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## Community center committee, council reviews proposals

by Leanne Loy  
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Members of the city council and the Jacob Wetterling Community Center focus group met June 16 to listen to four architectural firms propose their ideas for the much-anticipated community center.

Narrowed down from 18 prospects, the four firms that presented on Wednesday evening were: GLT Architects with Barker Rinker Seacat Architecture, HMA Architects, JLG Architects and HGA Architects. Each firm presented its expertise, ideas and goals. Throughout each presentation one thing was abundantly clear, what they want to focus on the most, is the communities' vision. It's

an important project, one that will bring families and neighbors together, so deciding on which firm to go with is not going to be an easy task.

The committee was presented with four very viable options. Next steps are discussing each proposal in detail and considering what they want the center to provide.

On June 22 the committee invited Greg Gack, the executive director of the St. Cloud YMCA, to join the discussion. Gack has an interest in partnering with the city of St. Joseph to collaborate with and make this long-awaited center become a reality. For now, the committee needs to discuss if partnering with the YMCA fits with their vision, and that of

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## 'Art, Science Kits' program seeks funds to continue

by Dennis Dalman  
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The creators of "Art and Science Kits" for children are seeking donations to continue their enrichment programs throughout this summer.

The art and science kits contain art supplies, games and challenges for children throughout the greater St. Cloud area. The kits are placed in old, refurbished newspaper-dispenser boxes and placed in areas such as parks, neighborhood

kids' clubs, libraries and other places where children and their families gather for social, recreational, educational and food programs in the summer months.

The idea for the art kits started with Alicia Peters of St. Joseph, an art-instruction professor at the College of St. Benedict, president of Millstream Monday Night Market series in St. Joseph and arts director for the St. Cloud-based YES

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photos by Heidi L. Everett

### Creative juices flow at Millstream

(Above) Teamwork makes the dream work when making suncatchers at Millstream Night Market June 21. Brooke Kreitingner and son, Matthias, 3, of St. Joseph have it down. (Below) Kyle Rauch of St. Joseph and son, George, 6, inspect their suncatcher color pattern. Additional photos on page 7.



## Hudson & Company opens in St. Joseph

by Heidi L. Everett  
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A new women's clothing and accessory boutique, Hudson & Company, opened June 18 in the beautifully restored corner building at College Avenue and Minnesota Street in St. Joseph.

Hudson & Company is the fourth boutique location for Ann Hudson, who also owns NEAR + NORTH in Sartell, Nisswa and Wayzata.

photo by Heidi L. Everett

Taylor Mathiasen of St. Cloud restocks handbags at Hudson & Co. June 21 in St. Joseph.

In addition to clothing and accessories, Hudson will expand the offering to include home decor and gift items from local artists and vendors.

"We are thrilled to be a part of this community and honored to occupy this beautiful, historic building right in the heart of St. Jo(seph)," Hudson said.

The location, which got its start in 1900 as Frank X. Timmer's Saloon and General Store, was redeveloped and designed by Shannon Wiger of Shannon Wiger & Co.

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# Kits

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Network. The latter is a neighborhood network of programs that brings art, science, recreation and other programs to children and families in central Minnesota.

Peters decided to apply for a grant to start the “art kit” program, then she went out and bought old newspaper-dispenser stands to hold the art kits. Next she recruited the efforts of college students and teachers – mostly in St. Joseph – to create and

fill the art kits.

Others (students, teachers) were invited to create the science kits that are based on the STEM program (a curriculum to enrich young students’ knowledge of science, technology, engineering and math).

The kits all contain supplies (paints, crayons, paper and more) and fun ideas for projects on how to use the materials.

So far, the artists and science experts put together a total of 240 kits.

“It’s a lot of work, but it’s fun,” said Becky Pflueger, who grew up on a farm in St. Joseph, then graduated from the Art Institute of Chicago with degrees in photography and print-making. She now works at the St. Cloud Public Library, one of the places where the art-and-science kits are available for children.

“These kits,” she said, “bring people – families – together. They help get kids off screens, their laptops and learn social skills with others. These days (pandemic restrictions) there has been an increasing isolation among people, and some kids do not even know who their neighbors are.”

Thanks to art-and-science kits and the activities they stimulate (pictorial art, music, dance, science and math explorations and projects), children not only have fun learning, but learn to connect



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**The art-and-science activity kits for children are stored within these old newspaper dispenser boxes, repainted whimsically by talented St. Joseph artists.**

in positive teamwork bonds with others. A recent activity invited children to participate in a scavenger hunt; another project helped children learn the meaning of “negative space” in the visual arts.

Individuals and/or companies can choose to sponsor art and science kits in their names.

To donate to help keep the kits stocked with supplies, send a check to YES Network, P.O. Box 1042, St. Cloud, MN 56304. Write Art/Science Kits on the memo line.

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# Center

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the community as a whole.

There is much that needs to be decided yet.

“Our next step is to pick an architect firm,” said Therese Haffner, city administrator. “The idea for a community center has been in the works for years, even before I was

on board. We plan to revisit what the public has already expressed is most important to them.”

Haffner, along with the committee, is very adamant about listening to what the community desires and picking an architectural firm that is in line with that vision.

It appears this long-anticipated project is finally picking up steam.



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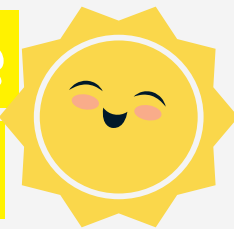
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When you're ready to hire a pet sitter, there are some things to keep in mind to make sure you get a good fit for your pet.

1. **Read reviews.** Many websites have sprung up to help people find pet sitters, but you might want to ask your vet for recommendations first. If you do choose a sitter online, focus not just on reviews but on any verification or certifications offered by the website based on their past experiences with a sitter. Ask for contact info of previous clients you can contact for a reference.

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4. **Schedule a visit.** Notice how the sitter gets along with your pet and how your pet responds.

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6. **Ask how often the sitter will update you on your pet's status.** This might be daily or a couple of times throughout your absence.

7. **Insist on a written contract** that lays out the services provided and the fees, and how and when the fees will be paid.

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# Opinion

## Our view

### Summer solstice, gratitude – but especially patience

Sunday, June 20 was this year’s summer solstice or rather, the first day of summer. Some of us refer to this day as the longest day of the year, but what a lot of us don’t know is the summer solstice symbolizes patience, gratitude and hope. After this last year when we were all still quarantined, this year many of us will feel this sense of gratitude and hope, especially as we slowly start seeing things get back to normal. But patience might not come as naturally to us. As our communities start to open up and festivals and parades bring in the crowds, one thing we should push ourselves to remember is to have grace with each other as we step back into normal.

There are many restaurants that are still short staffed. Your wait times to get a table may be longer and your food and drink orders may not be served to you as quickly as you’d like. Know your servers are doing the best they can. Perhaps you can take that extra wait time to reflect on how fortunate you are to be able to eat in a restaurant again.

Most of us are eager to get back to our social gatherings, and attending parades, festivals and live music. In fact, one of the hardest parts last year was not being able to go and watch some favorite local bands while enjoying a cold IPA. But keep in mind there are members of our community who still need to be what some might call “overly cautious.” Those who have a lower immunity due to other illnesses or diseases, elderly and even the younger kids who are not able to get vaccinated yet, still may be attending events with caution and with masks. Try to keep in mind wearing that mask might be the only way they are able to be out in public.

Days will begin to get shorter but now is time for our patience to be boundless. Tip your servers well, even if it took an extra 15 minutes to get your meal. Enjoy being out and about with your community, even if it means you might still need to talk to someone from behind their mask. After all, you never know whose life they might be trying to protect.

Gratitude and hope will come to most of us easily now as we start to emerge back into our everyday lives, but patience can be difficult when we just want things back to normal. Let’s not forget where we were last year, and how far we have come.

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## Creativity abounds at Millstream Night Market

It’s been a couple months since things have slowly started getting back to “normal,” but I am still struck with a sense of excitement each time I attend a public gathering. If I think back to last summer, I start to remember the isolation, that feeling of wanting to be with the members of my community, but also knowing we needed to keep each other safe. It was a difficult time for all of us.

Monday evening as my daughter and I strolled around the art festival I couldn’t help but notice the pride on the faces of the artists and community members alike. We made it here, finally. I’m sure we all had our vices for making it through the isolation and loneliness that many of us faced last year; and I am certain the arts played a big part in helping us through it.

People are drawn to art. It isn’t always easy to explain why but one thing is for sure, art, in any form, enhances our lives and in some cases, keeps us sane.

Some of us are drawn to books. Whether we read to escape our chaotic lives, learn a new recipe or simply enjoy a good story, the literary arts expand our minds, remind us of the beauty in the world and keeps us hopeful for the future.

Leanne  
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Editor



Maybe it’s drawings or paintings you are drawn to. To see the world through another’s eyes displayed on a canvas can remind us of those things we hold so dear. It can capture a beautiful moment, or a loved one’s emotions in a stillness we might otherwise not have taken the time to admire.

Perhaps pottery is your jam. Collecting unique bowls, plates or cups with intricate designs and blending colors to decorate your home or office. A ceramic mug can express a feeling, or set your mood for the day, perhaps with a little help from the coffee inside it.

Music has often been described as, “the spice of life.” I’ve heard many proclaim they simply could not live without it. Realistically, we can certainly survive without it, but what kind of survival would it be? Not a pleasant one for sure. As we made our way around the booths, it was visibly clear individuals were moving to the music playing in the background. For some of

us, it’s a motion we just cannot control, and I for one am happy to see others enjoying it as well.

My daughter was immediately drawn in by the Great River Children’s Museum’s table where children were invited to make suncatchers. As she congregated among the other children and lathered on glue and tissue paper to her paper plate, I couldn’t help but appreciate the joy those children were experiencing in simply creating. They weren’t worried about being good at it, they just knew they wanted to create something. It’s instinctual for us to be creative, whether we know we’re doing it or not. And it’s more important to our well-being to engage in others’ art than we give artists credit for.

If you caught yourself flocking to some form of art while you were holed up in quarantine, don’t forget about the artist that helped you through those times of isolation. Too often we expect artists to work for free, as though their time creating art isn’t as valuable as say, someone who works all day in an office, or teaches or even runs a bank. Life is art, and try as we might, we just cannot live without it. So, thank your local artists, and appreciate the work they do. You probably relied on them last year more than you realized.

## Hooray! Finally, we can get real haircuts

Hooray! After 15 months of virtual pandemic isolation, I can finally get a haircut – a real haircut.

In May of last year, with virus fears haunting every barber shop in the land, I attempted to cut my own hair. Sad to say, the attempted haircut was more like an attempted murder; it’s a wonder I wasn’t arrested.

What I did is grab with one hand clumps of hair and with the other hand’s scissor-wielding fingers cut the hair clumps off fairly close to the skull – a kind of firm-but-gentle scalping. After the butchery, I stared into the mirror, thinking “well, could be worse.”

That same day, next-door neighbors Richard and Martha popped over – masked and distancing. They are both about my age – verging on ancient. They are lucky to get their haircuts, in isolation, from a relative in another city. When they saw me, their jaws dropped.

“What happened?” Martha asked. “Whaddy’a mean, what happened?” I said.

“Your head!” she said. “Your hair!”

“What about it?” I asked defiantly. They were both trying so hard to squelch laughter, and it’s then I realized it was likely the most raggedly ridiculous haircut anybody had ever seen.

“Hey, who cares?” I said. “I’m stuck. I’m isolating. I ain’t goin’ nowhere. So nobody has to see this scalp job.”

Still, thank goodness for baseball caps.

Martha and Richard giggled with sympathy; I laughed too.

In my heyday, in the 1960s, I had

Dennis  
Dalman  
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beautiful long wavy black-brown hippy hair much admired by many I met.

“Hey, dude – your hair! Cool!”

That was then, once upon a time. This, alas, is the winding-down now. All my hairs’ sinuous waves and their black-brown shades are long gone, having been evicted by scruffy ghost-white tufts.

My parents, after their heads turned gray because of six hyper kids, weren’t kidding when they’d sigh their constant lament years ago: “Nobody’s gettin’ any younger.”

Some months ago, I attempted a second self-haircut.

“Is this one better?” I asked my good neighbors.

“Well, kind of,” Richard said.

“No,” Martha said. “Sorry, Dennis. It’s not. No, no and no. But it’s OK. Hair grows. Give it time. You can always try it again.”

A few months ago, I was watching a TV interview on which movie actor George Clooney said that for years he used one of those cheap gizmos called a “flowbee” to trim his own hair. It’s like a comb with a razor blade embedded in its upper reaches.

Neighbor Martha, who saw the same interview, told me she could order a flowbee-type cutter through a catalog she gets. Three bucks.

“Get it,” I said. “Worth a try.”

One day, Martha brought me the

flowbee look-alike. I hesitated. What if, while I’m using it, the razor in it cuts off my ear, like Van Gogh’s? Yikes. Days later, I summoned the courage and combed and combed my head, wisps of hair falling onto the floor.

I looked in the mirror. The haircut, I knew right away, looked just as bad as the last one and the one before that. Maybe even worse.

That same day, Richard and Martha popped over.

“Well?” I said.

“Well what?” they asked.

“My George Clooney flowbee haircut,” I said. “How do you like it?”

Squirming, they said nice, very nice.

“Well, do I look like George Clooney now?” I asked with utmost mock seriousness.

Richard, trying to muffle his chuckle, burst out laughing.

Marty said oh well, Clooney is not that good-looking, anyway.

“Still, Dennis, a good haircut wouldn’t do you any harm,” she added.

I got even when they popped into my house some days later.

“Gee,” I said, “Too bad the pandemic’s over.”

“Why?” they both fairly shouted.

“Because you both looked so much better with your masks on,” I said.

They gave mock-sour frowns. Then Richard scoffed: “Yeah, well, look who’s talkin’!”

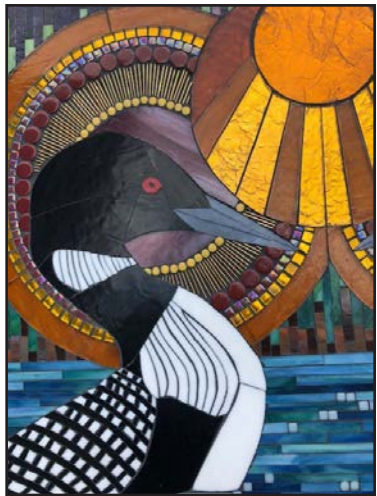
That’s what I love about good neighbors. Even during a pandemic, they know how to turn frequent frustrations into so much sly fun.

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(Above and above right) Hooping it up June 21 in front of Flour and Flower Bakery during Millstream Night Market in St. Joseph. Music from The Reminders moved the crowd. (At right) Ann Blattner of St. Cloud and Susan Eddy of Arlington, Virginia peruse the prints of Bruno Press. (Below) Mosaics by Laura Ruprecht and pottery by Megan and JD Jorgenson were on display that evening.



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# Have Fun Saving Money



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Saving money isn't always the most fun activity for most Americans.

Changing your perspective, creating goals and celebrating milestones makes the process more engaging for families and individuals. Rather than using retail therapy for mental boosts, train yourself to take pride in building your savings account and better preparing your future.

Here are some ideas to get started.

## **FIND AN EXCITING SIDE GIG**

The easiest way to stash away

money is to bring more in each month. Find a side hustle, apart from your day job, that you're passionate about. If money is already an issue, try to discover an activity you can do with little startup fees.

For instance, if you're good with your hands and already own home improvement tools, consider building furniture or unique art projects. In other cases, you can earn a significant amount of side cash by researching ways to make money online. Be wary of scams and be diligent when disclosing financial information for purposes like direct deposit.

You can get your business in the

spotlight by posting what you offer on social media and asking friends to spread the word.

## **TRACK YOUR PROGRESS**

Watching your nest egg grow can be the most substantial reason to persevere with your progress. Use smartphone apps that show a timeline of how your savings are growing and analyze it from time to time.

With the visual data, you can easily manage your strategies and adjust for even more positive growth. As you spend money throughout the days, be sure to log your purchases into the tracking software to find out where

most of your earnings go.

## **PARTICIPATE IN A CHALLENGE**

Create a saving goal and encourage your loved ones to participate in the challenge. First, you should choose an amount that you want to save.

Now, divide that number by 52 to discover how much you will need to stash away each week to reach the milestone.

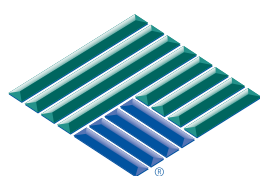
After the initial year, try to push yourself further by increasing the goal for the next 12 months. Before long, participating in a competitive way to pad your future will become a way of life.



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