

# Reaching Everybody! Newsleaders

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## Town Crier

### U.S. Sen. Smith to speak Oct. 14

The 15th annual Eugene J. McCarthy Lecture with U.S. Sen. Tina Smith will take place at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 14 in the Stephen B. Humphrey Theatre on the St. John's University campus. This event is free and open to the public.

### Blood donors needed

Blood that is donated through the American Red Cross helps patients of all ages including cancer and sickle cell patients, trauma and burn patients, and patients with chronic diseases. Minimum requirements for whole-blood donation include donation frequency of every 56 days, must be in good health and feeling well, at least age 16 and weigh at least 110 lbs. Visit [www.redcross.org](http://www.redcross.org) for more information. A one-time blood donation can save up to three lives! Schedule an appointment to give blood today! Visit <https://www.redcrossblood.org/give.html/find-drive>.

### Variety of options to help youth

180 Degrees is a program that supports youth and young adults through emergency shelter, transitional living and foster care. They are looking for volunteers to help youth with cooking, yard work and gardening, lead activities such as yoga, self-defense, art, photography, sewing etc. Contact Jacey, 180 Degrees, at 320-259-6764 or [stcloud@180degrees.org](mailto:stcloud@180degrees.org).

### Animal care providers

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

## Kennedy enrollment drops this academic year

by Heidi Everett  
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When students returned to Kennedy Community School Sept. 9, fewer students were in the hallways due to lower enrollment this year.

"Kennedy had the largest single-site change. They are down 45 students," said Amy Skaalerud, executive director of finance and business services for District 742, at the Sept. 22 school board meeting.

Throughout the district, total elementary school enrollment is on par with 2020 elementary school numbers; it's only down by four students.

Kennedy enrollment is down by 17 students in kindergarten through grade five and down by 28 students

in grades six through eight. In comparison throughout the district, Discovery Elementary School enrollment is down 23 students, while Lincoln and Talahi Elementary Schools both saw enrollment increases of more than 20 students.

At the high school level, Apollo enrollment is at 1,555 students, near last year's enrollment of 1,559.

"Is this ebb and flow somewhat natural (throughout) the years, and is there a point where these numbers would cause us concern?" asked Les Green, school board member.

Skaalerud said some district schools have a mobile population, so enrollment will fluctuate while other schools tend to remain consistent.

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photo by Leanne Loy

**Activities, music and pumpkins at Collegeville Orchards**  
John Plettner a special education teacher at Kennedy Community School looks on as his daughter Evelyn, 6, paints her pumpkin at Collegeville Orchards on Sept. 25.

## Old St. Joseph house to become new for Habitat family

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An old house in St. Joseph once owned by Sisters of the Order of St. Benedict will become a new home for a family in need this summer.

The house will be completely updated and refurbished by volunteer members of Central Minnesota Habitat for Humanity. Last December, the Sisters donated the house, known as "Genesis House," to that organization. The gray-colored,

two-story house, near the downtown area, is located at 103 First Ave. SE.

On Sept. 21, Habitat volunteers, two Sisters, St. Joseph residents and some business owners gathered at the house for prayers and a kick-off celebration of the ambitious project. One of the participants was Chad Johnson of St. Joseph who was recently named the new chief executive director of Central Minnesota Habitat for Humanity. The work to make the old house "new" will

cost Habitat about \$100,000 to complete, Johnson noted, and that is why ongoing fundraising is so important – for that and other Habitat projects in the central Minnesota area.

One important fundraiser, dubbed Breakfast for Humanity, will take place from 8-9 a.m. Wednesday, Oct. 27 at Kelly Inn, 100 Fourth Ave. S., near downtown St. Cloud. That event will also be live-streamed. Parking is free for those who attend the breakfast. Another way to donate

and to find out how to help through volunteerism is to visit the Habitat website at [www.cmhfh.org](http://www.cmhfh.org).

Built in 1926, the house was purchased by the Order of St. Benedict in 1950. At first it was a working space for lay members of the College of St. Benedict and later it was a housing accommodation for chaplains. Still later, during the past decade, some Sisters of the Order lived in the house.

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photo by Leanne Loy

**Matthew Beirne, director of admission at College of St. Benedict and St. John's University, sings along with the Bavarian Musikmeisters at Rocktoberfest on Sept. 25.**

## Rocktoberfest brings fun, games in support of Catholic School

by Leanne Loy  
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Numerous people gathered to enjoy the German style festivities Sept. 25 at St. Joseph's Rocktoberfest. It wasn't unusual to see men wearing their traditional lederhosen while the women donned their dirndls. The crowd was lively while the Bavarian Musikmeisters kept the music going.

Shouts of "Ziggy Zaggy, Ziggy Zaggy. Oi oi oi" could be heard from blocks away. And all of this was in support of the St. Joseph Catholic school, its biggest fund-

raiser of the year.  
"This is our third year holding the event," event coordinator Matt Beirne said. "We were all ready to do it last year but then Covid hit."

Thanks to the many sponsors of the event which help cover the cost of tables, food and the wildly massive tent, 100 percent of the proceeds go directly to the school.

It would have been a shame to miss the stein-holding contest. Both men and women jumped up to test their skills at holding large glass steins filled with water of course – as spilling is

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Cultural connections

Mouthwatering foods for any palate in St. Joseph

by Dan Hudson  
Guest writer

Continuing with our international dining experience in St. Joseph, we stop by Bello Cucina

to take on the tall task of choosing one of many amazing Italian dishes. Enhancing our experience is the cheerful Italian motif of their various dining spaces. Macaroni and cheese to the

rescue? Back in 1908, Alfredo de Leilo, an Italian restaurateur, created Alfredo fettuccine. After his wife had given birth to their first son that year, she did not have an appetite. To help

encourage her to eat, he created a dish of noodles, cheese and butter. Both Bella Cucina and Neighbors Route 75 Restaurant feature this enticing dish. Some of the other St. Joseph restaurants offer macaroni and cheese for the younger palate.

The eclectic menu at Neighbors Route 75 includes some ethnic choices like Thai chicken. **Foods • Page 3**

Obituary

Theresa H. Glatzel, 86  
Sept. 27, 1934-Sept. 19, 2021  
St. Joseph

Theresa H. Glatzel, 86, of St. Joseph died Sunday, Sept. 19 at the Assumption Home in Cold Spring. Her funeral will be held at 10 a.m. Friday, Oct. 1 at St. Joseph’s Catholic Church in St. Joseph. The Revs. Roger Klassen, OSB, Jerome Tupa, OSB and Daniel Walz will con-celebrate. Burial will take place at the parish cemetery.

Visitation will be from 5-8 p.m. Thursday and after 9 a.m. Friday the St. Joseph Parish Center Heritage Hall. Parish prayers will be at 5 p.m. Thursday.

Glatzel was born Sept. 27, 1934 in Collegeville, Minnesota to William and Emma (Brutger) Theisen. She attended St. Joseph’s Catholic School. She married Leo F. Glatzel on June 13, 1961 at St. Paul’s Catholic Church in St. Cloud. She was a special needs assistant working with Leo for Trobec’s Bus Service for 30 years. Glatzel



Glatzel

was an active member of St. Joseph’s Parish where she co-chaired the Homemade Candy Stand at the Parish Fourth of July Festival, Crosier Apostolate and the Catholic Order of Foresters.

Glatzel enjoyed gardening, canning, baking, sewing, home-making, birdwatching, sending greeting cards, needlework, praying, and being a loving wife, mother and grandmother.

Survivors include her children, Mark of St. Joseph and his significant other Laura Im-dieke, Alan (Caroline) of St. Joseph, Jean (Tony) DeGross of Minneapolis; five grandchildren, Riley & Mason Glatzel and Theresa, Lydia & Jacob DeGross; brother, Gene (Karen) Theisen of Fridley; and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Leo on April 20, 2020; sisters, Alvina Salzer, Lorraine Strharsky and Bernice Belmont.

Due to the Covid restrictions the family was not able to have a funeral for Leo and he will also be remembered during Mass.

A heartfelt thank you to CentraCare Hospice and Assump-tion Home in Cold Spring.

At that point, recruitment and retention would be the focus, she said.

The district learns of students not returning when records requests are made from other districts or notifications are received from families. If a student simply doesn’t return, the school follows up to learn what is happening.

“I’d like to see a deep dive into why families are pulling their students from this district and moving them and enrolling them into other districts,” said school board member Al Dahlgren. “What are they looking for? What could we do differently, so we could retain those students?”

Blotter

If you have a tip concerning a crime, call the St. Joseph Police Department at 320-363-8250 or Tri-County Crime Stoppers at 320-255-1301 or access its tip site at tricountycrimestoppers.org. Crime Stoppers offers rewards up to \$1,000 for information leading to the arrest and conviction of those responsible for a crime.

Sept. 9

3:51 p.m. Intoxicated person. Second Avenue NW. Officer dispatched to an intoxicated person at the Creamery Lofts. Officer arrived on scene and was met by several students. Officer recognized intoxicated person from previous incidents, assisted the person to their feet, gathered their belongings and gave person ride back to the group home. Person was left in the care of staff.

Sept. 11

4:45 p.m. Stolen vehicle. First Avenue NW. Officer dispatched to a stolen vehicle complaint. Officer learned the road the car was parked on was refinished recently and car is now missing. Officer contacted learned the vehicle had been towed. Officer gave complianant the address and phone number of the towing service.

Sept. 12

1:29 a.m. Second Avenue NW. While at Kwik Trip west, officer was given a wallet found in the back of an uber car. The black leather trifold wallet had no cash inside but several debit/credit cards. There was also a Michigan driver license which was a fake. Wallet and cards entered into evidence as found property. ID was entered as evidence. Name does not come back out of Minnesota and no contact info.

2:35 a.m. Old Hwy 52. While on patrol east bound on CR 75, officer witnessed a large bonfire at a property on Old Hwy. 52. Officer stopped and ID’d a renter and then advised of the city ordinance. Resident said a lot of alumni came over and kept putting stuff in the fire. He said he would get it under control.

4:44 p.m. Minnesota Street W./First Avenue NW. Officer dispatched to a parking violation on First Avenue NW near Minnesota Street W. The complainant called stating he was trying to leave his parking lot but there was a vehicle blocking the entrance. Officer arrived on scene and observed a vehicle with a Minnesota license plate parked on First Avenue NW not in a designated spot and blocking the only entrance/exit to the parking lot. Officer located three phone numbers, two didn’t work and the third went straight to voicemail and left a message. Vehicle was towed; parking citation issued.

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, Oct. 1

**Burger and brat sale**, sponsored by St. Joseph American Legion, 9 a.m.-5 p.m., St. Joseph Meat Market, 26 First Ave. NW.  
**Saturday, Oct. 2**  
**Burger and brat sale**, sponsored by St. Joseph American Legion, 9-4 p.m., St. Joseph Meat Market, 26 First Ave. NW.

Monday, Oct. 4

**Sartell Farmers’ Market**, 3-6 p.m., Bernick’s Parking Lot, 1109 First St. S, Sartell.  
**St. Joseph City Council**, 6 p.m., Government Center, 75 Callaway St. E.

Tuesday, Oct. 5

**Memory Writers group** develops topics and turns in stories. 10 a.m.-noon, Stearns History Museum, 235 33rd Ave. S, St Cloud. Contact Jan Sorell for more info at jsorrell97@gmail.com. Free for museum members; nominal fee for non-members.  
**St. Joseph Food Shelf**, open 1-3 p.m., 18 Birch St. E, St. Joseph. Now open Tuesdays and Thursdays!  
**St. Joseph Lions Club**, 7 p.m., Millstream Park Pavilion 101 Fifth Ave. NW., St Joseph.

Thursday, Oct. 7

**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.  
**St. Joseph Food Shelf**, open 1-3 p.m., 18 Birch St. E, St. Joseph. Now open Tuesdays and Thursdays!

Friday, Oct. 8

**Conversations on Race and Spirituality**, sponsored by Bahai Faith, 7 p.m., second and fourth Fridays. Bahaicentralmn.org.  
**St. Joseph Fire Department Safety Fair**, 4-7 p.m. Free hot dogs, beverages and safety supplies. Fun for the whole family! St. Joseph Community Fire Hall, 323 Fourth Ave. NE, St. Joseph.

Saturday, Oct. 9

**St. Stephen Fire Department Open House**, 2 Sixth Ave. SE, St. Stephen. Call 320-251-0964 or email ststephendclerk@midcontwork.com for more information.

**Craft Vendors, Baked Goods, BBQ, Free Massages and More!** 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Free. Freeport Community Center, 307 Seventh St. SE, Freeport.

**Dali String Quartet**, 7:30 p.m. Atone-ment Lutheran Church, 1144 29th Ave N., St. Cloud.

Monday, Oct. 11

**Sartell Farmers’ Market**, 3-6 p.m., Bernick’s Parking Lot, 1109 First St. S, Sartell  
**St. Joseph Planning Commission**, 6 p.m., Government Center, 75 Callaway St. E., St. Joseph.  
**St. Joseph Township Board**, 7 p.m., Township Hall, 935 College Ave. S., St. Joseph.

Tuesday, Oct. 12

**Frozen Meal Distribution**, 1-3 p.m., Catholic Charities Emergency Services, 157 Roosevelt Road, St. Cloud.

Wednesday, Oct. 13

**St. Cloud Schools Board of Education Agenda Planning Committee**, 8 a.m., District 742 Administration Office, 1201 S. Second St, Waite Park.  
**Breakfast Club**, 9-10 a.m., Stearns History Museum, 235 33rd Ave. S. Free for members, nominal fee for nonmembers.  
**St. Joseph Chamber of Commerce**, 11:30 a.m., visit stjosephchamber@gmail.com to register.  
**“Saving Federalism: Do We Have a Representative Government?”** League of Women Votes, 1-3 p.m. via Zoom. Visit www.lwvsca.org for more information.  
**St Joseph Y2K Lions Club**, 6:30 p.m., St. Joseph Community Fire Hall, 323 Fourth Ave NE.

Thursday, Oct. 14

**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.  
**St. Joseph Food Shelf**, open 1-3 p.m., 18 Birch St. E, St. Joseph. Now open Tuesdays and Thursdays!  
**St. Joseph Senior Citizens**, 1:30 p.m.,St. Joseph Fire Hall, 323 Fourth Ave. NE, St. Joseph. Contact Bernie for additional info at 320-363-4355.

Friday, Oct. 15

**Burger and brat sale**, sponsored by St. Joseph Knights of Columbus, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., St. Joseph Meat Market, 26 First Ave. NW.  
**St. Cloud Singles Club Dance**, 8 p.m.-midnight. Nominal fee. Moose Lodge, 1300 Third St. N., Waite Park.

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“Kennedy is a good example of that,” Skaalerud said. “Historically, their enrollment had been more stable . . . so Kennedy is a site where we’ve seen some significant decline.”

Skaalerud said she suspects this decline is partially due to open enrollment as well as families converting to homeschooling or other options because of a COVID-related concern.

“If that trend were to continue, we as a district would start to say what’s going on there,” she said.

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# St. Joseph connections take center stage at TEDx St. Cloud

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When eight local voices gather to share “ideas worth spreading” at the fifth annual TEDxStCloud, three of them will have strong St. Joseph connections.

Resident and business owner Mary Bruno, former College of St. Benedict and St. John’s University history professor Annette Atkins and Charlie Eisenreich, former Apollo High School principal, will take on this year’s theme, “Embrace,” Oct. 14 at the Paramount Center for the Arts.

“The theme of this year’s TEDxStCloud is Embrace,” said Brian Hart, event co-organizer. “We embrace the opportunity to gather, to thoughtfully consider new ideas, and to address together the challenges we face growing as individuals and as a community.”

The independently organized event, licensed by TED, is locally organized to bring the

community together to share a TED-like experience. Some of the best talks from TEDx events have gone on to be featured on TED.com and garnered millions of views from audiences across the globe.

The full speaker line up for TEDxStCloud 2021 includes:

- Annette Atkins – A historian who uses letters, photos, shoes, art, chairs,



Atkins



Bruno



Eisenreich

census records, maps and other artifacts as keys to unlock the past, a past that is full of wonders and mysteries, stories and landscapes to be explored. She works from the belief that opening that door helps illuminate the past and the present. Atkins, a former professor, teaches that our history and our lives stand in such a close relationship to each other that reflecting on either one helps illuminate the other.

- Mary Bruno – Artist and owner of Bruno Press letterpress print shop. From early days in her father’s workshop, Bruno learned her love for printing. She took that love to the next level when she graduated with a printmaking degree and took over her father’s shop. She describes her work as the sum of hand-carved linoleum block plus handset wood and metal type plus wicked sharp wit.
- Charles Eisenreich – Lifelong K-12 educator and administrator and former

minor league baseball player, Eisenreich taught and coached at several area schools and served as assistant principal at Tech High School as well as principal at Tech and Apollo high schools.

- James Alberts – Pastor, social justice leader and board member of ISAIAH MN. Alberts founded Higher Ground Church of God in Christ in 2001. Alberts has been a key leader in forging St. Cloud’s Community Policing Agreement and focuses on ongoing community development.
- John Harlander – Physicist and designer of optical instruments for astronomy and space physics including for NASA’s recently-launched Ionospheric Connection Explorer, or ICON, satellite.
- Niloufer Merchant – Psychologist, trauma expert, former SCSU faculty. Merchant specializes in diagnosing and treating mental health disorders related to trauma, PTSD, depression and anxiety.

She incorporates holistic approaches, honoring the mind, body and spirit connection. She speaks Gujarati, Urdu and Hindi.

- Pete Rogers – Expert in automation and robotic systems integration. Rogers brought more than 13 years in automation and robotics leadership when he accepted his most recent post in 2019 as Central McGowan’s vice president and general manager of automation.
- Robbyn Wacker – St. Cloud State University president and academician in gerontology and sociology. Wacker’s passion is to help create conditions that bring out the best in others and to advance the mission of higher education. She is a first-generation college student whose great-grandparents immigrated to the United States in search of a better life and settled in Colorado as farm laborers in the beet fields.

Tickets are on sale now at paramountarts.org.

## Foods

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en, taco salad, pizza, Orleans pasta and Italian lemon cake.

Down the street and around the corner is some excellent Chinese food. When I first moved to town a few years ago, I frequently stopped at China One for takeout. I liked everything on the menu. It’s made fresh and always with a smile.

Don’t overlook Grilled Cravings. They make a mean gyro wrap and Chicago-style hotdog. I’ve found it difficult to find a good Chicago dog in Minnesota.

Ever heard of a shawarma? Neither have I. I will soon be heading to Bo Diddley’s to experience something completely new. OK. I just returned home with my shawarma and my first bite was amazing. Great flavor! I will certainly be back for more.

Apple strudel is a very popu-

lar dessert in Europe, and many countries claim it originated with their country. Some Austrians claim it as their national dessert. It is a fancier version of apple pie. Another food with contested origins is the omelet. Different Internet sites mention France, Spain, Persia and Rome as the originators. Rumor has it that Napoleon Bonaparte was served his first omelet by an innkeeper in a small village. He so was delighted with it that he had all the eggs in the town gathered in order to serve omelets to his army the next day. Wonderful apple strudel and omelets are available at Kay’s Kitchen Restaurant.

Looking to try a new bread? Flour & Flower sells a German rye loaf, among others. They also have a variety of fresh-made croissants.

I’m sure you will discover more than is mentioned here if you take the time to explore all the menus St. Joseph has to offer.



photos by Leanne Loy

**Maureen Frame and Becca Rauch, teachers at St. Joseph Catholic school, sell tickets for a game at Rocktoberfest on Sept. 25.**

## Rock

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bound to happen.

“We don’t want to waste the beer” Beirne said.

The crowd cheered as the contestants took their places for their shot at this most prestigious title. Many tried but only one woman and one man came out victorious. Jill Eickhoff and Jacob Frame were the first winners of the night, an honor sure to be proud of.

The plans for next year’s event is already in the works. They’re hoping to have it once again at the end of September, so if you missed it this year, you still have a chance to be a part of the fun next fall.



Jill Eickhoff is the last woman standing in the stein-holding contest at Rocktoberfest on Sept. 25.

# Bad Habit Brewery hosts Oktoberfest

by Darren Diekmann  
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Bad Habit Brewery held its nearly-annual Oktoberfest Friday with traditional German dress, music, food, games and many toasts of “Prost!”

It celebrates the passing of summer into fall and the introduction of the newest batch of Oktoberfest beer. It also gave customers a last chance to enjoy the past season’s beer styles.

“It’s a day of music and food

and drink. It’s about bringing everybody together and having fun,” said Aaron Rieland, who is co-owner of Bad Habit Brewery, along with Eric Geier.

“It is a brewery’s biggest holiday,” Geier said. “It is where we drink up last year’s batch and start making fresh stuff.”

This was the fifth year of the event that started in 2016, after a hiatus last year.

Bad Habit brewed 20 32-gallon kegs of their Oktoberfest

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Posing with their steins, Tonya and Scott Hougen and Marie and Ryan Fisher of St. Joseph show their support and German fashion at the Rocktoberfest on Sept. 25.



# Brewery

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this season and hoped to serve half of that at the fest.

The event also included two musical acts: a local polka duo, The Krautmeisters, followed by nationally known accordionist Mike Stillman.

The festive air was enhanced by the staff and a dozen or more guests sporting traditional

garb: the men in lederhosen (leather knee-length shorts and suspenders) and the women in dirndls (dresses consisting of a bodice, blouse, skirt and apron).

Rieland and Geier stayed busy serving appreciative customers German brats from the St. Joseph Meat Market and large hot pretzels from Backwards Bread Co.

The fare could not have been a more perfect pairing with the new brew of Oktoberfest.



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The Krautmeisters from the St. Cloud area have been playing at Oktoberfest since its inception. Tom Patack, on the Bell tuba, and Mel Hauck on accordion.



Greg Evenson, St. Joseph, (left) takes his turn at Hammerschlagen, a game, similar to Stump, where the object is to drive a nail flush into a stump with the wedge end of a cross-peen, or blacksmith's, hammer.



Tim Neison, St. Joseph, buys his first pint of Oktoberfest in a sturdy commemorative mug from cheerful bartender Sara Winter donning a traditional dirndl.

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# Museum exhibits feature cars, freezers, the big war

by Dennis Dalman  
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It was early December 1941 when all of the joy of Christmas was knocked out of the suddenly darkened lives of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Bobick of Holdingford.

They had received a letter that their 26-year-old son, James, had been killed during the Japanese attack on the U.S. naval base at Pearl Harbor in Honolulu. That violent raid on Dec. 7, 1941 brought the United States into World War II on the side of the Allies in Europe, as well as the war against the Japanese in the Pacific.

The early-morning attack took the lives of 2,335 American service personnel and wounded 1,143 others.

In Holdingford, the Bobicks were still deep in mourning when on the very day of Christmas Eve, another letter arrived informing them that their son was, after all, very much alive, that the earlier letter had been based on a regrettable misunderstanding.

The good news filled James' parents' hearts with joy, gladness and gratitude, and they were able to enjoy a very merry Christmas indeed.

The parents later learned the details: A sailor on the USS West Virginia, one of many large naval ships based at Pearl Harbor, James had managed to escape the sinking ship after it had been struck by a torpedo. He swam to safety, as did many other sailors. But in the terrifying chaos he was presumed to have been among the dead.

That Bobick story, with photos, is just one of many astounding stories in a new exhibit at the Stearns History Museum in St. Cloud. The exhibit's title is "Rising to the Crisis: A County (Stearns) Responds to a World in Turmoil." It intersects nicely with another new exhibit in the museum called "33rd and Cooper, from Pan to Electrolux: 50 Acres of Opportunity." The latter covers more than 100 years of manufacturing on a site in northwest St. Cloud. During World War II, the facilities were used to make fuselages for war planes.

## Rising to Crisis

The World War II exhibit contains vivid mock-ups and artifacts of the four years in the United States (1941-1945) when Americans pulled together in extraordinary efforts to help defeat worldwide fascist forces – most especially Hitler and his Nazis' bloody grip on

Europe.

The exhibit brings that era alive with photos, letters, an old black telephone, Civil Air Patrol members, two G.I. mannequins kneeling together while consulting in front of a tent, armament workers and a giant photo of "Rosie Riveters" (war-factory working women) putting together part of a plane. The photo, circa 1944, shows an officer named Lt. John Connell, surrounded by women riveters as he visits them at the Char-Gale Co. in St. Cloud where airplane fuselages were manufactured.

There is a special addition to the exhibit entitled "Chasing the American Dream." It features, in text and large photos, the contributions during the war made by Japanese-Americans, many of them translators who were trained at Fort Snelling. More than 1,000 prestigious awards were earned for Japanese-Americans' wide-ranging efforts to win the war, all the while when so many of their fellow citizens were being held for no good reasons in internment camps in the United States.

As visitors stroll through the exhibit, they hear recordings of songs, playing softly, that were popular during the war years, songs like the lonesome "I'll Be Seeing You," the 1944 version sung by Jo Stafford.

"I'll be seeing you in the morning sun

And when the night is new

I'll be looking at the moon  
But I'll be seeing you."

Among the more somber artifacts is a large printed "Honor Roll" listing the names of central Minnesotans who died or were missing in action while serving their country. There were 80 who died, 20 missing.

A happy highlight of the exhibit are a few actual "St. Cloud Daily Times" newspapers announcing in large headlines, with exclamatory joy, the end of World War II: "PEACE!"

## 33rd and Cooper

In 1917, a brash, flamboyant visionary named Samuel Pandolfo swept into St. Cloud to realize his dream of manufacturing the finest cars ever built on a site along 33rd Avenue N. and what was then Cooper Avenue.

Born in Macon, Miss., Pandolfo became a school superintendent in New Mexico and later an insurance salesman. To fulfill his car-making dream, he began to sell stocks in what would become the Pan Motor

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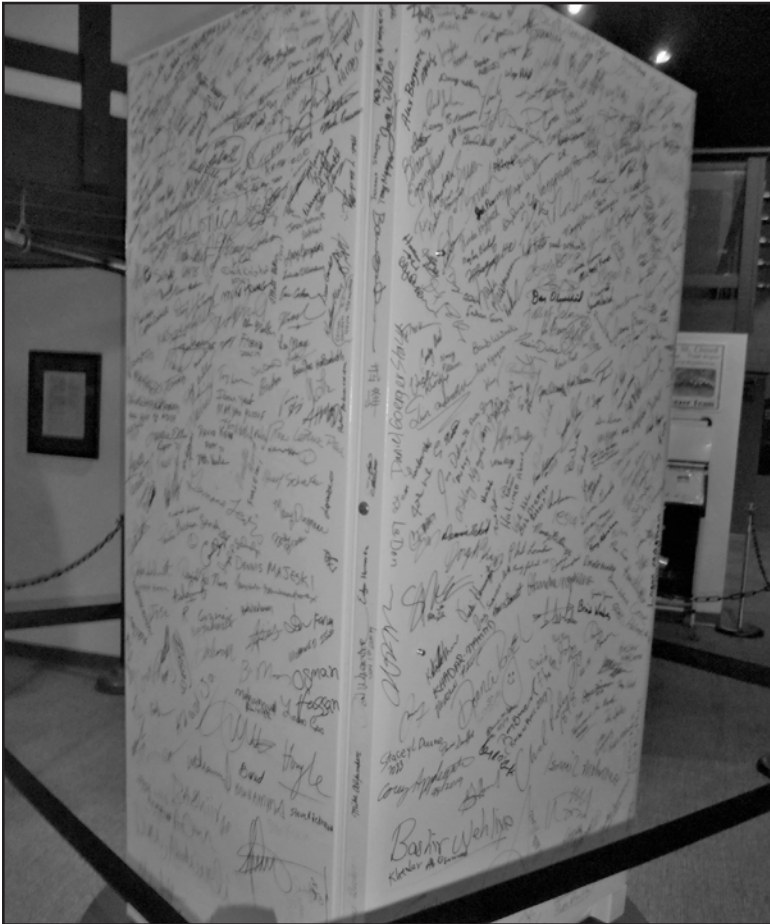


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In this 1944 photo, taken at the Char-Gale factory in St. Cloud, "Rosie Riveters" greet visitor Lt. John Connell. The women were putting together a fuselage for a plane used in the war effort during World War II. This photo and much more are part of a new exhibit at the Stearns History Museum entitled "33rd & Cooper, from Pan to Electrolux: 50 Acres of Opportunity."



Two American soldiers talk in front of their makeshift "office tent" during World War II. The scene, along with others, are on view at the Stearns History Museum's exhibit called "Rising to the Crisis: A County (Stearns) Responds to a World in Turmoil."



(Above) Steve Bobick of Holdingford was thought to have died in the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor Dec. 7, 1941, and his parents were notified of his death in a letter they received in mid-December. However, a couple weeks later, on Christmas Eve Day, the Bobick family received another letter that stated their son was, in fact, very much alive. Needless to say, the family had a very Merry Christmas. The Bobick story is one of many in a new Stearns Museum exhibit dubbed "Rising to the Crisis: A County (Stearns) Responds to a World in Turmoil." (At left) This is the last freezer that came off of the assembly line at Electrolux Co. after it shut down for good about two years ago after 70 years in business – first as Franklin Mfg., then as Electrolux. All of the employees, staff and management signed this last freezer for posterity's sake. The freezer and many other artifacts comprise a new exhibit at the Stearns History Museum entitled "33rd & Cooper, from Pan to Electrolux: 50 Acres of Opportunity."



# Habitat

from front page

ditions to the house will include both exterior and interior improvements – repair of siding and windows, structural work on the old garage, an air-conditioning system, a new furnace and two new bedrooms to be constructed in the basement.

There is currently a waiting list for families wanting a home via Habitat for Humanity. Decent, affordable housing is a vital need in this area because too many people living on the edge cannot afford rental properties whose prices keep rising every year, Johnson said.

Johnson said so many assume Habitat homes are provided, free of charge to families. It's not true. Each family must spend a certain amount of time helping build and/or refurbish a house. Then they sign an agreement to pay back a no-interest loan.

To be eligible for Habitat homes, a family, depending on its size, must make between 35 to 60 percent of this area's median income.



photo courtesy of Habitat for Humanity Facebook

**Sisters Dorothy Manuel (left) and Karen Streveler, both members of the Order of the Sisters of St. Benedict, wield sledgehammers at a recent kickoff for what will become a Habitat for Humanity home in St. Joseph. The nearly 100-year-old home was donated by the Order to the Habitat organization last December.**

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# Opinion

## Our View

### Critical thinking is critical, now more than ever

It's not easy staying positive during times of struggle. And it's even more difficult to stay positive when a community feels like it's fighting against itself. When opinions divide us and we stop listening to each other, that's when we all need to take a step back and reflect inwardly. Not on our own beliefs, but what is believed by those with whom we disagree.

We need to start using our ability as humans to think critically. What does that mean? Well, it means stepping outside your own viewpoint for a moment to try to critically understand where someone else is coming from. Let another viewpoint sink in for a minute; you might be surprised what you discover. That doesn't mean to abandon all your ideals or morals, not in the least. But listening and thinking critically about the information you receive could perhaps change your perspective if you quiet your argument down for even just a moment. It could change an argument into a conversation.

There is no doubt that morals, laws and religion lead us to what we feel is right or wrong. And these morals or convictions spark passion in us. Sometimes that passion comes out in anger and frustration with those who refuse to respond to what we believe is a well-thought out argument. But keep in mind, that same passion lives inside those with opposing views. They too feel they are right and valid. Judgments are easy to make. In fact, it's a lot easier to judge than it is to sit down and listen to the views of the people with whom you don't agree. However, being able to do so shows strength, maturity and a desire to communicate effectively.

However, there are times when an opinion is no longer an opinion but an insult to a certain race or religion. When it becomes personal and filled with no factual arguments, when the views are based on biases and fears, that's when teaching becomes so important. It's not always apparent to the privileged crowd when an opinion stated is a racial slur, or when judgments and assumptions are being made based on the color of someone's skin. When this occurs, it is the job of the allies to stand up and show through their critical-thinking skills how those judgments hold no merit and how much damage they cause to a community, to a race and most importantly, to our children.

Opinions are not wrong to have, and we should be able to have conversations with those who see things differently than us. Just make sure you've taken time to critically think about what you believe because it might be less of an opinion and more of a biased, uneducated and damaging judgment.

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## You're never too old to believe in fairytales

Fairytales get a bad rap, especially from adults. In truth, it's probably adults who should be paying attention to them. Aside from them being an escape from reality and potentially comical, fairytales tend to have the messages that we try to teach our kids but seem to have forgotten ourselves. You're probably thinking that I'm going to start talking about morals. Yes, they are important too. But I think we adults have forgotten something just as important: passions.

It seemed to be a lot easier when I was kid to imagine myself buying a farm and taking in all the cats and dogs that didn't have a home or getting up on a stage and singing my heart out in front of a massive crowd of screaming fans. As we get older our "reality" kicks in and tells us those things are simply pipe dreams. We start to make our dreams smaller, more "realistic" and even then we run the risk of still not shrinking them enough.

We go to college to pursue our passions or at the very least our interests, only to graduate and find a job that may or may not be directly related to our degree. If we're lucky, it kind of-sort of resembles the dream. Most times, we end up behind a desk somewhere with a secure 401K, a

**Leanne Loy**  
*Editor*



great benefits package and a knot in our stomachs on Sunday nights. Truthfully, that is some people's dream and it's not a bad one to have. But if you find yourself waking up every morning thinking about that one thing you should have done but never even made the attempt to try, maybe it's time to take some advice from a fairytale or two. And I don't mean randomly belting out a song to show you're really inspired and serious about taking the next step. Of course, there's nothing wrong with that. If it floats your boat, I won't judge.

I was watching a Disney movie with my daughter the other day and it became very apparent to me that we still encourage our kids to believe in the impossible, as we should. But then it dawned on me, too, that at some point in our lives, that narrative changes. When I was little, I was asked, like most kids were, what I wanted to be when I grew up. It was cute when I said an actress or a singer or even that time when I wanted to

be a veterinarian. But as I got older, it wasn't so cute to have those dreams; it was time to start thinking seriously about my future and the question went from, what do you want to be, to, how are you going to make a living?

Reality does have to play a part in all of this, and I do think it's important to teach our kids both to dream and to work hard to make those dreams come true. But if we can't lead by example, then what are we really teaching them? I'm not going to say that one day I watched a Disney film, woke up the next morning, quit my job and went back to school. But I will say I took a leap of faith because I realized I was saying things to my kids that I wasn't myself listening to, and now I'm sitting here getting paid to write, a dream the 13-year-old me thought was impossible.

It seems logical for us adults to get wrapped up into our stresses and our responsibilities, and honestly, that's sometimes OK. But remember, if someday you find yourself getting wrapped up in a fairytale and it reminds you of a passion that's been asleep for a while, embrace it. You never know what impossible things could happen.

## What offends them they destroy – or kill

People who gleefully destroy art works are not only ignorant – they're dangerous, and not just to art works but to fellow human beings.

Twenty years ago, just months before the terrorist attacks against this country, I saw a newspaper photo that made my blood run cold. In the black-and-white photo was a group of bearded men in turbans and robes laughing gleefully. In the background were tall stone cliffs with giant Buddha statues carved into them – statues those laughing men had just blasted with mortars. The caption under the photo stated the men were Taliban warriors, a name I'd never heard of before. And little did I know at the time that the Saudi Arabian Osama bin Laden was sheltering in Afghanistan as a guest of the Taliban as he plotted the 9/11 terrorist attacks against America.

The destruction of art works happened in a valley of a mountainous area of central Afghanistan known as Bamiyan. The standing Buddhas had been carved 1,500 years ago into giant niches of the cliff's face – one statue 180 feet tall, the other 130 feet.

According to Islamic law (or so claimed the Taliban) those statues were idolatrous affronts to Muslim law and beliefs – thus they had to be obliterated. Many countries in the world, hearing of the scheme, protested with outrage, some even offering to buy the art and have it removed to safety. But alas, there are none so deaf as those who will not hear. It must be noted that many Muslims throughout the world also

**Dennis Dalman**  
*Reporter*



expressed their appalled reactions to the destruction.

The rampage began, and how hard they worked to destroy those Buddhas! It took a long time: blasting mortar shells at them, drilling holes in the statutes in which to place explosives, using anti-tank mines to weaken the rock. They worked, they sweated, they laughed as they pulverized the art into huge heaps of rubble, leaving empty cliff niches where the Buddhas had been.

These ignorant obliterations of art works, assaults by barbarians against the achievements of civilizations, have happened throughout history – the destruction of the great library in Alexandria, Egypt in 642 A.D., the barbaric violence against cities and people throughout the world in every decade, every century. More recently, in Iraq and Syria, museums and the art works they housed were ripped to pieces, smashed, utterly destroyed by rebel factions, including notorious ISIS.

The twisted rationale is always this: What offends us we destroy or kill.

The very area where those statues were obliterated was a rare, remarkable place in modern-day Afghanistan. It was the place where

the country's first woman governor took office, the country's first girls' cycling team was formed as well as a women's ski club and the first café operated by a woman. The university there held more women students than men.

Those gains for women will likely soon evaporate. What a catastrophe that the Taliban have re-taken that country after 20 years of the American presence. Women and children (especially girls) are trembling with terror throughout Afghanistan, fearing what will become of them now.

President Joe Biden ordered American troops out of Afghanistan last month, proving once again there is no such thing as a good ending to a bad war. We simply could not stay there forever and ever; we could not impose a "democracy" on that splintered tribal-based country.

The Taliban now claim they will not be retaliatory or harsh in their new rule, and yet their highest ranks include some of the most rigid believers, ruthless rebels – the ones likely to think, "What offends us we destroy or kill."

The only hope, a slender hope, is that many of the women and girls of that tribal country (many men too) found a measure of peace, freedom and dignity during the past two decades. Let us hope that experience of partial freedom, short but sweet, will help them endure the dark days ahead as they patiently pine for a safer, brighter future.

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# Exhibit

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Co. and Sheet Metal Works in northwest St. Cloud. On more than 20 acres of land, buildings soon sprang up for production. The area became known as “Pantown” where Pandolfo had superbly crafted homes built in that area for his employees. Many of those prized homes still exist.

Within a couple years, Pandolfo found himself in legal trouble. He was indicted for mail fraud involving the selling and misuse of stock funds. He was convicted and served almost three years in prison, although he

## Letter to the editor

## Birthday wishes for Minnesota Street Market

Amy Braig  
St. Joseph

I want to say Happy-Belated-Birthday and a hardy thank you to the Minnesota Street Market. On Sept. 10 they celebrated 10 years of serving “Joetown.”

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had persistently proclaimed his innocence. After prison, he returned to St. Cloud for a time. Only 737 highly sought-after Pan cars were produced. Five are known to exist. One of them (a spiffy 1919 dark-green model) can be seen in the exhibit. Eventually, Pandolfo moved on to other pursuits and died of a stroke in Alaska in 1960.

Throughout the years, the buildings on the original Pantown site and others that were added covered 50 acres. In 1936, the Hilger Co. of the Twin Cities started production there (floor sanders, paint shakers, etc.), then the facilities were sold to Char-Gale Co. for war production (the making of fuselages, mainly by women

the area. When folks think of co-ops, we often think food or fuel. Our food and art co-op is part of the fuel running this small town. The Minnesota Street Market is a great place to invest in St. Joseph.

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workers, some who moved to St. Cloud to become part of the war effort).

After the war, the Franklin Manufacturing Co. moved in and began to make refrigerators and freezers. Many years later (1986), it was purchased by another interest and re-named Electrolux, which produced as many as 5,000 freezers in a day.

Both Franklin and Electrolux paid good wages and benefits for generations of employees living in cities, towns and farms in the central Minnesota areas.

After more than seven decades of production, the freezer-refrigerator manufacturing ended about two years ago when Electrolux decided to move its St. Cloud resources to an Electrolux facility in South Carolina.

In the exhibit, there is a very old refrigerator, the kind that can still be seen now and then, still functioning if a bit battered, in

some people’s garages, used to chill beer for garage-and-yard parties.

Another “artifact” is a freezer, the last one to come off the assembly line when Electrolux ceased production. There it stands in the museum, covered by the squiggly signatures of all the employees who worked there right up to closing day.

Those two exhibits, both organized by museum curator Eric Cheever, will be on view for about two years, with periodic changes and additions to both from time to time.

Museum hours are 9:20 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesdays through Saturdays. Visitors are requested to wear masks. A nominal fee is charged.

The Stearns History Museum is located at 235 33rd Ave. S. in St. Cloud, behind the Costco store. For more information, visit [info@stearns-museum.org](mailto:info@stearns-museum.org) or call 320-253-8424.

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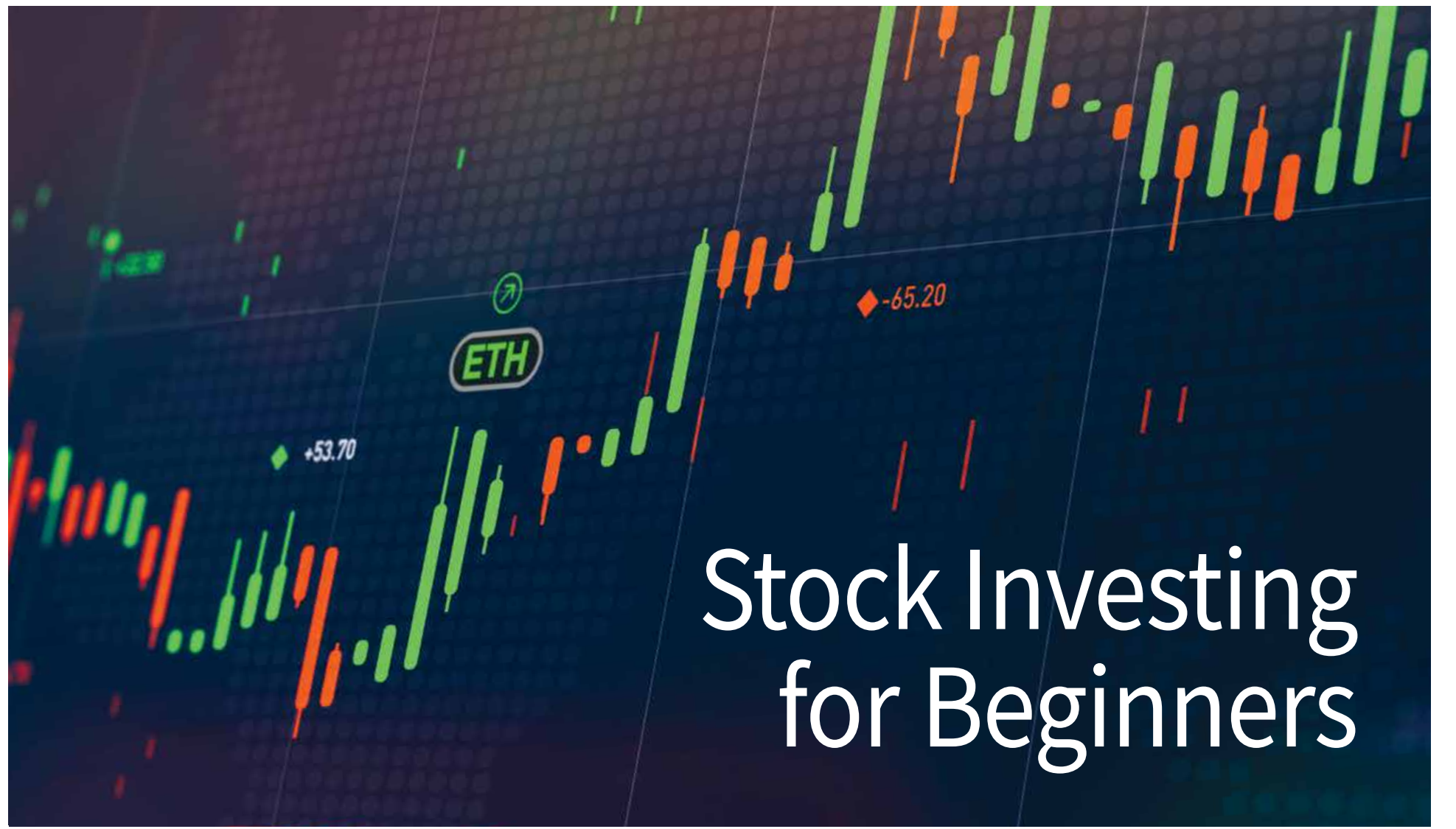
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