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Craft fair set Sept. 18
St. Joseph Craft Fair will run from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 18 behind the newly built St. Joseph Government Center at 75 Callaway St. E.

Help with demolition, reno
Help Central Minnesota Habitat for Humanity prepare their Genesis House in St. Joseph for renovation! This home was donated by the Sisters of the Order of St. Benedict and will be renovated before it is purchased by a local family. Tasks will include tearing out plaster, millwork, cabinets and carpet. This is a part of United Way Days of Caring, Sept. 21-23. Visit <https://getconnected.unitedwayhelps.org> or contact Mary Krippner at mkrippner@unitedwayhelps.org.

Donate electronic devices
United Way is hosting a Device Drive from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 23 in the Quinlivan & Hughes parking lot located at 1740 W. St. Germain St., St. Cloud. Donate your old, working devices like laptops and tablets. Devices will be repaired or recycled to support families in need through access to technology. Accepted donations include computer towers and desktops, laptops, LCD monitors, tablets and cellphones (must be restored to factory settings), networking equipment, servers, printers, keyboards and mice. All donations are securely scrubbed and tested. Contact Mary Krippner, director of volunteer engagement, at 320-223-7991 or MKrippner@unitedwayhelps.org.

Kids Fighting Hunger event set Sept. 23
Kids Fighting Hunger Food Packaging Event is part of Days of Caring scheduled for Sept. 23. There are two shifts available. (11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. and 5-6:30 p.m.) and they will package at the Kids Fighting Hunger Packaging Center located in the C4 Welding Building at 11 Industrial Blvd, Sauk Rapids. Up to 40 people may register. Wear comfortable clothing. People of all ages are welcome. KFH is a volunteer driven organization. The food packaged will be shipped to a community in need in Africa. Visit <https://getconnected.unitedwayhelps.org> or contact Mary Krippner at mkrippner@unitedwayhelps.org.

Donate your extra veggies to the food shelf!
Donate your extra produce from your garden to your local food shelf. Favorites include carrots, beans, beets, kohlrabi, corn, potatoes, cabbage, peppers, onions and asparagus. Any produce that has a longer shelf life is accepted. This is an easy way to help our food shelves during the summer and fall.

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Catholic school has new principal

by Leanne Loy
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The St. Joseph Catholic School has a new principal. Sara Michaelson joined the faculty of the elementary school on Aug. 25. Michaelson has a background in education and leadership. Originally from Anchorage, Alaska, she graduated from East Anchorage High School.

“Go T-birds!” Michaelson said as she talked about her educational past.

From there, she went on to graduate from St. Cloud State University with a bachelor’s degree in science and mathematics. Continuing her education, she received her master’s degree in educational leadership from Concordia University in St. Paul, where she later also obtained her principal’s licensure.

Michaelson was a high school

math teacher for 10 years in Sauk Rapids. From there she served as an academic coach for four years at St. Cloud Technical High School. And last year she was the assistant principal at Sartell High School.

Being in this community means a lot to Michaelson.

“This community has been so welcoming to me,” Michaelson said. “And my staff [at the school] is absolutely phenomenal.”

When asked what she loves most about her job, Michaelson said, “Watching the students learn. I love being a part of their journey.”

Michaelson’s husband, Adam, is originally from St. Joseph. The two, who met in college, were always drawn to the St. Joseph area. About four years ago they found themselves buying a house and permanently making St. Joseph their home.



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St. Joseph Catholic School’s new principal, Sara Michaelson, with her family – husband Adam, daughter Emma and son Ryan.

Michaelson said she “just loves this community.”
She is excited to have students back in the classrooms and is looking forward to an amazing school year.

Community members to hold craft fair

by Leanne Loy
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Food trucks, shopping and music is what will greet you if you attend the second annual St. Joseph craft fair. St. Joseph residents Meghan and Carl Berg started the event last year when all their usual fairs had been canceled due to Covid.

“We were upset that everything

was cancelled last year,” Carl said. “So we worked with the city council to make sure we were OK’d and [planned our own event].”

Meghan, Carl’s wife, does many craft shows each year selling LuLaRoe products and even has her own boutique in St. Joseph called, Blue Daisy Boutique. Many self-employed vendors went through hardships last year when everything was

shut down as they were unable to get out and sell their products.

“With Millstream (Art Festival) being canceled (local vendors) had nowhere else to go.” Berg said. “We had (more than) 70 vendors show up.”

Running this craft fair is helping local artists showcase their work and products and keep their businesses going.

The event is set to run from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 18 behind the newly built City Hall building.

“This is a family-friendly event” Berg said. “With plenty of parking and a playground at Little Saints Academy for the kids.”

For more information see their Facebook page at: <https://www.facebook.com/events/535627774222663>.

St. Joseph man named Habitat director

by Dennis Dalman
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Chad Johnson of St. Joseph is the new executive director for Central Minnesota Habitat for Humanity.

During his student years at Concordia College in Moorhead, Chad Johnson, now a St. Joseph resident, developed a passion for “giving back” and helping others, especially through non-profit agencies.

That passion increased throughout the years.

Johnson has recently been named as executive director to a non-profit – Central Minnesota Habitat for Humanity. He was chosen from among 35 other applicants and will take on the position formerly held for about three years by Rick Nelson, who left the organization in February.

“We are very excited to welcome Chad,” said Habitat Board Chair Hailey Hollenhorst. “He has deep local roots, enthusiasm, extensive experience with fundraising and a genuine passion for the Habitat mission.”

Johnson previously worked as a grant writer in organiza-

tional advancement at St. Cloud Catholic Charities and before that he held leadership positions with several non-profits, including the Salvation Army.

“I want to become more aggressive.”

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Rock 4 Alzheimer’s
(Above) Father/daughter duo, Jeffrey and Saima Velline, perform at the fifth annual Rock 4 Alzheimer’s event Sept. 12 at Bad Habit Brewing Company in downtown St. Joseph. (At right) Jeff Engholm from Collective Unconscious plays at the event.



Habitat

from front page

sive in our approach toward building more homes,” Johnson said. “The goal is to build 10-plus homes in a year in central Minnesota. Our area includes the counties of Stearns, Benton, Sherburne and Wright.”

In recent years, Central Minnesota HFH averaged the construction of three homes per year. The idea for the non-profit began in 1988 after eight St. Cloud residents decided to get together and raise awareness of the lack of decent, affordable housing in the area. They then formed a local affiliate of HFHI. In the next year, 1989, its affiliate status was granted and by 1990 Habitat volunteers, along with members of the “partner family” finished building the first home. It was purchased by the partner family that year.

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A partner family is one for which a Habitat house is built. The members of that family must spend at least 200 hours of volunteer time helping other volunteers build the house they will live in. Then, once it’s built, the head of the family signs a mortgage agreement in which house payments will not exceed more than a certain percentage of household income.

Johnson said there are anywhere from 50 to 77 applications a year by people hoping to someday own a Habitat home.

HFHI is a worldwide organization with affiliates in virtually every country. It became well known decades ago partly because former President Jimmy Carter and his wife, Rosalynn, were both hard-working Habitat volunteers, giving thousands of hours of volunteer labor to help build the homes far and wide. The Carters, who live in Georgia, just celebrated their 75th wedding anniversary, and they are still active in Habitat.

Locally, plans are underway for a Habitat home right in the heart of downtown St. Joseph. Located at 303 First Ave. SE, it will be a totally updated/renovated house donated by the Sisters of St. Benedict. Habitat is trying to raise \$80,000 so that project can be completed .

Another project is set for Sartell – a Habitat partnership with Sartell High School. The “SabreCON” (construction) students will build the upper level of a Habitat home on school grounds that will be moved to its other “half” sometime in the summer of 2022.

Johnson also noted there is a grand opportunity just on the horizon, thanks to a donation of a large tract of land by Bob Cob-

orn in the Westwood area of St. Cloud. There is enough space there to build 14 Habitat homes. Currently the organization is seeking donations to pay for the cost of getting that land ready for building.

Johnson was raised in the Pantown neighborhood of Waite Park and attended Madison and Discovery schools before completing his high school years at Apollo, where he was an avid football player.

He earned degrees in business and exercise science at Concordia College. After graduation, Johnson worked for a time for the YMCA in St. Cloud.

Non-profits, Johnson said, are vital in helping so many people.

“Many are living right on the line, just one month away from homelessness,” he said. “That’s all it takes – one month.”

The main barrier to family security is safe, affordable, decent housing,” he added. “That’s the vital foundation for sustainable solutions for families.”

Johnson said he has worked with homeless children. Some sleep in churches, then they get on an early bus to go eat and shower, then they get on yet another bus to take them to school.

“I wish we could build a house for everybody who needs one,” Johnson said.

He hopes to keep building relationships with cities and counties to identify areas where building homes is possible. He also wants to raise awareness of estate planning in which people can leave their homes to Habitat.

Johnson, 35, and his wife Jacqui moved to St. Joseph in 2014. They have four young children: Sophie, William, Charlotte and Katie.

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Kathleen E. Vouk
Feb. 12, 1943-Dec. 22, 2020
St. Joseph

Postponed due to the Covid-19 restrictions, the funeral of Kathleen E. Vouk was held Sept. 11 in the church in St. Stephen. The Rev. Bob Harren officiated. Kathy (Kay) Vouk, 77, died peacefully at home on Dec. 22, 2020 with her adoring husband by her side. Burial was in the parish cemetery. Arrangements were with Williams Dingmann Funeral Home, St. Cloud.

Vouk was born in St. Cloud to John and Martha (Justin) Schumer on Feb. 12, 1943. She grew up on the family farm and completed elementary school in St. Stephen, District 130 and graduated from St. Cloud Cathedral High School in 1961. She lived in St. Stephen most of her life, moving to St. Joseph with her husband in August of 2019. She worked at Minco Lens Co. in St. Stephen until September, 1964. She married Jim Vouk in St. Stephen on Oct. 12, 1963. She was a full-time homemaker, day-care provider, gardener, cake decorator and an amazing cook and baker, being well known for her Christmas and chocolate chip cookies, rhubarb crisp and lemon meringue “angel” pie. She was a wonderful wife and a kind, caring and compassionate mother to her 10 children. She was a member of St. Stephen Catholic Church and past member of the Christian Mothers. She had a strong faith, with a special devotion to our Blessed Mother and to St. Therese

of Lisieux. She enjoyed playing bingo, 500 card games and trips to the casino. She loved listening to old time music on KASM radio and watching the Mollie B Polka Party. She enjoyed embroidery, growing her flowers and plants, decorating the front of her house, but, above all, she cherished her time spent with her friends and family, especially her children and grandchildren.

Survivors include the following: her husband of 57 years; loving children, Frank (Lisa) , St. Stephen; Jackie Lee, St. Cloud; Andy (Tammy), Boise, Idaho; Gerise (Steve) Thompson, Minneapolis; Jason (Kirsten), Waite Park; Jill (Jeff) Drown, Clearwater; Alison (Luan) Tran, St. Joseph; James, Holdingford, and Molly of Anndale; 26 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren. She is also survived by brothers Joe and Jim (Marilyn) Schumer; sisters, S. Mary Schumer, OSB; Barbara (Dave) Loehlein, Cinthia Anderson, Ruth (George) Botbyl, and Ramona (Al) Fisher and many nieces and nephews who will hold her memory dear. She was preceded in death by her parents; sister, Lucy; son, Michael; son-in-law, Brian Lee; and brothers, John, Terry and Emmett.

The family thanks the staff at Serenity Place on 7th who provided Vouk with loving care and comfort throughout her time living there, especially in the last weeks and months. The family also thanks Moments Hospice for their care. Memorials are preferred.



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Friday, Sept. 17
Burger and Brat Sale, sponsored by St. Joseph Knights of Columbus, 10-4 p.m., 26 First Ave. NW, St. Joseph Meat Market.

Saturday, Sept. 18
Burger and Brat Sale, sponsored by St. Joseph Knights of Columbus, 10-4 p.m., 26 First Ave. NW, St. Joseph Meat Market.
Community Meal, 11:30-12:45, drive by and pick-up style, First United Methodist Church, 1107 Pinecone Road S, Sartell.
Traveling Wilburys Tribute: The Wandering Mulburys, 7:30 p.m. This is a paid event. Order tickets at www.ppfive.com. Pioneer Place, 22 Fifth Ave. S., St. Cloud.

Monday, Sept. 20
Spiritual R & R Day, 9-3:30 p.m. This day offers time and space for quiet prayer, reflection, reading, walking, resting and meeting with a spiritual director if desired. Group prayer begins and ends the

day. Midday prayer with the sisters in the Oratory and noon meal with the sisters at the monastery are optional. Free-will offering accepted. Optional paid meal at the monastery. Visit <https://sbm.osb.org/event/spiritual-r-r-day/> to register.
St. Joseph Food Shelf, open 1-3 p.m., 18 Birch St. E, St. Joseph.
Fare For All, 3:30-5:30 p.m., Resurrection Lutheran Church, 610 CR 2, St. Joseph.
St. Joseph City Council, 6 p.m., Government Center, 75 Callaway St. E.

Tuesday, Sept. 21
St. Joseph Economic Development Authority, noon, Government Center, 75 Callaway St. E.
St. Joseph Lions Club, 7 p.m., Millstream Park Pavilion 101 Fifth Ave. NW., St Joseph.

Wednesday, Sept. 22
Citywide Garage Sale Weekend, City of St. Stephen.
Coffee and Conversation, a senior discussion group, 9 a.m., Sartell Community Center, 850 19th St. S. Advanced registration to attend in-person, call Ann at 320-258-7324.

Friday, Sept. 24
Citywide Garage Sale Weekend, City of St. Stephen.
Burger and Brat Sale, sponsored by St. Joseph Y2K Lions, 10-4 p.m., 26 First Ave. NW, St. Joseph Meat Market. All donations, tips

and a portion of the profit will be donated to Project New Hope.
St. Joseph Food Shelf, open 1-3 p.m., 18 Birch St. E, St. Joseph.
Conversations on Race and Spirituality, sponsored by Bahai Faith, 7 p.m., second and fourth Fridays. bahaicentralmn.org.
Saturday, Sept. 25
Citywide Garage Sale Weekend, City of St. Stephen.
Monday, Sept. 27
St. Joseph Food Shelf, open 1-3 p.m., 18 Birch St. E, St. Joseph.

People

Three St. Joseph students recently graduated from Bemidji (Minnesota) State University.
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FIRST STEPS

When your pet first begins having a litter box issue, check for simple issues first. These include too few litter boxes (you should have one on each level of the house), locating the litter box in a place where the cat doesn't feel safe or have privacy, or a change in litter or litter box.

If you can eliminate these issues that would be easy to fix, then you can move on to medical possibilities.

HEALTH ALERT

A handful of medical issues can cause cats to eschew the litter box or eliminate in inappropriate places. Some possibilities are a disease or disorder, or age-related changes that are normal for aging cats.



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Here is a run-down of the possibilities, according to Spruce Pets.

Diabetes or kidney disease. A cat may produce more urine than usual and either not be able to get to the litter box in time, or causing the litter to need changing sooner than usual.

Arthritis. A cat who is experiencing pain from arthritis might not be able to climb stairs to reach a litter box or climb into a covered litter box.

Urinary tract infections. Infections can cause pain while urinating, which can cause a cat to change its litter box habits.

Painful paws. Any condition that causes pain in a cat's paws can make it difficult for the cat to walk on its usual litter.

Dementia. Cats experiencing dementia might forget where the litter box is or how to use it.

Separation anxiety. If

you're gone for longer than usual, a cat might experience separation anxiety or stress, which can cause elimination problems.

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Our View

Children, masks and insults – oh my!

As of last week, most of our students are back in school. Labor Day weekend is known to some as the last hurrah of summer. The seasons will begin to change this month and a bit of normality will find its way back in our lives again – or some may hope.

We've come far during the last year with this pandemic and yet, now that schools are back in session, it's beginning to feel like we are backtracking. Fear of this new virus variant is taking a front-row seat in some of our lives and the battle between what is right and what is wrong is turning neighbor against neighbor.

Some schools are requiring students to wear masks while others are leaving it up to the discretion of the parents. In any case, opinions and emotions have begun to surface again as we take it upon ourselves to point fingers at who we deem a decent human and who we deem is not.

Even though masking has been proven to help keep viruses and germs away, there are those who will argue they do no good, and they will show you their "facts" to prove it. Wearing masks is new to our country, but it's a method that has been used in other countries for years, even before the pandemic. With anything that is new there will always be big debates until enough time has passed and enough proof has been given.

The unfortunate thing about all of this is our reaction to it and how we are treating each other. Those who wear a mask are called sheep and fearmongers, while those who don't are considered selfish and uneducated. The hope is someday people will realize wearing a mask has nothing to do with politics and the name-calling just makes us all sound like irrational babies.

Maybe they help, maybe they don't. I'm sure whatever "facts" you find on it will mirror your own personal beliefs. In the end all that really matters is we are creating an environment for our kids, and they are always watching. What will they see when they look at you?

It doesn't matter if we find out 50 years from now that masks don't actually work. Those of us who put the masks on will look back on this time and know they did whatever they could to protect themselves and those around them and it really was no sweat.

The bottom line is there is nothing wrong with wearing a mask. It simply means you desire to protect yourself, your family and those in the community who have a weakened immunity. So stop the insults; they're not becoming for any of us.

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The hypocrisy of standing for freedom

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Guest writer



St. Cloud School District's mission is to provide a safe and caring climate and culture for learning. Sartell-St. Stephen School District has a "whole child focus" that states each child deserves to be healthy, safe, engaged, supported and challenged.

To that end, taking measures to protect others – whether temporary or permanent – are certainly within the bounds of government at all levels.

Wearing a mask, just like wearing seat belts or requiring shoes and a shirt in a store, does not violate rights. It's this care for the health and safety of others that allows me to stand in line at a convenience store and not be bothered by a sweaty, shirtless, mangy-footed slob with a Lucky Strike dangling from his dry lips.

Unfortunately, when it comes to outcries about stifled freedom and choice, we do not view these ideals as universal rights. Instead, we attempt to wield their rhetorical power when it is convenient for what we want to do or don't want to do.

The views of those who cannot be encouraged or bribed into getting a COVID vaccine because they stand for medical freedom will be put to the test in October when the Supreme Court of the

United States hears *Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization*. I would imagine many of those Facebook filters that proclaim "I stand for medical freedom" will disappear because the reality is many of these bumper-sticker advocates only stand for what suits them and not true medical freedom. We can't make people get a vaccination, but we can force a woman to stay pregnant regardless of what she and her medical team and support network feel is in her best interests? I had to shake my head at the Medical Freedom Rally protestors with the "my body, my choice" placards. Hold on to those signs. We'll need them again soon.

The 100-year anniversary of women gaining the right to vote in Minnesota was celebrated Aug. 26. This is a true historic milestone regarding freedom and choice that occurred 145 years after the United States became a country.

Yet we think our freedom is stifled because we temporarily have to wear a mask to school?

In 2001, the U.S. State Department released a report on the Taliban's war against women, detailing accounts of medical care being denied, girls over the age of eight being banned from an education and women being beaten in public for exposing their ankles. This regime is now back in charge.

If you really want to understand loss of freedom and choice, send your bold, brave and brilliant daughters over to Afghanistan. You'll quickly realize how easy we have it.

Fantasy football great for friends, fun

Connor Kockler

Guest writer



what positions they are filling. Sometimes a player who did very well for you one year ends up moving to a new team where they won't be in as many plays or ends up with more players competing for their role. You also have to watch out for injuries that might happen even a few days before your draft so you know if a player won't be able to play right away.

Even with all of this research and careful planning, draft day still provides a tough, but exciting challenge. Odds are, my roommates have done this same research, and so know as well as me which players will be best to pick. As the draft goes on, there's that feeling of elation getting that player you really wanted on your team. Then there's the feeling of disappointment when someone snatches up a player you'd been saving till a later round, or a player that you thought you were the only one who had all the research on. But it's fun because it forces you to be adaptable, sometimes going to your back-up choice in order to finally finish your team.

Once the draft is over though, the strategy and fun doesn't stop. If un-

drafted players do well, my roommates and I race to see who can click to add them to our team first. Dropping a player who isn't doing well at the moment is sometimes a risky consideration, as a roommate will then add them to their team and sometimes get good value from them. Trades are hashed out as each of us tries to fill out our team and get that one guy we really like.

And of course, all of the friendly banter and careful monitoring of every NFL game so we can keep track of how our team is doing. All of this pays off each week with either a win or a loss against whoever's team you played against that week, and then into the end of the season, where the playoffs determine the fantasy champion, and bragging rights until the next year.

Though I've only recently started playing it in the past few years, fantasy football has been such a fun way to make football an even more entertaining experience, and build fun connections with my roommates and others I know who play fantasy.

It makes even a bad year for the Vikings bearable because if the Vikings are losing, your fantasy team could still be undefeated. I definitely recommend fantasy football to any football fan. I just don't recommend picking a kicker early in the draft.

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Aug. 10
7:11 p.m. Suspicious person. 20th Avenue SE. While on patrol, officer noticed a vehicle in an area with heavy drug traffic. After running the plate, officer confirmed the known driver of the vehicle through an in-house record. Another patrol was able to get behind the vehicle. First officer verified driver and attempted to make contact with the driver at Kwik Trip East. The driver fled into the store. After checking the store, his girlfriend stated suspect was standing outside by the dumpsters. Made contact with him and took him into custody without incident. Transported him to Stearns County Jail without incident.

Aug. 20
12:33 a.m. Suspicious vehicle. Dale Street. While on routine patrol, officer drove through the parking lot of Klinefelter Park and observed a suspect vehicle parked in the lot with two persons in the front seats. Officer made contact via the driver's side window and immediately smelled the odor of marijuana. Both occupants admitted to just smoking marijuana and the passenger proceeded to produce a tinfoil ball about the size of a large marble containing marijuana. For training purposes, the officer turned the call over to a training officer for processing. Training officer made contact with

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the two persons and smelled the odor of marijuana coming from the vehicle. Officer had both occupants step out of the vehicle so to search the car, located a small amount of marijuana and para in the vehicle and seized the marijuana and para to be processed into evidence to be destroyed.

Aug. 21
10:50 a.m. Suspicious person. Graceview Loop. Complainant reported a female party came to his house and yelled at him in his driveway that he didn't own the house and then left. Complainant thought it was odd. Officer documented the incident but told complainant nothing criminal occurred. Officer advised complainant to call if it happened again and explained Harassment Restraining Order and trespass process if he wished to pursue those avenues.



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Steps to Take after a Raise

It can be tempting to celebrate a raise at your job by splurging on a new vehicle or upgrading a home.

With the right strategy, however, you can use the increased income surge to better your future and set yourself up for financial freedom.

Depending on the amount, you may enter a higher tax bracket, meaning you will be responsible for a higher bill at the end of the year. The most effective way to discover your potential fees is to discuss the raise with your accountant. They will gauge your gross pay and create a solution to ensure you're contributing enough of your salary throughout the year to avoid a significant tax shock. If you need to adjust your withholdings, speak with your company's human resources or payroll department with the concern.

Before jumping into a risky monetary situation, consider these proactive steps to make your money work for you long term.

INVEST IN RETIREMENT

After receiving a raise, invest in yourself by padding your retirement contributions toward a more financially stable future. You should consider building both a 401(k) and an Individual Retirement Account to create the most substantial growth. If you find it challenging to physically

transfer money into these accounts, ask your employer if they can automatically withdraw it from your paycheck. Find out if your employer offers to match your contribution and try to meet the maximum amount they allow to double your retirement earnings.

BUILD AN EMERGENCY FUND

While buying lavish things and taking exciting trips may have short-term mental benefits, having peace of mind to withstand an emergency can create even more positive effects. The experts at America's Debt Help

Organization recommend maintaining enough cash to cover at least three months' worth of expenses, and ideally six. Use the extra money to cushion your emergency fund and transition through financial disasters without relying on high-interest credit cards or loans.

KNOCK DOWN DEBTS

A quick way to create more room for savings is to knock out debts. Bills like credit cards, automotive loans and a mortgage can take up a considerable chunk of your earnings each month. Use your new financial windfall to lower your financial commitments.



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