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Want to run  
for township  
office?

Filing period  
open through  
Jan. 14

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RICE – 2020 will be a year of campaigns. From the presidential office to elected seats at the township and city levels, constituents will choose representatives in varying governing bodies. Following the presidential nomination primary that takes place March 3, townships will be the first to welcome incumbent or new faces into office.

Township Day – when Minnesota townships host elections and annual meetings – will take place March 10. In preparation for this day, the filing period for township offices opened Dec. 31. Those township residents interested in serving their neighbors and community members as an elected official

## Studying culture, history firsthand

Bemboom recounts four months in Greece, Italy

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SAUK RAPIDS – When Megan Bemboom was a young girl, she began a bucket list of places she would like to travel to. Atop her list: the Colosseum in Rome, Italy.

Bemboom, a 2017 graduate of Sauk Rapids-Rice High School, checked the historic site off her list this fall. As a psychology major at the College of St. Benedict in St. Joseph, Bemboom spent the fall semester studying abroad in the college's Greco-Roman program. Bemboom left for Europe Aug. 21, 2019, touring for 10 days with friends before she was required to attend class. She returned to the United

States Dec. 22, 2019.

"I have always wanted to go to Greece and Italy because of the history and the culture," Bemboom said. "Of course, the food in Italy too."

Bemboom started her 18-credit semester with 27 classmates in Athens, Greece. Atypical from the traditional college setting, classes took Bemboom to new sites. Theology classes took place in churches and monasteries, and art history in museums. Walking tours were common for history and language. The only course that took place in the classroom was literature.

Bemboom attended class for about four hours Monday through Thursday during her stay.



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Megan Bemboom pretends to hold up the Leaning Tower of Pisa Nov. 16, 2019, in Pisa, Italy. While studying abroad, Bemboom and her classmates made a goal of seeing something new each day.

"I have never been so interested in these types of classes," Bemboom said. "Actually seeing the things you read about in

a textbook makes it more real. You can understand it more,

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## Small space for big ideas

Apiary Coworking opens shared office space for diverse tenants

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ST. CLOUD – For over 35 years, the Thelen Advertising building stood as a creative hub in downtown St. Cloud; its inhabitants creating advertising for and marketing area businesses.

Now, imagination has sparked change for the building which was built in 1900.

Apiary Coworking is about to embark on the adventure of coworking space – a working environment where people do not necessarily work for the same employer but utilize shared equipment and common

PHOTO BY NATASHA BARBER  
Jon Hicks, owner, stands on the second floor of Apiary Coworking Dec. 31 in St. Cloud. The coworking space will provide a shared working environment for employees who do not necessarily work for the same company.

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