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Great River Chorale concert set May 1

“In Every Corner Sing,” the 20th anniversary concert presented in person and live stream by the Great River Chorale, will be held at 2 p.m. Sunday, May 1 in St. John’s University Abbey Church, Collegeville. The event features guest organist Stephen Hamilton and two world premieres by composer-in-residence René Clausen. All seat are general admission. For tickets, visit greatriverchorale.org.

Lemonade and Laughter scheduled May 10

Lemonade and Laughter - A Celebration of Older Americans Month is BACK! The event, featuring Ted Manderfeld, will be held at 2 p.m. Tuesday, May 10 at the Sartell Community Center, 850 19th St. S. Come early to shop our gift market and visit with friends. \$5 for SSC members and \$7 for non-members at the door.

Kids bike event set May 14

at Klinefelter Park

The second annual bike event, sponsored by St. Joseph Women of Today, will be held from 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, May 14 at Klinefelter Park. The first 100 kids will get a free helmet. Register to win one of six new bikes. Must be present to win. Remember to bring your bikes and ride around the pond and stop at each station for goodies, tips and more.

Attention parents of 2022 graduates

Parents of 2022 grads and home-schooled students are encouraged to submit their graduate’s name, parents’ names, school they’re graduating from and future plans to be included in the May 27 edition of the St. Joseph Newsleader. If your student attends Apollo, Albany, Cathedral, Cold Spring, Holdingford, St. Cloud Technical, St. John’s Prep or Sauk Rapids-Rice high schools, the schools provide us with names of graduates. Deadline is Friday, May 13. Visit <https://thenewsleaders.com/about-us/> to submit your student’s information.

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Grant could help develop city’s East Park

by Dennis Dalman
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With a bit of luck (fingers crossed), St. Joseph will soon be able to start developing a 95-acre swath of land known as East Park.

With recent city-council approval, St. Joseph Community Development Director Nate Keller submitted a grant application to the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources’ Outdoor Recreation Program. It would be a matching grant with \$250,000 from the state, matched by \$250,000 from the city.

Some people in St. Joseph and its surrounding area are not even aware of East Park. The city-owned land is located along the meandering Sauk River. Its eastern boundary side is south of Kennedy Community School along CR 121 (College Avenue)

stretching westward to the area of the Interstate 94 interchange.

In an interview with the St. Joseph Newsleader, Keller said the grant, if accepted, could be awarded early this summer.

The money would be used to add trails to East Park, as well as a floating dock and an access for canoes and kayaks. Entrance improvements and a parking area would also be added for safety considerations. Those amenities are considered to be, at this point, just Phase I of an ongoing project, Keller noted. If Phase I can be completed with help from the DNR grant money, Keller said that could help convince the DNR to give future funding for subsequent phases for the project. The grant program, he added, is a “highly competitive” one.

Other possible additions someday could include more trails or

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photo by Carolyn Bertsch

Jaycees’ Easter Party is hoppin’
Brothers exit a firetruck April 16 at the St. Joseph Jaycees Easter Party. They are (left) Landon Sauerer, 5, and Gavin Sauerer, 7, both of St. Joseph. See additional photo, page 6.

Compost site to open May 2; permits required

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Although a warm spring has been slow in coming, it will soon be time to clean up yards and get ready for summer.

The St. Joseph Compost Site will open Monday, May 2, but those who want to bring debris to it must first obtain a permit.

The compost site will accept debris from residents of St. Joseph, St. Joseph Township, St. Wendel Township and also residents of St. Cloud, as long as the residents from those cities and rural areas first obtain their permits.

Permits can be purchased in person at the St. Joseph Government Center, by mail, via

drop box or online. The following information is required to purchase a compost-site permit: name, address, make and model of vehicle, license-plate number.

The government center is located at 75 Callaway St. E. in the city. That is where people can purchase the permits in person or the necessary information along with a check can be

placed in an envelope with a return address and dropped off in the drop box located on the west side of the government center.

To obtain a permit via mail, send the information (name, address, make and model of vehicle and license-plate number) with a check to: St. Joseph Government Center, Compost Site

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photo by Mohamed T. Yusuf

Boy Scouts attend fish fry

The Boy Scouts attend the fish fry event hosted at Sal’s Bar & Grill on April 15. From left to right are Scout leader Scott Duncan, 13-year-old Scouts Charlie Zabinski, Carter Duncan, Owen Ritten and Bricen Klohr, Scout leader Paul Novak and 16-year-old Scout leader Ethan Duncan. Additional photos on page 6 and 9.

Twins teach gun safety

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Twin brothers Brad and Chad Phillipp of St. Joseph, both of them veterans, are strong believers in firearms safety, and that is why they decided to teach youth gun-safety training and practice.

Brad used to help teach gun safety with former St. Joseph Mayor and St. Joseph Rod & Gun member Ken Hiemenz, and both are members of the St. Joseph Rod and Gun Club too. Brad is in line next month to become vice president of that long-time popular club.

The youth firearms-safety program is for girls and boys ages 12-18. Brad noted that in

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unique river elements such as a boardwalk.

In 2018, East Park plans were included in a master plan approved by the St. Joseph City Council. At that time there were design plans and input provided at open-house sessions and hearings.

A couple of years ago, the city approved the planting of native plants on 20 acres of East Park and plantings of woodland seedlings in another 10-acre area of the 95-acre parkland.

Before being hired by the City

of St. Joseph about 18 months ago, Keller had worked for years in community development for Sartell. During that time, Keller succeeded in landing a DNR Outdoor Recreation grant that made improvements and amenities to Sartell's Watab Park through which the Sauk River also flows, as it does through St. Joseph's East Park.

The Sauk River flows for 90 miles generally in a southwest direction from Lake Osakis in western Todd County and in or near the cities of Sauk Centre, Spring Hill, St. Martin, Richmond, Cold Spring, St. Joseph, Waite Park, St. Cloud and Sartell. It empties into the Mississippi River at Sartell.

Compost

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Permit, 75 Callaway St. E., St. Joseph, MN 56374.

To obtain a permit online, visit the city website at cityof-stjoseph.com/formcenter/payment-forms-4/compost-site-permit-application-34.

The permit costs for 2022 are as follows:

St. Joseph residents: \$45.

St. Joseph rural residents: \$70.

St. Joseph Township and St. Wendel Township residents: \$70.

City of St. Cloud residents: \$60.

Once those applicants obtain their permits in person or via mail from the city, they should be affixed to the vehicle's inside window on the driver's side. Workers at the site can then match up the permit with the vehicle's license number.

Additional and/or replacement permits can be purchased for \$5.

Free composted material is available for use by any compost-site visitors who have valid permits. When driving into the site, stop and check with an attendant. All debris containers must be taken home after drop-offs.

Debris accepted at the compost site are leaves, twigs, branches and garden waste. Any tree limbs over three inches in diameter must have all leaves and supporting branches removed before bringing them to the site.

Construction debris will not be accepted.

The compost site is located at 7613 Ridgewood Road, St. Joseph. It will be open from May 2 to Oct. 31.

Its hours of operation are from 4 to 7 p.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays; and from 8 a.m. to noon Saturdays.

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Friday, April 29
Burger and brat sale, sponsored by the St. Joseph Y2K Lions. 9 a.m.-5 p.m., St. Joseph Meat Market, 26 First Ave. NW, St. Joseph.

Saturday, April 30
Burger and brat sale, sponsored by the St. Joseph Y2K Lions. 9 a.m.-4 p.m., St. Joseph Meat Market, 26 First Ave. NW, St. Joseph.
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Monday, May 2
St. Joseph City Council, 6 p.m., Government Center, 75 Callaway St. E.

Tuesday, May 3
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 and nominal fee for non-members. <https://www.stearnshistorymuseum.org/>
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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.

Thursday, May 5
Diabetes Prevention Program: A Whitney Wellness Workshop, 9-10 a.m., Tues-

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New editor begins work at Newsleaders

by **Dennis Dalman**
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The Newsleader newspapers have a new editor – Erin McIndoo, who grew up in Buffalo, Minnesota.

McIndoo began her new job

April 19 and will replace former editor, Leanne Loy, who resigned to pursue her career in English, teaching college courses at St. Cloud State University this fall and serving as teaching assistant for a creative-writing class. Loy was the editor of the Newsleaders for the past year, both the Sartell-St. Stephen one and the St. Joseph one.

The two papers, founded by publisher Janelle Von Pinnon in 1989, have a combined readership of 24,000.

“I am thrilled to bring Erin onboard as my replacement,” Loy said. “Erin is enthusiastic about learning the ropes, and her background in journalism is sure to take her far. She has a kind, genuine personality, which I think our readers will love and connect with. I wish her all the best in her new role as editor.”

After graduating from Buf-



McIndoo

falo High School, McIndoo earned degrees last December in communications and English from Upper Iowa University in Fayette, a city in northeast Iowa.

She wrote stories for the university newspaper and also conducted interviews and wrote articles for the college’s alumni magazine. She also worked at the university writing center in Fayette.

Currently, McIndoo, who lives in St. Cloud, is employed part-time at the Sherwin-Williams paint store in Waite Park.

She loves the outdoors, the natural world, hiking, biking, reading, writing and respects and cherishes animals. She is a vegan, which is someone who abstains from consuming animal products in one’s diet.

“Right now I’m trying to get some experience, to get my feet wet in the (newspaper) business,” McIndoo said.

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Safety

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the last two field days, about half the 12 students at both events were girls.

Brad and Chad both teach the course. Each is allowed to have up to six students – a maximum of 12 all told. The participants take “hybrid” online classes via the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources. Then they take part in an in-person class where the Phillipp brothers teach them how to take apart a firearm and put it back together, along with other safety information. Parents are expected to be at those sessions so that they, the parents, can get important gun-safety information. That way, they can learn, along with their children, how to promote and maintain gun safety right in the home. Finally, there is a gun-safety field day, taught by the Phillipp brothers, during which the young students get a chance to fire .22-caliber rifles, all the while learning how to handle the firearms with the utmost safety methods.

“Chad and I are considering doing more training and field days,” said Brad. “We hope we can keep it going and keep the kids educated.”

Those who learn gun safety tend to pass it on to others, even generationally, parents to children. That, Brad said, can strengthen gun-safety behavior throughout society.

Brad works for Plunkett’s Pest Control, based in Fridley, but he has his own truck for his work throughout the greater St. Cloud area. Brad served in the U.S. Army for 10 years.

Chad, currently retired, also lives in St. Joseph and works part-time for his other brother, Paul, who owns Phillipp Construction of St. Joseph. Chad was a member of the U.S. Marine Corps for almost 22 years.

To learn more about the DNR Gun Safety program, go to the following website: dnr.state.mn.us/safety/firearms.

There is a place to register on that website, and then the names and contact information will be forwarded to teachers/trainers Brad and Chad Phillipp.

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Former St. Joseph resident to play for Golden Gophers

by **Dennis Dalman**
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When he was a tyke attending Kennedy Elementary School in St. Joseph, Tyler Hemmesch fell in love with T-ball. Eleven years later, that T-ball player, now a Sartell High School junior, was recently chosen to join the University of Minnesota's Golden Gophers baseball team.

Hemmesch, 16, will join that team when he becomes a student there in fall 2023.

One day, he received a startling phone call that made his heart start pounding. The call was from U of M baseball coach Ty McDevitte who asked Hemmesch if he'd like to pitch for the Golden Gophers in a few years. The offer caused the young pitcher to become nearly speechless.

"I was startled," he recalled. "It was cool to know they'd watched me play and liked me. It's still pretty surreal, but I'm really excited. I have a couple friends in the Twin Cities, and they will be there too – on the Golden Gophers team. Altogether, I know about six guys who will be on the team."

Those who know Hemmesch and have watched his pitching expertise are not surprised by his success. He is in his second year as a right-handed pitcher for the high school's Sartell Sabres baseball team. Last year, that team's record was 9 wins, 2 losses.

Last summer, when he was a member of the Twin Cities' North Star traveling team, Hemmesch pitched a no-hitter in Burnsville.

Last year, while playing a game in Alexandria, he found himself "in a bit of jam," as he put it, because the bases were loaded with the opposing team's members with nobody out. The catcher gave him a quick pep talk, telling him he could "lock it in." And that's exactly what Hemmesch did; he struck out the next three batters.

Ever since he was a tyke, Hemmesch said he has loved baseball. He started playing T-ball when he was a stu-

dent at Kennedy Elementary School in St. Joseph. His family moved to Sartell when he was in first grade. He attended Pine Meadow Elementary, then the middle school and now the high school.

He is the son of Samantha and stepfather Nicholas Hemmesch. Tyler's biological father is Trent Phelps.

"I always loved baseball," he said. "So does my dad and my two younger brothers. My mother loves volleyball."

His brothers are Emmitt, 12, who is on a traveling baseball team; and Oliver, 8, who has started pitching in T-ball games. Tyler helps coach Emmitt's traveling team and also Oliver's T-ball team.

Hemmesch's favorite school subjects are history and science. When he becomes a U of M student, he will probably aim for a degree in elementary education, he said.

Currently, Hemmesch is recovering from a couple of injuries he suffered this summer.

"It's OK," he said. "I'm sure I'll be better soon. My dream is to play as far up as I can, maybe as a professional. I want to see just how far baseball can take me."

He credits his parents for encouraging his baseball successes.

"They are always driving me to places, spending extra time with me, giving me tips and my dad giving me good

advice." When asked what he likes best about baseball, Hemmesch said this: "I like it because one person can't do it all. Baseball is a team effort and so every team member has to interact."

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Easter treats for sisters
Sisters greet the Easter Bunny with encouragement from their dad April 16 at the St. Joseph Jaycees Easter Party. They are (left) Brynlee, 3, and Hailey, 5. Their parents are Scott and Missy Eisenschenk of Cold Spring.

Calendar

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Whitney Senior Center, 1527 Northway Drive, St. Cloud. www.whitneywellness.org.

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

Saturday, May 7
NAMI Mental Health Walk: Celebrate Hope! Check in begins at 9 a.m., walk begins at 11 a.m., Lake George in St. Cloud. namistcloud.com.

Monday, May 9
St. Joseph Planning Commission, 6 p.m., Government Center, 75 Callaway St. E.

St. Joseph Women of Today, 6:30 p.m., St. Joseph Fire Hall, 323 Fourth Ave. NE. Join other women to do charitable projects and have fun social events. For more information, contact Frances at 320-271-3155.

St. Joseph Township Board, 7 p.m., Township Hall, 935 College Ave. S., St. Joseph.

Tuesday, May 10
St. Joseph Food Shelf, open 1-3 p.m., 18 Birch St. E, St. Joseph. Visit Facebook page for schedule changes and updates.

Wednesday, May 11
Matter of Balance: A Whit-

ney Wellness Workshop, 10 a.m.-noon., Tuesdays now-July 26 in-person at Whitney Senior Center, 1527 Northway Drive, St. Cloud. www.whitneywellness.org.

St. Joseph Area Chamber of Commerce, noon-1 p.m., St. Joseph Government Center, 75 Callaway St. E. stjosephchamber.com.

St Joseph Y2K Lions, 6:30 p.m., St. Joseph Community Fire Hall, 323 Fourth Ave NE.

Thursday, May 12
St. Joseph Food Shelf, open 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. Contact Bernie at 320-363-4355 or 320-292-5512.

Saturday, May 14
Bike Event, sponsored by St. Joseph Women of Today, 10 a.m.-noon, Klinefelter Park, 1000 Dale St. E, St. Joseph. Free bike helmets for the first 100 kids. Kids can enter their names into drawings to win a free bike and other fun prizes. Winner music be present to win bikes and prizes. Bring your bikes and ride around the pond. Be sure to stop at each station for goodies, tips, first aid and more.

Album Release Preview: Neon Lightning by Pamela McNeill, 7:30 p.m., Paramount Center for the Arts, 913 W. St. Germain St., St. Cloud. paramountarts.org.

Late bill fee due to mail carrier’s mistake

Evelyn DeSmet
St. Joseph

I am writing this letter to inform the residents of St. Joseph about the utility billing.

Do you know that if your bill is one day late you are fined \$10? No other community around St. Joseph charges residents if they are a day late. In fact, after checking, they give their residents a grace period.

Why? Because we cannot depend on the delivery of our mail anymore. I asked our mayor about this and he agreed about the mail delivery. In fact, we discussed it further letting me know it’s not dependable.

I have lived in St. Joseph for almost 20 years and my record of paying my utility bill has always been on time. I did not get my utility bill from the City of St. Joseph. Instead, I received a letter from the City of St. Joseph informing me I had not paid my bill along with a disconnection notice and a fine for \$17.66. I called and informed them I had not received a bill.

I am a senior living on a very fixed income. I stated I cannot afford that fine of \$17.66. Also, never in my life have I ever received a disconnection notice. The

Letters to the editor

City of St. Joseph Utility told me to go to a city council meeting to address my concerns as they are the ones who make the rules. Well, I did go to a city council meeting and explained this and they stated they would take it into consideration and let me know. Weeks went by and I called the utility billing, finance and the mayor five times. Finally, after the fifth call, the mayor did finally call me and stated they would not refund the fine. I asked him where is all the money you are collecting from the residents of St. Joseph going? No answer!

So residents, how many \$10’s have you donated to the City of St. Joseph? Where is the money going that is collected? I think it’s only fair we all know where that money is going. Also, I hope they feel good taking \$17.66 from a senior citizen living on a very fixed income.

I spoke to the postmaster and he couldn’t have cared less. Absolutely a shame!

Peaceful ways to help

Juliana Howard
St. Joseph

I was pleased to read the article on Mary Bruno’s poster to support Ukraine in the April 15 issue. Mary is not only a talented local artist, but also generous and

civic-minded. She is an asset to our city. Using the words from the Ukrainian Anthem was a brilliant idea. However, I wish the poster did not depict a strong arm about to toss a Molotov cocktail. It made me squirm.

Here are some quotes that support a nonviolent stance to the war:

...what we need is not escalation of conflict with more weapons, more sanctions, more hatred....Instead of that, we need comprehensive peace talks.

Ukrainian peace activists

We become what we hate. The very act of hating something draws it to us.... Unaware of what is happening, we turn into the very thing we oppose.

Walter wink

The ultimate weakness of violence is that it is a descending spiral, begetting the very thing it seeks to destroy... The choice before us is no longer violence or non-violence. It’s non-violence or non-existence.

Martin Luther King

We can stand in solidarity with the Ukrainians and still consider methods of nonviolent civil defense that have not been adequately supported by the international community and the churches. One helpful source is www.peace-ed-campaign.org.

Peace.



photo by Mohamed Yusuf

Lions support the community at fish fry
Jim Kuelbelbeck, a Lions Club member, and his wife Carol, help support the community by attending the April 15 fish fry event at Sal’s Bar & Grill.

Local Events

You’re never truly finished finding unique things about the town you live in. To see a side of your local community that you may not have experienced, keep an eye out for local events like fairs, festivals and craft shows.



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Participation will introduce you to new passions, hobbies and create incredible networking opportunities. Events offer a chance to bring the community together and celebrate what makes its residents unique.

An excellent way to discover upcoming gatherings is by joining community pages on social networking channels. You can find concerts performed by local musicians, events hosted by various restaurants or food trucks, and showcases for artists to sell their creations. Celebrate the distinctive traits of your town and the extraordinary people who help the economy tick.

FIND A FESTIVAL

When a music festival comes to town, local vendors and business owners unite to show off their goods to attendees. An in-town event offers a great chance to catch a well-known live band or indulge in

your favorite local acts. Indulge in festive foods, reconnect with old friends and revisit your childhood in a fun and engaging atmosphere. Being a part of the magic also helps build a sense of bond throughout the community and celebrate dishes and traditions that make the location special.

CELEBRATE THE ARTS

Show your appreciation for creativity by contributing to causes like museum exhibitions, orchestras and art shows. Events that celebrate your area’s creativity can produce significant growth in terms of revenue and tax concessions. According to the Americans for the Arts organi-

zation, communities with arts and culture strategies are seen safer by their residents. They also report more positive relationships between citizens and police as the arts are thought to bridge the two parties together.

BOOST THE ECONOMY

As exciting events take form

around your community, support its potential success by inviting family and friends from out of town. Spread the word to help draw more people to spend their money on unique goods and homegrown services in your local area. The additional funds can cause a substantial increase throughout the local economy.

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Business and the Community

Through hiring employees to giving back to their communities, local business owners play a formative role in shaping the region around them.

Many local small businesses are operated by people who grew up in the community and decided to open their shop or service in their hometown.

This instantly gives residents a personal connection with the owner and employees and creates a trusting relationship when offering knowledge about their product.

When you spend your money within their doors, think of it as neighbors helping neighbors.

Small businesses are often considered the backbones of their communities. According to the Institute for Local Self-Reliance, when \$100 is spent locally, \$58 remains in the area to boost the economy.

In contrast, if the same amount of money is paid at a chain store, the local area typically only keeps about \$33. Find out other ways that local business owners help the region in which they operate.

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

Since many small business owners live and work in the community, they are likely to volunteer during local

events, sponsor youth sports teams and mentor other entrepreneurs. A recent report from Small Business Trends also shows that about 52% of operation owners donate to charity, with 90% of their contributions benefiting local causes.

ENVIRONMENTALLY FRIENDLY

In many areas, locally owned businesses set up shop in the downtown area of their community.

Owners cause less impact on the environment by revitalizing historic landscapes, updating to energy efficient appliances and upgrading lighting systems rather than building new structures.

The Environmental Protection Agency suggests that clusters of small

businesses in a walkable area can reduce car usage while encouraging green transportation modes like walking or bicycling. Buying local also cuts down on demand for industrial production, which is responsible for about 50% of pollution in the United States.

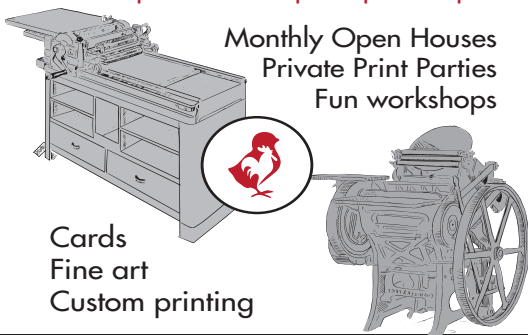
CREATES LOCAL COMPETITION

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Fish fry happiness
Kathy Winter and Mary Brixius attend the fish fry event on April 15 at Sal’s Bar & Grill and enjoy the wonderful meal the Lions club members served.

Outdoor yoga brings community together

by Erin McIndoo
editor@thenewsleaders.com

After a successful summer of outdoor yoga in 2021, Shanti Yoga Center has decided to continue outdoor classes and expand to new locations this coming summer. Beginning April 30, Shanti will host Connect to Community outdoor yoga classes every other Saturday at Bad Habit Brewing, 25 College Ave. N., St. Joseph.

After making classes virtual last year, Shanti tried their hand at hosting outdoor sessions at Milk and Honey Ciders. Jessie Sandoval, owner of Shanti Yoga Center, found it created a space where attendees could feel comfortable and safe during the pandemic.

“Our goal is to bring yoga to as many people in this community and to share it with them in an accessible way where we can educate them about the importance and benefits of the practice and meet them where they are [in their journey],” Sandoval said.

These sessions are welcome to all and instructors can accommodate and give suggestions to all levels of experience within the class. Group yoga classes can be very beneficial to participants, Sandoval said, as it can unify energy and bring people closer together.

It will also be a great way to connect with others of the community and enjoy mother nature at the same time.

“I think people sometimes get caught up in ‘can I do it if I’ve never done yoga?’ [but] every single one of our teachers is extremely well trained and experienced,” Sandoval said. “Whether you’ve done no yoga to a lot of yoga, these classes are fully accessible.”

In addition to partnering with Bad Habit Brewing and Milk and Honey Ciders, each week other local vendors will collaborate with the outdoor yoga sessions to highlight other businesses in the community. Some of the vendors include; Korppi Coffee, Overlander Coffee Co., Flour & Flower, Community Coffee Cart and others.

“Connection and community is really important to me,” Sandoval said. “Building community has always been the underlying element of everything we do and you can’t do that just in one physical space.”

There is a fee for the outdoor yoga sessions and participants may register in advance or just drop-in. To view the schedule or sign up for classes go to shantiyoga.center or the GloFox app (Shanti Yoga Center). Any questions can be sent to hello@shantiyoga.center.

Catholic school to host Spring Showcase

The St. Joseph Catholic School will host a Spring Showcase Open House Wednesday, May 4 for current families of students at the school.

It will take place from 5:30-7

p.m.

The event will feature student works from the past year for parents and family members to enjoy.

The school’s booster club

will provide a catered dinner prepared by Mexican Village.

The Spring Showcase is open to all current families with children enrolled as students at the school.

Blotter

If you have a tip concerning a crime, call the Sartell Police Department at 320-251-8186 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.

April 6

9:14 a.m. Trespassing. Second Avenue NW. Police officers received a trespass notice regarding Kwik Trip #147 located at 200 Second Ave. NE, St. Joseph. Kwik Trip sent the trespass form telling officers the suspect had been formally trespassed from all Kwik Trips for disruptive behavior. Trespass form scanned into case file. Cleared.

April 7

12:54 p.m. School bus violation. 10th Avenue SE. An officer was assigned a school bus stop-arm violation. St. Joseph Police Department had received a report from Trobec’s Bus Company. In reviewing the report, the officer observed the violation occurred on April 6 at 10:19 a.m. Bus driver Klehr reported she was at 309 10th Ave. SE when a vehicle came by her northbound while a child was unloading. The vehicle was described as a white Subaru sedan. The driver was described as a 30- to 40-year-old white male with dark short hair. The officer ran the plate and it came back not on file. They responded to the area and attempted to locate a vehicle matching the description. The officer did not locate a matching vehicle. Based on not being able to identify the suspect vehicle or driver, no further action will be taken unless new information is received.

April 9

5:52 p.m. Suspicious activity. 19th Avenue NE. While on routine patrol, an officer observed a suspect vehicle and two suspects going through auto parts behind Autobody 2000. The officer identified suspects through their driver licenses. Another officer arrived on scene, and both officers contacted the business owner. All OK.

April 11

9:14 p.m. Domestic. Schneider Drive. Officers

were dispatched to a verbal domestic. Male party advised his relationship with his wife has been up and down. He went away for a couple days and came back because he said his wife said she wanted to work out the relationship. Both said she threw a laundry basket, and both had a couple scratches. We stood by while the man gathered some personal belongings and left.

April 12

10:24 a.m. Property damage. Minnesota Street E. An officer received a call from the maintenance person of the building reporting damage to the front railing. Welds were broken in several different spots and caller said he believed kids broke these this past weekend. Welder was on-scene when the officer arrived. Estimated \$500 to repair. Will send invoice when repairs are completed.

April 16

7:23 p.m. Noise complaint. First Avenue NW. An officer was dispatched to a noise complaint. Complainant reported a loud noise was coming from the address. The officer was aware this is an ongoing issue. They responded and could barely hear noise coming from the residence while on the street. The officer went up to the residence and could hear a loud radio station and an alarm clock going off. They attempted to make contact with the owner. She did not come to the door. The officer attempted to call the woman. She did not answer so they left a voicemail informing her of the complaint and told her to turn it down. The officer called complainant and informed them of their findings. They then called property management and left a voicemail

explaining the complaint and the findings. No enforcement action based on observations.

11:36 p.m. Vandalism/theft. CR 75 W. While on call officers located garbage, chairs, a grill, and two propane tanks outside of the Millstream building. While clearing the inside of the building, there was a toilet paper holder that appeared to be broken in the men’s bathroom. In the back hallway by the bathrooms, the fire extinguisher was missing as well. Photos were taken of the garbage. The city-owned chairs were placed back inside and the building was secured. An officer sent an email to records to inform them of the findings.

April 17

9:20 a.m. Natural gas smell. Minnesota Street W. An officer was dispatched to a natural gas smell near St Joseph’s church. They arrived and could smell the odor intermittently. The officer had dispatch page out St. Joseph Fire Department. They arrived and after some checking found the smell and natural gas floating in a sewage line off of College Avenue S. near St. Joseph’s church. On-call city maintenance arrived and Xcel was contacted to respond to attempt to fix the issue.

April 22

3:29 p.m. Hazard. CR 75 and CR 133 An officer was dispatched to a hazard. A passerby reported items in the turn lane, possibly nuts and bolts. The officer arrived on the scene and picked up a large amount of an unknown metal item. Debris thought to be possible teeth to an excavator bucket. Items cleared off the roadway and brought back to the St. Joseph Police Department.



Opinion

Our View

The bees’ needs are our needs

If you’ve ever been stung by a bee before you know how painful and unpleasant this can be. If you happen to be allergic to them this pain escalates and without the proper medicine readily available to you, could even cause death. But did you know without these little pests, our quality of life would be drastically reduced?

As unpleasant as it can be with them around, we actually need bees to survive. Bees are an integral part of our ecosystems. Their pollination helps the growth of some of our favorite fruits and vegetables such as avocados, squash and watermelons, not to mention some nuts as well.

While some have claimed the human race could not go on if bees went extinct, the truth is we could survive on the fruits and vegetables that do not need pollination. However, while losing bees might not be as dire as some have made it, we do know that a lot of our nutritious and delicious vegetation that needs that pollination would cease to exist. We would actually lose a lot of our healthy food sources that provide essential vitamins to our overall health. That, in a nutshell, should be important enough to all of us to save our bees.

So, what can we do? Most people don’t want a swarm of bees ruining their outdoor fun or family gatherings. But there are ways to protect the bees while not taking away from your summer pleasures.

You can start by planting a bee garden in an area of your yard where you might not spend a lot of time. This will attract bees to just that area and provide the much-needed nectar for them. Some flowers that are most beneficial to bees are zinnias, lavender and poppies to name a few.

Another thing to consider is leaving those dandelions alone when they first come up. Some might think of dandelions as just an unsightly weed, but in reality, they are often one of the first food sources for bees in the spring and can be a huge benefit to their survival. So instead of mowing them down right away, give the bees a chance to get some nutrition from them first.

No one likes weeds in their flower and vegetable gardens, and it has become a common practice to use pesticides and herbicides to avoid them at all costs. But the use of these chemicals is extremely dangerous to our bees and wreaks havoc on their sensitive little bodies. Reducing your use of these chemicals or omitting them completely would help ensure the pollen our bees are getting would not be harmful to them in any way.

It might not be the most convenient for us to protect these little guys, but the alternative is living without some of our most favorite foods. Living with a few weeds here and there will hurt no one in the long run, but losing some of our most nutritious foods for good will surely hurt us all.

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In heaven, Marcy gets flyswatter, pierogi

When Marcy Rhea was born on April 5, 1947 in Indiana, Pennsylvania, she immediately told the doctor the 16 ways on how he handled the delivery wrong.

The nurses did a fine job, though, she quickly added.

Those words are from one of those rarities – a hilarious obituary. A friend emailed it to me a couple weeks ago, and what a hoot it was to read!

Martha Ann (Rhea) Schewe (aka Marcy, Murphy, Tractor Mimi, Big Gramma, Pizza Grandma and MA!) died in Danube, Minnesota, March 4, 2022.

From the obit, we learn the following:

When Marcy arrived at the Pearly Gates, her parents welcomed her with a flyswatter and a hot plate of pierogi.

When she was a girl, she walked two miles uphill, both ways, past a heavily wooded area, on a bear-infested road to her bus stop. During her walk, she delivered milk to neighbors from her parents’ dairy farm.

After high school, she traveled to Washington, D.C. where she worked as a secretary for the Federal Aviation Administration.

“Always a modern woman, Marcy started attending dances where she knew handsome soldiers would be packed wall to wall. There she met baby-faced Jim Schewe, whom she fancied enough to card. That didn’t faze her someday-husband one bit. He knew he was of age and he knew he liked her spunk.”

Dennis Dalman

Reporter



Jim and Marcy were destined to be together, even though they survived a near break-up over the original “Batman” TV series (he loved watching it; she didn’t love him watching it).

When they were dating long-distance (Jim was in the military in Germany), he sent her an engagement ring that arrived on Friday the 13th, and she couldn’t bring herself to open the package. Next day she did and slipped the ring on her finger.

“Her soldier boy finally returned and Marcy married the man of her dreams – well, most of her dreams. She thought she had finally escaped farm life but began to suspect otherwise when Jim insisted on visiting a bull-breeding place during their honeymoon.

“After a brief stint in Pennsylvania (Jim wondered how a guy was supposed to see where he was going with all those Pennsylvanian hills in the way), the newly married couple moved back to Minnesota so they could (you guessed it) farm.

“Marcy and Jim produced a brood of farm hands: Jim, Deb, Renae, Toni and Jeff . . . She filled decades of life with conversation, farm work, raising generations of children (whom

Trying to watch Twins becoming headache

Connor Kockler

Guest writer



Changing our TV provider at home just to get one channel would be a major inconvenience, especially since the whole point of switching away from traditional cable or satellite TV is to try and save money and only have to pay for channels you actually want to watch. Switching to DirectTV or Spectrum for example would be more expensive than what we currently have and involve paying for additional channels as well as Bally.

Are there any other options then to get Twins games as a standalone option you may ask? After all, there are many services now like ESPN+ or Paramount+ that allow for watching certain live or on-demand shows independent of a content provider. The answer to that question is also unfortunately no. There is a streaming service called MLB.TV that allows you to just pay for MLB games and other content. But there is a catch to this. MLB.TV does not allow you to watch in-market games. So if you were a Twins fan that lived in Florida, you can watch the Twins live on MLB.TV, but not if you live in Minnesota since you’re living within the Bally Sports market.

she loved exponentially more the younger they got), auctions, coffee, church, flirting with her husband, grumbling about the squirrels, making bars (“Cherry Bars on a Cloud!”), genealogy, flowers, heading to Max’s with her beloved church family, helping those in need, road-tripping with her husband, defending the underdog (while wondering why her children are so outspoken), refinishing floors & cabinets, figuring out selfies/Facebook, SnapChat so she could keep up with the children, and – if the occasion arose – playing a mean game of Sequence.

“Marcy’s fierce and vibrant spirit is carried on by her soulmate Jim, five children, nine grandchildren, five great-grandchildren, seven siblings, a handful of hated squirrels, a menagerie of farm animals and a whole world of longtime friends, some of whom she hadn’t gotten around to meeting yet.”

The obit states Marcy “entered eternal life so her husband would be blessed with the memory of their 54 joyful and loving years together every year on his birthday.”

After reading that sardonic tribute and laughing all the way, I felt as if I’d almost known that whirlwind hoot of a woman. The obituary made Marcy pop right back to life, bouncing and leaping right off the page. At the Pearly Gates, they must be laughing loudly now, right along with Marcy.

Gotta love it!

I have heard some news stories that Bally may be moving to start their own streaming service so fans can pay for them directly. This would be an exciting prospect but so far it has not been set up yet. The price may also be expensive, with a report saying it could cost around \$23 a month. Being able to pay just for Bally Sports and not having to include additional channels or switch services would be a great benefit though despite the price if that is all someone really wants to watch.

So while there may be some increase in potential viewing options for the Twins soon, the current situation is still not great. I think it reflects the issues that have emerged with TV and streaming options today as well. Now we have so many streaming services and companies wanting to sell their content exclusively, it is becoming harder and harder to just be able to pay for one bundle of what we’d like to watch. Now, we might need to add more and more subscriptions just to watch the same things we were able to previously. The Twins and other Minnesota sports teams should be aware, if they want more people to be able to watch their games, they should make it easier for people to get them on their screens in the first place.

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Microchipping your Pet

Microchips are electronic chips enclosed in glass, about the size of a grain of rice, that carry information about your pet and you, its owner.



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They're helpful in case your pet gets lost. The chip doesn't have a battery. Instead, it's activated by a scanner to transmit the information.

HOW TO MICROCHIP YOUR PET

Your veterinarian can microchip your pet. A hypodermic needle injects the chip under the skin, and it's no more painful than your dog's usual vaccinations. No surgery or anesthesia is required, though the vet can do it while your pet is anesthetized for other procedures, such as spaying or neutering or dental treatments.

The microchip usually only includes an identification number and cannot track your pet if it gets lost. The vet scanning the chip will contact the chip's maker, give them the identification number, and that service will pass on your information to the vet.

MICROCHIPS AND PRIVACY

Remember, these chips don't have tracking devices and can't be used to track you or your pet. The information

you provide to the manufacturer's registry will only be used to contact you in the event your pet becomes lost and is found. You can usually choose to opt into or out of any other communications from that manufacturer.

Having the microchip placed is only the first step,

and it's up to you to register and maintain the information on file.

MICROCHIPS AND LOST PETS

When a stray animal is found, usually one of the first things animal control, shelters or the vet will do is scan it

for a microchip. If your information is current, you can be reached quickly and reunited with your lost family member.

A study of more than 7,700 stray animals at shelters showed that dogs without microchips were returned to their owners 21.9% of the time, whereas microchipped

dogs were returned more than half of the time, the American Veterinary Medical Association said. For microchipped animals that weren't returned to their owners, it was usually because of incorrect owner information, so don't forget to register and update your information.

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Drop-off appointments, extended evening & emergency appointments are available



Dealing with Identity Theft

Did you lose your wallet? Get hacked? Become part of a larger data breach? You're not alone.

In fact, identity theft and fraud can impact as many as 5 million Americans a year, according to the Federal Trade Commission. Consumers may experience devastating financial losses, while watching their credit score plummet through no fault of their own. Here's what to do.

CONTACT THE AUTHORITIES

Begin by detailing your identity theft to the FTC, either online via IdentityTheft.gov or by phone at (877) 438-4338. They'll help you create a report that verifies your situation for banks, businesses and creditors. They will also establish a personal recovery plan, based on your specific situation. You may also need to contact the local police, in particular if you know the identity of the thief. Some creditors may require a police report.

CREDIT REPORTING

Contact personnel from any of the national credit bureaus at Equifax, Experian and TransUnion to place a fraud alert on your credit report. The other bureaus will be automatically notified. If the problem persists, there is a longer-term reporting option



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that lasts seven years. A copy of the FTC Theft Report must be sent to each bureau to set that in motion.

OTHER CONTACTS

You'll need to get in touch with the fraud department with your personal bank and credit-card companies. Report the crime to retailers and any other place where you have an

account. In some cases, you may need to alert your employer or potential employer, as well. In cases of medical-identity theft for those on Medicare, contact their offices directly. Report tax ID theft to the IRS, and unemployment identity theft to the labor department in your state. Alert the National Long-Term Care Ombudsman Resource

Center if the theft occurred at a nursing home or other similar facility.

SAFETY TIPS

Never carry your Social Security card in a purse or wallet. Be careful about sharing key personal information — which also includes your birthdate and bank-account number. Pay attention to bill-

ing cycles, and what's being taken out. If the regular due amount changes, or if the bill itself arrives late, that can be an early signal of identity theft. Don't bank online when using public Wi-Fi. Shred credit offers, receipts, expired cards and account statements to keep dumpster divers from having access to key financial data.



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