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THE ARTS



Dianne Lockerby, left, teaches pottery classes at the Paradise Center for the Arts and is one of 27 artists participating in the 16th annual Studio ARTour Friday through Sunday. She will offer tutorials about pottery during the tour. Pictured in the upstairs studio at the Paradise Center, Lockerby shows Paradise Center Finance Assistant Jennifer Kluzak how to use a slab roller. (Misty Schwab/southernminn.com)

**Candidates bring a dose of politics to pizza lunch**

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Despite the challenges posed by COVID-19, the Faribault Area Chamber of Commerce and Tourism found a way to hold its fourth Pizza and Politics luncheon, giving local candidates an opportunity to speak before voters decide their fates.

Early voting is underway, and voters have a ballot full of local candidates, with six running for Faribault City Council and 10 for School Board, though only three seats are available on each. Contested races will also be on the ballot for two seats on the Rice County Board as well as the state legislature.

On the Council side, incumbents Jonathan Wood and Royal Ross spoke along with challengers Faysel Ali and Sara Caron. Four Faribault School Board candidates were in attendance: Travis McColley, Casie Steeves, Damian Baum and Terry Pounds.

Not at the forum was the board's only incumbent seeking re-election, Jerry Robicheau, along with Richard Olson, Bradley Olson, Andrea Calderon, Ahmed Hassan and Sonny Wasilowski. Wasilowski had reserved a seat, but missed the event due to a family emergency. On the council side, John Rowan and Adam Gibbons were not present.

**State legislature**

Also in attendance were all four candidates for the state legislature. DFL Senate candidate Roger Steinkamp kicked off the event, followed by his opponent, Sen. John Jasinski. Steinkamp took the opportunity to introduce himself to those largely unfamiliar with his experience as a businessman and agricultural educator.

"I understand what it's like to start a small business and I understand why three out of five go out of business in the first five years," he said. "It's tough."



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**SHOW & TELL**

**Studio ARTour allows face-to-face connections for artists, patrons**

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Northfield potter Sue Pariseau has sold ceramics virtually during the pandemic, but it doesn't offer the same sense of connection as in-person transactions. "I miss seeing someone's face when they pick up a piece they love," she said. "Though I'm sure it is there, I don't get to witness that kind of joy online." Pariseau and 23 other artists throughout Faribault, Northfield and Farmington will have a chance to meet with customers face to face once again Friday

through Sunday, during the 2020 Studio ARTour of South Central Minnesota.

In its 16th year, the annual Studio ARTour again offers a variety of woodwork, ceramics, textiles, jewelry, paintings, glass and metalwork in 10 different studios. The tour itself is free and requires no pre-registration.

Some studios open their doors from 4 to 8 p.m. Friday, and all studios welcome customers 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday.

To ensure the health of ARTour participants, the committee asks those who stop at the studios to wear masks, use the hand sanitizer available and practice social distancing. Some of the artists will set up their studios outside to make social distancing more achievable.



Julie Fakler, operations manager of the Paradise Center for the arts, will sell acrylic paintings like this one during the Studio ARTour. (Image courtesy of Julie Fakler)

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**Amid uptick in requests for support, IRIS honors lost children**

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Even as the pandemic alters every facet of American life, one area organization is providing more support than ever for women and families going through the heartbreak of losing a child during or shortly after pregnancy.

Founded in 1987, Infants Remembered in Silence provides a variety of services for grieving families, including support groups and bereavement packages that are delivered to area hospitals and funeral homes by a dedicated team of volunteers. IRIS started small and in some ways remains so, with just one paid staff person in addition to founder Diana Kelley. Kelley founded IRIS just two years after her son was stillborn and local doctors began referring patients to Kelley for support.

Now, Kelley says she receives calls from people across the globe asking for support and wanting to know how they can help women and

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The seventh annual IRIS Memorial Service will be held at 7 p.m. Oct. 15 outside of the IRIS house, 218 Third Ave. NW, Faribault.

Hearts can be mailed or brought to the IRIS House. More information can be found on IRIS's website, irisremembers.com, or its Facebook page, Infants Remembered In Silence, Inc. (IRIS).

For specific questions, call 507-334-4748 or email support@irisremembers.com.

families in their area. According to Kelley, the IRIS website — irisremembers.com — has been visited more than 500,000 times by viewers in 217 countries, and translated into 220 languages. While its paid staff may be small, IRIS boasts a team of more than 300 active volunteers. The organization primarily serves Dodge, Goodhue, Le Sueur, Rice, Steele and Waseca counties, where it distributes typically about 500 care packages a year.

Part of IRIS's mission is also to show mothers and families that they

are not alone in their grief. Each year, IRIS works to get as many proclamations as possible recognizing the tragedy of infant loss from cities, especially those in the region.

Another way IRIS works to increase awareness of infant loss through its lighting campaigns. At IRIS's request, major buildings in the Twin Cities such as U.S. Bank Stadium and Target Field have been lit up in pink and blue, in memory of the loss so many suffer.

The March of Dimes reports that as many as half of all pregnancies

may end in miscarriage. The exact number is hard to gauge because miscarriages often happen before a woman knows she's pregnant.

In 2014, about 24,000 stillbirths were reported in the United States.

Stillbirth — the loss or death of a baby from the 20th week of pregnancy through delivery — affects about 1 in 160 U.S. births; about 24,000 babies each year, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

"That is about the same number of babies that die during the first year of life and it is more than 10 times as many deaths as the number that occur from Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (SIDS)," it reported.

Kelley said that IRIS has gotten a lot more calls from grieving parents than normal this year. By Aug. 1, the organization had already given out as many packets as it did all of last year.



The crib in IRIS's sculpture of a grieving angel is filled with hearts honoring thousands of children who died in infancy, were stillborn or lost to miscarriage. (Photo courtesy of IRIS)

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