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Keepsake!

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### 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.

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## Mayor delivers 'State of the City'

by Dennis Dalman  
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Despite difficulties made worse by uncertainties, Sartell not only made it through the worst of the COVID-19 pandemic, but the city is poised to flourish the rest of this year and beyond.

That was the upbeat message delivered by Sartell Mayor Ryan Fitzthum during his State of the City speech at a recent Chamber of Commerce meeting at the Sartell Community Center.

At the start of his talk, Fitzthum praised city-council members. All four of them, he said, have excellent perspectives on city issues, each with different backgrounds, varying experiences and unique insights that are brought to bear on the decision-making process. The current members of the council are Tim Elness, Jeff Kolb and two



Fitzthum

elected in last November's election, Alex Lewandowski and Jill Smith.

In 2019, months before the virus struck, the City of Sartell created an "Economic Development Vision" based on a determination that, in the words of Fitzthum, the city should support businesses so much that "they wouldn't want to be anywhere else but here." The Sartell Cham-

ber of Commerce and the community-at-large fully supported that vision. It became a full-blown reality, Fitzthum noted, after the pandemic struck when problems, shutdowns, closing and partial openings plagued businesses, but with supportive connections being strong, almost all businesses weathered the storm well.

"That was our guiding light," Fitzthum said. "A massive support for businesses."

More than \$1 million in government-funded CARES checks were given in person by city officials to about 80 businesses. The officials and business owners would sit down and discuss opportunities, problems and potential problems.

"Bring us together, and we will win together," is the motto cited by Fitzthum as the win-win formula for businesses and the entire community. Businesses,

he added, must let us know what is working and not working.

"We must engage, engage, engage with business leaders," he said, and that calls for new ways to be engaged. One of the ways to do that, he added, is new forms of transparent communications to "humanize" the elements of government. Sartell has done just that, he said, with new podcasts, an email newsletter and in updating the city hall's communications technology system, including live-streamed city council meetings with a vastly improved sound system.

The mayor described his role as a spokesperson for the city, a promoter, an educator, a presider at ceremonial functions and a conduit between businesses and the city.

Fitzthum summarized the accomplishments of last year – the ones completed, the ones ongoing. **Mayor • page 3**

## Riverside assessment hearing brings many concerns

by Dennis Dalman  
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After a standing-room-only public hearing at the May 24 Sartell City Council meeting, council members approved preliminary assessments on property owners for an ambitious reconstruction project along CR 1 (also known as Riverside Avenue).

There are 77 homes and businesses located along that

stretch of road, from Sartell Street at the south end to 12th Street N. Some assessments will be as high as \$8,000.

The project, estimated to cost \$12.5 million will involve Stearns County reconstructing the road. In addition, the city will redo old water and sewer pipes, add bicycle paths, create a river overlook, changes or elimination of retaining walls in one area, flood-mitigation installations, controlled pedestri-

an crosswalks, parking changes at Veterans Park and installation of a pedestrian path across the old Sartell bridge. Construction will begin in spring of 2022.

Of the project cost, \$7.5 million would be borne by Sartell. But after grant money and close to \$900,000 in assessments, the city's share of the cost would be reduced to an estimated \$5.9 million.

About two dozen residents who live along Riverside Ave-

nue expressed concerns about the project, with many of them strongly opposed to the plan to add more bicycle and walking paths. Some said the ones now there are rarely used, probably because of safety concerns about all the traffic on the road. Other concerns involved residents' easy access to the Mississippi River being restricted, that a narrower road might lead to even more safety-traffic con-

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## Senior Salute parade, fireworks planned for June 4

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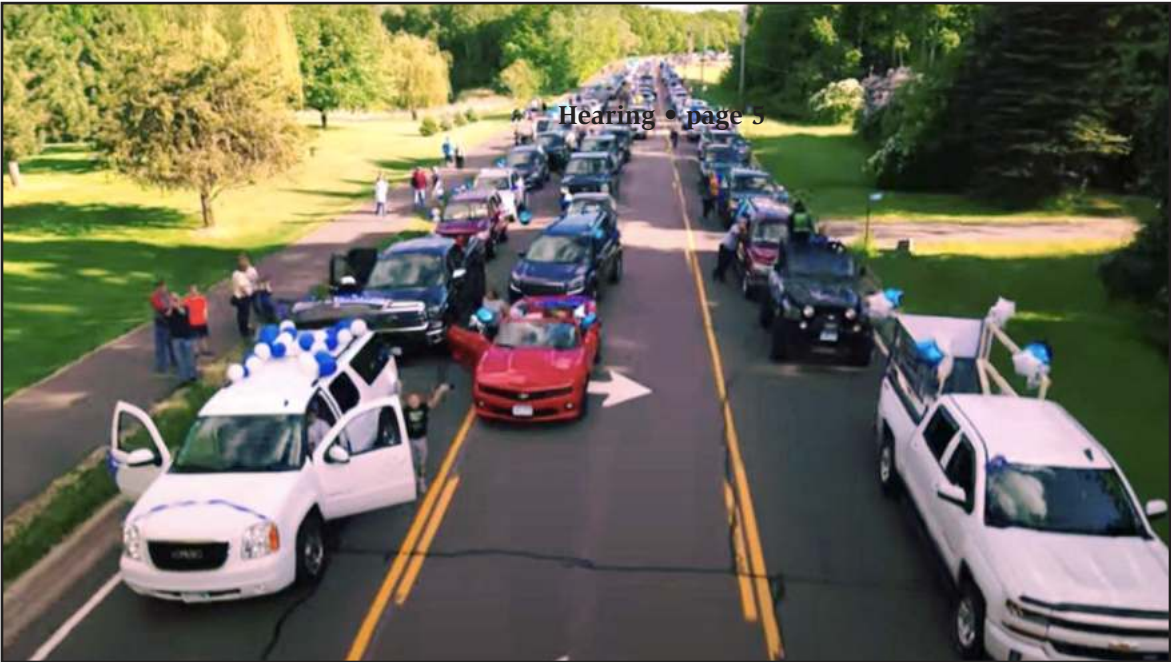
An innovation born of necessity during last spring's COVID-19 lockdown will return this year for Sartell High School seniors.

The Senior Salute, featuring a parade on Pinecone Road, will take place Friday, June 4.

Seniors will be lined up 15 to 20 feet apart on the walking path along Pinecone Road, and family will be able to drive the parade route.

This event is only open to those who register. To participate, register by com-

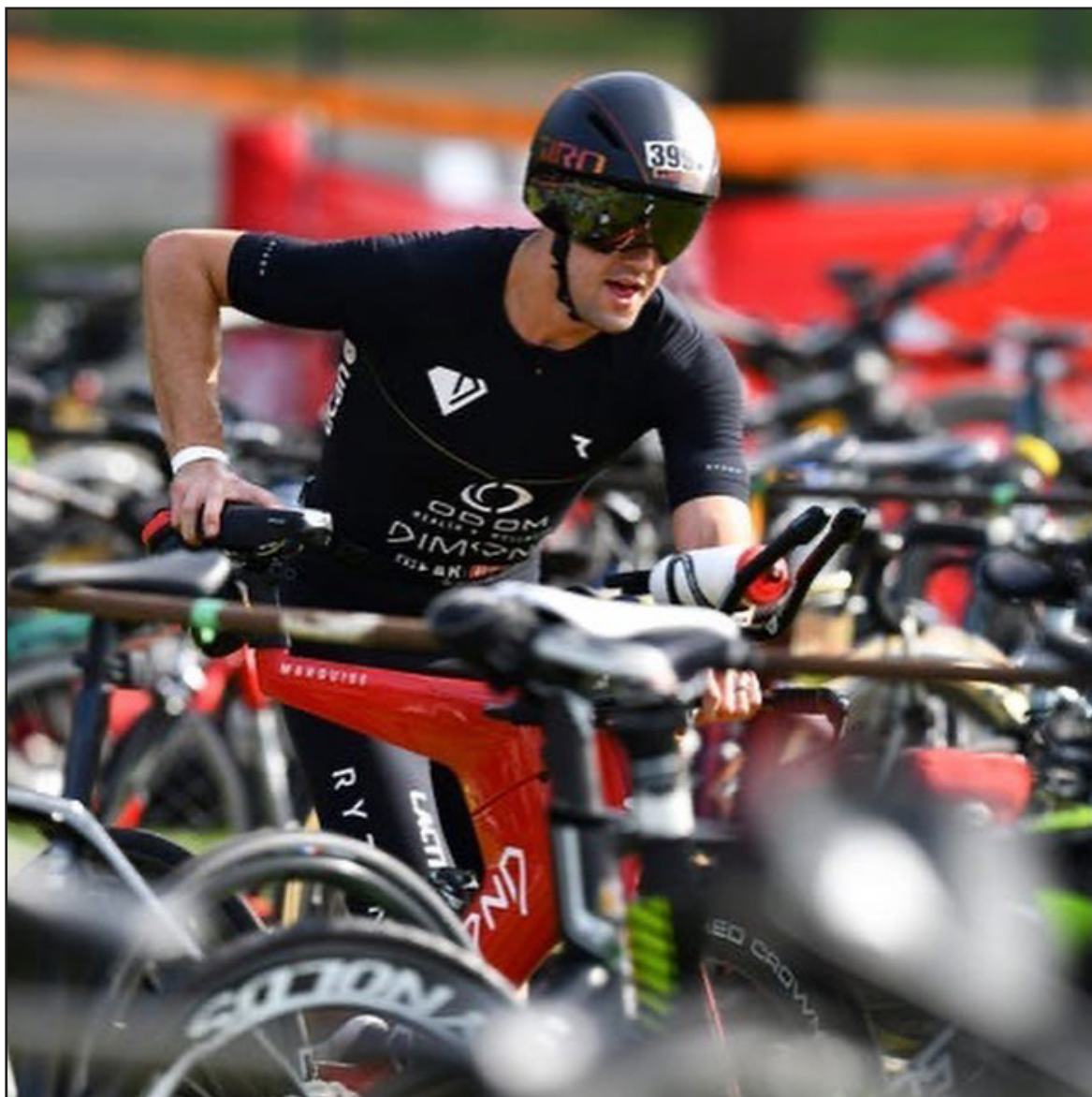
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A scene from the 2020 Senior Salute parade video as vehicles line up on Pinecone Road.





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(Above) Professional triathlete Ted Treise, Minneapolis, prepares for the bicycling portion of the 38th annual Sartell Apple Duathlon May 22. Treise was the overall winner of the event with a time of 1:22:00. (At left) Diane Hankee, Lake Elmo, sprints during a previous competition.

## Residents unhappy about commercial rezoning

by Dennis Dalman  
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Much to the chagrin of most of the neighbors who live there, the River Oaks Lane area in southeast Sartell was rezoned from “residential” to “commercial” at the May 24 city council meeting.

The vote was 4-1, with council member Jeff Kolb voting against the request.

The triangular-shaped area of land is located near the intersection of Hwy. 15 and CR 1 (also known as Riverside Avenue). About a dozen residents have homes in that area.

The rezoning request was submitted by 2-C Development of Eden Prairie, which made a private real-estate transaction for commercial uses in a large part of that area. Among the potential commercial development options in the developer’s application documents are four restaurants, a bank, a car wash and 60,000 square feet of

retail space.

At a public hearing concerning the rezoning proposal at the May 14 city council meeting and at the May 24 meeting, about a half dozen residents of River Oaks spoke against the rezoning. Their comments included concerns about environmental degradation, more and more traffic, density, trees destroyed, noise and more. One resident said the rezoning amounted to an “assault” on the people who’ve lived there a long time, who now feel they are being “squeezed by people who want their property.”

A woman said her home was built for what they could afford, and if they have to leave, they are doubtful they can find an affordable similar home.

The developer, Paul Tucci of Eden Prairie, said he and his real estate agent reached out to all the landowners in that area. Some were willing to sell, and some were

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## Treise, Hankee top winners in Apple Duathlon

by Dennis Dalman  
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A Minneapolis man, Ted Treise, was the top overall winner of the long course at the 38th annual Sartell Apple Duathlon, which took place on the morning of May 22 in the city.

The 27-year-old Treise, a professional triathlete, placed fifth overall in the Apple three years ago. He previously won the Ironman race in Augusta, Ga. and Waco, Texas. Last year, he was named Minnesota Triathlete of the Year. He uses yoga as part of his training regimen.

The top female in the long course was Diane Hankee of Lake Elmo with a time of 1:40:26, followed by Elaine Nelson of Duluth (1:41:52) and Julia Weisbecker of St. Paul (1:43:02). Hankee was also the winner in the Sartell Apple Duathlon women’s category in

2016. Nelson won it in 2015.

There were two courses for the duathlete competition. The long course was a 5k run, a 33k bicycling race and another 5k run to the finish line at Riverview Intermediate School. The short course consisted of a 5k run, a 15.5k bicycle race and a 1k run to the finish.

Top winner Treise, who completed the long course, had a time of 1:22:00. The second-place overall winner of that race was Andrew Zabel, a Sartell man, with a time of 1:26:30. Zabel’s 16-year-old son, Hudson, placed third among males in the short course. His time was 55:31. In third place of the long course was Brooks Grossinger (1:29:20) of Mayer.

The sixth-place winner was another Sartell resident, Ben Nemeth, who finished at 1:33:36.

All told, 87 duathletes took part in the long course – 56

males and 31 females. There were 70 finishers in the short course – 36 females and 34 males.

Thirty Sartell residents participated in the event – 18 in the long course and 12 in the short course.

One Sartell boy, 13-year-old Tommy Runkle, took second place among males overall in the short course, with a time of 53:34. Andy Clark of Northfield placed first (48:42), and Hudson Zabel, as noted above, took third.

The top three finishers in the women’s short course were Pamela Wagner of Maplewood (59:52), Amy Dettmer of Bovey (1:00:34) and Suzy Johnson of Duluth (1:01:00).

Also among the Sartell participants were Daryl and Pam Stevens, husband and wife, who coordinated the Apple Duathlon for many years. This year’s coordinator was Evin Haukos.

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Mayor Ryan Fitzthum declared May 2021 Mental Health Awareness Month. Members of NAMI St. Cloud board members and local elected officials celebrated the proclamation signing at Sartell City Hall.

Mayor

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ing and those about to start this year:

- Two new neighborhood developments – Northern Meadows and The Gates of Blackberry.
- Completion of the brand-new, \$13-million Public Safety Facilities headquarters along Pinecone Road S. It houses both the police department and fire department.
- A full-time fire chief was hired by the city. Peter Kedrowski was a captain for six years with the St. Cloud Fire Department and will replace the former Sartell chief, Jim Sattler. Kedrowski began his new duties in April, the first full-time captain for the Sartell department since its founding in 1920.
- A new superintendent was selected to lead the Sartell-St. Stephen School District. Jeff Ridlehoover starts his new job on July 1 and will replace retiring superintendent Jeff Schwiibert. Ridlehoover is an adjunct professor at Hamline University; he has taught high school science and chemistry; and he has been principal in several school

Salute

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pleting the form at the link below. Because of space limitations, organizers limited participation to family (two cars), school staff and other invited guests.

Parents/ guardians of graduates may register their vehicles using this link;  
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The parade will start at 15th Street N. and run to 27th Street N.

- districts in the Twin Cities area.
- A state bonding bill of \$5.5 million that will connect Scout Drive to Dehler Drive in the Medical Hub area of south Sartell. “It will be a large economic driver for us,” Fitzthum said. He added there will also be two entrance and exit roads to the Sartell Community Center this year.
  - Major technological updates at city hall, some done in conjunction with the school district’s ITV services.
  - The completion of the \$6.2-million Scheels Athletic Complex. The new second arena at the site will have an artificial turf for sports other than hockey eight months of the year. The project was paid for via contributions and a private-public funding partnership with the city. Arena rental fees, including many from the school district, will cover operation and maintenance. Fitzthum said the new arena and its artificial turf will accommodate tournaments, as well as special events, all year-round.
  - Coming up is a major re-do of Riverside Avenue that will include, among many other features, a scenic overlook and a pedestrian walkway across the “old bridge” in Sartell, which

**Schedule:**  
6:30 pm. Pinecone Road closed from 12th Street N. to 27th Street N.  
6:30-7 p.m. Seniors arrive on Pinecone Road.  
7 p.m. Seniors set on walking path, socially distanced.  
7:30 p.m. Parade begins.  
9:15 p.m. Estimated end.  
9:30 p.m. Fireworks at Sartell High School, sponsored by Liberty Bank, for graduates and their families.

Event organizers advise participants to adhere to the rules of social distancing. No restrooms will be available.

For details, including parking and student drop off, go to [www.everythingsartell.com/senior-salute-2020](http://www.everythingsartell.com/senior-salute-2020).

- has been used only for utility lines for years.
- There has been a multi-family apartment boom in Sartell for years, but it created concerns about too much density and traffic. The council last year designated five multi-family (R3) high-density zones in the city so when apartment buildings are constructed they will be spread out, not in the same area.
  - Fitzthum predicted there will be an influx of commercial developments this year in Sartell, and many of them had been planned well before the pandemic put a kibosh to activation of those plans.
- One commercial development that won’t happen, at least not yet, is the opening of a Dunkin’ Donuts shop in Sartell. Fitzthum said he and others had heard that was in the cards, but so far, he noted, no such plans have been submitted to the city.

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cerns, the possibility of old trees being cut down and questions about the need for new water and sewer pipes.

At the May 24 meeting, city engineer April Ryan explained the details of the project, the city’s assessment policy and answered other questions from residents.

Sartell City Administrator Anna Gruber suggested having an open house with a Stearns County representative available to explain why the proposed bike path would be moved to the east side of Riverside Ave. N. She said those changes would be undertaken regardless of whether the city participates in utility improvements because it is a county-led project.

After the hour-long public hearing, the council voted unanimously to approve the ordering of plans for the project.

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## Obituaries

### Gerald “Jerry” Pantzke Rice

May 3, 1952-May 17, 2021

Gerald “Jerry” Pantzke died May 17 after a brave battle with cancer. His funeral was held May 22 at St. Stephen Catholic Church, 103 CR 2 S., St. Stephen. The Rev. Ronald Weyrens officiated.

Pantzke was born in Little Falls, the second of eight children born to Edwin and Norma (Stoner) Pantzke. He attended District 1229, a one-room school located a short distance from the family farm through seventh grade. At that time, he transferred to Little Falls Public Schools graduating in 1970. He continued his education at Staples Vocational School graduating with a machinist degree in 1973. Pantzke met his wife Kathy (Rutz) in first grade in country school which started as a friendship and developed into a lifelong partnership. They were married June 14, 1975 at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Flensburg, MN. Pantzke’s career began in Minneapolis as a machinist and continued in the St. Cloud area as a mechanic



Pantzke

for several establishments, eventually working for Coborn’s. He worked for Coborn’s as a mechanic, maintenance supervisor and project manager for more than 25 years, retiring in 2017. Pantzke’s faith in God was evident in his life. He was a member of St. Stephen Catholic Church where he served as Eucharistic minister, usher, church council member and helped with the church bazaar. Pantzke enjoyed the outdoors, yard work, family time and especially fishing. He also enjoyed making old things “new,” refurbishing vehicles and riding in his prize possession, “Big Blue.” He had a sweet tooth for Milky Ways and Peanut M &M’s, but most of all Dairy Queen. He role-modeled faith in God, hard work, patience, selflessness, respect and love of neighbor always offering to help. Pantzke was a loving husband, father and papa and will be missed by all who knew

him. Pantzke was most proud of his children and grandchildren. They brought him much joy, laughter and happiness.

Survivors include the following: his wife Kathleen “Kathy” Pantzke; children: Joshua (Annie) of Des Moines, Washington, Ryan (Carrie) of Sauk Rapids and Kayla (Andy) Herold of Sartell; mother, Norma of Randall; sisters and brothers, Connie (Arvid) Swanson of Moose Lake, John (Vicki) of Estelline, South Dakota, Richard of Little Falls, Tim of New Prague, Linda of Little Falls and Joel (Jeanine) of Randall; grandchildren: Aurora, Victoria, Olivia, Lucy, Benjamin, Dahltyn, Afton and Mackinac; sisters-in-law, Loni and Audrey, both of Randall; special friends, Dave and Diane McClure and their children, and many other relatives and friends.

He was preceded in death by his father, Edwin; brothers, Steve and Curt; and an infant sister.

Obituary, guest book and video tribute available online: [www.williamsdingmann.com](http://www.williamsdingmann.com).

### Rose Marie Pearson, 96 Sartell

Aug. 3, 1924 – May 15, 2021

Rose Marie Pearson, 96, of Sartell died May 15 at Good Shepherd Lutheran Home in Sauk Rapids.



Pearson

Her funeral was held May 21 at St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church in Sartell. The Rev. Ronald Weyrens officiated and burial was at the parish cemetery.

Pearson was born Aug. 3, 1924 in Cleveland, Ohio, to Marko and Johanna (Ogrinc) Vrtar. She married Ren J. Pearson on Aug. 27, 1949 at St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church in Sartell. Pearson was a homemaker and she volunteered at Country Manor in Sartell for more than 40 years as a seamstress. She was a member of St. Francis Xavier church in Sartell where she participated in St. Monica’s Christian Mothers and St. Catherine’s Mission Group. Pearson was a lifetime member of the VFW Auxiliary, a member of the St. Augusta American Legion Auxiliary Post 621, the Fraternal Order of Eagles Aerie

622 of St. Cloud and was in the Cleveland Polka Hall of Fame. She loved to go dancing on Saturday nights, cooking, gardening and canning, traveling and was a great seamstress. Pearson was always concerned about others and had a kind and caring spirit. In all that she did, to her, family was always the number one priority.

Survivors include the following: her daughters, Joanne Sufka, Nadine (Tom) Piasecki and Renee (Chip) Dowsett; two grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Ren in 2001; brothers, Jacob “Jack” and Marko Vrtar; and sisters, Josephine Vrtar, Johanna “Honey” Mendel and Mary Zupan.

The family would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to the staff and hospice staff at Good Shepherd Lutheran Home in Sauk Rapids for the care, comfort and support they gave Rose throughout her time there.

In lieu of flowers, memorials are preferred to St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church or St. Francis Xavier Catholic School in Sartell.

Obituary, guest book and video tribute available online: [www.williamsdingmann.com](http://www.williamsdingmann.com).

### 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](mailto: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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## Open house planned for Schwiebert

by Mike Knaak

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Community members are invited to an open house retirement celebration for Superintendent Jeff Schwiebert from 5-7 p.m. Wednesday, June 16, at Blackberry Ridge, 3125 Clubhouse Road, Sartell.

All guests are requested to fol-



Schwiebert

low masking and social distancing guidelines. Schwiebert announced his plans in December 2020 to retire in June 2021.

Schwiebert served seven years as a superintendent in Sartell-St. Stephen, seven years at the Mount Vernon Community School District and five years at the North Scott Community School District in Iowa. During his tenure, the school district went through major facility work including building a new high school and renovating and reconfiguring grade levels at all other school buildings.

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# Dog Park Etiquette

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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 trash cans.
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.
- 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.

## Pine Cone Pet Hospital

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People



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MY7on7 (MN Youth Touch Football) Team Huskers-Red 5th/6th-grade Touch Football team took home the spring leagues championship title May 2. Coaches Bob Terpstra and Garrett Zimmerman. Players: Kevin Barthel, Reece Brinkman, Andrew Dincau, William Eichten, Elias Finnern, Dawson Hoffer, Casey Knettel, Grant Krattenmaker, Gage Reden, Austin Terpstra and Gus Zimmerman.



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MY7on7 (MN Youth Touch Football) Team Muncy's-Lime-1st/2nd-grade Touch Football team took home the spring leagues championship title on May 2. Coach Muncy with players: Jace Muncy, Jennings Gall, Winward Nicol, Rylan Nieskens, Khy Wallace and Coy Wickline.

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not, he noted. He said any developments would adhere to city requirements, including stormwater ponds, green space and lighting.

Tucci added that setbacks from the Mississippi River that borders that area would be strictly enforced. Some weeks ago, city council members and staff met with the residents of that neighborhood to hear their concerns and to explain to them the particulars in the rezoning proposal.



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Three Sartell students recently graduated from Apollo High School. They are the following: **Kaitlyn Cao**, **Jasmine Meyer** and **Skyler Urick**.

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Seventeen Sartell students recently graduated from Sauk Rapids-Rice High School. They are the following: **Megan Austin**, **Jared Bentrud**, **Brandon Bokelman**, **Nathan Cotten**, **Travis Dombrowske**, **Carter Eckblad**, **Jack Entner**, **Braeden Holt**, **Josiah Miller**, **Ashlyn Schreiner**, **Carissa Schultz**, **Kylee Sprifke**, **Kailey Tillett**, **Hannah Van Horn**, **Josiah White**, **Singrid Wilson** and **Hanna Zavala**.

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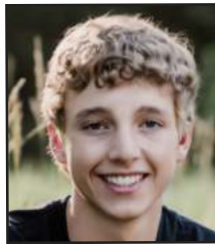
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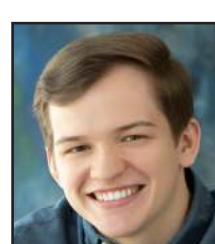
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*Michelle Shaw,  
Jim Shaw*  
Attend school for a  
degree in nursing



**Natalia Silva**



**Aliya Simpson**



**Shelby Lynn  
Smith**  
*Connie Felix*  
Continue school and  
enjoy life



**Courtney Nicole  
Snoberger**  
*Jeremy and Nicole*  
Snoberger  
Attend the University  
of Wisconsin  
Madison to study psy-  
chology and Spanish



**Tyler Souer**  
*Valerie Souer*  
Attend St. Cloud  
Technical and Com-  
munity College  
in the elementary  
education Transfer  
Pathway Program.



**Mahmoud Sou-  
mah**



**Sophia Grace  
Speckhard**



**Lilly Grace  
Spoden**



**Rainna  
Elizabeth  
Stangle**  
*Joe and Deonne*  
Stangle  
St. Cloud Technical  
Community College



**Megan M. Stark**  
*Chris Stark and*  
*Milissa Nelson*  
Major  
in elementary education  
at University  
of Minnesota-  
Twin Cities



**Leighton  
Stebbins**  
*Troy and Kristen*  
Stebbins  
Attend UW-Eau  
Claire to study  
speech-language  
pathology



**Cooper James  
Steffes**  
*Sherry Vacek and Ter-  
ry Steffes*  
Attend St Cloud  
Technical and Com-  
munity College for  
plumbing



**Damian Steffes**  
*Kristi Steffes*  
Enlisted in the  
National Guard.  
Attend St. Cloud Tech-  
nical and Community  
College for plumbing



**Nora Steil**  
*TJeff Steil and*  
*Amanda Engelking*  
Attend Bryn Mawr  
College



**Colin Stein**  
*Aaron and Connie*  
Stein  
Navy



**Alyssa Joyann  
Stuckey**



**Logan Studer**



**Chloe A.  
Swanson**  
*Brock & Marnie*  
Swanson  
Attend Winona State  
University  
to study nursing and  
play soccer



**Carter Swenson**



**William Andrew  
Richason**  
**Tautges**  
*Glen Tautges and*  
*Jenny Richason*  
Attend University  
of St. Thomas  
for business



**Amber Rae Teer**  
*Jeff and Karla Teer*  
Major in accounting  
at University  
of St. Thomas



**Bryan Scott  
Tellers**




**Zayda Thalacker**




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*Steve Thayer and*  
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**Lacen Blayke VanDenBerg**  
*Tessa and Jason VanDenBerg*  
Attend MSU Mankato to study pre-pharmacy




**Allison Sara Van Koevering**  
*Bill and Janet Van Koevering*  
Attend NDSU and major in healthcare management



**Allie Marie Verkuilen**  
*John and Michelle Verkuilen*  
Pursue environmental biology at St. Mary's University of Minnesota in Winona



**Conner Vogt**




**Carter Vonderahe**  
*Adam and Melinda Vonderahe*  
Attend Miami University of Ohio for music education to teach choir



**Taylor Marie Vos**  
*Shawn & Jessie Vos*  
Attend the College of St. Benedict



**Morgan Vosberg**  
*Mark and Kristen Vosberg*  
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Enter the trades



**Alexandra Jorja Warren**



**Konnor Brandt Warzecha**



**Michael Webster**



**Hailey Weegman**



**Christa Weide**  
*James and Sherry Weide*  
Attend Gustavus Adolphus College



**Lauren Wensel**  
*Shawn & Pam Wensel*  
Attend and play hockey for Lake Forest College in Ill



**Jordan Wenshau**



**Taetum Werk**



**Olivia Loren Westerlund**  
*Lance and Melissa Westerlund*  
Attend St. Cloud Technical and Community College



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2 : an inspiration to others

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**Winburn**  
*Scott & Becky*  
*Winburn*  
LSU architecture  
major



**Grant Winter**



**Myles Wochnick**



**Nyah Sydney**  
**Wolf**



**Emma Christina**  
**Wollum**




**Josiah Wolters**




**Carly Alyssa**  
**Yang**




**Tiana Lynn**  
**Younkin**




**William Yu**




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Advance  
at a large company



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### Thursday, May 6

2:07 p.m. Assist agency. 33 Avenue S. St. Cloud requested additional officers for a report of a bank robbery in progress and a possible hostage situation. The Sartell officer assisted with traffic control and holding perimeter. At 11 p.m., the first officer was relieved of their duties and another Sartell officer assisted for an additional two hours until they were notified they could clear the scene.

### Friday, May 7

10:01 a.m. Stolen vehicle. 16 Street S. Dispatch requested an officer respond to the area for a report of a stolen vehicle. The officer spoke to the vehicle owner who stated she left the keys in the cupholder, and the doors were not locked. The vehicle was last seen at 11:30 p.m. on May 6 and noticed missing on May 7 at 9:30 a.m. Another vehicle in the driveway had also been gone through, but nothing appeared to be missing. The registered owner of the vehicle responded to the location and signed the stolen vehicle form. The officer had dispatch enter the vehicle as stolen. On May 7 around 9:30 p.m., the St. Cloud Police Department located the vehicle. The owner of the vehicle

was notified and responded to the scene to give consent to officers to search the vehicle. The vehicle was part of an investigation with their department.

### Saturday, May 8

12:28 p.m. Noise. Second Street N. An officer was dispatched to a noise complaint in an apartment building. When the officer arrived on scene, they noted they could hear loud music and bass from outside the apartment building. The officer made contact with the suspected unit, and the renter informed the officer that management told him he could play his music loud and would not be turning the music down. A neighbor entered the hallway asking if the suspected unit could turn the music down for a child to nap. The renters exchanged words, and the officer mediated the situation. The officer informed the renters to contact building management.

### Sunday, May 9

1:10 p.m. Crash with injuries. Sundance Road. As an officer was on routine patrol driving in the area, he noticed a male who appeared to have crashed his bike. There were two vehicles that had stopped, but when the officer got turned around, they had left the area. The male told the officer he had hit loose gravel while biking, and that caused him to crash. The officer observed road rash on the male's leg and elbow area. The officer also noticed the male's bike helmet had broken during the crash. The officer requested Mayo ambulance to check out the male. It was decided the male would be transported to the hospital by his

spouse. The officer assisted the male to the vehicle.

### Monday, May 10

6:25 p.m. Fire alarm. 19 Street S. The Sartell Police Department and Sartell Fire Department were dispatched to a fire alarm. Officer arrived and learned of burnt toast setting off the alarms. The residents were fine and already had started venting the apartment. The Sartell Fire Department reset the fire alarm system.

### Tuesday, May 11

12:30 p.m. Abandon. Connecticut Avenue S. An officer was dispatched to the area for a camper that had been parked on the street for a couple days and appeared abandoned. The officer noted the windows had been busted out of the camper. The officer cleared the camper confirming no one was inside. The officer was unable to identify the owner of the camper. Per state statute, the camper was considered junk and there was unsecured personal property still in the camper. The officer had dispatch contact Collins Brothers Towing and had the camper towed back to their lot for safe keeping.

### Wednesday, May 12

3:30 p.m. No pay. Riverside Avenue S. An officer was dispatched to a business for a no pay that had happened about 30 minutes prior. The officer made contact with the owner of the vehicle. She confirmed she had just been at the gas station to get gas. After pumping gas, the machine stated "have a nice day," so she assumed she was good to go. She

stated she would return to the gas station and pay for the gas right away.

### Thursday, May 13

3:54 a.m. Suspicious vehicle. Tenth Street. A resident at this location called dispatch informing them there was a vehicle partially blocking their driveway, and they did not know who the vehicle belonged to. The officer arrived on scene and made contact with the driver and passenger. The driver gave a false name to the officer, but the officer was able to confirm the driver's identity. The driver had a Minnesota Department of Corrections warrant, so the male was taken into custody. While searching the male, a large amount of U.S. currency was found in his pocket. Upon searching the vehicle, the officer found drug paraphernalia and narcotics which were seized for further investigation. The male was brought to the Stearns County Jail and the vehicle was towed.

### Saturday, May 15

8:06 p.m. Bike. Heritage Drive. While a reserve officer was on routine patrol, they found an abandoned bike at an intersection. The reserve officer brought the bike back to the Sartell Police Department for storage.

### Sunday, May 16

6:46 p.m. Intoxicated person. First Street NE. Dispatch sent an officer to an intoxicated person complaint. The caller witnessed the male biker to have fallen a few times. The biker spoke to another male, and he stated he was going to walk home. The caller informed dispatch the male had fallen again along a fence line. The officer found the male biker near the office of the park. The male could answer basic questions. Ambulance was called to check the male out. The male was allowed to go home, and the officer confirmed he made it there.

### Monday, May 17

3:03 p.m. Stolen bike. Pheasant Dr. An officer was requested to take a report of a stolen bike. The mother stated their daughter was at a park and left the bike to walk her cousin home. When she came back the bike was gone. The family gave the officer a description of the bike, and the officer realized it matched the bike found on May 15 by a reserve officer. It has not been determined who took the bike from the park area. The bike was given back to the family.

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SARTELL-ST. STEPHEN PUBLIC SCHOOLS • INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO 748  
APRIL 19, 2021 • DISTRICT SERVICE CENTER BOARDROOM

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

A motion was made by Nies and seconded by Moehrle to APPROVE THE AGENDA AS PRESENTED. All in favor. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Marushin and seconded by Meling to APPROVE CONSENT ITEMS A.4.a – A.4.f AS PRESENTED BELOW. All in favor. Motion carried.

A.4.a. Minutes of the special school board meeting held on March 1, 2021

Minutes of the regular school board meeting held on March 15, 2021

Minutes of the school board work session held on April 14, 2021

A.4.b Checks in the amount of \$1,092,168.16 as presented:

General Fund	723,516.49
Food Service Fund	107,186.74
Transportation Fund	191,067.52
Community Service Fund	10,630.98
Capital Expenditure Fund	49,109.99
Activity Accounts	8,793.62
Internal Service Fund	1,862.82
Check numbers 180749 – 181001	

ACHs in the amount of \$5,875.20 as presented:

General Fund	4,331.22
Food Service Fund	107.00
Activity Accounts	1,436.98
ACH numbers 202000103-20200117	

Receipts in the amount of \$5,356,384.23 as presented:

General Fund	4,890,263.04
Food Service Fund	257,904.03
Transportation Fund	38,882.54
Community Service Fund	47,479.73
Capital Expenditure Fund	96,060.98
Building Fund	99.91
Activity Accounts	13,713.46
Internal Service Fund	11,980.54
Receipts 48593 - 48730	

Wire transfers in the amount of \$2,021,334.77 as presented:

General Fund	1,529,266.47
Food Service Fund	56,791.03
Transportation Fund	25,249.36
Community Service Fund	41,060.26
Capital Expenditure Fund	25,562.50
Building Fund	567.68
Activity Accounts	6,669.00
Internal Service Fund	336,168.47
Wire transfers 202000477-202000568	

Building Fund Checks in the amount of \$113,774.33 as presented:

Building Fund	113,774.33
Check number 601209	

A.4.c Approve resolution accepting the following donations: Sartell-St. Stephen Education Foundation, Riverview Intermediate, \$71,460.06, Riverview Intermediate School Campaign; Sartell-St. Stephen Pre K-5 PTO, ISD #748, \$198.31, donation for classroom supplies at Riverview Intermediate; Sartell-St. Stephen Pre K-5 PTO, ISD #748, \$348.65, donation for classroom supplies at Riverview Intermediate; Sartell-St. Stephen Pre K-5 PTO, ISD #748, \$512.35, donation for classroom supplies at Riverview Intermediate.

A.4.d Accept the resignation of Rebekah Arnold, SHS, SPED, end of school year; Sunday Chan, SHS, food service worker, 3/25/21; Robert Graham, SHS, part-time cleaner (7-10:30 p.m. position only), 4/9/21; Steven Gregory, ORELCL, lead custodian, 4/1/21; Vicky Knickerbocker, PMPS, student supervisor, 4/15/21; Naomi Kuplic, SMS, LTS global studies, end of school year; Chelsey Mersbergen, SMS, Spanish/EL, end of school year. Accept the retirement of Jeff Frank, RIS, fourth-grade, 8/11/21; Donna Kellor, SMS, English/LA, end of school year.

A.4.e Approve the Bylaws with the Benton-Stearns Education District.

A.4.f Approve student teacher agreements with; Minnesota State University Moorhead; Luther College; University of Mary; Minnesota State University, Mankato.

Student Representative Report: Courtney Snoberger  
Snoberger reported on happenings around the district. Oak Ridge celebrated the week of the young child by hosting an interactive

play day and a dress-your-best day. The musical concerts are in process of being recorded and will be shared via video for families. Pine Meadow students are practicing good digital citizenship with the theme of be safe online. The Sabre Strong focus this month is on being respectful on the bus. Riverview students are also practicing being respectful on the bus via the Sabre Strong program. Students will begin taking the MCA tests next week. The Minnesota DNR awarded a grant in support of the School Forest at Riverview Intermediate. At the High School, students continue to be recognized for achievements through Sabre Shout-Outs. Teachers have recently received their third equity staff training. Both the Student Council and Future Educators Association recently finished food drives to support COVID relief and for Anne Marie’s Alliance. Student Council was awarded the National Gold Council of Excellence by National Student Council. Student Council and National Honor Society hosted the state convention during the weekend with additional events planned for the week, including a homecoming celebration continuing the theme from the state convention of Leadership in the Game of Life. Spring sports have started their seasons along with the spring musical. Prom will be held on May 22.

Superintendent Report: Jeff Schwiebert  
Schwiebert reported on the work the students did hosting the Student Council/National Honor Society State Convention. High School and Middle School students expressed their first-amendment rights in participating in a walkout conducting themselves appropriately and recognizing the consequences that come along with it. With the events occurring this week in the Twin Cities, school schedules will not change, but conversations are occurring with items being shared from the Department of Education. Director of Human Resources Krista Durrwachter is working with incoming Superintendent Dr. Jeff Ridlehoover on dates when he will be in the district.

District Finance Report: Director of Business Services, Joe Prom provided an update on district finances.

COVID-19 Report: Superintendent Jeff Schwiebert and Director of Human Resources Krista Durrwachter provided an update on how the district is moving forward with COVID-19.

Enrollment Report: Superintendent Jeff Schwiebert reported on the current enrollment numbers for each school. School Board Committee Report:

Director Marushin reported on the policy committee meeting held on April 14.

Chair Snoberger reported on the community outreach committee that met with the City of Sartell and the recent equity committee meeting, which is ready to present to the School Board at a work session. Treasurer Moehrle reported on current happenings at the legislature from the latest update from SEE.

A motion was made by Nies and seconded by Moehrle to APPROVE #1-43.

New Employees/Changes: Nicole Ackerman, ORELCL, Para, \$16.42/hour, RIV, S1, 6.25 hours/day, new position remainder of 20-21 SY, 4/12/2021; Kirralee Adams-Scott, SHS, food service worker, \$15.89/hour, RI, S1, 3 hours/day, replacing Sunday Chan, 3/24/2021; Nancy Avery, SMS, temp FSW – meal bundles, \$18.30/hour, R1, S4, Monday – 4 hours/day, Tuesday – 4.25 hrs/day, replacing Priscilla Lessard, 4/12/2021; Vanessa Brenny, SHS, assistant track – outside funded, \$1,995 (9.5 percent), BA, Step A (\$42,002), replacing Darrin Morrison, 4/5/2021;

Shelby Burg, ORELCL, para, \$16.42/hour,RIV, S1, 3 hours/day, replacing Londa Cruze, 4/6/2021; Bethany Calhoun, SHS, part-time cleaner, \$16.89/hour, RI, S2, 3.5 hours/day, 185 days/year, replacing Robert Graham – additional assignment, 4/7/2021; Tracy Christian, PMPS, para, \$18.52,RIV, S3, 6.25 hours/day, returning from leave, 3/19/2021; Matt Darling, SMS, seventh-/eighth-grade softball, \$1,890 (4.5 percent), BA, Step A (\$42,002), replacing Jerry Kampa, 4/6/2021; David Deminsky, SHS, assistant baseball – outside funded, \$3.990 (9.5 percent), BA, Step A (\$42,002), replacing Nick Koubsky, 3/22/2021;

Cheryl Freihammer, RIS, Head Cook, \$29.39/hour, RVIII, S7, .25 hour/day, additional time due to higher student enrollment, 2/8/2021; Elizabeth Gogolin, RIS, Elementary Education – fourth-grade, \$44,666, BA10, Step A, replacing Jeff Frank, 8/25/2021; Janette Gronseth, SMS, food service worker, \$15.89/hour, RI, S1, 3 hours/day, replacing Jeanie Klehr, 3/22/2021; Heather Hofer, PMPS, social worker, \$58,143, BA30, Step I, new position, 8/25/2021; Michael Knight, SHS, assistant boys golf, \$3,087 (7.35 percent), BA, Step A (\$42,002), replacing Brock Swanson, 3/29/2021; Emma Laudенbach, SMS, seventh/eighth-grade softball, \$1,890 (4.5 percent), BA, Step A (\$42,002), replacing Kim Mitchell, 3/29/2021;

Priscilla Lessard, ORELCL, custodian, \$18.95/hour, RIII, S2, 8 hours/day, 260 days/year, replacing Amber Coons, 3/29/2021; Theresa Maas, SHS, ESY teacher, \$32.50/

hour, 18 days, summer school, 6/7/2021; Katie Martin, SHS, assistant girls golf, \$3,087 (7.35 percent), BA, Step A (\$42,002), replacing Nolan Frank, 3/29/2021; Julia Massmann, SHS, Spanish, \$52,645, MA, Step A, replacing Emily Meyer, 8/25/2021;

Jason Menth, SHS, assistant principal, \$105,000, 260 days/year, replacing Sara Michaelson, 7/1/2021; Danielle Morrison, ORELCL, food service worker, \$15.89/hour, RI, S1, 3 hours/day, replacing Priscilla Lessard, 4/14/2021; Trevor Nordlund, SHS, business education, \$53,665, MA, Step B, replacing Rustie Froemming, 8/25/2021; Alyssa Olson, SMS, eighth-grade global studies, \$44,044, BA, Step C, replacing Naomi Kuplic/Jason Spohn, 8/25/2021; Nichole Perius, ORELCL, Kindergarten, \$74,843, MA30, Step M, replacing Sarah Garrigan (LOA), 8/30/2021; Jill Peterson, ORELCL, AM cashier, \$15.89, RI, S1, 1.5 hour/day, replacing Priscilla Lessard, 4/6/2021; Brennan Rath, SMS, seventh-grade baseball, \$2,074 (4.5 percent), BA, Step A (\$42,002), replacing Nick Szymanski, 4/6/2021;

Christine Ravenberg, ORELCL, para, \$16.42/hour, RIV, S1, 6.5 hours/day, replacing Kaylee Johnson (LOA), 4/19/2021; Haley Robben, ORELCL, part-time cleaner, \$15.89/hour, RI, S1, 4 hours/day, 185 days/year, replacing Jeff Rutten, 4/6/2021; Dr. Megan Rogholt, DSC, K-8 curriculum coordinator, \$82,000, .85 FTE, 220 days/year, replacing Dawn Gent, 7/1/2021; Diane Roob, RIS, MTSS interventionist, \$81,535, MA30, Step R, new position, 8/30/2021; Luke Rude, RIS, school counselor, \$68,787, MA30, Step I, replacing Shannon Zinken, 8/30/2021; Jennifer Rueckert, SHS, art , \$48,125, BA, Step G, replacing Deb Rollings, 8/30/2021; Jeff Stang, SHS, SPED-DCD, \$53,047, BA30, Step D, replacing Geri Watkins, 8/30/2021; Lisa Thielen, SMS, seventh/eighth-grade softball, \$1,890 (4.5 percent), BA, Step A (\$42,002), replacing Abigail Swenson, 3/26/2021;

Joseph Vanek, SHS, family and consumer sciences, \$46,703, BA10, Step C, replacing Kali Olsen, 8/25/2021; Isaiah Wallace, SMS, junior high track, \$1,890 (4.5 percent), BA, Step A (\$42,002), replacing Noel Meyer/Matt Darling, 4/6/2021; Hailey Winter, RIS, SPED-DCD, \$42,002, BA, Step A, replacing Jessie Mortensen, 8/25/2021; Brittany Witt, SHS, art, \$3,499, .0833 FTE, 1 block-fourth quarter, Jessica Boline leave, 4/5/2021.

New Employees – Pending Licensure: Breanna Hess, RIS, elementary education – fourth-grade, \$42,002, BA, Step A, replacing Diane Roob, 8/25/21; Lisa McMullen, SHS, SPED, \$42,002, BA, Step A, replacing Alicia Dammen, 8/25/21.



# Minutes

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Leaves of Absence:

Stacy Clitty, SHS, receptionist, LOA, 7/1/21-2/1/22; Cheryl Freihammer, RIS, head cook, intermittent LOA, 4/26/21-end of school year; Emily Schmit, SHS, English, LOA, 8/30/21-11/8/21.

All in favor. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Marushin and seconded by Nies TO APPROVE CONTRACT WITH MINNESOTA SCHOOL EMPLOYEES ASSOCIATION REPRESENTING PARAPROFES-SIONAL EMPLOYEE GROUP. All in favor. Motion carried.

Schedule Work Session and Committee Meetings:

Future Board Work Session – Wednesday, May 5, 2021 @ District Service Center - 5:30 p.m.  
Future Regular Board Meeting – Monday, May 17, 2021 @ Sartell High School - 6:30 p.m.

Official Review of Policies:

The Board had the official review of policy: 303, 304, 305, 402, 403, 405 and 417.

The Board had the first reading of revisions of policies: 406, 407 and 412.

Committee Assignments were reviewed.

A motion to ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 7:01 p.m. was made by Marushin and seconded by Nies. All in favor. Motion carried.

/s/ Amanda Byrd, clerk

Publish: May 28, 2021

## Calendar

**Friday, May 28**  
**Speakers on Mental Illness for Faith-Based Communities**, 12-1 p.m. Presented by NAMI, speakers will share personal stories of recovery. Register at <https://namimn.org/education-and-public-awareness/classes/>.

**Saturday, May 29**  
Are you a compulsive eater? Overeaters Anonymous can help. Meetings held Tuesday, 6 p.m. at Alano Club in Cold Spring or Saturday, 9 a.m. at Whitney Senior Center in St. Cloud. For more information call Joyce @ 320-761-2275 or Donna @ 320-291-7251 or visit [oa.org](http://oa.org).

**Monday, May 31**  
**Mill City String Quartet**, 7:30 p.m., Livestream available from May 1-May 31 at [www.chamber-musicstcloud.org](http://www.chamber-musicstcloud.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](mailto:jsorrell97@gmail.com). Free for museum members and \$7 for non-members.

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**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.  
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.”

**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.TheVillageFamily.org](http://www.TheVillageFamily.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**  
**Sartell Lions Club**, 6:30 p.m., contact Stewart Giffin at 651-261-4272 regarding meeting details.

**Tuesday, June 8**  
**Sartell Chamber of Commerce**, 11:30 a.m., Community Center, 850 19th St. S., Sartell. Email [info@sartellchamber.com](mailto:info@sartellchamber.com) for virtual Zoom invitation.  
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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](http://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 [fsnamistcloud@gmail.com](mailto:fsnamistcloud@gmail.com).

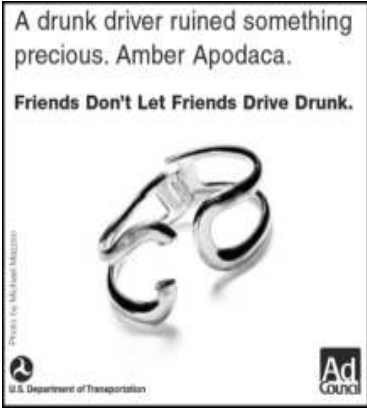
**Wednesday, June 9**  
**Sartell Citywide Garage Sale**, 7:30 a.m.-6 p.m. Funds will be split between the Sartell Senior Connection and Sartell Historical Society. Donations to the sale will be accepted starting June 3.  
**Breakfast Club**, 9 a.m. Speaker Brendon Duffy will present Precedented Times: The 1918-19 Spanish Flu. Stearns History Museum, St. Cloud. Free for members, \$7 for nonmembers. Call 320-253-8424 to register.  
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/edgewoodhealth-care/alzheimerseventseries> or by phone at 701-330-2626.

**Thursday, June 10**  
**Sartell Citywide Garage Sale**, 7:30 a.m.-6 p.m. Funds will be split between the Sartell Senior Connection and Sartell Historical Society. Donations to the sale will be accepted starting June 3.  
**Sartell-Sauk Rapids Moms Club monthly social**, 10-11 a.m.,Watab Creek Park, Sartell. Contact Tanya at [ssrmoms@gmail.com](mailto:ssrmoms@gmail.com) for questions or to join the group. Location varies each month.

**Friday, June 11**  
**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 [sartell-hockeyraffle.com](http://sartell-hockeyraffle.com) for ticket and event information.

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# 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. 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 that the law was unconstitutional, and put a permanent stop to its enforcement. On appeal, the 5th 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 that 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-

### Still waiting for Sartell outdoor rink plans

Joe Perske  
*Sartell*

I keep waiting. Waiting for the City of Sartell to reveal the plans to replace the skating rink, warming house and outdoor hockey rink that was demolished to make space for the Scheels Athletic Complex.

While the select few of Sartell residents are celebrating this opening of the second sheet of indoor ice, the remainder are left with only hopes the city council will replace their opportunity to skate and gather with family and friends.

When the first indoor sheet was constructed by the Sartell Hockey Association in 2003, at Pinecone Regional Park, the city constructed a high quality shelter/warming house and an outdoor rink to be used for decades by all residents. It was to be a place for the whole community of all income levels and athletic abilities to come together and skate after school, evenings and weekends. It was to be a place where kids, church and school groups, scouts, youth and families were welcome.

Last year, during the COVID Pandemic, the city unilaterally responded to a request by arena advocates to demolish the community park amenities and move forward

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losi and hang Vice President Mike Pence.

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-

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with a second sheet of indoor ice. With no community input, the council quickly provided dollars from the remainder of the half-cent sales tax, park dollars for the next 10 years from the golf course lease and city dollars, all totaling more than \$1.5 million.

Well, City of Sartell, what about the rest of the community? You took these opportunities away. When do the common folk, special needs and less fortunate individuals get their community skating rinks back?

We’re waiting.

### 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 atroc-

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.

ity 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 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.

Have an opinion? Share it: [news@thenewsleaders.com](mailto:news@thenewsleaders.com)



# Ringstrom, McDonough gung-ho for veteran centers

by **Dennis Dalman**  
news@thenewsleaders.com

On May 20, Sartell resident Phil Ringstrom discussed the need for more veteran centers with Denis McDonough, the Secretary for Veterans Affairs in the Joe Biden Administration.

Veteran centers have long been a cause dear to Ringstrom’s heart. He still works as a volunteer veterans’ advocate and was employed for 20 years as a nurse and a peer counselor at several VA medical centers, including the ones in St. Cloud and Duluth. Ringstrom was a U.S. Naval Reserve Nurse Corps officer and retired with the rank of commander. His brother and only sibling, Bob Ringstrom, is a Vietnam veteran who served for years as Sartell’s police chief.

McDonough visited Minnesota May 20, stopping at the St. Cloud Veterans Administration Medical Center and later at the Minneapolis VA Medical Center where he praised its pilot program for veterans’ suicide prevention. At St. Cloud, he also expressed strong approval of the center’s recently completed women veterans’ medical clinic.

McDonough, 51, is a native Minnesotan, born in Stillwater, and a graduate of St. John’s University. In the Barack Obama presidential administration, he served first as deputy national-security advisor, then as White House chief of staff.

At 10:30 a.m., McDonough and Ringstrom, flanked by a nearby security contingent, sat down at a table across from each other in the medical center’s lunch room. Both quickly agreed on the need for more veteran centers, including at least one in the St. Cloud area.

A veteran’s center is a walk-in facility where veterans can go to receive immediate help with peer counseling and other forms of urgent help, including referrals. The centers are usually located in downtown areas and are not connected to the VA hospital system, although the two can work hand-in-hand as a support system depending on individual veterans’ needs. The main focus of the centers is on every aspect of readjustments for those returning from war – that often disorienting, traumatic transition back to home.

There are now only three such centers in Minnesota – two in the Twin Cities, one in Duluth. In the entire United States, there are about 250 of them.

In an interview with the Sartell Newsleader, Ringstrom explained why veteran centers are so important.

“They are not for medical issues,” he said. “VA hospitals take care of them. The centers



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**On May 20, Sartell resident and veterans’ advocate Phil Ringstrom (right) discusses veteran centers with Denis McDonough at the St. Cloud Veterans Administration Medical Center. McDonough, who was visiting Minnesota, is the Secretary for Veterans Affairs in the Joe Biden Presidential Administration. He and Ringstrom fully agree on the need for more veteran centers, including at least one in the St. Cloud/central Minnesota area.**

are for peer counseling, assistance for jobs and education, and for family counseling.”

Veterans can literally just walk in the door at a center. There is, at most, just a quick questionnaire to fill out and no waits. Services are free. One reason the centers were started years ago is because of the long waiting periods (in some cases, months) that some veterans had to endure at some very busy VA medical centers.

Ringstrom, while working at the VA in Duluth, saw the need for such centers long before they were even initiated. Time and again, Ringstrom met veterans who did not benefit from counseling by non-veterans or by veterans from other wars. That, Ringstrom said, is because every war has been so different, generation to generation, including the reasons for fighting them. World War II, for example, was fought to save civilization from the onslaught of fascist tyrannies; Korea was fought to keep the North Koreans/Chinese from invading South Korea; the rationale for fighting in Vietnam was to keep South Asia from collapsing under Communism (the so-called falling-dominoes theory); the wars in the Mid-East were a reaction to the 9/11 terrorist attacks against the United States.

Ringstrom told about a Vietnam veteran who was assigned an older veteran counselor, one from an earlier war.

“Phil, that’s not my war,” the disappointed veteran said,

meaning that he and the other man could not relate to each other in counseling sessions. The man was assigned a younger Vietnam Era veteran, and soon progress was made in the man’s readjustment efforts.

There is another major difference between veterans then and now, Ringstrom noted. During most of history, young men were drafted into military service. However, after the Vietnam War ended, the draft was abolished, and men and woman voluntarily joined the military, some serving in the National Guard and many of them being deployed to wars – at times for one, two or more tours of duty. Unlike most of the earlier soldiers, the volunteer ones are often older, many in their 30s, often with education degrees and professional jobs and most of them married with children. Having to leave all of that at-home security can cause terrible stress and readjustment issues later on, when they are far from home and when they get back from war, Ringstrom said.

Thus, veterans from a particular war benefit most by counseling with a veteran counselor who served during that same time, that same war. A validation process, with lots of empathy, goes on during peer counseling as each knows where the other is “coming from.”

Veteran centers are paid for with federal dollars, and Ringstrom said in recent years the excuse was always that there

wasn’t enough money for them. But he has high hopes that may soon change.

“McDonough was very receptive about getting more centers in the St. Cloud area and maybe a branch in Little Falls,” Ringstrom said. “There are a lot of veterans in central Minnesota, many of them going to college or other schools here. There is also a need for more in the more rural areas so all can have access to them.”

Ringstrom is often troubled by the thought of a loved one or relative telling a depressed, suicidal or homeless veteran something like, “You’re all messed up. You’ve gotta get to the VA.”

It’s so much better, Ringstrom said, if those veterans could have immediate access to veteran centers whose welcoming motto is “Walk on in!”

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# Teaching Kids to Save Money

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



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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 you 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 one-on-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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