

# Reaching Everybody! Newsleaders

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### KofC Free-throw Contest set Saturday, Jan. 22

A free-throw competition for children ages 9-14 will be held at 3 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 22 at St. Francis Xavier School gymnasium, 219 Second St. N., Sartell. This annual event is sponsored by the Knights of Columbus, Bishop Trobec Council #5276, serving the Sartell and St. Stephen communities. All contestants from the local level are recognized for their participation in the event and the winners at each level receive a trophy. Participants register at the event and must have written consent and age verification from a parent or guardian. Please contact Jake Schneider at (320) 761-7143 or jakeschneider34@gmail.com with any questions.

### Heartland Hospice seeks volunteers

Heartland Hospice is looking for caring and dedicated people with an interest in serving terminally ill patients and their families in St. Joseph, Sartell, St. Stephen and the surrounding areas. Volunteers provide services such as friendly visiting, pet visits, musical enrichment, art enrichment, Veteran to Veteran visits and clerical services. Volunteer classes are available to fit each person's schedule. Our priority and commitment to our patients and families is to provide safe, quality care. We believe having a vaccinated workforce is one way to deliver that promise. For more information, call Keshia Kettler at Heartland Hospice at 320-654-1136.

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## A cat, a community and a Christmas miracle

by Lois Gard & Leanne Loy  
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In mid-August, Jeani Donnay, took her cats, Tom and Jerry to the St. Joseph Vet Clinic for routine shots and a checkup. She had them in a crate (much to their displeasure) in the car with her granddaughters, Addie and Emmie. In the transfer out of the car and into the clinic, Jerry escaped. Addie, who thought she was helping, had opened the crate door to remove Jerry and carry him inside. He took off like a shot and was soon out of sight. Donnay ran after him but alas, Jerry was just too fast.

Donnay reassured the girls she would find him. She went home and started making posters, plastering them

on every telephone pole she could find. She drove stakes into the ground for more signs, put a larger one at Kleinfelter Park, and posted them in the grocery and hardware stores. Donnay knocked on doors and even gave folks phone numbers to call in case they spotted him.

Jerry's face, with his distinctive markings (a smudge on his nose that looks like he poked his face in soot), appeared all over town. On the advice of the vet clinic, Donnay bought a live trap and set it at the back of the clinic with cat food and water. She drove to St. Joseph from her house near Rockville and checked it every morning and every night. Almost immediately there were "sightings" of the

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Donnay's granddaughters, Emmie (left) and Addie, comfort Jerry as he waits for his checkup to start.

## New parks/rec director plans lots of winter fun

by Dennis Dalman  
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This winter, nobody in St. Joseph should mope and play shut-in just because the weather is a bit nippy. There will be plenty of fun outdoor activities, thanks to planning by the city's new parks and recreation director, Rhonda Juell.

Years of teaching grade-

school classes and serving as a coach are skills Juell brings to her new job in St. Joseph. She was hired late last summer to replace former parks and rec director John Ander-



Juell

son.

Now semi-retired, Juell, who lives in Clearwater, works part-time, anywhere from 10 to 15 hours a week.

Born in Karlstad in northwestern Minnesota and raised in Albany, Juell taught grades four and six for 32 years in various St. Cloud schools, then for the last 10 years of her career, she taught physical education

at North Junior High, also in St. Cloud.

Juell's goal as parks and rec director is, in her words, "to get people on their feet," to combine activities that involve fun physical exercise along with fun learning and cultural-social enrichment. Those are the pursuits she is so good at from her years of teaching both

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## Tanner's Team holds virtual Christmas concert fundraiser

by Darren Diekmann  
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Tanner's Team Foundation, a local charity, presented a free virtual Christmas concert at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 15. The pre-recorded performances included local and national acts.

The purpose of the event, entitled Fa La La For Families Virtual Christmas Concert, and the foundation's mission, is to raise money for families of children with life-threatening illnesses. John and Cindy Fuls formed it 10 years ago after their son Tanner died of an infection from a bone marrow transplant to treat a type of pre-leukemia.

The concert presented more than a dozen performers.

"We are super excited about the lineup of performers," said foundation board member and

concert organizer Mary Swingle of Sartell. "Many of them are connected to the Fuls (family) in one way or another."

Returning this year were the Killer Vees, a home-grown band, with a national profile. The band is made up of the sons of legend Bobby Vee. They also run Rockhouse Productions, a recording studio in St. Joseph.

Another performer, Kat Perkins, is also known nationally. She reached the semi-final round on season six of the NBC reality series The Voice. Before that she fronted for Scarlet Haze, a Twin Cities band that opened for Bon Jovi.

Heather Novak of St. Joseph sang "Oh Holy Night" at last year's concert. This year her chosen song was, "Christmas Hallelujah."

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This is the last picture of Tanner and the Fuls family: John, Tanner, Cindy and Maddie, taken shortly before his death in November 2010.



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## Concert

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Novak decided to get involved after Mary Swingle, a friend and former co-worker, asked if she would sing. She readily agreed.

"I have watched Tanner's Team as a spectator for years," said Novak, adding she has been impressed with the positive impact it has had locally and throughout the state.

"So as soon as Mary asked me to do the concert, that was a no-brainer."

Swingle said she presented the idea of a virtual concert at a foundation board meeting in 2020 as a way of compensating for the cancellation of its other fundraising events because of the pandemic.

One of the sponsors, St. Cloud Financial Credit Union, will match donations up to \$5,000.

When the foundation started, it helped mostly local families, Fuls said. Then its area of impact continued to grow until today it reaches 48 Minnesota counties encompassing more than a 60-mile radius.

"The purpose of the concert is not just to raise money," Swingle said. "We also want to raise awareness so families in need know about Tanner's Team Foundation and can apply for the grants."

In addition to the music, the show will feature the experiences of some of the grant recipients.

Maddie Reitz is one of those who received a grant.

Reitz, who is now 20, has suffered from Crohn's disease since she was 7. Crohn's affects the gastrointestinal tract. The illness made it necessary for her to be homeschooled and then attend Sartell High

School online.

"I was so sick I didn't have the energy or stamina to be at school," Reitz said. "I had gone through pretty much every medication and had tons of surgeries."

The last option, a bone-marrow transplant two years ago, finally cured the illness.

"They say, 'cured,' but sometimes people's Crohn's disease will come back later in life, but it is typically more mild," Reitz said.

Before the procedure, chemotherapy treatments damaged her reproductive system. The grant helped pay for unexpected and costly fertility treatments.

"My mom didn't work for six months during my bone-marrow transplant so it made a big difference for our family," Reitz said.

She is now a first-year student at St. Cloud State University. Her long ordeal made her stronger and inspired her to study nursing.

John and Cindy Fuls became aware of Tanner's illness when he was 11. In July 2010 he hit his arm on the counter at their cabin and an unusually large bruise developed.

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**Friday, Jan. 7**  
**Skating rink now open!** 25 Fifth St. NE, located off of CR 2 and Fifth Street NE. St. Joseph. The skating rink is now open with lights until 10 p.m. at Smoley Fields.

**Saturday, Jan. 8**  
**Be A Tax Volunteer Open House,** 3:30 p.m., St. Cloud Library, Mississippi Room. Volunteer for the Tri-CAP Volunteer Invoice Tax Assistance Program. No experience necessary, training provided, commitment is four hours per week January-April. Contact Jamie for more information at 320-257-4510 or [jamie@stcloudlibrary.org](mailto:jamie@stcloudlibrary.org).

[schmidt@tricap.org](mailto:schmidt@tricap.org).  
**Monday, Jan. 10**  
**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, Jan. 11**  
**Yoga with Shirley!** 7-7:45 a.m., St. Joseph Government Center, Multipurpose Room, 75 Callaway St. E., St. Joseph. This class is designed for beginners and/or seniors. Sessions held Tuesdays until March 29. Nominal fee.  
**Living Well with Chronic Pain,** 9:30 a.m.-noon Tuesdays, Jan. 11-Feb. 22, Whitney Senior Center, 1527 Northway Dr, St. Cloud. This free workshop meets six times and is designed for people with pre-diabetes. For more info contact 320-255-7245 or [whitneyseniorcenter@ci.stcloud.mn.us](mailto:whitneyseniorcenter@ci.stcloud.mn.us). Register for classes at <https://hipaa.jotform.com/whitneysc/WorkshopRegistration>.  
**Sartell Chamber of Commerce,** 11:30 a.m., Sartell Com-

munity Center, 850 19th St. S., Sartell.  
**St. Joseph Food Shelf,** 1-3 p.m., 18 Birch St. E., St. Joseph. Visit Facebook page for schedule changes and updates.  
**Wednesday, Jan. 12**  
**St. Cloud Schools Board of Education Agenda Planning Committee,** 8 a.m., District 742 Administration Office, 1201 S. Second St., Waite Park.  
**Mighty Movers Creative Movement Classes with Music,** 9:30-10:15 a.m., Wednesdays until March 2, St. Joseph Government Center, Multipurpose Room, 75 Callaway St. E., St. Joseph. This class is for children 8-18 months old, children must be accompanied by a parent/guardian the entire time. Classes integrate movement, dance, music, and childhood imagination. Nominal fee for all eight sessions. Visit [cityofstjoseph.com](http://cityofstjoseph.com) to register.  
**Adventurers Creative Movement Classes with Music,** 10:30-11:15 a.m., Wednesdays until March 2, St. Joseph Government

Center, Multipurpose Room, 75 Callaway St. E., St. Joseph. This class is for children 2-4 years old, children must be accompanied by a parent/guardian the entire time. Classes integrate movement, dance, music, and childhood imagination. Nominal fee for all eight sessions. Visit [cityofstjoseph.com](http://cityofstjoseph.com) to register.  
**St. Joseph Area Chamber of Commerce,** noon-1 p.m., St. Joseph Government Center, 75 Callaway St. E. [stjosephchamber.com](http://stjosephchamber.com).  
**St. Francis Xavier Preschool Open House,** noon-6 p.m. Come meet the dedicated staff and tour the building. To schedule a personal tour, contact the school at 320-252-9940 or [schooloffice@sfx61.org](mailto:schooloffice@sfx61.org)  
**“Climate Change: Drought and Declining Water Resources?,”** presented by the St. Cloud Area League of Women Voters, 1 p.m. via Zoom. Visit [www.lwvsc.org](http://www.lwvsc.org).  
**Yoga with Betsy!** 4:30-5:15 p.m., St. Joseph Government Center, Multipurpose Room, 75 Callaway St. E., St. Joseph. This class

is designed for intermediate yoga students. Sessions held Wednesdays until March 30. Nominal fee/session.  
**St Joseph Y2K Lions Club,** 6:30 p.m., St. Joseph Community Fire Hall, 323 Fourth Ave NE.  
**Thursday, Jan. 13**  
**Yoga with Betsy!** 7-7:45 a.m., St. Joseph Government Center, Multipurpose Room, 75 Callaway St. E., St. Joseph. This class is designed for beginners and/or seniors. Sessions held Thursdays until March 31. Nominal fee/session.  
**Coffee and Conversation,** a senior discussion group, 9 a.m., Sartell Community Center, 850 19th St. S. Topic: Sandy Cordie, Give the Gift of a Legacy File.  
**St. Joseph Food Shelf,** 1-3 p.m., 18 Birch St. E., St. Joseph. Visit Facebook page for schedule changes and updates.  
**St. Joseph Senior Citizens,** 1:30 p.m., St. Joseph Fire Hall, 323 Fourth Ave. NE, St. Joseph. Contact Bernie at 320-363-4355 or 320-292-5512.

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](http://tricountycrimestoppers.org). Crime Stoppers offers rewards up to \$1,000 for information leading to the arrest and conviction of those responsible for a crime.

**Nov. 9**  
1:28 a.m. Drugs found. CR 2/CR 75. While another officer was on a traffic stop on CR 2/CR 75, officer who went to back him noticed a plastic bag on the ground behind the squad and picked it up. The bag was heat sealed. Officer brought it back to the police department, opened it. Substance tested positive for marijuana. There were several of these bags. Officer placed the bags and NIK test in evidence. Report to follow.  
1:58 p.m. Noise complaint. First Avenue NW. Complainant reported a tenant on First Avenue NW has been playing loud music and bass and said this is an ongoing issue. While in front of the mobile home, on the private roadway, officer could hear loud music and bass coming from inside the residence and attempted to make contact; no one came to the door. Officer attempted to call resident; nobody answered and the number appears to belong to a male. Second attempt. When officer arrived at residence, officer heard music and bass coming from the residence, knocked on the door and nobody answered. Officer again tried calling the phone number and nobody answered. Third attempt. On scene, officer could hear music and bass coming

from the residence again. Left warning note saying enforcement action will be taken if the loud noise continues.

**Nov. 15**  
8:39 a.m. Suspicious activity. Northland Drive. Complainant reported someone went through her vehicle and moved things around. Arrived on scene and spoke with complainant. Her front passenger door was open. Nothing taken. She said bank paperwork was on the seat and her credit card was on the seat as well. Officer told her to get a new card in case the number was written down. Complainant said she believes the doors were locked but there was no sign of forced entry. Officer documented incident; told complainant to call back if anything was missing.

**Nov. 16**  
4:48 p.m. Driving complaint. 20th Avenue SE. Complainant called stating a red cab semi entered a roundabout on 28th Avenue S. at a high rate of speed and almost hit her vehicle. The same semi also went through a red light on CR 75 at CR 134. Officer spoke to the semi driver, who said he was aware of the red light because he was not going to be able to stop in time. He said he believed a female called him in because she gave him the middle finger in a roundabout but was not sure why. Officer warned semi driver about the red light and updated the complainant.

**Nov. 18**  
11:14 a.m. Gas leak. Minnesota Street W. Officer dispatched to a gas leak at Local Blend. Dispatch advised a contractor hit a gas line. Of-

ficer assisted with evacuating individuals from the immediate area. St. Joseph fire responded and determined it was a slow leak. St. Joseph Fire had two members standby in the area until Xcel Energy arrived to fix the issue. Officer told St. Joseph Fire to contact the police if they needed any more assistance.  
11:29 p.m. Abandoned vehicle. Dale Street E. While on patrol, officer observed a vehicle parked in the Klinefelter park parking lot. The vehicle was unoccupied upon arrival.

**Dec. 13**  
9:30 a.m. Welfare check. Third Avenue SE. Officer was dispatched to a health call at the residence. Complainant reported his son was out of control and he needed help. Son also called in and said he was trying to leave and his dad would not let him. Arrived on scene and separated parties. Found son had a dog bite. Mayo was called to check him out. He declined transport. Not enough for an evaluation. Parties were separated and son left premises.

**Dec. 14**  
10:44 a.m. Dog complaint. Schneider Drive. It was reported three dogs were running in the park. Officer checked the park with negative contact. Officer called park management and said officer didn't see the dogs, but complainant could call when the dogs are out and about.

5:24 p.m. Road rage. CR 75/CR 133. Complainant stated while they were northbound on CR 2, a red sedan in front of them was driving 45 mph in a 55 zone. Once they got to St. Joseph, they got ahead of

the sedan who then got behind them and flashed their brights and gave them the middle finger. The complainant turned into McDonald's and the sedan continued. The complainant described the driver as 40s, white male. Officer contacted the sedan driver who stated on County Road 2 there was a lot of slow-moving traffic. Sedan driver said the complainant's van pulled up behind him and tailgated from Cold Spring to St. Joseph. He also said he could barely see and that once in St. Joseph, the van sped past him, and three younger girls gave him the middle finger. Sedan driver said he did flash his brights once. No crime.

**Dec. 16**  
7:09 p.m. Suspicious activity. Minnesota Street E. Officer was dispatched for suspicious activity at Bello Cucina. Wait staff stated three females came into the restaurant who appeared to be under 21 and possibly had fake IDs. She stated the females then went to Bo Diddley's. Officer went to Bo Diddley's and asked the staff if anyone came in matching the description of the young females. The staff mentioned the original complainant already called them informing them of what happened. Staff stated nobody came in matching the description. Officer went back to Bello Cucina. Wait staff stated she did not feel comfortable serving the females alcohol and mentioned the females were being rude to staff after they refused to serve them.

**Dec. 18**  
1:21 p.m. Hit-and-run vehicle. College Avenue S. Officer received a call from a mother

who told police her daughter's vehicle was hit in a parking lot at the College of St. Benedict. The mother said the striking vehicle driver made contact but later quit communicating. Officer contacted the suspected driver, who stated she gave information but nobody replied. She then gave the officer her State Farm agent's name and number which police relayed to the mother. The accident was on private property, so no state accident report was completed.

**Dec. 27**  
12:51 a.m. Vehicle in ditch. Fourth Avenue NE/CR 75. Officer was dispatched for a vehicle in the ditch on CR 75 and Northland Drive. The officer responded and observed a vehicle in the north ditch of CR 75. The driver stated he was driving on Northland Drive and thought that there was an on-ramp to get onto CR 75. Driver was able to get the vehicle out of the ditch by himself.

**Dec. 29**  
4:40 p.m. Hit-and-run vehicle. Minnesota Street W. Police were notified of a hit-and-run that occurred at 4:40 p.m. near 19 Minnesota Street W. Officer called the complainant who said she was parked out front of the Local Blend. She said when she was in the Local Blend, a male driving a white compact car backed into hers. Complainant said she went outside to try and gather insurance information from the individual, but he had already left. Complainant did not get the license plate of the vehicle that hit her Pontiac. She said her car did not have any damage, but the other car appeared to have a cracked rear bumper.



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Obituaries

Judith ‘Judy’ Lyne Storkamp

St. Cloud

June 5, 1951-Dec. 24, 2021

Judith “Judy” Storkamp, 70, who was diagnosed with non-smokers lung cancer in October 2020, died Christmas Eve at her home. Her funeral will be at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, Jan. 11 at St. Marcus Catholic Church in Clear Lake. The Rev. Joseph Backowski will officiate and burial will be at the parish cemetery at a later date. Visitation will be from 4-8 p.m. Monday, Jan. 10 at Williams Dingmann Family Funeral Home in Clear Lake and one hour prior to the services Tuesday at the church. Parish prayers will be at 5 p.m. Monday at the funeral home.

Storkamp was born June 5, 1951 in St. Cloud to Clifford and Leona (Wipper) Go-

enner. She married Timothy Storkamp on Oct. 15, 1977 at St. Marcus Catholic Church in Clear Lake. She graduated from St. Cloud Vocational and worked for Brown Boveri from 1974-1983. In 1985, she joined the IT department at St. Cloud State University, finally retiring in June 2011.

Storkamp was the heart of her extended family. Her love of life was apparent in all she did. To meet her was an experience that left a lasting impression. Whether it was the weekly Saturday get-togethers or the holiday celebrations; all were welcome and the laughs were plentiful. Her laugh would carry across a crowded room and started deep in her belly. Family was held so close, and friends soon became family.

Storkamp worked hard but had an uncanny ability to make work fun. She loved being in the country, working in her gardens, watching birds and other wildlife, riding horses, crossword puzzles, fishing and traveling. She was always up for a great adven-

Storkamp



ture, fun shenanigans and being the number one fan at all her grandkids' events.

Storkamp brought so much joy, exuded such strength, was the eternal optimist and fiercely independent. She was the most genuine person.

Her body lost the battle with cancer, but her spirit and memory live on in each person who was lucky enough to have known her.

Survivors include the following: her daughters, Nicky (Mike) Folkerts of St. Joseph and Tracy (Brian) Zinken of Becker; grandchildren, Zander and Lily Folkerts of St. Joseph and Lila and Brody Zinken of Becker; brothers and sisters, Leon (Julie) Goenner of Foley, Doreen (Terry) Dumonceaux of Foley, Bonnie (Duane) Gohman of Clear Lake, and Lisa (Mike) Nielson of Cedar.

She was preceded in death by her parents; and husband Tim in 2015.

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

Bernita D. Dahl

St. Joseph

Nov. 22, 1936-Dec. 30, 2021

Bernita D. Dahl, 85, of Sauk Rapids died at her home on Dec. 30. Her funeral will be held at 11 a.m. Friday, Jan. 7 at Williams Dingmann Family Funeral Home in St. Cloud. The Rev. Zach Hoffman will officiate and entombment will be at the Minnesota State Veterans Cemetery near Little Falls. Visitation will be one hour prior to services at the funeral home on Friday.

Dahl was born on Nov. 22, 1936 in Dexter, Minnesota, to Erwin and Irma (Drews) Stern. She married Vernie C. Dahl, Jr. on Jan. 18, 1957 at Grace Lutheran Church in Austin. The couple lived in Albert Lea and Coon Rapids prior to moving to the St. Cloud area in 1991. Dahl stayed at home to raise her children and once they were of school age, she went to work full

time as a dental assistant in Anoka and Coon Rapids. She also worked for Apollo Insurance. Dahl was truly one of a kind. She had the gift of learning someone's name and their life story and she'd never forget it. Dahl was undoubtedly focused on others before herself. She was selfless, and growing up on a farm instilled the values of working hard and standing by family, no matter what. Dahl enjoyed camping, bowling, fishing, playing dice and card games, and her biggest pastime was being active on social media. She loved spending time with her family, especially on their houseboat on Rush Lake, and you could find her at any extracurricular activity of her children and grandchildren. Dahl was a talented cook, especially baking desserts, like her famous “broken glass desert”. She was witty, had the gift of gab and always spoke the truth. As her famous saying goes, “If you can't say anything nice, don't say anything at all. But if you must say it, be accurate.”

Survivors include the following: her children: Karen

Dahl



(Dave) Steinke of Blaine and Vernie, III (Heather) of St. Cloud; sons-in-law: Steve Larson of Coon Rapids and Arthur Bohm of St. Cloud; grandchildren: Rob and Reed Larson, Kari (Ben) Deggen-dorf, Ryan (Stevie) Hammond, Randy (Laura) Hammond, Leah (Jason) Ryan, David (Roxanne) Steinke, Mariah Steinke, Jarriid Dahl and Kayla Dahl, and Brett and Brady Jackels; great-grandchildren: Emily and Owen Hammond, Chase and Grace Hammond, Michael Nelson, Joe and Autumn Ryan, and Jack and Jeff Deggendorf, Madelyn Steinke, and Colt, Carter and Liberty Jackels; brother: Jim (Marcy) Stern of Omaha, Nebraska; and many nieces, nephews and friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents; five older siblings; husband Vernie on Jan. 29, 2017; and daughters, Jayme Bohm on Dec. 22, 2019 and Cindy Larson on Dec. 19, 2020.

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

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# Concert

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Doctors became concerned after a blood test.

“They saw things in his blood that didn’t look right,” John said.

A trip to Children’s Minnesota Hospital and a bone-marrow biopsy led doctors to be-

# Cat

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elusive cat.

Jerry was spotted sitting on a woodpile at the edge of a wooded backyard of a home bordering Highway 75. The owner kept him in sight until Donnay could get there. She was able to approach him within 25 feet, but the terrified cat again bolted and ran. And so it went, week after week after week.

More sightings occurred and the people of St. Joseph kept calling. The two little boys at a lemonade stand who spotted Jerry running across the street, the man with Parkinson’s who drove around daily on his golf cart until the weather got cold, a little family on Minnesota Street who let Donnay put the live trap in their backyard (and then the help of their neighbor whose cats she accidentally trapped), the farmer who kept an eye out for him and helped her get two opossums out of the trap, the 80-year-old lady out raking leaves who loaned her a second live trap, the woman out for a walk with her dog who spotted Jerry running along in the ditch. And of course, Donnay and her family members kept looking as well.

As summer turned to fall and fall turned to winter, Jerry’s survival skills kept him alive, but the adults started to lose hope of ever getting him home.

But Addie and Emmie never

lieve Tanner had a form of leukemia. Eventually, he was diagnosed with MDS, Myelodysplastic Syndrome, a type of pre-leukemia.

Tanner endured two rounds of chemotherapy and a radiation treatment in preparation for a bone-marrow transplant he underwent Nov. 8.

“The following weekend he developed an infection that he could not fight off,” John said.



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**Tom (left) and Jerry peek in through window as Donnay (not pictured) wraps presents.**

lost hope. Addie said prayers, lots of them. As Christmas approached, she and Emmie wrote to Santa about Jerry asking for his safe return.

Finally, months after his disappearance, there was a woman who followed a wild hunch that Jerry could have gotten a ride in a GMC Yukon engine compartment to Cold Spring. Donnay received a phone call from a woman who had seen Jerry’s picture on a poster at Coborn’s and remembered that smudge on his nose. She and a friend had had dinner and drinks in St. Joseph that evening. When

“He ended up in the intensive-care unit and passed away on Nov. 27.”

John and Cindy’s response was to move forward.

“We just needed a way to give back to the families who helped us when we were in need. We wanted to do something to pay it forward,” John said.

They began raising money with a 5K walk/run in con-

junction with Sauk Rapids River Days Festival. They added other fundraising events in the following years.

“And we do celebrate Tanner’s birthday in March each year; that is a major fundraiser,” John said.

The foundation awards grants that average about \$1,000 to applicants for anything from car payments to medical procedures. To date

it has awarded more than \$450,000 to more than 450 recipients.

To watch the concert, go directly to Tanner’s Team Foundation YouTube channel or Tanner’s Team Foundation Facebook page. The home page of their website also has links to the concert and a way to donate. [www.tannersteam.org/donate](http://www.tannersteam.org/donate).

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- 1. OPEN HOUSE**  
Feb. 3, 5:00 - 6:30 p.m.
- 2. ONLINE**  
Go to [isd742.org/enrollment](http://isd742.org/enrollment)
- 3. WELCOME CENTER**  
Welcome Center  
1201 2nd St S, Waite Park, MN  
Monday - Friday, 7:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.



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320-370-7430  
**Welcome Center**  
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# Routine Vet Care

Dogs should see a veterinarian at least once a year.

Puppies will have to go to the vet more frequently as they get their vaccinations, usually every three to four weeks until they are about four months old. Older dogs — those older than 7 or 8 — should also go twice a year to catch geriatric illnesses earlier.

## SPAYING AND NEUTERING

All dogs should be spayed or neutered unless they will be bred, Merck says. Intact animals can have serious conditions later, such as prostate disease in males and mammary cancer in females. Having a dog fixed can also improve behavior. Females are usually fixed around six months old, and males are fixed between five and 10 months old, depending on breed and size.

## VACCINATIONS

Your dog will also be vaccinated against common illnesses at his yearly appointment, including distemper, parvovirus and rabies. A rabies vaccination may be required by local laws; make sure to keep your dog's rabies tag and certificate handy. Other vaccinations may also be important because of diseases that are more prevalent in certain parts of the country, such as Lyme disease. Your vet



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can tell you which ones you need.

## DENTAL CARE

Just like you, your dog needs regular dental care, too. At home, you can help keep their teeth in good shape by feeding dry dog food and giv-

ing them toys that help clean their teeth. You can also brush their teeth with a toothpaste that's safe for dogs. Your veterinarian may also recommend a program of professional cleanings to reduce plaque, which causes gingivitis and periodontal disease.

## PARASITES

Your vet may also test for and treat several parasites that live on and in your dog. The most common are fleas and ticks, and you can use a variety of topical medications, pills or injections to keep those itchy pests away. More serious are

internal parasites, which are also prevented by many flea and tick medications. It's important to keep your dog on a reliable heartworm preventative year-round.

Your veterinarian can help you find the parasite control medication that's right for you.

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**Donnay’s granddaughter, Addie, listens to Jerry’s heart at the rescheduled vet appointment he evaded last August.**

# Cat

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ing on his back for belly rubs as usual. He is thin but has an amazing, thick coat. He and his brother, Tom, are once again eating out of the same bowl and sleeping snuggly in the heated cat house in the garage. They both even sat up on the windowsill watching Donnay wrap Christmas gifts.

What makes this story all the more heartwarming is the sweet coincidence of Jerry’s return. Addie and Emmie are not sure if their prayers were answered or if Santa heard their request, but they are pretty sure their Papa was also responsible. Jerry’s choice of vehicle to warm up under and hitch a ride in was a GMC Yukon. GMC is the only make of vehicle Papa would drive.

“This cat has connected me to so many wonderful people in the community,” Donnay said. “I’m still getting text messages saying how happy everyone is that Jerry has been found.”

Jerry recently visited the vet to make up for the ap-

pointment he evaded back in August. And the granddaughters were right there by his side, making sure he stayed in his crate this time.

Donnay wants to thank the residents of St. Joseph for coming to Jerry’s aid. “It’s because of them he’s home safe with us again,” she said.

Jerry’s little adventure brought together a community in a special way and made for one incredible Christmas miracle.

# Parks

from front page

mental aspects and physical aspects of students’ well-being.

“I’m always thinking of activities for different age levels,” she said. “Senior activities like yoga, picnics in Centennial Park, and Elf-in-the-Park hunt.”

The latter involves participants who will try to find a hidden elf in Centennial Park, take a photo of the elf and bring it to Minnesota Street Market in downtown St. Joseph to receive a prize. More details will be announced later.

Juell commutes to St. Joseph from her Clearwater home. Her hobbies are golf, socializing with others (especially her grandchildren) and events-planning. She has three children: Kaylee, a nurse practitioner in Blaine, who has a 2-year-old child; Brooke, a therapist in Alexandria, who is expecting a child soon; and Nick, who owns Cloud Nine Energy Bowls in Waite Park and Albertville. Nick is the father of 4-year-old twin boys.

Juell gave details about all the events she has planned for St. Joseph this winter. More details about the following events will be released to the public as the events draw nearer:

## Snowfest 2022

The many events of St. Joseph Snowfest 2022 will take place Saturday, Jan. 29 in Memorial and Klinefelter parks.

# St. Joseph among the most tax-friendly cities to retire

by **Leanne Loy**  
editor@thenewsleader.com

According to SmartAsset, an online source for consumer-focused financial information,

St. Joseph falls within the top 10 cities of the most tax-friendly cities to retire in. The study ranks cities across the country on a Retirement Tax Friendliness Index, which measures

property, income, fuel, sales and Social Security tax data for each region.

View the table below to see who else made the list.

Rank	City, State	Income Tax Paid	Property Tax Rate	Sales Tax Paid	Fuel TaxPaid	Social Security Taxed?	Retirement Tax Friendliness Index
1	Hibbing, MN	\$9,304	0.84 %	\$1,016	\$215	Taxed	8.89
2	Grand Rapids, MN	\$9,304	0.98 %	\$980	\$230	Taxed	7.69
3	Lake Elmo, MN	\$9,304	0.88 %	\$1,016	\$262	Taxed	7.55
4	Oak Grove, MN	\$9,304	0.91 %	\$980	\$278	Taxed	7.52
5	Morris, MN	\$9,304	0.99 %	\$980	\$258	Taxed	7.01
6	Mendota Heights, MN	\$9,304	0.99 %	\$980	\$274	Taxed	6.73
7	Orono, MN	\$9,304	1.02 %	\$980	\$257	Taxed	6.70
8	Ham lake, MN	\$9,304	0.98 %	\$980	\$284	Taxed	6.68
9	St. Joseph, MN	\$9,304	1.11 %	\$980	\$217	Taxed	6.48
10	Fergus Falls, MN	\$9,304	0.97 %	\$1,051	\$234	Taxed	6.48

There will be skating, sledding, snowshoes for people to try on and learn to walk on. In the meantime, on that same day, Sal’s Bar & Grill in downtown St. Joseph will offer a burger special, and the Midi Bar, also in downtown, will offer free pool games and free darts from 3-5 p.m. Sisters & Company will provide kids’ art projects and face-painting from 11 a.m.-2 p.m.

## Dodge Ball

Starting on Thursday, Feb. 3 and for four Thursdays following that, there will be dodgeball games from 6:30-8:30 p.m. at Kennedy Elementary School.

Dodge ball involves two teams of people using a nerf ball to knock down (tag) people on the opposing team.

“It’s a really good work-out for adults,” Juell said.

## Tails on Trails

A “Tails on Trails” event will happen from 1-4 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 27 at Millstream Park. There will be all kinds of dogs present, and dog-sled rides will be offered. The Retrievers’ Club dogs will do demonstrations as well as demonstrations by a police K-9 dog. Throughout the event, a scavenger hunt will send participants scurrying for clues left along the trail that, if found, will entitle the finders to prizes.

## Baseball Camps

Those with an early itch from spring fever will just have to wait until May and June for

baseball camps at Schneider Field. One is set for a two-part event on Saturday, May 14 and Saturday, May 21. The two camps will be taught by Al Newman, former member of the Minnesota Twins when they won the World Series years ago.

Monday through Wednesday, June 5-8, there will be

baseball camps led by Pat Schneider, long-time coach of the St. Joseph Joes baseball team.

St. Joseph residents should note there will be more details about the baseball camps and the other events listed above in the newsletter that comes in the mail with utility bills.

# SNOWFEST 2022

You are invited to the St. Joseph **SNOWFEST**  
Join members  
of the St. Joseph Park Board &  
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## Saturday, Jan. 29

- Sledding • Ice Skating • S'mores • Hot Cocoa • Bonfire  
at Memorial Park, 33 Second Ave. NW
- Face painting & crafts  
on the deck of Sisters and Co.\*  
\*If it is too cold &/or windy, this will be held  
in the St. Joseph Government Center, 75 Callaway St. S.
- Snowshoes • Cross-Country Skiing  
at Klinefelter Park, 1000 Dale St. E.
- All day burger special at Sal's Bar & Grill,  
• Darts and pool from 3-5 p.m. at the Middy

**SNOWFEST** Medallion Hunt  
Beginning **Monday, Jan. 24**, clues will be published daily  
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The lucky individual(s) who find the medallion  
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Contact the Rec Department  
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## FITNESS FOR SENIORS | BENEFITS

# Tap Into the Fountain of Youth

Along with a balanced diet, exercise may be a key to the fountain of youth for seniors.

According to the American Association of Retired Persons, physical activity helps maintain healthy blood vessels that provide good circulation to the body and brain. Committing to practicing an active lifestyle is a beneficial way to sharpen both your mind and overall health.

If you're ready to take control of your fitness but are hesitant to join a gym, you may find several types of exercise to perform at home. From walking around your neighborhood to incorporating physical challenges into your daily routine, seniors gain immense health benefits from small changes. The Center for Disease Control and Prevention recommends that older adults follow these guidelines to keep their bodies fit and working efficiently.

- Three hundred minutes per week of moderate-intensity aerobic activity.

- Vigorous aerobic exercise should be performed for 150 minutes per week.

Suppose you have lived a mostly sedentary lifestyle. In that case, it's essential to speak with your medical provider before beginning a new exercise routine. They can monitor your fitness levels and advise you toward exercises that you



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can perform safely.

Check out how exercise may be the secret to tapping into the fountain of youth.

## KEEP SKIN YOUTHFUL

One of the many changes that come with age includes a faltered skin appearance. According to the U.S. National

Library of Medicine, this occurs as the outer skin layer thins, even though the number of cell layers remains unchanged. An active lifestyle promotes increased blood flow, which sends more oxygen and eliminates waste, enhancing skin cells, keeping them healthy and vital.

Additionally, sweating allows our pores to open to stop waste and toxins from becoming clogged.

## BOOSTS METABOLISM

The Mayo Clinic defines metabolism as the process by which your body converts what you eat and drink into

energy. As we age, the amount of muscle tends to decrease, and fat becomes more prevalent. Weight gains and high-body fat can result in serious health issues like diabetes and heart disease. Exercise is key to maintaining a healthy weight and regulating metabolism during the senior years.

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# Calendar

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**Thursday, Jan. 13**  
**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. Register at <https://sbm.osb.org/event/rainbow-support-evening/>

**Saturday, Jan. 15**  
**Community Meal**, 11:30 a.m.-12:45 p.m., drive-by and pick-up style, First United Methodist Church, 1107 Pinecone Road S, Sartell.

**Monday, Jan. 17**  
**St. Joseph City Council**, 6 p.m., Government Center, 75 Callaway St. E.

**Tuesday, Jan. 18**  
**Living Well with Chronic Pain Workshop**, from 9:30 a.m.-noon, Jan. 11-Feb. 22, Whitney Senior Center, 1527 Northway Drive, St. Cloud. Focus on skills to enhance healthy eating, managing pain, dealing with emotions, exercise, mindfulness, breathing techniques and mind-body connection. This free workshop meets six times, each session two-and-one-half hours long. Call 320-255-7245 for more information.

**St. Joseph Economic Development Authority**, noon, Government Center, 75 Callaway St. E.

**St. Joseph Food Shelf**, 1-3 p.m., 18 Birch St. E., St. Joseph. Visit Facebook page for schedule changes and updates.

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

**Wednesday, Jan. 19**  
**Diabetes Prevention Program**, various times Wednesdays Jan. 19-May 4, or Saturdays at 9 a.m. beginning Feb. 5-May 21, Whitney Senior Center, 1527 Northway Drive, St. Cloud. This free program is designed for people with pre-diabetes. For more info contact 320-650-3082 or [whitney-seniorcenter@ci.stcloud.mn.us](mailto:whitney-seniorcenter@ci.stcloud.mn.us). Register for classes at <https://hipaa.jotform.com/whitneysc/DPPRegistration>.

**Thursday, Jan. 20**  
**St. Joseph Food Shelf**, 1-3 p.m., 18 Birch St. E., St. Joseph. Visit Facebook page for schedule changes and updates.

**American Legion**, open to all veterans young and old, 6 p.m., Sartell Community Center, 850 19th St. S., Sartell.

2022 City of St. Joseph General Summary Budget		
The purpose of this report is to provide summary 2022 Budget information concerning the City of St. Joseph to interested citizens. This budget is not complete. The complete budget may be examined at the City Offices; 75 Callaway St E. The City Council adopted this budget on Dec. 6, 2021.		
	2022 Budget	2021 Budget
Revenue		
Property Taxes	2,277,230	2,202,375
All Other Taxes	142,200	142,645
Special Assessments	4,000	2,500
Licenses and Permits	185,720	195,675
Intergovernmental Revenues:		
Federal	452,270	65,685
State - General	1,359,594	1,133,150
State - Categorical Aid	90,500	61,500
County and Other Local Jurisdictions	16,000	16,400
School District	10,000	10,000
Charges for Services	198,710	358,525
Fines and Forfeits	66,300	58,400
Interest on Investment	41,000	71,020
Miscellaneous Revenue	45,000	142,540
Transfer from Other Funds	13,340	7,165
Total Revenue	\$ 4,901,864	\$ 4,467,580
Expenditures		
General Government	1,012,035	1,474,645
Public Safety	2,087,215	1,629,980
Streets and Highway	676,855	723,165
Culture and Recreation	375,705	360,980
Economic Development	121,605	130,310
Capital Outlay	968,400	210,315
Total Current Expenditures	5,241,815	4,529,395
Transfer to Other Funds	4,000	0
Total Expenditures and Other Financing Uses	\$ 5,245,815	\$ 4,529,395



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# Opinion

## Our View

### Give yourself some grace

As we head into the new year many of us will be making those resolutions, even though we know statistically we will fail them.

Instead of making a resolution you have a good chance of failing, maybe this year should be about acceptance.

It's always good to have goals, and of course growth is a very important part of life, but sometimes we get so caught up in being better we don't notice how well we are already doing.

2020 was a rough year, there is no disputing that. But 2021 might have been even more difficult. Sure, we have a vaccine for that nasty virus, we started to get things a little back to normal and socializing was definitely good for the soul; but unlike before the pandemic, those things came with added stresses we didn't have before.

We could go back to our schools now which was a definite relief, but there were new protocols put into place and the constant worry of exposure. Wearing masks and social distancing are not bad things, but they are constant reminders we are not quite where we once were.

Family and friends have come together again but there is still division, to vaccinate or not to vaccinate, and this battle is ruining relationships. The fight between nature and science rages on but it's more personal now than ever.

It's easy to assume since we can socialize again, our mental health issues are improving, but that's not entirely true either. The battle within one's own mind on whether or not they should go out or stay in also weighs heavy. Many of us are still questioning if we should isolate ourselves or not for the betterment of our communities.

A lot of us were very hopeful this year would be better than the last, and for many of us, maybe it was. But the challenges that were presented were still very difficult and we shouldn't pretend they didn't exist.

So, this year, maybe give yourself a little credit for just making it through. If you have a goal of losing weight, saving more money, getting those projects done around the house, that's great, those are things that keep us going sometimes. But if you make it through the end this month and discover you haven't accomplished or even started on any of those goals, give yourself some grace. Because you're still here and you're still adding value to others' lives, even if you don't realize it.

Right now, that's enough.

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## St. Cloud-born Oscar winner ended badly

So few people in this area know that an Oscar-winning actor was born in St. Cloud.

Born Byron Elsworth Barr, his acting name was Gig Young. He usually played second-fiddle roles, which frustrated him his entire life because actors other than him always got the top billing.

Second fiddle or not, he was a superb supporting actor known for suave good looks and adept at both drama and comedy. He was nominated three times for an Oscar for best-supporting actor, first for "Come Fill the Cup" (1952) in which he played an alcoholic who quits the bottle to save his marriage. His second nomination was for his work in "Teacher's Pet," a comedy with Doris Day and Clark Gable (1959). Young played a boozy, debonair intellectual.

Young struck Oscar gold for playing "Rocky," a cynical promoter/emcee in "They Shoot Horses, Don't They" (1969). Starring Jane Fonda, it was about a grueling dance marathon during the Great Depression when destitute contestants (couples) danced round and round in a ballroom to the point of ragged exhaustion day and night to win the big, elusive prize money.

Like a carnival barker, Rocky verbally whips the dancers on – insulting them, cajoling them, trying to keep their spirits up with his hollow enthusiasm – his repeated chants of "Yowza! Yowza!! Yowza!!! A great performance in a grim but powerful drama.

It's eerily prescient that Young was nominated three times for playing booz-

### Dennis Dalman

Reporter



ers because alcohol abuse is partly what led to his appalling, tragic death.

He was born in St. Cloud in 1913. His father owned a pickle-canning plant in south St. Cloud, not far from the current South Junior High School. He attended Riverview Grammar School and later Tech High School, where he was a member of the male cheerleading team, the "Peppy Techs." He worked fitfully at his father's factory but hated the monotony. What he loved most was acting in school plays and watching movies at the Paramount Theater, where he for a time was an usher.

After high school, Barr went to Los Angeles where he earned a scholarship to the prestigious Pasadena Playhouse. A talent scout saw a play there and was struck by the talents of two actors – Byron Barr and George Reeves. The scout secured them sign-ups with Warner Brothers. (Reeves found fame as TV's Superman. Like Barr, he too later committed suicide.)

In an early 1940s movie, Barr played a man named Gig Young. Barr decided to use that name for his own. For four decades, Young's career flourished.

In 1941, he enlisted in the U.S. Coast Guard, serving until war's end. Then

## Hope for a better new year for Minnesota sports

The Minnesota sports calendar certainly kicked off with some big events at the start of this new year.

First, the Winter Classic between the Wild and the St. Louis Blues came to Target Field on New Year's Day, followed by the Vikings playing the Packers at Lambeau Field the next day with hopes of staying alive in the NFL playoffs. While my disappointment at not making plans to go in person to either of these marquee events was quickly snuffed out by seeing the temperature readings those two nights, disappointment was quickly replaced by seeing the Wild and Vikings both go down to defeat. While this wasn't the best start to the year for us ever-patient Minnesota fans, I have optimism this year can bring some positive change for these two teams.

First off, the team I'm most excited about in the new year is the Minnesota Wild. If you haven't been paying as much attention to them this season, the third period of the Winter Classic is what you should think of in terms of their playing style. This team has been growing and building, scoring nonstop, and is looking set to be a playoff contender. At one point this season the Wild had the best record in all of the NHL.

Heading up this revival of the Wild is Kirill Kaprizov, who joined the Wild last year and made huge waves in his rookie season. He's easily the favorite player of myself and my college roommates, and

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Guest writer



he has been prolific in providing dozens of goals and assists to the team. Along with him are other exciting players like Kevin Fiala, Jared Spurgeon, Joel Eriksson Ek, just to name a few. The Wild came heartbreakingly close to advancing in the playoffs last year, losing in Game 7 to Vegas in the first round, and I think they have a real shot of going farther this year.

The Vikings, after being eliminated from the playoffs by Green Bay, have some serious reflection to do. This season really felt like a rollercoaster ride. Almost every single game, even ones that we should have won easily, ended up in an anxiety-inducing one-score situation near the end. Many games coming down to the very last play didn't help. This was confusing considering how potent the offense looks on paper and how well our defense usually does under Coach Mike Zimmer. We have exceptional players like Justin Jefferson and Dalvin Cook who put in stellar performances all season long only for the team often to end up losing.

While the Vikings may beat the Bears next week to get to a slightly better record to end the season, this team hasn't

his long string of movies and TV work continued. In 1971, he won an Emmy for "The Neon Ceiling," a TV movie. After his death, the Emmy was donated to the Stearns History Museum.

Young, who had one daughter, was married five times. One of the wives was Elizabeth Montgomery, who later starred as Samantha in the TV series, "Bewitched." She divorced him due to his worsening alcoholism. He lost the role of the "Waco Kid" in the comedy-western "Blazing Saddles" when he fainted from alcohol withdrawal the first day of shooting. Gene Wilder then got the part. Young was also fired from the role as "Charlie" in TV's "Charlie's Angels."

His last role was in a 1978 movie "Game of Death." That same year, he married a German magazine editor who, at 31, was half his age. Three months after their marriage, one day after grocery shopping they returned home to their Manhattan apartment. Young, age 64, shot his wife dead, then shot and killed himself. It's awful to think Young became the murderer of that young wife before taking his own life.

Many said chronic alcohol abuse, combined with his faltering career and his long disappointment over rarely landing leading roles, pushed him over the edge.

He was buried next to his parents in a North Carolina cemetery under a grave marker inscribed with "Byron E. Barr."

been winning big games when it matters. Looking back, under Zimmer's tenure we've had so many critical play-off losses. Even in successful years, the best we could manage was going to the NFC Championship game in 2017-2018, and then losing 38-7 to the Eagles. After almost 10 years of Zimmer, I think it's great the Vikings have had winning records and made it to the playoffs for so many of those years. But if you don't win a championship, how long until something needs to change? I think if we can get a new coach and a new approach, the Vikings should have more than enough good players and determination to play much better and maybe even get further into the playoffs in the next few years.

While I know optimism always has a way of coming back to bite us as Minnesota sports fans, I think in light of some tough seasons in the past few years, including the Twins this past year, and the Timberwolves' constant troubles, we should take good developments where we can. And after all, the success of the Lynx proves we can keep winning championships in Minnesota. Looking at the Wild and the Vikings in particular, I think there are signs of more success ahead. So while we don't want to jinx it, let's keep our heads up high and see what this next year could have in store.

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# Giving To A Good Cause

For many people, leaving a legacy involves more than distributing property to family. It also means giving generously to organizations that make a difference.

If you're thinking about leaving a meaningful gift to charity as part of your estate plan, it's important that you come up with a road map to handle all the details properly. Here are some things to consider.

### CHOOSING THE CHARITY

This may be the easiest part of the process for some people, but it's important to get the decision right.

Many people will know exactly which charity or charities they want to include in their estate plan. It's typically an organization you have a first-person experience with, either as the recipient of their services or as a volunteer and supporter during your life.

Some non-profits share very similar-sounding names, though, so make sure you know their exact legal name, their official address and their registered charity number.

Knowing these facts will make sure your donation ends up in the place you intended.

### DECIDING THE DETAILS

Donations can come in many different forms, and it's important to get legal advice for your situation.

The good news is that you can decide the timing, amounts and form your donation takes. The bad news is that it can be difficult to choose from all the different options, including varying tax and inheritance implications depending on your exact situation. That's why it is important

to get a qualified and experienced attorney involved to make sure you get all the legal details right.

Your bequest can take different forms, including a flat dollar amount, a percentage of your estate, a piece of real estate or personal property, or a gift that is contingent on certain conditions being met.

You can also decide how your donation should be used. It can be given without restrictions for general expenses, or it can go

into an existing fund that's earmarked for a specific purpose.

Another options is creating a new fund for a philanthropic effort you're passionate about. You can work with the charity to find the best fit for how your bequest can meet your goals and make the biggest impact for the most people.

### KEEPING IT UPDATED

Your wishes should be written into your will, of course, using the services of an attorney

who is very experienced at estate planning in your state.


It's a good idea to keep your will updated as time goes on, too. Some aspects of your estate plan can change, including the size of your estate, the charity's mission and laws that govern it all, including tax implications. Revisiting your will every few years is a good way to make sure your intentions are carried out in the best way to leave the legacy you want.

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# Personal Finance

Pay down credit card debt, stick to budgets and put more money toward retirement.

Whatever you decide, improve financial behaviors in 2022. Use these tips from U.S. News & World Report.

**SET A BUDGET, LIVE BY IT**

Focus on a weekly budget rather than a monthly one, says Lamar Brabham, CEO and founder of Noel Taylor Agency, a financial services firm in South Carolina. “Most people find managing a weekly budget easier to digest than even a monthly budget,” Brabham tells U.S. News & World Report, adding that while it’s important to set a budget, it’s vital to consult it often.

**PUT MORE MONEY AWAY FOR RETIREMENT**

Can you be saving more? If you haven’t started putting money away, Brabham says, “it’s time to pick your vehicles.” He recommends starting with an IRA, cash-value life insurance and an individual brokerage account. Be sure to take full advantage of your company’s 401(k) match and automatic paycheck deduction.

**CREATE AN EMERGENCY FUND**

Establish a rainy-day fund. Whitney Ditlow, a Northwestern Mutual financial

advisor in Miami, tells U.S. News & World Report that everyone should open a savings account that will serve as an emergency fund. A good goal to keep in mind is having around six months’ worth of expenses saved.

**WORK TO IMPROVE YOUR CREDIT**

If you’re planning a major purchase this year, such as a house or car, improving your credit score can save you money and help you get the best deal. Pay your bills on

time and try to pay off credit cards in full every month. Aim to keep your debt at less than 30% of your available credit.

**THINK ABOUT INSURANCE**

Insurance can make or

break your finances. Analyze your out-of-pocket expenses, such as your deductible and co-pays, under your current plan, and look into other plans. Bundle your car and homeowner’s insurance to save money.



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