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## Jaunich hired as Sibley County administrator

By Dave Pedersen  
Correspondent

When Sibley County Commissioners were asked if they had anything to report at the meeting on Tuesday, Jan. 8, County Commissioner Bill Pinske said yes, "I am relieved we got the county administrator hired."

Earlier in the meeting, the board unanimously voted to

ratify the terms of employment for Matt Jaunich, who will leave his position as city administrator in Arlington to become the first administrator in Sibley County.

The process started earlier in the year when Pinske made a statement proclaiming the county should either hire an administrator or stop talking about it. He said the discus-

sions have taken place the past 10 years.

The board agreed to hire a consulting service who directed the search and hire process and worked with Sibley County Human Resource Director Roseann Nagel. Jaunich was selected as the finalist at the meeting on Wednesday, Dec. 26, 2012.

Jaunich will start in the po-

sition on Monday, Feb. 11, which fulfills the 30-day obligation to his former employer.

Both Nagel and board members said they were very happy with how the process went.

At the end of Tuesday's meeting, Jaunich came to discuss the office situation. Jaunich said he was comfortable

with either of the office space possibilities. He prefers to be next to the human resources director. However, if it is not cost effective to move things, he is comfortable with either space.

Pinske was concerned that the administrator be able to talk to people in matters of a confidential nature and suggested a partition wall in the

office to separate from the administrative assistant.

The county is in the process of hiring a part-time assistant to the administrator. Jaunich was invited to take part in the interview process.

Pinske asked Jaunich if he wanted to be involved in cer-

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Enterprise photo by Kurt Menk

Dr. Dean Bergersen completely retired on Dec. 31, 2012. An open house to honor and recognize him will be held at the Arlington Community Center at 3 p.m.

Tuesday, Jan. 15. A program will be held at 6 p.m. The public is invited.

## Dr. Bergersen retires after 40-plus years

By Kurt Menk  
Editor

Dr. Dean Bergersen's first dream was to become a commercial airline pilot.

The Minneapolis native was at a gathering with fellow Eagle Scout recipients and had an opportunity to meet with an executive in his field of interest.

"Son, you won't make it," the aviation executive told the youngster. "You wear glasses."

"I'll never forget that," laughed Dr. Bergersen, who lettered in four sports and graduated from Patrick Henry

High School in 1962.

His second dream "was to be a doctor."

Dr. Bergersen later attended the University of Minnesota where he received his Bachelor of Science Degree in Pre-Medicine. He received his Doctor's Degree in 1969 and later performed his internship at the Charles T. Miller Hospital in downtown St. Paul during the entire year of 1970.

During his internship, Dr. Bergersen joined the Army National Guard. He did not know it at the time, but this decision would eventually

lead him to Arlington.

Dr. Bergersen met a fellow named Dr. John Vener at a guard camp during June of 1970. Dr. Vener had been practicing medicine as the lone physician in Arlington since 1966.

Dr. Vener eventually asked Dr. Bergersen and his wife of two years, Sandy, to "just come out and visit Arlington."

Dr. Bergesen accepted the invitation and visited Dr. Vener at his house in Arlington about two months later.

"He is the ultimate host," said Dr. Bergersen. "He

pulled out all the stops."

Dr. Vener, during the supper hour, received an emergency call and asked Dr. Bergersen to assist him with a "hot appendix."

After the appendectomy, Dr. Vener handed a \$50 bill to Dr. Bergersen and congratulated the younger doctor for a job well done.

"As they say, the rest is history," Dr. Bergersen laughed.

Dr. Bergersen eventually received his License To Practice on Jan. 5, 1971, and start-

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## Commissioners assign responsibilities at meeting

By Dave Pedersen  
Correspondent

The first act of business in the new year for the Sibley County Board of Commissioners was to organize and divide responsibilities at the meeting on Tuesday, Jan. 8.

While assigning committees, the board kept in mind that the new county administrator, Matt Jaunich, may want to be involved. The Arlington city administrator, who will start in February, was assigned to a couple obvious committees, but said they can add him to others any time.

County Commissioner Jim Swanson took over as board chairperson and County Commissioner Joy Cohrs was named as the vice chairperson.

The Henderson Independent was the only bidder and was named as the official newspaper. The designation of the first and second newspaper for publication of the 2012 financial statement will be re-bid because only one bid was received and two are required.

### Committee Appointments

**Amberfield Monitoring Committee (one-year term):** Jim Swanson and Joy Cohrs, County Attorney David Schauer and County Auditor Lisa Pfarr.

**AMC Voting Delegates (one-year term):** County board, county administrator, public works director and public health and human services director.

**Employee Recognition (three-year term):** Jim Swanson, Marilee Peterson and Laurie Becker.

**Employee Relations (two-year term):** Joy Cohrs, Cal Roberts and Kari Evans.

**Executive Committee (one-year term):** Jim Swanson, Joy Cohrs, David Schauer and Lisa Pfarr.

**Extension Committee (three-year term):** Pam Uhlenkamp and Pat Klaers.

**GIS/LRT Committee (two-year term):** Jim Nytes, Bryan Gorman, Avery Grochow and Kate Meixell.

Each department head appointed as HIPAA compli-

ance officer of their department.

**Highway 15 Corridor:** Darin Mielke and Tim Becker.

**Joint Insurance Steering Committee-Sibley/McLeod (two-year term):** Gail Estenson.

**MN Counties Computer Cooperative - MCCC (one-year term):** Voting delegate Mary Fisher.

**MN Counties Intergovernmental Trust - MCIT Voting Delegates (one-year term):** Jim Swanson and Joy Cohrs.

**Personnel Advisory Committee (one-year term):** Jim Swanson, Joy Cohrs and Roseann Nagel.

**Planning and Zoning Commission (three-year term):** Paul Wiemann and Gary Polzin.

**Planning and Zoning Inspection Committee (two-year term):** Jim Sallstrom.

**Revolving Loan Fund Committee (three-year term):** Dick Thomes.

**Safety and Security "Homeland Security" (one-year term):** Joy Cohrs, Jim Nytes, Harold Pettis, Bill Pinske, Jim Swanson, Darin Mielke, Sheriff Bruce Ponath, David Schauer, Bryan Gorman and Roseann Nagel.

**Safety and Security (one-year term):** Mike Trebesch, Linda Hoechst, Jen Froehlich, Rachel Fruhwirth, Bill Jensen, Bryan Gorman, Gary St. John, Jim Gronholz, Jim Nytes and Roseann Nagel.

**SEDCO (three-year term):** 4th District-Charlie Woehler, Arlington-Dick Thomes, Gibbon-Sue Bentz and New Auburn- Doug Munsch.

**Sibley County Library Board (three-year term):** Arlington - Jean Olson, Gibbon- Jeff Gatton, Henderson- Barb Conrad and Winthrop-Julianne Trebelhorn.

**Sioux Trails Mental Health Board of Directors (three-year term):** Bill Pinske.

**Sub-Surface Sewage Treatment System (one-year term):** Dick Peterson, Jim Sallstrom, Paul Wie-

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## G.I. Fire Department responded to 30 calls in 2012

By Kurt Menk  
Editor

The Green Isle Fire Department responded to 30 total calls in 2012, according to Green Isle First Assistant Chief Dan Kroells.

The total number of calls included seven fire calls, 20 medical calls, two weather watch calls and one carbon monoxide call.

Fourteen of the 30 total

calls occurred in the City of Green Isle. Eleven calls occurred in Washington Lake Township while four calls happened in Green Isle Township. In addition, there was one mutual aid call given and three mutual aid calls received.

The number of calls decreased by 17 calls compared to 2011 when the fire department responded to 15 fire

calls, 28 medical calls, three weather watch calls and one miscellaneous call.

According to Kroells, the fire department had a total of 234 meeting hours, 289 training hours and 347.9 fire and rescue on duty hours.

In addition, the fire department had an average of 9.6 firefighters at each call. The average response time was three minutes, 12 seconds.

The average route time was three minutes, 24 seconds.

In other notes of interest from 2012, John Schauer retired from the Green Isle Fire Department after 20 years of service.

The Green Isle Fire Department also implemented the Auxiliary Member Program where members in good standing with another fire department and who work in the

area can respond to calls with the local fire department. Chad Vos, a member of the Cologne Fire Department, and Steve ZumBerge, a member of the Norwood Young America Fire Department, are part of this program.

The officers for the Green Isle Fire Department include Fire Chief Scott Vos, First Assistant Chief Dan Kroells and Second Assistant Chief

Dave Flannery.

The rest of the fire department includes Eric Anderson, Randal Bruegger, Keith Doetkott, Jeff Ehrich, Dan Graczak, Joe Lemke, Bill Koch, Jason Mackenthun, Todd Meeker, Kort Meyer, Nate Ott, Steve Renneberg, J.J. Schauer, Dean Stoekman, Joel Wentzlaff, Adam Wroge and Ryan Wroge.

## News Briefs

### Stien retires as firefighter

The Arlington City Council, during its regular meeting on Monday night, Jan. 7, unanimously approved a motion to accept the resignation from Mark Stien for purposes of retirement from the Arlington Fire Department effective Tuesday, Jan. 1.

"It has been an honor and a privilege to serve the local community and townships as a proud member of the Arlington Fire Department," said Stien, who served on the local fire department for 20-plus years.

### Pederson, Pichelmann honored

The Arlington City Council, during its regular meeting on Monday evening, Jan. 7, unanimously adopted separate resolutions to recognize City Council members Jim Pederson and Bob Pichelmann for their years of service to the citizens of Arlington.

Pederson and Pichelmann both served on the City Council from 2009 through 2012. Neither person filed for re-election last fall.

### Petzel graduates from MSU

Tyler Petzel, rural Arlington, graduated Magna Cum Laude from Minnesota State University, Mankato, during recent commencement exercises. He received a Bachelor of Science Degree in Finance and a Bachelor of Science Degree in Accounting.

Petzel is a 2009 graduate of the Sibley East Senior High School. He is the son of Marlin and Tammy Petzel, rural Arlington.

### Skating rink attendant hired

The Arlington City Council, at its regular meeting on Monday night, Jan. 7, unanimously approved a motion to hire Daniel Fahning as the part-time skating rink attendant.

### Petzel named to Dean's List

Ben Petzel, a 2009 graduate of the Sibley East Senior High School, was recently named to the Dean's List at Bethany Lutheran College in Mankato.

In order to be named to the Dean's List, a student must carry at least 14 academic credits and maintain at least a 3.5 grade point average on a 4.0 scale.

### Gruenhagen begins 2nd term

State Representative Glenn Gruenhagen, R-Glencoe, began his second term as he officially took the oath of office during a ceremony at the State Capitol in St. Paul on Tuesday, Jan. 8. It officially marked the beginning of the 2013 legislative session.

Gruenhagen represents District 18B, which includes southern McLeod County and all of Sibley County.

"It is an honor to return to the legislature for a second term," Gruenhagen said. "I'm deeply grateful to the people of my district for entrusting me with the responsibility of representing District 18B, and I will strive to be a voice for rural Minnesota this upcoming session, and bring those issues and concerns to St. Paul."

Gruenhagen will serve on four committees this session; the Education Finance Com-

mittee, the Health and Human Services Finance Committee, the Health and Human Services Policy Committee, and the Higher Education Finance and Policy Committee.

Gruenhagen's office will be in the State Office Building, Room 241, across from the State Capitol in Saint Paul.

"I hope constituents will feel welcome to stop by my office if they are in the area," Gruenhagen said. "I also hope constituents will contact me with their questions, concerns, and feedback about legislation and issues being discussed at the Capitol."

Gruenhagen can be reached by phone at 651-296-4229, or by e-mail at Rep.Glenn.Gruenhagen@house.mn. Constituents can sign up for legislative updates on Gruenhagen's legislative website.



Enterprise photo by Kurt Menk

### Students of the Month

The following students were recently chosen as Students of the Month at the Sibley East Senior High School in Arlington. Front Row: (left to right) Kaylee Busch, Sara Peterson, Kelsey Klaustermeier and

Zachery Peterson. Back Row: (l to r) Karina Robeck, Alleyce Somerville, Amanda Uecker, Tyler Kratzke, Zac Weber, Elizabeth Thies and Scott Deno.

## SMC has seen influx of influenza like illness

The Sibley Medical Center has seen an influx of an influenza like illness in the clinic, urgent care and hospital, according to Cindy Dikmen, RN CEN, Interim Director of Nursing at the Sibley Medical Center.

Although influenza comes in different strains, the primary symptoms are:

- Fever (100°F or greater) - A fever occurs when your body temperature increases in response to illness or injury. Your temperature is considered elevated when it is 100°F or greater.
- Muscle aches - Body aches that are sudden and unexplained can be a sign of the flu.
- Chills - Body chills not related to a cold environment can be a sign of the flu.
- Extreme fatigue - Fatigue is a feeling of tiredness, exhaustion, or lack of energy.

When associated with one or more of the other symptoms, this can be a sign of the flu.

Prevention is the most important line of defense for preventing influenza. Immunizations are still available at the SMC clinics by both injection and nasal spray. Sibley County Public Health also has them available.

Diagnosis of influenza is based on symptoms and influenza testing which is taken by using a nasal swab. The results are back on the average of under 30 minutes.

Treatment is given to patients who are diagnosed with influenza within 48 hours of onset of symptoms with an antiviral.

Persons at higher risk for influenza complications who are also recommended for antiviral treatment include:

- children age two years;
- adults age 65 years;

- persons with chronic pulmonary (including asthma), cardiovascular (except hypertension alone), renal, hepatic, hematological (including sickle cell disease), metabolic disorders (including diabetes mellitus), or neurologic and neurodevelopment conditions (including disorders of the brain, spinal cord, peripheral nerve, and muscle such as cerebral palsy, epilepsy (seizure disorders), stroke, intellectual disability (mental retardation), moderate to severe developmental delay, muscular dystrophy, or spinal cord injury);
- persons with immunosuppression, including that caused by medications or by HIV infection;
- women who are pregnant or postpartum (within two weeks after delivery);
- persons age 19 years or under who are receiving

- long-term aspirin therapy;
- American Indians/Alaska Natives;
- persons who are morbidly obese (for example, body-mass index 40); and
- residents of nursing homes and other chronic-care facilities.

Most importantly keep hydrated with fluids, treat your fever and body aches with over the counter medications and rest.

The Sibley Medical Center has same day appointments available along with urgent care open daily from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday through Friday and noon to 8 p.m. Saturday and Sunday.

People who have any further questions should please feel free to call the Sibley Medical Center at 507-964-2271.

## SE in lockdown after possible threat on Facebook

By Kurt Menk  
Editor

The Sibley County Sheriff's Department reported a possible threat against the Sibley East Public Schools on Facebook at 8:30 a.m. Monday, Jan. 7, according to Sibley East Senior High School Principal Jim Amsden.

"The sheriff's department notified us that it was investigating, but that the information about the possible threat was vague at best," said Amsden. "Administratively, we

followed the district policy related to an 'Impending Crisis.' All exterior doors in the building were locked immediately."

The same protocol was reportedly followed at the building in Gaylord.

By 9:30 a.m., Amsden said investigators notified Sibley East that what had been initially reported was discussion about threats received by the New Ulm and Sleepy Eye public schools on Friday, Jan. 4.

"We were in the process of notifying all staff through administrative walkabouts when we were notified there was indeed no impending crisis," said Amsden. "In this type of situation, the business within the building continues on a normal basis with some additional precautions."

Amsden continued, "Based on what we know, the Sibley East schools were never mentioned and there was no threat directed to our school."

A 15-year-old Sleepy Eye

student was charged with felony terroristic threats in Brown County District Court on Monday, Jan. 7. The student allegedly made threats toward area schools, according to the KNUJ Radio website.

The shooting threats were allegedly posted on Facebook and were directed toward the public high schools in Sleepy Eye and New Ulm as well as the Riverbend Area Learning Center.

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Supplemental funding provided by Sibley County Thrivent Financial for Lutherans.

Barb's Story: In August 2012, Barb was diagnosed with AML Leukemia. When she was diagnosed, the cancer had already taken over 70% of her blood cells. While Barb's first chemo treatment was successful at putting her into remission, the cancer returned again in November. Barb will need to fight the cancer and be in remission before she can move onto a bone marrow transplant. Without a bone marrow transplant, her chances of survival are only 10%. Barb is a mother of two small children and an active volunteer in the Arlington Community. Please help us raise money for Barb and her family to cover medical and housing expenses required to fight this cancer.

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**Community Calendar**

**Thursday, Jan. 10:** Golden Age Club, Senior Citizen's building at Four Season's Park, noon luncheon followed by meeting and entertainment.

**Sunday, Jan. 13:** Arlington Conquerors 4-H Club, Senior Citizen's building at Four Season's Park, 5 p.m.

**Monday, Jan. 14:** Arlington Chamber of Commerce, Arlington City Tech Center, 110 4th Ave., noon luncheon.

Arlington Township Board, Arlington Community Center, 7:30 p.m.

Arlington VFW Post 6031, Veteran's building at Fairgrounds, 7:30 p.m.

**Tuesday, Jan. 15:** American Legion Post #250, Veteran's building at Fairgrounds, 7:00 p.m.

**Wednesday, Jan. 16:** Arlington Good Samaritan Auxiliary, Fairview Assisted Living dining room, 9 a.m.

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The Arlington City Council consists of the following people. Front Row: (left to right) City Council member Galen Wills, Mayor Jim Kreft and City Council member Jennifer Nuesse. Back Row: (l to r)

City Attorney Ross Arneson, City Administrator Matt Jaunich, City Council member James "Ben" Jaszewski, City Council member Jason Ruehling and City Council member Curt Reetz.

## Arlington City Council conducts annual organizational meeting

By Kurt Menk  
Editor

The Arlington City Council conducted its annual organizational meeting on Monday night, Jan. 7.

The City Council unanimously adopted a resolution to ratify the mayoral appointments and committees.

City Council member Jason Ruehling was appointed as vice mayor while Ross Arneson was appointed as city attorney. The health officer will be a representative from Sibley County Public Health. Tim Haggenmiller was appointed as emergency management director.

The Arlington Enterprise was designated as the official newspaper while the Arlington State Bank was designated as the official depository.

The following City Council members and local residents were appointed to the following committees:

### Delegates To Municipal Agencies

**Minnesota Municipal Utility Association (MMUA) Delegates:** City Council member Jason Ruehling and City Administrator Matt Jaunich.

**Minnesota Municipal Power Association (MMPA) Delegates:** City Administrator Matt Jaunich and City Clerk Lisa Tesch.

**Cable Commission Delegates:** City Council member Galen Wills and Bruce Hanneman.

**A-GI Wastewater Board Delegates:** City Council member Curt Reetz, City Council member Jennifer Nuesse and People Service representative.

**Prairie Line Trail Committee Delegate:** City Council member Ben Jaszewski.

**Sibley County Library Board Representative:** Jean Olson.

**Minnesota Valley Regional Rail Coalition (MYRRC) Delegate:** City Administrator Matt Jaunich.

**Sibley County Economic Development Corporation (SEDCO):** Dick Thomes.

### Council Committees

**Employee Relations Committee:** City Council members Curt Reetz and Jennifer Nuesse.

**Finance Committee:** City Council members Jason Ruehling and Ben Jaszewski.

**Public Buildings Committee:** City Council members Jennifer Nuesse and Ben Jaszewski.

**Streets Committee:** City Council members Jason Ruehling and Galen Wills.

**Utilities Committee:** City Council members Curt Reetz and Galen Wills.

**Police Committee:** City Council members Galen Wills and Jason Ruehling.

### Miscellaneous Committees

**Firefighter Relief Committee:** Mayor Jim Kreft, City Administrator Matt Jaunich and Fire Chief John Zaska.

**Ambulance Department Committee:** City Council member Ben Jaszewski, City Council member Curt Reetz, City Administrator Matt Jaunich, Ambulance Director Kevin Sullivan, Assistant Ambulance Director Bob Lueth and Sibley Medical Center Administrator Todd Sandburg.

**Fire Department Committee:** City Council member Galen Wills, City Council member Jason Ruehling and fire department officer corps.

### Citizen Committees

**Cemetery Committee:** City Administrator Matt Jaunich.

nich, Superintendent Dan Thomes and City Council member Jennifer Nuesse. There are six vacant positions on this committee.

**Economic Development Authority:** EDA Director Cynthia Smith-Strack, City Council member Jason Ruehling, City Council member Jennifer Nuesse, Larry Sorenson, Mark Lundstrom, Dick Thomes and Tim Kloeckl. There is one open position on this committee.

**Library Committee:** Library Director Kathy Homme, City Council member Galen Wills, Pauline Wiemann, Ellen Boreen, Annmarie Trocke, Sue Morrisette, Dee Czech and Jean Olson.

**Park Committee/Shade Tree Board:** Superintendent Dan Thomes, City Council member Ben Jaszewski, Gary Hultgren, Jerry Ebersviller, Alan Ihrke, Robert Thomes and Jim Pederson.

**Planning and Zoning Committee:** Planning and Zoning Administrator Cynthia Smith-Strack, City Council member Curt Reetz, Dwight Grabitske, Lowell Nagel, Jeff Pinsky, Mike Vrklan, Richard Nagel and Michelle Battcher.

**Medical Center Board of Directors:** Sibley Medical Center Administrator Todd Sandberg, City Council member Ben Jaszewski, Lisa Pfarr, Dennis Schultz, Dave Welch, Kevin Lindstrand and Chief of Staff Ehtaisham Mohammed.

### Task Forces & Committees

**Arlington Historical Society:** Curt Boeder, Greg Goblirsch, Pauline Wiemann, Dwight Grabitske, Ramona Bade

The Arlington City Council will hold its next regular meeting at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 22.

## SE has received 10 applications for superintendent position to date

By Kurt Menk  
Editor

The Sibley East Public Schools have received 10 applications for the open superintendent position to date, according to Ed Waltman, consultant from the South Central Service Cooperative.

Waltman anticipates that Sibley East will receive another 10 to 25 applicants before the application period closes Friday, Jan. 18.

The consultant will meet with the School Board to finalize the candidate list for interview and review the interview process during a meeting in Arlington at 6:30 p.m. Monday, Jan. 28.

The School Board will interview three candidates each during meetings in Arlington at 5 p.m. Monday, Feb. 4 and Tuesday, Feb. 5.

The School Board will discuss the candidates and determine the finalists dur-

ing a meeting in Arlington at 9 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 5.

The School Board will discuss the final interviews at 4 p.m. Monday, Feb. 11; Tuesday, Feb. 12; and Thursday, Feb. 14. The School Board will also determine the candidate offer on Thursday, Feb. 14.

The School Board will approve the new superintendent contract during a meeting in Arlington at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 19.

## Mary Seeman will receive the 3rd annual Darwin Mathwig Community Service Award

Local resident Mary Seeman has been selected to receive the Darwin Mathwig Community Service Award during the city organizational meeting at the Arlington Community Center on Friday night, Jan. 11, according to Arlington Mayor Jim Kreft.

The award is presented an-

nually and recognizes individuals who emulate Darwin Mathwig's community spirit, service and dedication.

Seeman has been very active in the Sibley Medical Foundation, Drive-By Living Nativity and a host of other community activities and events over the years.

Former Arlington City Council members Jim Pederson and Bob Pichelmann will also be recognized at the annual gathering.

In addition, Arlington City Administrator Matt Jaunich will present a summary on the City of Arlington in 2012.

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# Opinions

## Brief lockdown occurs at Sibley East Public Schools Our View: Lack of communication leaves parents out in the cold

A brief lockdown reportedly occurred at the Sibley East Public Schools in Arlington and Gaylord on Monday morning, Jan. 7. Sibley East received a report about a possible threat and the administration followed the district policy for an impending crisis where all exterior doors in the building are locked. A short time later Sibley East was informed by authorities that there was no impending crisis.

Even though the report was eventually ruled as false information and Sibley East was in no danger, the administration followed the correct policy to protect the safety of all students and employees in the two buildings. However, the pressing problem is parents were never notified of the incident.

Some parents learned about the incident on private Facebook accounts while others learned from friends and were irate that they were kept out in the cold. Some parents still have no clue about the incident which happened at Sibley East.

Parents have every right to know if their child has been part of a brief lockdown or general lockdown during the school day and the Sibley East Public Schools have the responsibility to notify parents of such an incident at least before the student goes home from school. Policies are wonderful, but good communication with parents and the general public is important too.

In this day and age of technology, there are various methods of communication for Sibley East to alert parents about such an ordeal. According to an article in the December 2007 edition of the *Arlington Enterprise*, the Sibley East Public Schools activated a new emergency communication system called Instant Alert for this very reason and other purposes as well. If this system can be used to inform parents that their child's lunch account is low, it surely can be used to alert parents about lockdowns to whatever risk or degree.

There are other means of communications as well. The Eastern Carver County Schools, for example, experienced a lockdown on Tuesday morning, Jan. 8. The Chaska High School reported the incident on its Twitter account shortly after 8 a.m. A message was posted on the Chaska High School website by 8:30 a.m. That was 2 1/2 hours before the unspecified threat was partially lifted.

The lack of communication only leads to unfounded rumors in the three communities and lack of public trust in the Sibley East Public Schools.

Like it or not, School Boards, administrators, teachers, non-staff people and students live in a whole different world today. Unfortunately, they now have to deal with threats made through various types of technology that could not be imagined just a few years ago. The key is for all parties to work together and good communication should be the foundation.

In conclusion, this issue would be an outstanding topic of discussion for the School Board during its meeting on Monday night, Jan. 14. The School Board could discuss the overall experience with the brief lockdown and if anything, like better communication, needs to be improved.

-K.M.



## Guest Column

### Perspective on the gun debate after Sandy Hook

By John Marty  
State Senator

The tragedy at Sandy Hook Elementary in mid-December prompted national soul-searching about what can be done to stop these mass shootings. Some have called for security changes in schools; some have called for a reduction in the violence in movies and video games; some have called for strengthening our mental health system; and some have called for gun laws with teeth. Not surprisingly, the NRA has called for more guns in schools.

Most of these ideas could have an impact:

- I was an author of a Minnesota law requiring lock-down drills to improve security in schools.

- Although it is not something government can do, I believe it is important that each of us as individuals, as parents, or as peers, challenge the idea that watching violence, or "virtually" practicing the killing of others, is "entertainment."

- And, we would see huge reductions in violent crime if we ensured that all people, including those most troubled by mental illness or chemical dependency, receive the care they need when they need it. To make this happen, we need more than rhetoric: we need to pass the proposed Minnesota Health Plan or an alternative that truly delivers comprehensive care for everyone.

But in addition to these reforms, it is also time to take a comprehensive look at our gun laws. Practically anyone can purchase an arsenal of weaponry powerful enough to gun down dozens of victims in minutes. Even people who have committed violent acts and even those with serious mental illness are able to purchase assault weapons and large capacity ammunition clips.

The NRA's allies argue that if Adam Lanza, the gunman in Newtown, knew that teachers and other adults were carrying guns in the school, he would have been scared away from entering the school and murdering children.

But Mr. Lanza wasn't afraid of getting killed; he intended to die in his shooting rampage and committed suicide.

The idea that numerous armed teachers in every school might re-

duce the carnage as they engage in gun battles with intruders is preposterous.

More loaded guns in classrooms would result in accidental shootings, and perhaps even intentional ones, when an angry student uses a gun found in a teacher's purse or desk drawer.

The NRA's call for the federal government to spend several billion dollars a year to pay for one or more armed police officers at every school in the country would be one of the most expensive, ill-conceived solutions possible. The gunmen at Columbine or Sandy Hook or other schools often orchestrate their attacks carefully and could easily plan to kill at times or places in the school where the officer is not around. Besides, most of these killers have far greater firepower than the school police officers would have.

It is a hopeful sign that we are seeing the beginning of a national conversation about our gun laws. The gun lobby has so much political clout that few politicians have challenged them, and discussion of gun laws has been cut short. When Minnesota passed the concealed carry law several years ago, the pro-gun lobby defeated an amendment that would have denied gun permits to applicants who have a restraining order against them. In effect, the gun lobby persuaded legislators that even if an abuse victim obtains an order for protection, that's not enough reason to deny the abuser the right to carry a gun!

Reinstating the federal assault weapons ban would be a step forward. But for a more comprehensive look at how we should regulate guns, let's consider how we regulate cars. There are lawful uses for both guns and cars, but both are deadly when misused.

With cars, we require the operator to be trained and licensed. We register the vehicle, and re-register it when transferring to a new owner.

But for guns, there is no licensing, no training requirement, and no registration. This enables criminals to obtain guns from a private citizen with no background check, no waiting period - no means of enforcement at all.

We don't have a gun registration system because the gun lobby has used fear tactics to fight even modest regulation. They say, "First they'll register your guns, then the next thing they'll do is take 'em away."

Sure. Just like they did with cars...

Actually, the government does take away cars, but only from people using them illegally. In Minnesota, the courts can seize the cars of drug dealers and repeat DWI offenders. It is not a radical thought to question whether we should do the same for criminals with guns. What part of well-regulated militia don't they understand?

Here are some reasonable changes that are long overdue:

- Licensing gun owners and registering firearms.

- Extending waiting periods and criminal background checks for private gun sales.

- Putting a lifetime ban on gun ownership for people convicted of violent crimes.

- Reinstating the federal ban on assault weapons and large ammunition clips.

These modest proposals do not punish responsible gun owners any more than vehicle registration punishes responsible car owners. But these proposals will help stop the arms race on our streets where deranged killers and gang members are more heavily armed than the police.

Despite public support for gun control, the gun lobby continues to fight common-sense reforms. It is well-organized and intimidating. Lawmakers raising this issue are accustomed to nasty phone calls. The NRA works to discredit these proposals, and those who offer them. I am a moderate on gun control, yet I have received "F-" ratings on the NRA report card, because I seek responsible gun laws.

Perhaps because most of the victims were young children, there has been a perceptible shift in momentum on the issue since the Sandy Hook school shootings. Now is the time for public officials to stand up to the NRA, and have a rational discussion over public safety and responsible gun laws.

## Too Tall's Tidbits

Happy Birthday and Happy Anniversary to the following local and area residents compliments of the Arlington Lions Club Community Calendar.

**January 11**  
Geri Weber, Jarid Halverson, Kristi Trevor and Nicholas Voigt.

**January 12**  
Robert Thomes and Scott Sorenson.

**January 13**  
Danny Ross, Jason Lovaaas, Matt Carney and Randy Walsh.

**January 14**  
Colton Hahn, Dr. Michael McCarthy, Keith Herd, Mary Farniok, Rob Brau, Samantha Zila, Mr. and Mrs. LeRoy Leonard, and Mr. and Mrs. Pat Nienaber.

**January 15**  
In Memory Of Dale Kleist, Amber ZumBerge, Darin Karger, Gracie St. John, Jackie Kerber Dietz and Jen Otto.

**January 16**  
Amy Sauter, Benjamin Arneson, Christa Trocke, Dawson Wibstad, Doug Wyatt II, Jackie Alsleben and Peggy Kroells.

**January 17**  
Ann Walsh, Bruce Hanneman, Dennis Overson, Don Sauter, Sydney Burnevik and Tony Kloeckl.

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### 12 Types Of People On Facebook

1. The "Rooster" -- Always tells Facebook "Good Morning" every day.

2. The "Lurker" -- Never posts or comments on your post, but reads everything, and might make reference to your status when seeing you in public.

3. The "Hyena" -- Doesn't ever really say anything, just LOLs and LMAOs at everything.

4. "Mr./Ms. Popular" -- Has

4,367 friends for no reason.

5. The "Gamer" -- Plays Words With Friends, Mafia Wars, Farmville, and Bejeweled Blitz, and bakes virtual cakes and stuff, etc. (all day).

6. The "Cynic" -- Hates his life, and everything in it, as evidenced by the somber tone in all of his status updates.

7. The "Collector" -- Never posts anything either, but joins every group and becomes fans of the most random stuff.

8. The "Promoter" -- Always sends event invitations to things that you ultimately delete or ignore.

9. The "Liker" -- Never actually says anything, but always clicks the "like" button.

10. "Drama Queen/King" -- This person always posts stuff like "I can't believe this!" or "They gonna make me snap today!" in the hopes that you will ask what happened, or what's wrong ... but then never finishes telling the story.

11. The "News" -- Always updates you on what they are doing and who they are doing it with, no matter how arbitrary.

12. The "Thief" -- Steals status updates and will probably steal this one.

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## Obituaries

### Virginia Schmeckpeper, Payson, Ariz.

Virginia Fay Schmeckpeper passed away in Payson, Ariz., on Thursday, Dec. 27, 2012.

Virginia taught grade school in Arlington from 1957 until her retirement in 1984. In 1977, the Arlington-Green Isle School District selected Virginia as Teacher of the Year. In October of 1991,

Virginia and her husband, Ed, moved to Arizona City, Ariz. While in Arizona City, Virginia served as a volunteer at the local public school as a member of the Retired Public School Teacher Volunteer Program. She and Ed also served as volunteers at the community information center. Virginia was a member of

St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Arlington, and after moving to Arizona, became a member of Grace Lutheran Church in Casa Grande, Arizona.

Virginia was preceded in death by her husband, Ed, and was laid to rest beside him in Chandler, Arizona, on Jan. 2.

### Gertrude M. Droege, 96, Glencoe

Gertrude Magdalena (Buckentin) Droege, age 96, of Glencoe, and formerly of Hamburg, passed away at the Glencoe Regional Health Services Long Term Care to be with her Lord on Saturday, Dec. 29.



Gertrude Droege

Funeral services were held at Emanuel Lutheran Church in Hamburg at 11 a.m. Friday, Jan. 4. Pastor Donald Andrix officiated.

The organist was Cheryl Andrix. Soloist Lawrence Biermann sang "In The Garden" and "On Eagle's Wings."

Congregational hymns were "Angels We Have Heard On High" and "For All The Saints."

Casket bearers were Craig Droege, Brent Dammann, Gene Buckentin, Darvin Raether, Willis Herrmann and Jerome Herrmann.

Interment followed in the church cemetery.

Gertrude Magdalena (Buckentin) Droege was born in Young America on Oct. 7, 1916. She was the daughter of William and Martha (Harms) Buckentin. Gertrude was baptized as an infant on Oct. 15, 1916, and was later confirmed in her faith as a youth on April 13, 1930, both by Rev. H. J. Boumann at

Emanuel Lutheran Church in Hamburg. Her confirmation verse was Psalm 73:25-26. Gertrude attended parochial school in Hamburg and later public school.

On June 19, 1938, Gertrude was united in marriage to Edwin Droege by Rev. H. J. Boumann at Emanuel Lutheran Church. Gertrude and Edwin made their home in Hamburg. In 2002, she moved to Millie Beneke Manor and then in March of 2011, she entered Glencoe Regional Health Services Long Term Care both in Glencoe. Their marriage was blessed with two children, Delmer and Karen. Gertrude and Edwin shared over 39 years of marriage, until Edwin passed away on Feb. 26, 1978.

In addition to being a loving wife, mother, grandmother and homemaker, Gertrude worked at the Hamburg Postal Office for 20 years and then the Paul-McBride Funeral Home for 15 years, retiring in 1995. She was a lifelong and faithful member of Emanuel Lutheran Church in Hamburg, where she was a part of the quilting group.

Gertrude enjoyed quilting, her garden, flowers and playing cards. She especially cherished the time spent with her family and friends.

Gertrude is survived by her children, Delmer Droege of Hamburg, and his special friend, LaVonne Laabs, of

Green Isle, and Karen (Allan) Dammann of Perham; grandchildren, Cynthia (Paul) Sikorski of Rosemount, Craig Droege of Norwood Young America, Denise (Larry) Heckmann of Waconia, Renae (Jon) Kaliher of Ferguson Falls, Brent (Amy) Dammann of West Fargo, N.D.; and great-grandchildren, Carter and Joshua Sikorski, Cortney (Luke) Minger, Madison Heckmann, and Samuel and Olivia Kaliher; sister-in-law, Harriet Droege of Fort Myers, Fla.; nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

Gertrude is preceded in death by her parents, William and Martha Buckentin; husband, Edwin Droege; father-in-law and mother-in-law, Heinrich and Martha Droege; brothers and sisters-in-law, Edward (Bertha) Buckentin, William (Malinda) Buckentin, Herman (Clara) Buckentin, Albert (Esther) Buckentin; sisters and brothers-in-law, Ella (John) Mehlhop, Bertha (Walter) Lange, Martha (Emil) Raether and Anna (Arthur) Herrmann; sister-in-law, Esther Buckentin; and brother-in-law, Henry Droege.

Arrangements by the Paul-McBride Funeral Chapel of Norwood Young America.

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### Alice A. Savage, 70, Arlington

Alice A. Savage, age 70, of Arlington, and formerly of Belle Plaine, passed away at her residence on Saturday, Jan. 5.



Alice Savage

Mass of Christian Burial was held at Our Lady of the Prairie Church in Belle Plaine at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, Jan. 9.

Visitation was held at the Kolden Funeral Home in Belle Plaine from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 8, and continued there from 9 a.m.

to 10 a.m. Wednesday, Jan. 9. Burial will be at Sacred Heart Cemetery in Belle Plaine at a later date.

Alice was born to Gerald and Cathryn (Walsh) Fahey in Sibley County on Jan. 2, 1943. She was a 1960 graduate of the Belle Plaine High School. She married Marlin Savage in 1964. Alice worked at the Mala Strana Health Care Center in New Prague and also at the Ridgeview Medical Center in Waconia. After retirement, she worked in home health with Golden Homes of New Ulm. Alice loved sewing, specifically knitting and

quilting and also enjoyed reading.

Alice is survived by her children, Mary (Steve) Muehlenhardt, Donald, Julie, and Brad Savage; grandchildren, Abby and Brandon Muehlenhardt, and Tyler Keen-Savage; siblings, Mary (Isaac) Toma and Larry (Bev) Fahey; sisters-in-law, Carol and Lois Fahey; and nieces and nephews.

Alice is preceded in death by her husband, Marlin Savage; son, David "Tiny" Savage; parents; and brothers, Jerry, Frank and Donald Fahey.

### Bergersen Continued from page 1

ed the same week in Arlington.

Times were different back then. Specialists were limited and a doctor had to be a jack of all trades.

"You had to be," explained Dr. Bergersen. "There was nobody else around."

The local clinic, at that time, was located along the 100 block of Seventh Avenue Northwest. An office call was \$3.50.

"John and I struggled when we had to raise it to five dollars," said Dr. Bergersen.

The Arlington Municipal Hospital, which the healthcare facility was called at the time, had a blood donor list. Residents were frequently called to donate blood at the local hospital.

The doctors, who had pagers and made house calls in Green Isle, developed their x-rays by hand. There were no blood sugar monitors or same day procedures. The local clinic and hospital had no CT scans which were just being invented at the time. There was no laparoscopic surgery as all surgeries were open. Patients paid by the day and by the diagnosis. Nurses had more hands-on patient contact and ambulance personnel had limited training.

"We also delivered babies," said Dr. Bergersen, who delivered over 600 babies in his 40-plus year career.

Change, however, was constant, according to Dr. Bergersen. The Arlington Clinic building was constructed near the Arlington Municipal Hospital in 1973. The two doctors also bought the clinic building in Winthrop in 1975 and the clinic building in Gaylord during the mid 1980's.

Their talents were sometimes spread thin as the two doctors had to cover the entire area.

In 2002, Dr. Bergersen and Dr. Vener sold the Arlington Clinic and became employees of the Sibley Medical Center.

The hospital, which would later become the Sibley Medical Center & Clinic, was renovated in 2003.

The two doctors sold the clinic building in Gaylord during 2005. They still own the clinic building in Winthrop.

"Over the years, we also had various doctors in practice with us," explained Dr. Bergersen, who is a long-time member of the Arlington Lions Club.

Technology and specialization have been two other big changes over the years, according to Dr. Bergersen.

One thing that never changed was the partnership between Dr. Bergersen and Dr. Vener.

"One reason why the partnership flourished is because John and I never competed

socially," said Dr. Bergersen. "We had different interests which did not interfere with our profession."

Dr. Vener has retired from the Sibley Medical Center, but still works as an independent contractor there one or two days a week.

Dr. Bergersen, on the other hand, completely retired on Dec. 31, 2012. An open house to recognize and honor his 40-plus years of service to the community and surrounding area will be held at the Arlington Community Center at 3 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 15. A program will be held at 6 p.m. The event, he added, is open to the public.

Dr. Bergersen said he will miss the patients and staff the most.

"I've made a lot of friends here over the years," said Dr. Bergersen, who together with his wife, Sandy, has two children and three grandchildren. "We have really enjoyed the small town atmosphere here and plan to continue living in Arlington."

Dr. Bergersen added, "My wife and I initially thought we would come to Arlington and I would try it for a year," said Dr. Bergersen. "Had we not liked it, we would have left years ago."



Photo courtesy of Angela Archer Photography

Barb (Goethke) Reiersen is pictured with her husband, Brent; son, Benjamin; and daughter, Bethany.

### Barb (Goethke) Reiersen Benefit is Jan. 19

A Bake Sale, Vendor Fair, Silent Auction and Dinner for Barb (Goethke) Reiersen will be held at the Arlington Community Center from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 19.

In August of 2012, Barb was diagnosed with AML Leukemia. The cancer had already taken over 70 percent of her blood cells when she was first diagnosed.

Her first chemo treatment was successful and the cancer was in remission only to re-

turn in November of 2012. This type of cancer is most often seen in people age 65 and older.

Barb will need to fight the cancer and it must be in remission before she can move on to a bone marrow transplant. Without a bone marrow transplant, her chances of survival are only 10 percent.

Barb, daughter of Don and Diane Goethke, Arlington, is a 1997 graduate of the Sibley East Senior High School. She

is married to Brent Reiersen and the couple has two children. Benjamin, 11, is a fifth grader and Bethany is age three.

Barb has been very active in the community. She has taught Sunday School and volunteered for the Sibley County Human Services. She is currently president of the Arlington-Green Isle Women of Today.

## History

### 80 Years Ago

January 12, 1933  
Louis Kill, Editor

Chicken thieves visited the farm of Alvin T. Skaro in Sibley Township for the second time within the past year on Tuesday evening, December 27th. They got away with 29 chickens. The birds were marked, however, with the tattoo of the American Poultry & Livestock Marking Association. Evidently the thief, upon noticing the markings became alarmed lest he be caught with the goods, so on Saturday, December 31, the chickens were returned to the Skaro farm. Some time earlier this year Mr. Skaro had 150 chickens taken, but these were not marked and were never recovered.

Irwin Rosenfeldt, leader of the Old Time Merry-makers Orchestra of this place, met with a peculiar but rather painful misfortune one day recently while he was awaiting repairs on his car at the Seitzer garage in St. Peter. While waiting, Irwin decided to investigate the operation of a large ventilating fan and the suction drew his hand into the path of the blades, his hand being badly cut and lacerated. It required many stitches to close the wounds, but we are pleased to state that the injury is mending nicely.

### 60 Years Ago

January 8, 1953  
Louis Kill, Editor

Harold Oelfke of Hamburg recently underwent an experience in Korea that will probably be the "closest call" he will ever have. He and 13 other men were resting in a tent in Korea shortly before being sent home for leaves. Suddenly a bullet entered the tent and grazed Harold's forehead. He and three others, who were also injured by the same bullet, were all hospitalized. A half-inch difference in his position when the bullet struck could have spelled death for Oelfke.

Mrs. William St. John was happy when she called at The Enterprise office one day last week. The reason for her joy was the fact that she had received a letter from her sons, Cpl. Lyle A. St. John and A/2c Dale St. John, telling her they spent Christmas together in Germany. The boys entered the service together more than two years ago and this was their first reunion.

### 40 Years Ago

January 11, 1973  
Val Kill, Editor

The Arlington Farm Institute sponsored by the Arlington Commercial Club, Arlington Vo-Ag Department and Sibley

County Extension Office will feature marketing this year according to Richard Vossen, Arlington's Vo-Ag instructor and John Peterson, Sibley County Agent. They explained the Institute is set for Thursday, January 18, at the Arlington Community Hall.

### 20 Years Ago

January 14, 1993  
Kurt Menk, Editor

Senior Corey Carpenter, a 145-pounder for the Sibley East Varsity Boys' Wrestling squad, collected his 100th career win during his first match at the Farmington Boys' Wrestling Tournament last Saturday. Carpenter, a five-year letterwinner, has a 14-1 record this year and a 102-31 mark overall.

The local Site and Building Committee, during a special meeting last Thursday night, made a recommendation to place a combined 20-unit assisted living and ten-unit senior citizen housing project in a seven-acre area located southeast of Zion Lutheran Church and west of St. Paul's Lutheran Cemetery in Arlington. The Site and Building Committee made the recommendation to the Arlington City Council after it passed a motion 4-1 for the St. Paul's site last week.

*Thank You*  
The family of Gene Moskop would like to thank every one who provided support during this difficult time with memorials, cards, flowers, food, phone calls, visits and prayers. We would also like to thank Sibley Medical Center Home Health, Pastor Kurt and Janice Lemkuhl, Peace Lutheran Ladies Guild and Ridgeview Hospice. Gene touched many lives over the years and his memory was honored by your kindness and support.  
*This loving family:*  
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Gina & Terry Murphy & family,  
Richard & Ruby Moskop & family



**THANK YOU**

Those of us at MOVE STRONG COMMITMENT would like to say many thanks to all who helped make this inaugural event a success.

We would like to recognize the following individuals and/or businesses for their assistance:

- City of Arlington for the use of the warming house, placement of road blocks, and advertising on the website for the race
- Kurt Menk and the Arlington Enterprise for the very nice articles about the event
- The Sibley Shopper for designing the ad and placing it in the Sibley Shopper
- Jodi Renne for taking pictures during the event
- Mayor Jim Kreff for starting the race
- Jeff Pinske for being our official timer

Lastly, a special thank you to all the runners and walkers that braved the cold and participated in the race events! We couldn't have done this without you. We look forward to organizing more events like this in the future in order to continue to promote fitness and movement within our local communities.

Amanda Fisher & Jen Carpenter  
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## Sports

## Girls topple LS-H 55-27

By Kurt Menk  
Editor

The Sibley East varsity girls basketball team hammered visiting Le Sueur-Henderson 55-27 in Minnesota River Conference action on Friday night, Jan. 4.

The Lady Wolverines raced to a 33-10 halftime lead and cruised to the 28-point win.

"It was a much needed, big win for us," said Sibley East head coach Doug Flieth. "It was nice to come out and play well on parents night. All of the girls contributed to the win for us. We had 11 girls score for us on the night, and five of them had at least six points."

Junior Maren Miner topped Sibley East with 15 points. Sophomore McKenzie Sommers and freshman Alyssa Weber hooped seven points each while senior Courtney Schwirtz and junior Jessica Garza netted six points apiece. Junior Kimberly Kurtzweg and sophomore Kelli Martens scored three points each while seniors Jordan Thomes and Briana Reieron, junior Megan Eckberg and sophomore Autumn Dose tallied two points

apiece.

Sibley East hit 23 of 62 shots from the field for 37 percent, but just seven of 20 free throw attempts for 35 percent.

The Lady Wolverines also collected 37 rebounds in the win. Miner and Garza pulled down seven boards apiece while Eckberg and Weber snared six caroms each. Dose and Sommers added four and three rebounds respectively.

Garza also contributed seven thefts and three assists while Dose recorded two dishes and two thefts. Thomes added three assists.

"Maren Miner had a great game off the bench for us," said Flieth. "She did a great job on the offensive end, getting lots of rebounds and putting them back in for points for us."

Flieth added, "Our defensive intensity got us off and running early and really gave LSH some problems. Jessica Garza and Alyssa Weber do a great job of creating turnovers for us in the press."

The Lady Wolverines, 1-5 in the MRC and 3-7 overall, will travel to Watertown-Mayer in conference action at

7:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 10. Sibley East will also travel to New Ulm in non-conference play at 7:30 p.m. Friday, Jan. 11. In addition, the Wolverines will host Norwood-Young America in MRC action at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 15.

## B-squad Wins

The Sibley East B-squad girls basketball team doubled up visiting Le Sueur-Henderson 44-22 on Friday night, Jan. 4.

Shelby Voight led the Lady Wolverines with nine points while Katie Tuchenhagen netted seven points. Britany Reieron and Mikayla Perschau hooped six points each. Liz Thies tossed in five points while Kimberly Kurtzweg and McKayla Stumm scored four points apiece. Breann Walsh added three points.

Voight also contributed five rebounds, two steals and one assist while Perschau had seven boards and one theft. Kurtzweg added three caroms and three steals.

Sibley East currently has a 5-3 record overall.



Enterprise photo by Kurt Menk

Sibley East senior post player Max Grabow took the ball strong to the hoop against visiting Belle Plaine on Thursday night, Jan. 3. Grabow scored six points and grabbed 10 rebounds in the 64-57 loss.

## SE boys basketball team splits 2 games in conference action

By Kurt Menk  
Editor

The Sibley East varsity boys basketball team split a pair of games in Minnesota River Conference action last week.

The Wolverines, 2-2 in the MRC and 5-4 overall, will host Le Sueur-Henderson in conference action at 7:30 p.m. Friday, Jan. 11. Sibley East will travel to Watertown-Mayer in MRC play at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 15.

Belle Plaine 64  
Sibley East 57

In a game where the lead changed hands several times, the Sibley East varsity boys basketball team lost to visiting Belle Plaine 64-57 in Minnesota River Conference action on Thursday evening, Jan. 3.

Senior Tyler Bates and junior Brody Rodning paced the Wolverines with 17 and 16 points respectively. Senior Sam Harrison also hit double digits with 11 points while seniors Max Grabow and

Steve Haefs netted six points each. Sophomore Zac Weber added one point.

Sibley East hit 19 of 38 shots from two-point range for 50 percent and three of 14 attempts from three-point land for 21 percent. The Wolverines also canned 10 of 12 foul shots for 83 percent.

The Wolverines collected only 21 rebounds in the setback. Grabow pulled down 10 boards while Harrison snared six caroms. Tyler Bates added three rebounds.

Harrison and Rodning dished out five assists apiece while Haefs distributed three assists.

Harrison also recorded three steals while Rodning added two thefts.

Sibley East 69  
Tri-City United 52

The visiting Sibley East varsity boys basketball team rebounded with a 69-52 win over Tri-City United in Minnesota River Conference play on Saturday afternoon, Jan. 5. Junior Brody Rodning led

four players in double figures with 20 points. Senior Tyler Bates hooped 15 points while seniors Sam Harrison and Max Grabow netted 12 and 10 points respectively. Senior Steve Haefs pumped in six points while sophomore Zac Weber scored five points. Senior Logan Highland added two points.

The Wolverines connected on 23 of 41 shots from two-point distance for 56 percent and five of 13 attempts from beyond the arc for 38 percent. Sibley East converted nine of 17 attempts from the charity line for 53 percent.

Sibley East collected 28 rebounds in the victory. Grabow pulled down 11 boards while Bates had seven caroms. Harrison added four rebounds.

Rodning distributed six assists while Tyler Bates posted four assists. Grabow, Haefs and Harrison added three assists each.

Tyler Bates also contributed five steals.

## SE wrestlers place 3rd at NYA Central Invitational

By Kurt Menk  
Editor

The Sibley East varsity wrestling team forfeited three weight classes, but still placed third among eight teams during the Norwood Young America Central Invitational on Saturday, Jan. 5.

Eden Valley-Watkins captured top honors with 170.5 team points while Saint Michael-Albertville placed second with 168.5 team points. Sibley East finished third with 164 team points. Norwood Young America (157), Delano (135), Saint Paul Johnson (106.5), Redwood Valley-Cedar Mountain (67) and Minnehaha Academy-DeLaSalle (42) round out the field.

Jason Meyer (132), Aaron Bates (170) and Miah DuFrane (195) were undefeated in their respective weight classes.

## Individual Results

106-pounds: Tanner Pasvogel (SE) won by a major decision over Brett Kleindl (NYA) 13-5 in the opening round. In the semi-final round, Pasvogel decided Zeke Dodge (NYA) 9-4. In the championship match, Pasvogel was pinned by Tucker Sjomeling (D) 5:43.

113-pounds: Mitch Heibel (SE) won by a major decision over Ben Barth (NYA) 16-8 in the opening round. In the semi-final round, Heibel decided Brett Olson (RV-CM) 7-3. In the championship match, Heibel was pinned by Josh Hendel (NYA) 3:42.

120-pounds: Mason Voight (SE) was decided by Brian Blahna (SPJ) 6-3 in the opening round. In the consolation round, Voight was pinned by

Eric Bommusbach (RV-CM) 1:45.

126-pounds: Sibley East did not have a wrestler entered this weight division.

132-pounds: Jason Meyer (SE) pinned Zach Knight (D) 0:54 in the opening round. In the semi-final round, Meyer pinned Nyia Xiong (SPJ) 2:34. In the championship match, Meyer won by a major decision over Donnie Leuer (STM-A) 11-3.

138-pounds: Steven Roth (SE) was decided by Austin Schei (STM-A) 3-2 in three overtimes during the opening round. In the consolation round, Roth was decided by Sam Fink (D) 12-5.

145-pounds: Mitch Wentzloff (SE) pinned Kaey Dynneson (MA-D) 5:28 in the opening round. In the semi-final round, Wentzloff pinned Austin Green (D) 1:56. In the championship match, Wentzloff was pinned by Cain Renner (EV-W) 4:37.

152-pounds: Jake Wentzloff (SE) pinned Harrison Wold (MA-D) 0:25 in the opening round. In the semi-final round, Wentzloff was pinned by Austin Peterson (EV-W) 1:47. In the next round, Wentzloff decided a RV-CM wrestler 12-6. In the third-place match, Wentzloff pinned Mitchell Zachman (STM-A) 1:23.

160-pounds: Sibley East did not have a wrestler entered in this weight division.

170-pounds: Aaron Bates (SE) received a bye in the opening round. In the semi-final round, Bates pinned Grant Winter (EV-W) 0:28. In the championship match, Bates decided Owen Gamell (STM-A) 9-4.

## Sibley East 48

## Tri-City United 21

106-pounds: Tanner Pasvogel (SE) won by a major decision over Justin Kopet (TCU).

113-pounds: Logan Tesch (SE) was decided by Dylan Borchardt (TCU) 12-5.

120-pounds: Mitch Heibel (SE) was decided by Chris Guajardo (TCU) 5-2.

126-pounds: Nathan Thomes (SE) was decided by Levi Nelson (TCU) 6-3.

132-pounds: Jason Meyer (SE) decided Isak Figurora (TCU) 2-0.

138-pounds: Hunter Retzlaff (SE) decided Alex Burns (TCU) 7-6 in triple overtime.

145-pounds: Mitch Wentzloff (SE) decided Max Arroyo (TCU) 6-4.

152-pounds: Jake Wentzloff (SE) pinned Jordan Simonette (TCU) 2:42.

160-pounds: Austin Kube (SE) was decided by Marko Arroyo (TCU) 4-3.

170-pounds: Aaron Bates (SE) pinned Kyle Hubert (TCU) 3:12.

182-pounds: Nolan Osborne (SE) pinned Joe Kalina (TCU) 1:40.

195-pounds: Brandon Ashton (SE) won by a forfeit.

220-pounds: Miah DuFrane (SE) won by a forfeit.

285-pounds: Clay Mogard (SE) was pinned by Alex Burns (TCU) 2:58.

## Upcoming Meets

Sibley East will travel to Scott West on Friday night, Jan. 11. The Wolverines will host a five-team tournament in Arlington on Saturday morning and afternoon, Jan. 12.

## Pro wrestling coming to Arlington

Arlington Annihilation, a wrestling show for the whole family, will be presented at the Arlington Community Center on Saturday night, Jan. 12. The doors will open at 6 p.m. Bell time will follow at 7 p.m.

The event will consist of

five action packed matches and feature former AWA WWF star Tony Denucci.

Singing sensation Talie Rae will also be present.

The event will be taped and the audience will be part of Saturday Night Slam which airs on Channel 45 at 11 p.m.

every Saturday.

One hundred percent of all the proceeds will go toward the Arlington Fire Department.

Tickets are available from any local firefighter and at Quast Amoco.

## KC Free Throw Contest is Jan. 13

The annual Knights of Columbus Free Throw Contest will be held at the Sibley East Senior High School in Arlington on Sunday, Jan. 13.

The registration will begin at 12:30 p.m. while

the contest will follow at 1 p.m. The doors to the school will not be opened until 12:30 p.m.

The contest is open to all boys and girls ages 10-14. Entry forms have been distributed to boys and girls at

all schools in the Sibley East School District.

For more information on the free throw contest, please contact Tom Noac at 507-237-3384.

## G.I. submits bid to host state tourney

By Kurt Menk  
Editor

The Minnesota Baseball Association, at its monthly meeting in Bloomington on Saturday, Jan. 12, will con-

sider four bid proposals for state tournaments in 2016, 2017 and 2018.

Green Isle, Hamburg and Norwood have submitted one of the four bids.

The other three bids are from Chaska and Chanhasen, Shakopee and New Prague, and Dassel and Hutchinson.

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## Jaunich Continued from page 1

tain committees that had just been organized for the year. Jaunich said it will be a work in progress as he starts to meet with employees and residents to learn where he needs to be.

"In all honesty, if there is anything you want me to do between now and when I start, let me know," said Jaunich. He still has responsibilities with the City of Arlington, but he has a little flexibility.

The job summary said the administrator, "Performs overall countywide leadership and managerial work as the top administrative officer of the county. Responsible for the implementation of county board ordinances, regulations, resolutions and policies and for the administration and direction of all departments and functions of government

under the jurisdiction of the county board."

There are many general duties and responsibilities listed in the employment agreement, but the first one may best reflect what the board members were after.

"Keeps the county board members informed and updated on the status of county business, communicates with commissioners regularly and appropriately to educate, inform and update them on county projects, activities and issues."

The board and Jaunich took a tour of the offices at the end of the meeting to get a closer look. Window shades have been ordered, which is a start.

### Other Business

- Approval was given to

allow for the expiration of the Minnesota Board of Water and Soil Resources Technical Assistance Grant. Remaining funds amounting to just over \$53,000 will be returned to the state, according to new Watershed Projects Coordinator Brady Swanson.

The grant was originally signed in 2010 and was good for one year. What ended up happening was it took nearly a year to use the funds from the previous grant that had been extended. Grant funds paid for administrative salaries when working on special projects.

"The project continues through August of 2014 and there are funds to keep up with everything," said Swanson. "The funds being returned were part of an extra rider."

- Sibley County Treasurer

Mary Fisher said tax collection through Dec. 31, 2012, was the highest it has been in several years at 98.98 percent including all townships and cities.

- The board approved an agreement between Sibley County and Northland Business Systems for a maintenance agreement for the Audio-Logic Digital Voice Logging System for the period Nov. 27, 2012 through Nov. 26, 2013, at a cost of \$2,500.

- County Commissioner Joy Cohrs said the wellness committee is working to get county employees involved to live healthier. The "biggest loser challenge" is starting.

The Sibley County Board of Commissioners will hold their next regular meeting at 9 a.m. Tuesday, Jan. 22

## Menus

**SENIOR DINING**  
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Monday: Swiss steak, baked potato, corn, bread with margarine, pineapple, low fat milk.  
Tuesday: Roast turkey, mashed potatoes, green beans, cranberry garnish, bread with margarine, apple cake, low fat milk.  
Wednesday: Meatloaf with catsup, whole parslied potatoes, country blend vegetables, bread with margarine, mandarin oranges, low fat milk.  
Thursday: Pork steak, rice, applesauce, carrots, dinner roll with margarine, lemon angel food cake, low fat milk.  
Friday: Minestrone soup, meat salad on bun, peaches, crackers with margarine, cookie, low fat milk.

A 1/2 pint of milk and an enriched grain product is served with each meal. Additional milk is available for 40 cents each. Menu is subject to change.  
Monday: Chicken patty on whole grain bun, french fries, lettuce, mayo, carrots, fruit.  
Tuesday: Chili with cheese, crackers, corn bread, veggie stix.  
Wednesday: Chicken nuggets, cheesy potatoes, green beans, fruit.  
Thursday: Chow mein, noodles, rice, mandarin oranges, fortune cookie.  
Friday: Hot dog on whole grain bun, potato wedges, brown beans, fresh fruit.

**SIBLEY EAST ELEMENTARY BREAKFAST MENU**  
Arlington and Gaylord  
Breakfast is served at 8:00 a.m. daily. A 1/2 pint of milk is served with each meal daily. Menu is subject to change.  
Monday: Bug bites, cheese stick, juice, milk.  
Tuesday: Mini cinnis, juice, milk.  
Wednesday: Cereal, seeds, fruit cup, milk.  
Thursday: Oatmeal bar, cheese stick, juice, milk.  
Friday: Frudel, juice, milk.

**SIBLEY EAST SCHOOL MENU**  
Gaylord  
A 1/2 pint of milk and an enriched grain product is served with each meal. Additional milk is available for 40 cents each. Menu is subject to change.  
Monday: Shrimp poppers, macaroni and cheese, broccoli, pineapple.  
Tuesday: Chili and crackers, quesadillas, veggie stix, warm apple slices.  
Wednesday: Chicken patty on bun, oven fries, peas, diced peas.  
Thursday: Mostaccoli, romaine salad, green beans, mandarin oranges, breadstick.  
Friday: Hot dog with bun, hash brown potatoes, baked beans, peach slices.

**SIBLEY EAST SCHOOL MENU**  
Arlington

# Spring turkey hunting applications to be accepted through this Friday

Hunters older than 17 who want to hunt during the first four seasons of Minnesota's 2013 spring wild turkey hunt have until Friday, Jan. 11, to apply for a permit, according to the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (DNR). Youth hunters 17 and younger can purchase a permit for any season over-the-counter.

The hunt will consist of six five-day and two seven-day seasons. All adult resident and nonresident wild turkey hunters interested in hunting during one of the first four seasons must apply online, in-person or by phone. Permits for each of the last four seasons will be sold over-the-counter only and no applications will be taken.

A total of 5,781 permits are available for the spring turkey hunt. Dates for 2013

are:  
Season A – Wednesday, April 17, to Sunday, April 21.  
Season B – Monday, April 22, to Friday, April 26.  
Season C – Saturday, April 27, to Wednesday, May 1.  
Season D – Thursday, May 2, to Monday, May 6.  
Season E – Tuesday, May 7, to Saturday, May 11.  
Season F – Sunday, May 12, to Thursday, May 16.  
Season G – Friday, May 17, to Thursday, May 23.  
Season H – Friday, May 24, to Thursday, May 30.

Permit areas were consolidated from 77 to 12 last year, providing wild turkey hunters more flexibility and opportunity in larger geographic areas.

One slight change alters the boundary between permit areas 501 and 503. Check the map at [www.mndnr.gov/hunt](http://www.mndnr.gov/hunt)

ing/turkey for details. All hunters must pay a non-refundable \$4 application fee at the time of application. Nonresident hunters may apply online or telephone at 888-665-4236 (MNLICENSE). A nonrefundable \$3.50 transaction fee will be charged for online and telephone applications.

Hunters who are not successful in the drawing may purchase surplus turkey permits, which are sold on a first-come, first-served basis, in mid-March. They also may choose to purchase a license over-the-counter for any of the last four time periods.

Hunters who are successful in the drawing for one of the first four hunts and choose not to purchase a tag will lose the current year's preference point for future drawings but not accumulated preference

from past years. The availability of archery resident and nonresident spring turkey licenses includes the last four seasons. Archery licenses may be purchased for the last four hunts only in any permit area with 50 or more applicants. Licensed archers may hunt each and all of the entire last four time periods.

An application information sheet is available from any DNR license agent and online at [www.mndnr.gov/hunting/turkey](http://www.mndnr.gov/hunting/turkey). Hunt information materials include a map of wild turkey permit areas, permit quotas and season dates.

Information also is available by calling the DNR Information Center at 651-296-6157 or toll-free -888-646-6367.

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# Local dairy producers win AMPI Milk Quality Award

Producing quality milk has earned local dairy producers a coveted award. They are recipients of the prestigious Associated Milk Producers, Inc. (AMPI) Milk Quality Award presented by AMPI to honor farmers who consistently produce quality milk.

"The dairy farmer-owners of AMPI know excellent milk makes exceptional dairy products," said Bill Swan, manager of AMPI's New Ulm Division. "AMPI and its members strive daily to provide wholesome, nutritious dairy products to meet consumer demand."

AMPI members produce premium milk that is processed and manufactured into dairy products such as award-winning cheeses, butter and powdered dairy products.

The cooperative annually recognizes dairy farmers who consistently market milk meeting stringent quality standards. Each honoree is a member-owner of AMPI, an Upper Midwest milk marketing cooperative.

Local dairy producers earning the 2012 AMPI Milk Quality Award are:

- Mark Klehr, Belle Plaine

- Sunshine Dairy Partnership, Arlington
- Dennis and Eugene Krzmarzick, Sleepy Eye
- John and Greg Rosenhammer, Sleepy Eye
- John and Jason Schroeder, Courtland
- Loren Wilfahrt, New Ulm
- SKH, Inc. New Ulm
- John and Robert Huel-skamp, New Ulm
- Mike and Robin Thiessen, Butterfield
- Jay Moldan, Comfrey
- James, Elaine and Larry Mickelson, Springfield

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mann, Gary Polzin, Jerry Schuetz, Brady Swenson, Ron Otto, Sheldon Matthews, Bob Billiet and Jeff Majeski.

**Traverse Des Sioux Library System Board of Trustees (three-year term):** Linda Kramer and Barb Conrad.

**Tri-County Solid Waste Joint Powers Board (two-year term):** Harold Pettis.

**Water Resources Advisory (three-year term):** David Evans.

**Commissioners Standing Committee Appointments:**

Adult Mental Health (LAC) - Nytes. Budget- Pinsky and Swanson. Building- Pettis and Swanson. Children's Collaborative- Cohrs and Swanson.

Corrections Advisory Board- Pettis. Crow River Joint Powers Board- Cohrs. Department Head Group Liaison- Cohrs and Swanson. Domestic Abuse Task Force- Pettis. Emergency East- Swanson, Cohrs and Pinsky. Emergency West- Swanson, Pettis and Nytes. Extension- Cohrs and Nytes. Help Me Grow intervention agency- Nytes. Highway 15 Corridor- Pettis. Joint Insurance Steering- Pinsky. Labor Unions Negotiating- Nytes and Pettis. Law Library Trustee- Nytes. MRCI, Inc. - Swanson. McLeod/Sibley Transit Board - Pinsky and Swanson. MN River Board- Cohrs. MN Valley Action Council- Cohrs and Nytes. MN Valley Regional Rail Au-

thority- Pettis. Park Advisory- Nytes and Pettis. Personnel/Policy Compensation Administration Plan Review- Swanson and Cohrs. Planning and Zoning Commission- Cohrs. Region 9 Development Commission- Swanson. Region 9 EMS Board of Directors- Pinsky. Revolving Loan Fund- Swanson. Rural MN Energy Board- Nytes. SEDCO- Swanson. South Central MN Regional Radio- Pinsky. So Central Workforce Council- Cohrs. South Country Health Alliance- Pettis. Three Rivers RC&D Council- Cohrs. Transportation Planning- Nytes and Pettis. Weed Inspection Appeals- Cohrs.

## FSA Matters

**Lori Weckwerth Sibley FSA Farming Operating Changes**

Producers who have bought or sold land, or added or dropped rented land from their operation must report those changes to the FSA office as soon as possible. A copy of the deed or recorded land contract for purchase property is needed to maintain accurate records with FSA. Failure to do so can lead to possible program ineligibility and penalties. While making record updates, be sure to update signature authorizations. Making record changes now will save time in the spring.

**Highly Erodible Land & Wetland Compliance**

Landowners and operators are reminded that in order to receive payments from USDA, compliance with

Highly Erodible Land (HEL) and Wetland Conservation (WC) provisions is required. Farmers with HEL determined soils must apply tillage, crop residue, and rotation requirements as specified in their conservation plan.

Producers should notify FSA prior to conducting land clearing or drainage projects to insure compliance. If you intend to clear any trees to create new cropland, these areas will need to be reviewed to ensure any work will not jeopardize your eligibility for benefits.

Landowners and operators can complete form AD-1026 Highly Erodible Land Conservation (HEL) and Wetland Conservation (WC) Certification to determine whether a referral to Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) is necessary.

For more information on Highly Erodible Land and

Wetland Conservation provisions, contact your local FSA County Office or visit the FSA website at [www.fsa.usda.gov/](http://www.fsa.usda.gov/).

**FSA GovDelivery**

The USDA Farm Service Agency offices have moved to a paperless new distribution system. Producers are asked to enroll in the new GovDelivery system, which provides notices, newsletters and electronic reminders instead of a hard copy through the mail.

FSA, like many other organizations, is trying to work smarter and be more efficient. Moving to electronic notifications via email helps conserve resources and save taxpayer dollars. Producers can now subscribe to receive free e-mail updates by going to [www.fsa.usda.gov/subscribe](http://www.fsa.usda.gov/subscribe).

## Feedlots in Henderson, Kelso townships will be visited within the next 6 months

Since Sibley County is a Delegated Feedlot County under the MN Pollution Control Agency (MPCA), one of the county feedlot officers is required to review and re-inspect all Sibley County feedlots every four years.

A Sibley County Feedlot Officer (CFO) will visit each active feedlot, review the current registration and complete a MPCA inspection form. Manure application records will also be inspected.

If the feedlot shows no

evidence of polluting any waters of the state, the feedlot is approved.

Feedlots in Henderson and Kelso Townships may be visited within the next six months.

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1. To receive audited reports of the Cooperative for the period of September 1, 2011 through August 31, 2012.  
2. To elect three directors for three year terms.  
3. To transact any other business, which may properly be presented or brought before the meeting.  
We will begin the meeting promptly at 7:00 p.m. Doors will open at 6:30 p.m. We ask that you come early so that registration can be completed and ballots can be issued. To be eligible to vote, you need to be an active farmer producer, using products and services in excess of \$5,000.00 per year.  
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# Church News

**ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN Green Isle**  
 Friday, January 11: 10:00 a.m. Deadline for Sunday bulletin.  
 Sunday, January 13: 7:45 a.m. Worship with Communion. Church officers installed. Pastor Bob Hines. 9:00 a.m. Sunday school.  
 Tuesday, January 15: 7:00 p.m. Ladies Aid.  
 Wednesday, January 16: 3:45 p.m. Confirmation at Peace Lutheran, Arlington. 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Wednesday school for grades 1 to 5. 8:00 p.m. Joint choir practice at St. Paul's.  
 Thursday, January 17: Private Communion.

**PEACE LUTHERAN (Missouri Synod), Arlington**  
**Kurt Lehmkuhl, Pastor**  
 Sunday, January 13: 8:15 a.m. Sunday school. 9:30 a.m. Worship service with Holy Communion.  
 Wednesday, January 16: 3:45 p.m. Catechism. 5:00 p.m. Junior bell choir.  
 Thursday, January 17: 7:30 p.m. Church Council meeting.

**ZION LUTHERAN 814 W. Brooks St. Arlington - (507) 964-5454**  
**James Carlson, Pastor**  
 Sunday, January 13: 8:00 a.m. Choir. 9:00 a.m. Worship with Holy Communion. 10:00 a.m. Sunday school and fellowship. 11:15 a.m. Annual meeting. Lunch will be served following the meeting by youth group.  
 Tuesday, January 15: 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. TOPS in church basement.  
 Wednesday, January 16: 3:45 p.m. 7th and 9th grade confirmation. 4:30 p.m. 8th grade confirmation.  
 Thursday, January 17: 9:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. Zion service on cable TV.

**ZION LUTHERAN Green Isle Township**  
 Friday, January 11: 10:00 a.m. Deadline for Sunday bulletin.  
 Sunday, January 13: 10:30 a.m. Worship without Communion. Church officers installed. Pastor Bob Hines.  
 Monday, January 14: 8:00 pm. Voters' meeting.  
 Wednesday, January 16: 3:45 p.m. Confirmation at Peace Lutheran, Arlington. 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Wednesday school for grades 1 to 5 at St. Paul's. 8:00 p.m. Joint choir practice at St. Paul's.  
 Thursday, January 17: Private Communion.

**CREEKSIDE COMMUNITY CHURCH Christian & Missionary Alliance**  
**Ben Lane, Pastor**  
 114 Shamrock Drive  
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 www.creekside-church.com  
 email: creeksidecc@mediacombb.net.  
 Thursday, January 10: 1:00 or 7:00 p.m. Bible study of Ephesians. 6:30 p.m. Men's Bible study of Titus at Dave Gustafson's home.  
 Sunday, January 13: 10:00 a.m. Prayer. 10:30 a.m. Worship serv-

ice with potluck lunch and annual congregational meeting to follow.  
 Wednesday, January 16: 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. REACH youth group at the Shogren's.

**SEVENTH DAY ADVENTIST**  
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**Pastor Robert Brauer 507-234-6770**  
 Saturday: Church services at 9:30 a.m. Bible study at 11:00 a.m. Fellowship dinner at 12:00 p.m. All are welcome.

**UNITED METHODIST Arlington**  
**Wayne Swanson, Pastor**  
 www.warlingtonunitedmethodist.org  
 Saturday, January 12: 8:00 a.m. A-Men men's group.  
 Sunday, January 13: 9:00 and 11:00 a.m. Worship. 10:10 a.m. Sunday school.  
 Tuesday, January 15: 6:30 p.m. SPPRC meets. 7:30 p.m. Ad. Council.  
 Wednesday, January 16: 7:00 p.m. Bible study; choir. 8:00 p.m. Worship.  
 Thursday, January 17: 10:00 a.m., 2:00 and 7:00 p.m. Worship on cable TV. 1:00 and 7:00 p.m. Bible study at Jean Olson's.

**ST. PAUL LUTHERAN (WELS), Arlington**  
**Bruce Hannemann, Pastor**  
**WEBSITE:**  
 www.stpaularlington.com  
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 Saturday, January 12: 9:00 a.m. A-team and B-team at Redwood Falls.  
 Sunday, January 13: 8:45 a.m. Sunday school. 9:00 a.m. Family Bible study. 10:00 a.m. Worship.  
 Monday, January 14: 7:00 p.m. Council meeting.  
 Tuesday, January 15: 10:00 a.m. Good Samaritan service. 7:00 p.m. Daily Bible readers.  
 Wednesday, January 16: 2:00 p.m. Bible study. 3:45 p.m. Public school confirmation class. 7:30 p.m. Choir practice.  
 Thursday, January 17: 10:00 a.m. Bulletin information due. 11:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. Service on cable TV channel 8. 4:15 p.m. Home vs. New Ulm. 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. Open gym.

**GAYLORD ASSEMBLY OF GOD Gaylord**  
**Bob Holmbeck, Pastor**  
 Friday, January 11: 7:00 p.m. Duca home Bible study at Farmington. Leave church at 5:45 p.m.  
 Sunday, January 13: 9:00 a.m. Sunday school. 10:00 a.m. Sunday worship service.  
 Wednesday, January 16: 6:30 p.m. Evening Bible classes. 8:00 p.m. Youth Focused.

**ST. MARY, MICHAEL AND BRENDAN AREA FAITH COMMUNITY**  
**Fr. Keith Salisbury, Pastor**  
 Friday, January 11: 8:30 a.m. Mass (Mar).  
 Saturday, January 12: 5:00 p.m. Mass (Mar).

Sunday, January 13: 7:30 a.m. Mass (Bre). 9:00 to 10:15 a.m. Elementary religious education (Mar). 9:00 a.m. Mass (Mic). 9:45 to 10:30 a.m. Elementary religious education, PreK and 1st grade (Mic). 10:30 a.m. Mass (Mar). 11:00 a.m. St. Arthur's KC pack clothing (Mar). 5:00 to 6:00 p.m. Eucharistic Adoration (Mar). 7:00 p.m. "Faith on Fire" Bible study (Mic).  
 Monday, January 14: 8:30 a.m. Mass (Bre and Mar). 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. Eucharistic Adoration (Mar). 8:00 p.m. AA and AlaNon (Mar).  
 Tuesday, January 15: 8:30 a.m. Mass (Bre and Mar). 7:30 p.m. St. Arthur's KC meeting.  
 Wednesday, January 16: 7:30 a.m. Mass (Mar). 8:30 a.m. Mass (Bre). 9:00 a.m. Word and Communion (Oak Terrace). 3:15 to 4:30 p.m. Elementary religious education, second to fifth grade (Mic). 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. Jr./Sr. high religious education (Mar and Mic).  
 Thursday, January 17: 7:30 a.m. Mass (Mar). 8:30 a.m. Mass (Bre and Mic). 9:00 a.m. Scripture study (Srs. residence in Gaylord). 7:00 p.m. Administrative Council meeting (Mar). 7:30 p.m. Narcotics Anonymous (Mic).

**TRINITY LUTHERAN 32234 431st Ave., Gaylord**  
**Vicar John Gabrielson, Interim Pastor**  
 Thursday, January 10: 1:30 p.m. Worship at Oak Terrace.  
 Sunday, January 13: 9:30 a.m. Sunday school. 9:45 a.m. Fellowship. 10:30 a.m. Worship.  
 Monday, January 14: 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Quilting.  
 Tuesday, January 15: 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Quilting.  
 Wednesday, January 16: 6:00 p.m. Confirmation at St. Paul's.

**ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN (Missouri Synod), Arlington**  
**Pastor William Postel**  
**Phone 507-964-2400**  
 Sunday, January 13: 9:00 a.m. Bible class. 10:00 a.m. Worship with Holy Communion.  
 Wednesday, January 16: 7:30 p.m. Men's Club.  
 Thursday, January 17: 5:30 p.m. Deadline for bulletin information. 7:00 p.m. Circuit youth planning meeting, Immanuel, Gaylord.

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 Tuesday, January 15: 7:30 p.m. Men's Brotherhood.  
 Wednesday, January 16: 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. Catechism class.

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**Fr. Sam Perez**  
 Thursday: Weekly Mass at 5:00 p.m.

## VFW Auxiliary to meet Monday, Jan. 14

The monthly meeting of the Ladies VFW Auxiliary Post 6031 was called to order by President Dorothy Brockhoff on Monday, Dec. 10, according to Secretary Debbie Panning.  
 The flag pledge and roll were given with 13 members and two guests present. The two guests were Second District President Nancy Regep and Second District Senior Vice Presi-

dent Barb Meyer.  
 The reports from the secretary and treasurer were read and approved. The general bulletins and correspondence were reviewed.  
 There was no old business.  
 New Business: Marge Kloeckl made a motion that the Auxiliary buy two books of raffle tickets for the Quilt Drawing at the State Conference in Janu-

ary. Marie Krefl seconded the motion. The motion carried.  
 Janet Rowe made a motion to send a donation for the Green Shower. Diana Glieden seconded the motion. The motion carried.  
 Being there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned.  
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**Saturday Mass: 5:00 p.m.**

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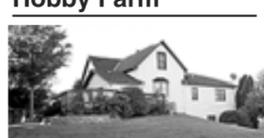
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