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District 742 students mask up for safety

by Heidi L. Everett
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On Aug. 18, St. Cloud School District Board of Education voted six to one to mandate masks while inside district buildings and using district transportation. The mandate went into effect Aug. 23.

"This gives us the best chance of keeping our students learning in person every day," said Superintendent Willie Jett.

In-person learning benefits academic performance, and social and emotional well-being, he said.

Sartell-St. Stephen schools also implemented a masking mandate, while Sauk-Rapids Rice has made masking optional.

Following board precedence, 30 minutes were allocated at the meeting to hear from those



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During an Aug. 18 meeting, Jackson Benedict, 8, tells the St. Cloud Board of Education why he doesn't want to wear a mask in school.

advocating for and against mask mandates. During the open forum, five participants were randomly selected representing each side of the discussion.

Eight-year-old Jackson Ben-

edict shared he didn't want to wear a mask because it makes his glasses fog up, making it hard to see and learn.

Stephanie Peterson shared a message from her seventh-grader, Harper, who wrote

masks "represent going back to school and hopefully not missing a soccer game because one of my classmates got sick, and we all had to quarantine." The message continued, "We

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Long-time rural postal carrier retires

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After 38 years on Route 2, Mark Glatzel retired from the St. Joseph Post Office, finishing his career Aug. 27.

Glatzel started as a relief carrier on Route 2 in 1983. His father, Leo, was also a relief carrier on that same route in the 1960s.

Postmaster Bob Fleming hired Glatzel. Glatzel was

trained by Gilbert (Gib) Stock, who was the regular carrier and trained him on all the aspects of sorting and delivering the mail.

"Back then the carriers were trained in the office," Glatzel said. "Now they go to four days of training at a separate postal facility. After that they go to the office to learn the sorting case and the deliveries on the route."

Jack Blommer and Tim

Riesner were other regular carriers in the office as well and offered valuable advice to Glatzel, he said.

Glatzel was a relief carrier for six years on Route 2, then was converted to a regular carrier in 1989 when Stock retired. He has been an active member of the National Rural Letter Carrier Association (a union for rural carriers) since 1989. In 1994 he was elected the "local steward" and has held that

position since. Glatzel has held officer positions at the local, area and state levels, including Area 4 representative and president and vice president.

"I always learn something new when I attend the association meetings, conferences and conventions, as well as reading information on the association websites," Glatzel said.

Some highlights of Glatzel's career include working with

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Bikers from the Joe Boys poker run are lined up outside of Sidewalks Bar & Grill in West Union.

Joe Boys' poker run celebrates 10 years

by Leanne Loy
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Ten years ago, Josh Schmitz decided to do something special for his mom's cousin, (who was actually more like an aunt) and was battling cancer. He got together with some family and friends and contacted the Relay for Life to see how they could help. Having been riding motorcycles since he was 19, Schmitz decided a great way to earn money for his team would be to start a poker run. That was back in 2012, and the tradition has continued.

Unfortunately, Schmitz's

mom's cousin passed away, but he and his family and friends still wanted to help those who are struggling with this terrible disease. What started out with about seven or eight bikes in the run, has now grown to almost 100 and that's not the only progress they've made.

For the first few years the money donated through the poker run would go to Relay for Life to help those in need. A few years in, they started to give their donations to the American Cancer society, another very worthy program who essen-

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all dislike masks, but if it can keep any kids safe, then it is worth it."

Rhiannon Knutson, a parent of four students in the district, said a mask mandate was needed to move forward and would take pressures and distractions off teachers and parents.

"If it's something that everyone is expected to do then that's the threshold," she said.

Jill Swenson said a mask mandate sent the wrong message.

"We need to be building up confidence and boldness in our kids, not fear," she argued. "We need to stop teaching our kids that the air around us is toxic, and everyone else around them is sick."

Keith Ferguson suggested masks are pointless.

"The cloth mask that everybody's running around with is not approved by any testing foundation and will not stop a virus period," he said. He called them "worthless."

Al Dahlgren, the board member who voted against the mandate, agreed.

"Wearing masks is like putting up a chain link fence to keep out mosquitoes," he said. "They dehumanize kids."

Matt Harkins, parent of two in the district, views masks differently.

"I think we all agree that we want our children to go to

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Obituary

Thomas Richard Kapsner
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Kapsner Thomas Richard Kapsner kissed the world good-bye June 9. And surely gave a bear hug on the way out too. A Celebration of Life will be held from 1-4:30 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 19 at the Park Point Beach House, Duluth. Kapsner was born Oct. 20, 1950 to Marcella (Puerringer) and Leander Kapsner at St. Cloud Hospital. He grew up in St. Joseph in a devoutly Catholic family, graduating from St. Cloud Cathedral and St. John’s University. He met Mary Braun

in high school and they married in an idyllic chapel ceremony on Lake Sagatagan. They lived on a rustic Richmond farmstead, welcoming first child Jacob, then moved to Duluth and welcomed daughter McKenzie. For 15 years, they ran a group home for adults with disabilities. Tom worked and lived in northern Minnesota until his death.

One constant in his life was a deep love and dedication to his family. He was generous with time and money, from high stakes Easter egg hunts to weekends with “Papa,” and could always be counted on to be there, and bring the fun. The annual golf trip to Vegas with Zimmer, Greg and friends was no exception. “TK” was a cherished member of more than one family and his vast network of friends reflected his kindness and generosity of spirit.

Kapsner was an adept athlete in his prime and a lifelong sports fan who relished cabin getaways to Voyager Village, Wisconsin to golf, split wood and catch up. He loved to host, cook and celebrate, especially in the great outdoors. A natural salesman who worked and played hard, Kapsner’s career included 20 years at RMS, where he earned numerous top salesperson awards and many more “Ranger” friendships. He believed everyone mattered, no matter their job title, and enjoyed sharing colorful stories about life and the people he encountered.

A resilient man, he battled Lyme’s and other ailments in the past decade. Yet Kapsner’s 2020 cancer diagnosis presented an even bigger challenge. Intensive treatment and recovery appeared to be working, then he died unexpectedly at home. We’re grateful for him in so many ways. He

is deeply missed and will be lovingly remembered by the many people he touched in life.

Survivors include the following: his former wife Mary Braun and children Jake (Carla) and McKenzie (Francois) Kapsner; grandchildren Sophia, Anna,

Sandra, Greg, Rose Mary; extended family and many friends.

Kapsner was preceded in death by his parents.

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school in person and to learn in person, and we also want our children to be safe,” he said. “The two most powerful tools we have against the delta variant are masks and vaccines. Period. Our children under 12 at this moment currently cannot take vaccines. The only thing we have for them are masks. Please protect them by requiring masks.”

Retired educator Carol Jacobs talked about choice.

“It is not OK to dictate what another family chooses to do for their children,” she said.

Jama Alimad pointed out part of the district’s mission is to create a safe and caring environment.

“If we can be safe in our community, that will be a good choice,” she said.

Prior to the vote, Dahlgren asked why the district is listening to health officials and not parents when deciding protocols.

“Those people have a vested interest in saying yes, wear masks,” he said.

But a recent survey of District 742 parents about mask requirements was not a clear indicator.

Approximately 50 percent of respondents said no to masks, 30 percent said yes, and the remaining said they would do what the district says is best, Dahlgren said.

District 742 will revisit masking protocols at mid-trimester in October and at the

end of the trimester in December.

Other mitigation strategies remain in place, including enhanced cleaning, three-foot distancing when possible, handwashing and respiratory etiquette, improving indoor air quality, using outdoor space and verifying staff vaccination status.

For now, all students in pre-kindergarten through 12th grade will return to full-time in person learning, Tuesday, Sept. 7, masked up.

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tially put on the Relay for Life program. As the years went on, Schmitz and his team of do-gooders decided that it might mean more if they started to focus on one individual in the community.

“We decided we keep putting all this money into organizations that are absolutely important,” Schmitz said. “But would it mean more if we donated to a specific individual every year? And that’s what we’re doing now.”

This year’s beneficiary is Shelley Ostendorf, a woman from Holdingford who has been battling cancer since August of 2020.

“She is an incredible woman” Schmitz said.

Schmitz wants the public to know this is an open event to anyone who wants to join.

“It doesn’t cost anything to be in the poker run and all are welcome.” Schmitz said, “It doesn’t matter if you have a bike, a classic car, a min-

ivan or a rent a bus, you’re welcome to be here.”

This year they will be starting at the La Playette in St. Joseph. Registration starts at 10 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 18. From there the run will take them through Holdingford, (where Ostendorf is from) to Freeport, St. Martin, Rockville, and then back to the La Playette where they will be holding a silent auction. Donations are taken at each stop.

Schmitz talks about all the help he has had coordinating the event each year. There is a committee of 13 people including family, his wife Kaitlyn and friends he’s made throughout the years. But the bar owners have really stepped up and helped as well.

“Them helping out, coordinating what’s happening at their bar, is absolutely huge,” Schmitz said. “Especially when you’re dealing with the amount of people we’re bringing in.”

This will be the third year they are supporting an individual rather than an organi-

zation. Previous beneficiaries are a woman from Richmond and last year’s beneficiary, Triston, a 19-year-old man from Osakis.

“The biggest thing, is that we are not in it for ourselves,” Schmitz said. “It’s about the person we are trying to support. No one wants to battle that. It means a lot when you have an individual that’s battling cancer to be able to be supported by people locally. And especially when it’s coming from a community [of bikers] that doesn’t get the best rep. This biker community is very, very generous and charitable.”

“It’s all about the person we’re trying to support,” Schmitz continued. “And to have them know that when they step out into this battle with cancer, they are not alone.”

The Joe Boys’ poker run is an official non-profit organization. To learn more and find ways to donate please visit their Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/Joe-Boys-Poker-Run-Inc-497020786997636>.



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This year’s beneficiary, Shelley Ostendorf, making her way through chemo treatments.

People

Two St. Joseph students were recently awarded St. Cloud State University Huskies Scholarships.

The 2021-2022 awardees include these St. Joseph area resident scholarship recipients: **Rachel Hellmann**, \$600 Harriet Rundquist Nursing Scholarship for the fall 2021 semester; and **Abigail Notsch**, \$1,000 Dr. Carolyn Ruth Armstrong Williams Family Scholarship for the fall 2021/spring 2022 semesters.

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many dedicated carriers and managers, meeting many fellow carriers through the association, learning invaluable information from the association meetings and conventions from the “steward system” and from experienced carriers such as Gib, Jack, Larry, and Charlene, who are among the many carriers who have mentored Glatzel.

“I will miss the coworkers,” Glatzel said. “The many kind and friendly customers, like the ones who left cookies in the mail box, and the friendly dogs who met me at the vehicle door. I’ve known many of them since they were pups. Because I’ve been on the same route, I’ve seen the children grow

up, marry and have children of their own.”

While Glatzel has many fond memories working on his route, there are some changes throughout the years that haven’t exactly thrilled him.

“One thing I won’t miss,” Glatzel said, “is the many Amazon parcels we are delivering now.”

After retirement, Glatzel plans to stay active in the St. Joseph Knights of Columbus where he has been a member for 35 years. He has held numerous positions at the local and state levels such as grand knight, financial secretary and director of various state programs.

Glatzel also plans to continue to be a part-time bus driver and mechanic for Trobec’s Bus Service. He has been with Trobec’s for 41 years. Born and raised on the family farm near St. Joseph, Glatzel helps his brother, Alan, with field work and caring for the animals, and he will continue to help. He also enjoys doing mechanic work on his vehicles and farm



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Mark Glatzel has recently retired from his St. Joseph mail route after 38 years on the job.

equipment.

With his supposed extra free time, Glatzel plans to do some traveling and camping with friends and family. He has this last note to share with his many customers: “Thank you to all the customers over the

years who have welcomed and befriended me, and I ask that you do the same for the new carrier.”

He plans to continue to live in the St. Joseph area, so be sure to say hi when you see him around.

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If you're a parent who has vision problems, it is crucial to schedule your child for regular eye exams. Early detection helps experts diagnose the medical issue and develop a treatment plan that may lessen the symptoms. Learn more about common diseases that affect our vision that are primarily due to genetics.

STRABISMUS AND AMBLYOPIA

Strabismus, or more commonly known as crossed eyes, is most common in children and affects between 2-4% of America's population, according to the Boston Children's Hospital. A diagnosis of the condition can happen at birth or the issue can develop over time. In addition to a formation due to genetics, the problem may occur after an accident or other health problems.

A severe consequence of leaving strabismus untreated is the development of amblyopia, or lazy eye. The situation can be aggravated and leads to long-term damage



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when vision doesn't normally form during childhood due to the eyes being unaligned.

MYOPIA AND HYPEROPIA

The organization Prevent Blindness says refractive errors occur if the eye cannot focus light correctly on the retina. Two of the most common types of these issues

include:

- **Myopia.** Also known as nearsightedness, the eyeball is too long for the eye's standard focusing power. It results in a blurry view of images that are far away.
- **Hyperopia.** Commonly called farsightedness, the eyeball is too short to maximize focus, meaning distant items

are visible while viewing nearby images is challenging.

Corrective treatments for refractive errors usually include eyeglasses, contacts or surgery.

ASTIGMATISM

Another vision problem that is related to genetics is astigmatism. It develops

when the cornea of the eye has an irregular shape, often leading to blurry sight. Harvard Health states that other symptoms include double vision, headaches from eye strain and squinting. While the condition is not preventable, treatments like glasses or LASIK surgery can cure the issue.



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Our View

Don't let misinformation thwart Covid-19 vaccination

The good news is the Minnesota Department of Health recently released findings that Covid-19 vaccinations have increased steadily during the past two weeks throughout the state, a surge that hadn't been seen since the first few months of the vaccine availability this past spring. Sources seem to agree this is most likely due to fear of the second more contagious wave, the Delta variant among others.

But as a state, Minnesota, which typically prides itself in helping lead the nation in everything from healthcare to education to the economy, is only ranked 16th according to the Center for Disease Control and Prevention in the fight to vaccinate all against the coronavirus. And the main culprits are residents in outlying counties who, either due to limited availability of the vaccines or misinformation about their use, are slow in reacting. Stearns County is among 14 of the 87 counties in the state with 55 percent or fewer vaccinated.

One's first thought is those who don't, or won't, get their inoculation, well, survival of the fittest.

But upon a closer look, here's the breakdown. The CDC and the MDH do not recommend the vaccine for children 12 and under. Now we're back to school in person starting Tuesday, which means close quarters for all involved. Even though Sartell-St. Stephen and St. Cloud school districts are requiring all students and staff wear masks while in attendance, it just takes one exposure to sweep through an entire classroom, grade or school.

The facts are these:

- Nearly all Covid-19 deaths, since the vaccines have been available, are among those who *were not* vaccinated.
- There is a small chance of getting Covid-19 after vaccination, but the shot does reduce a person's chance of being hospitalized and in turn reduces the chance of death.
- Less than 0.004 percent of fully vaccinated persons have been hospitalized due to adverse reactions from the vaccine; and less than 0.001 percent died.

This is not a political game nor an instance of government control. It's a public health crises, if not a disaster.

We, as adults, need to protect the most vulnerable and the young by sucking it up and getting vaccinated. Delta Air Lines recently implemented a policy to raise health insurance premiums for unvaccinated employees to cover higher Covid costs. Our hope is more employers follow suit.

We salute all frontline workers – health care personnel, first responders, delivery drivers, teachers, grocery store employees, public transportation, factory workers and more – who through their bravery have kept our economy going. We consider them heroes.

Now it's your turn. Be a hero. Get vaccinated.

Letters policy

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Small-business-advertising help would boost local economies

A little-noticed initiative by Sen. Maria Cantwell, D-WA, Sen. Amy Klobuchar, D-MN, and five other senators would boost local jobs, accelerate sales and improve economies. The Local Journalism Sustainability Act, S. 2434, is designed to help local news media support their newsgathering missions. Klobuchar often sponsors measures aimed at supporting journalism.

One provision goes far beyond offering aid to community newspapers, local news websites and other newsgatherers. It would help small businesses to dig out of the economic doldrums by supporting their advertising costs in local news outlets, which in turn will help publishers and broadcasters to hire journalists.

This provision would permit small businesses to claim a tax credit for a portion of their advertising purchases up to \$5,000 a year. Credits would remain, but in declining amounts, for five years.

The legislation, originally introduced in similar form by Reps. Ann Kirkpatrick, D-AZ, and Dan Newhouse, R-WA, would also help subscribers by providing them with a refundable tax credit up to \$250 a

**Brett
Wesner**

Guest Writer

year. It provides financial support for hiring as well, assisting news organizations with journalists' salaries. It is the advertising tax credit that is the unsung hero of this legislation. Like a pebble tossed into the pond of local economies, it will show the ripple effect of benefits in local jobs, enhanced spending, revenues to run local governments and a boost to get American small businesses back in the game after a very tough couple of years.

Every dollar of advertising spending generates \$8.77 in sales, according to a 2010 study by IHS Global Insight, a firm that periodically measures advertising's impact on economies. Advertising is directly responsible for about 20 percent of the American economy by directly generating jobs in media sales, creation of materials and collateral work but it does far more by juicing activity in other businesses.

No surprise to anyone on Main

Street: after the 2008 recession small businesses cut way back on their advertising campaigns, dropping from their normal 3-5 percent annual increases to a stunning 6 percent cut in 2009. It is too soon to know what the COVID-19 pandemic has done to this spending, but it would be no great revelation to learn that the cuts equaled or exceeded those following the Great Recession. Expense cuts are what businesses do to stay afloat.

But when they are ready to climb back into the cockpit for a new take-off, the spending needs to accelerate rapidly. Cash-strapped businesses may be in no position to fuel their journey though. That is why a little boost in the form of the Cantwell tax credit would be so timely. If the economy behaves as it usually does after economic retraction, the new spending will generate more sales and the public coffers will refill. The bill's benefits end after five years but the growth it generates will pay off for decades.

Wesner is chair of the National Newspaper Association, a community newspaper organization and president of Wesner Publications, Cordell, Oklahoma.

Marian, your timer doesn't work anymore

Marian Iverson, the timer you bought me so long ago didn't work – not this time.

On a fall night 36 years ago, I had a hankering for a pumpkin pie, so I whipped one up, popped it in the oven, then started to read. At that time, I was living in an apartment above the Broadway Floral shop in downtown Alexandria. I kept checking, checking on that pie, but for some reason the jiggly-wiggly thing wouldn't "set."

Forgetting all about it, I crawled in bed, fell asleep.

In the morning, sunshine blazed through my bedroom window. Beautiful warm morning! Breezes floating through the screens. I yawned, stretched, got out of bed, ready to get dressed and walk to the news office just two blocks away.

Suddenly, I smelled something burning. The cooks must be burning their caramel rolls, I thought, thinking of the Traveler's Inn café just a few doors down main street.

Oh no! My pumpkin pie!

Dropping my toothbrush, I hurried to the kitchen, opened the oven. There it was, my poor pie. After nine hours, it wasn't jiggly anymore. It had finally "set" and I do mean "set." It was shiny black, pitch black, hard as a rock, like a black ceramic ashtray.

Holding the hot wannabe pie, I used a baker's mitt to bring it to work.

"Pie anybody?" I asked in the front office.

"WHAT is that?" wide-eyed receptionist Nancy asked.

"Whadya think it is? It's a pumpkin pie."

**Dennis
Dalman**

Reporter



Gasping, then laughing, she almost shouted, "You must have over-baked it!"

"Well, duh!, I guess," I told her. "By about nine hours."

Hearing the verbal commotion, the ever-curious news staff hurried to the front.

"What in the heck is that?!" reporter Hollan asked.

"It's a pie."

"Could-a fooled me," he said, chuckling. "Did YOU bake that?"

"No, I overbaked it."

Helen the bookkeeper threw some loose change from the cash register onto the pie.

"Burnt offerings," she said, to everyone's side-splitting merriment.

Next day, the Society Section Editor Marian Iverson sauntered over to my work desk and handed me a gift bag.

"What is it?" I asked.

"Open it and see," Marian said. "You're going to need it!"

"It" was one of those white-plastic wind-up timers, Lux brand. I laughed somewhat sheepishly.

With a stern school-teacher expression on her face, she commanded, "Next time you try to bake a pie, use it!"

Never lived it down. Every year, before our company potluck get-togeth-

ers, I'd ask, "What should I bring?" Never failed that one of my co-workers would pipe up: "Bring anything. Just NOT a pumpkin pie."

Oh Marian, thank you. I used that timer hundreds of times during all those years, and it never failed me. Until – well, until the other night when I whipped up a batch of my morning-toast bread, two loaves, as I do every 10 days. After the dough had risen in their pans, I popped them in the oven, set my trusty Marian Lux timer to 35 minutes, sat on the couch and began to watch TV news. Exhausted from the hideous heat that day, I fell asleep.

Early in the still-dark morning, I woke up.

What's burning?

Oh, no, my bread! I rushed to the oven; I don't know why I rushed. What's a few seconds going to matter to bread that's been baking for seven hours?

I opened the oven. Oh, what a sorry sight. Two bleak, black loaves – just as black as that long-ago pumpkin pie, except dull black, not shiny. It would have required a small chain saw to slice it.

I don't know if that timer failed me this time, or I failed it. But if only Marian were still among us (she passed on some years ago), I'd love to tell her, "Marian, that timer you gave me doesn't work anymore."

And Marian, with her pointed-but-gentle wit, would reply, choking back a giggle: "Dennis, I know what's not working anymore. And it's not that timer!"

Have an opinion? Share it: news@thenewsleaders.com

Calendar

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

Friday, Sept. 3
“**Redistricting Locally: St. Cloud and Stearns County**” Zoom meeting, 1-3 p.m. Learn more about the process of redistricting. Visit www.lwvsca.org for more information.

Monday, Sept. 6
St. Stephen Church Festival, Deadline for purchasing tickets via email is Aug. 25. Return order form to Church of St. Stephen, 103 Central Ave. S, St. Stephen. Thousands of dollars in cash prizes!
St. Joseph Food Shelf, open 1-3 p.m., 18 Birch St. E, St. Joseph.
St. Joseph City Council, 6 p.m., Government Center, 75 Callaway St. E.

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

Wednesday, Sept. 8
St. Cloud Schools Board of Education Agenda Planning Committee, 8 a.m., District 742 Administration Office, 1201 S. Second St, Waite Park.
Group Talks Dirt: Master Gardeners Discuss New Gardens, Pollinators, 9 a.m. The Breakfast Club presents Master Gardeners with the University of Minnesota Extension Office of Stearns County. Stearns History Museum, 235 33rd Ave. S., St. Cloud. Call the museum at 320-253-8424 to reserve your spot.
St. Joseph Chamber of Commerce, 11:30 a.m., visit stjoseph-chamber@gmail.com to register.
St Joseph Y2K Lions Club, 6:30 p.m., St. Joseph Community Fire Hall, 323 Fourth Ave NE.

Thursday, Sept. 9
Coffee and Conversation, a senior discussion group, 9 a.m.,

Sartell Community Center, 850 19th St. S. Pre-register to attend in-person, call Ann at 320-258-7324.
St. Joseph Food Shelf, open 1-3 p.m., 18 Birch St. E, St. Joseph.
St. Joseph Senior Citizens, 1:30 p.m.,St. Joseph Fire Hall, 323 4th Ave NE, St. Joseph.
Free Nitrate Water Testing, 2-7 p.m. Collect a water sample from your kitchen faucet on Sept. 9. Keep sample cool and deliver to St. Joseph Township Hall. Discuss results with a water expert. Visit www.StearnsCountySWCD.net/nitrate. 935 Collegeville Ave. S., St. Joseph.
Rainbow Support Evening, 7-9 p.m. Parents/allies/friends and GLBTQ+ persons gather to pray, share stories and support each other. Confidentiality is maintained. Free will offering accepted. Visit https://sbm.osb.org/event/rainbow-support-evening/ to register.
Saturday, Sept. 11
Craft-Vendor Sales, 7:30-5 p.m., inside the old village hall building, 30 Main St. E., Rice.

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Pursuant to Chapter 333, Minnesota Statutes, the undersigned, who is or will be conducting or transacting a commercial business in the State of Minnesota under an assumed name, hereby certifies:

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3. The name and street address of all persons conducting business under the above assumed name including any corporations that may be conducting this business: Welcome Ranch of Minnesota LLC, 2193 72nd Ave. N., St. Cloud, MN 56303 and Tara Louise Roth,

Sunday, Sept. 12
Craft-Vendor Sales, 7:30-3 p.m., inside the old village hall building, 30 Main St. E., Rice.
Monday, Sept. 13
St. Joseph Food Shelf, open 1-3 p.m., 18 Birch St. E, St. Joseph.
Fare For All, 3:30-5:30 p.m., Salem Lutheran Church, 90 Riverside Dr. SE, St. Cloud.
St. Joseph Planning Commission, 6 p.m., Government Center, 75 Callaway St. E.
St. Joseph Township Board, 7 p.m., Township Hall, 935 College Ave. S., St. Joseph
Tuesday, Sept. 14
Sartell Chamber of Commerce, 11:30 a.m., Sartell Community Center, 850 19th St. S., Sartell.

Thursday, Sept. 16
Coffee and Conversation, a senior discussion group, 9 a.m., Sartell Community Center, 850 19th St. S. Pre-register to attend in-person, call Ann at 320-258-7324.
St. Joseph Food Shelf, open 1-3 p.m., 18 Birch St. E, St. Joseph.

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Dated: Aug. 20, 2021

Filed: Aug. 20, 2021

/s/ Tara L. Roth

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Dated: Aug. 24, 2021

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/s/ Philip R. Morrison
Member and governor

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3. The name and street address of all persons conducting business under the above assumed name including any corporations that may be conducting this business: Laura Burson, 2700 16th St. St. Apt. 202 St. Cloud, Minnesota 56301.
4. I, the undersigned, certify that I am signing this document as the person whose signature is required, or as agent of the person(s) whose signature would be required who has authorized me to sign this document on his/her behalf, or in both capacities. I further certify that I have completed all required fields, and that the information in this document is true and correct and in compliance with the applicable chapter of Minnesota Statutes. I understand that by signing this document I am subject to the penalties of perjury as set forth in Section 609.48 as if I had signed this document under oath.

Dated: Aug. 9, 2021

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/s/ Laura Burson

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CRAFT-VENDOR SALES
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Hiring a Financial Pro

If you find you need help managing your day-to-day financial tasks, it might be time to hire a pro.

Here is a breakdown of each type of financial professional who can help with routine financial matters, and when to hire each.

BOOKKEEPER

If you are hiring a professional to manage your personal finances, you'll most likely turn to a bookkeeper. They provide services such as budgeting, paying bills, balancing your checkbook, looking over credit card statements, analyzing your spending.

Bookkeepers can be certified by the American Institute of Professional Bookkeepers or complete online training to be certified by QuickBooks.

Expect to pay around \$20 per hour for a bookkeeper's services, according to Investopedia.

ACCOUNTANT

An accountant is responsible for keeping, preparing and examining financial records.

TheBalance.com recommends hiring an accountant if you own your own business, make more than \$200,00 per year, plan to leave an inheritance to your children, own rental properties or anticipate receiving a large capital gain.

Accountants typically have college degrees in accounting

and can handle bookkeeping tasks, tax preparation and filing of required financial forms. Expect to pay around \$35 per hour, according to Investopedia.

A certified public accountant, or CPA, often has a master's degree and is certified by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. You probably only need a CPA if you own a business. Rates

will be higher for a CPA, at \$50 and up, says Investopedia.

FINANCIAL PLANNER

A financial planner's job is to help you reach your financial goals. If you want advice on budgeting, paying down debt, investing or other financial matters, hire a financial planner to help you set your course.

You might pay a flat fee or a

percentage of your assets for the planner's services, or she might be paid a commission based on the products or investments she sells you. Paying a flat fee is the best way to ensure your financial planner has only your best interests in mind and not her own bottom line.

CHOOSING A PRO

No matter which kind of

professional you decide to hire, do your homework before making a decision. Ask friends and family for recommendations, and check with national professional associations. Do a Google search of your prospective pros, read reviews and check with your state's securities agency to see if the pro is involved in any administrative actions. Ask detailed questions about fees and commissions.

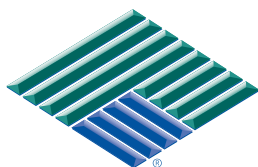


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