene for "populist" outrage if he did lose, which in fact he did. Most ego bullies who lose a game lash out by ripping apart anything in sight, spoiling it for everybody else. "If I can't have it, nobody else can either!"

The "Stolen Election" ploy worked, of course, leading to the daytime nightmare of Jan. 6. The loser riled up a mob that stormed the nation's Capitol, threatening to kill Speaker of the House Nancy Pe-

### Wear orange to honor victims of gun violence

Jean Abercrombie St. Joseph

On an episode of the PBS mystery series "Inspector Lewis," a shooting occurred during a parade at Oxford University in England. As the participants and onlookers scrambled for safety, one of the Brits said, "How can this happen; we're not America!"

This past weekend 13 mass shootings were committed in the United States of America. Again.

These horrors occur so often now in our own country they are barely news anymore.

That we barely notice them is an atrocity in itself.

Firearms are the leading cause of death for children and teens in the United States. Very young children attending school for the first time must be subjected to frightening "lock down" drills in classrooms. While taking my then 4-year-old granddaughter to her

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Ms. Cheney, you had the good sense to see what was happening. Our democratic system based on free and fair elections, on wins and losses, on the orderly and peaceful transition of power had been directly attacked, all because of a sore loser and the Big Lie he so carefully nurtured and perpetrated, the Big Lie that so many were and still are so eager to believe. It's doubtful if any congress members truly ever really believed that lie. But when a virtual cult leader/bully hijacks a political party, you'd best do and say as he commands or else you'll slip from power. And make no mistake, even though the bully is no longer the president, his slavish followers still swallow hook, line, sinker his every crazy notion and bloated conspiracy theory. So they pretend to believe him; they pretend to buy into the Big Lie; they spout nonsense as you, alone among them, tells the truth.

Your speech will likely come to be regarded as a landmark moment in American history. It was a five-alarm warning that every good American should heed. It was the moment when you, a courageous conser-

vative woman, much maligned by your lying colleagues, dared to stand alone and tell the truth that our precious democracy is in deep trouble. The Rule of Law is being blatantly sabotaged. The trust in our electoral process, so vital to our democracy, is being undermined and broken like Humpty Dumpty, and we are left wondering if it can ever be put back together again.

The day after your resounding speech, your colleagues voted to demote you. Sad to say, their stupid, vengeful behavior was predictable. However, hold your head high and please keep speaking up. Maybe one of these days – oh, let us hope! – they who should know better will start hearing your truths, heeding them.

These words of yours should be carved on a marble monument in our nation's capital:

"Remaining silent and ignoring the lie emboldens the liar. I will not participate in that. I will not sit back and watch in silence while others lead our party down a path that abandons the rule of law and joins the former president's crusade to undermine our democracy."

Once again, thank you, Rep. Liz Cheney, for your stand-alone courage in defending our democracy that is now under siege by reckless liars and destroyers, all of them manipulated by that sorest of sore losers.

#### Letters to the editor

school one morning, she called me back to ask me in a quiet little voice, "Do you think anything bad will happen today?" The joy of school and learning should not be replaced by fears and nightmares.

June 4-6 is Wear Orange Weekend to honor victims of gun violence and to demonstrate support for common-sense gun policies.

We are not an anti-gun movement. We display orange in the community and wear orange because it's the color hunters wear to protect themselves from gun accidents.

As I watched elected officials hiding under their desks and trying to barricade the Capitol doors on Jan. 6 of this year, I remember thinking, "I hope these lawmakers remember this feeling and think of the school children next time they consider sensible gun legislation.

Thank you to our businesses and schools and many volunteers who will be working to help bring awareness to our community. And to you. Show your support June 4-6.

#### Shout out to St. Joseph Mayor Rick Schultz

Juliana Howard St. Joseph

I love St. Joseph! My husband and I live in an assisted living facility, Serenity Place on Seventh. Klinefelter Park is just around the corner, so most days find me walking and enjoying the pond, birds, dogs, kids, but most of all, the trees.

Walking counter-clockwise, one is greeted first by tall pines and flowering fruit trees. The majestic stand of oak is on the east side of the circle.

While walking recently, I noticed a man with a black pickup planting trees, so I stopped to watch. Sure enough, it was our mayor, Rick Schultz, who was planting sugar maple on the southwest corner. Come to find out, these were not the first trees he has planted. He is responsible for beautifying the park with many trees for many years.

Thank you, Mayor Rick, for all you do to enhance the lives of St. Joseph residents. You deserve a shout out!

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### St. Joseph resident shares story from Jan. 6 insurrection

**by Heidi L. Everett** editor@thenewsleaders.com

On Jan. 6, 2021, a violent mob stormed the U.S. Capitol, leaving five people dead and 140 law enforcement officers injured. St. Joseph resident Brad Nolden and his family were there.

"Two days before, Trump was saying come to this rally," Nolden said. "When he asked that, it was just a once-in-a-lifetime chance. I figured if we went there, Trump would be president again."

So Nolden, his wife, Phatcharin, and their 12-year-old daughter, Leana, packed up the car – including their "really big" Trump flag – and drove 17 hours to Washington D.C. to stay at a hotel walking distance to the rally.

"I thought it was going to be a celebration, and it was. People were so happy," he said. "We walked down to the rally, and everybody was super happy."

Nolden said people were shouting "freedom" and "U.S.A."

"It was a cool thing to go. It was unreal," he said.

While the rally was peaceful in the morning as crowds gathered outside the White House, by 1 p.m. the rally turned riotous. Mobs made their way to the U.S. Capitol where certification of the 2020 election results was happening.

The mob broke through barricades around the Capitol. By 1:30 p.m., the mob overtook Capitol police, and by 2:15 p.m. insurgents broke through windows and doors of the Capitol building. Members of the House and Senate were evacuated.

At the same time, pipe bombs

were found at the national committee headquarters of both the Democrats and Republicans.

When the mob broke into the Capitol building, the Nolden family was several blocks away getting something to eat, he said. They learned of the break-in on their walk back to the rally.

"By the time we got back down there, most of the patriots were walking back," Nolden said. "We got right up there, but you still knew people had broke(n) in. We thought something else was going to happen."

That night at the hotel, Nolden said they received emergency broadcast messages on their phones that a curfew was in effect and streets were closed.

"You could see the cops out on the street. We couldn't even go outside the hotel doors to have a cigarette," he said. "I was swearing at the cops. It was just so wrong."

A majority of members of the House of Representatives also believe events that unfolded Jan. 6 were wrong.

On May 20, the House voted to create an independent commission to investigate the Capitol assault by a vote of 252-to-175, with 35 Republicans voting in favor of the commission. The bipartisan commission would include 10 experts to investigate the causes of the attack, security shortcomings and intelligence information leading up to Jap. 6

At the time of this writing, the Senate had yet to vote on the formation of a commission to investigate the violent, historic moment; however, Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell (R-Ky.) came out against it, stating current investigations by other government agencies, including the FBI, are sufficient

A Harvard CAPS/Harris Poll survey of 1,945 registered voters conducted from May 19-20 shows voters also are split on whether Congress should launch its own investigation into the riot at the U.S. Capitol. Fifty-two percent of respondents say the riot warrants a congressional investigation. Conversely, 48 percent believe the current FBI investigations into the attack are sufficient.

Nolden prefers to do his own research. He said he doesn't trust media, although he reached out to the Newsleader to share his story. He also was interviewed by a Swedish media outlet while in D.C. and is quick to share the footage.

"Censorship, if that doesn't wake people up," he said. "I want to see both sides of the story. You go down rabbit holes for yourself, and you learn."

For his part, Nolden tends to rely on information from known right-wing conspiracy groups who propagate unfounded information. For example, he doesn't believe the insurgents who stormed the Capitol were Trump supporters. He also believes aliens built the pyramids in Egypt. "Even with elephants, people couldn't move rocks that size," he said.

Regardless of who spearheads an investigation into the attack on our democratic process, an independent bipartisan review and report should establish a detailed historical record of what



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St. Joseph residents Leana, 12, Phatcharin and Bradley Nolden at the U.S. Capitol Jan. 6, 2021.

happened, how events came to pass and who was involved in the attacks at the very least to set the record straight.

At this time, 494 people have been charged in federal court in the District of Columbia related to crimes committed that day at the U.S. Capitol, including three people from Minnesota, according to the Justice Department website.

Back home in St. Joseph, Nolden proudly waves flags in his front yard, including his large Trump flag and the non-family friendly "F--- Biden" flag.

"There's a lot of evil people out there," Nolden said. "We were happy we went to stand up for our country."





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# Teaching Kids to Save Money

Set your children up for financial success by introducing them to moneysaving strategies at an early age.

Once they are old enough to earn an allowance or work for a living, show them the difference between spending on necessities and wants. They can seamlessly transfer funds from their piggy banks into a reliable savings account with the right advice.

According to the T. Rowe Price 11th Annual Parents, Kids and Money Survey, about 50% of parents are hesitant to discuss money or financial topics with their children. Here are some tips to make the conversation more comfortable.

- **Lead by example.** Show your money-saving habits while grocery shopping and explain how minor practices can save big bucks, like making coffee at home.
- Share struggles. Discuss a time when you weren't financially secure and how it made vou feel. You can also consider hiccups you experienced, like low investments or unmanageable debts.
- Show values. Sometimes, how you spend money shows your personal values. Show the importance of donating to charities or helping those less fortunate.

Here are some other helpful ways to approach a conversation about spending, as sug-



gested by the Council on Accreditation.

#### **BUDGETING**

As your child begins to earn their own money, teaching them to budget is essential. Together, you can analyze their monthly allowance and portion it out for savings and spending. Rather than relying on the school system to show

children personal finance education, parents must work oneon-one and remain active in their fiscal lifestyle. As they learn to make better budgeting strategies, the lessons will strengthen their decision-making skills in other aspects.

#### WHEN TO SAY YES

Suppose your child expresses interest in an item that is

outside of their spending limit. In that case, you can use the experience as a learning moment. Rather than giving in and assisting them with the purchase, form a savings plan that improves their spending power but won't impact their savings account. However, when your child is due for a reward for excellent grades or positive behavior, it's OK to

give in and split the cost or surprise them with a gift.

#### **DISCUSS CREDIT CARDS**

According to America's Debt Help Organization, credit card debt in the country crossed the \$1 trillion mark in 2019. Teach your kids the value of plastic currency for emergencies but how to resist the urge to buy a non-essential on credit.

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