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Kranz appeals judge's ruling

By Kurt Menk
Editor

Rural Gaylord resident Nathan Kranz is appealing the recent ruling by the Honorable Kevin W. Eide, Judge of the District Court, that dismissed a lawsuit and upheld the recent passage of the Sibley East Public Schools' \$43 million building bond refer-

endum.

Kranz filed the appeal with the Clerk of the Appellate Court at the Minnesota Judicial Center in St. Paul on Tuesday, Dec. 23.

The Sibley East Public Schools, according to Superintendent Jim Amsden, has been notified about the appeal by Kranz. Superintendent

Amsden said Sibley East stands by the recent ruling by Judge Eide and will continue through the appeals process. Superintendent Amsden did not know the timeline for the appeals process.

Erick Kaardal, who is representing Kranz, did not respond to an e-mail from the *Arlington Enterprise*.

Original Lawsuit

Kranz originally contested the bond issue special election, which passed by a 1,634-1,538 margin on Tuesday, Nov. 4, on two grounds, according to the court document.

First, the School District, acting through the clerk of

the School District, failed to publish the notice of the ballot question two weeks prior to the Nov. 4 election as mandated under Minnesota Statute 205A.07.

Second, the School District, acting through the School Board, failed to timely publish an adequate notice of the Minnesota Department

of Education Commissioner's review and summary of the project(s) supported by the ballot bond question placed before the voters on Nov. 4 as mandated under Minnesota Statute 1233B.71, Subdivision 12. That provision re-

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Year-In-Review

Editor's Note: The following article is a summary of the major news stories in the Arlington and Green Isle area during the first six months of 2014. The final six months will be featured in next week's edition of the Arlington Enterprise.

JANUARY

People who did not have to venture or work outside stayed indoors as temperatures reached 30-plus degrees below zero during early January.

The Arlington Police Department responded to 1,167 calls during 2013, according to Arlington Police Chief Bruce Rovinsky.

The Arlington City Council unanimously approved a motion to accept the request from Arlington Police Chief Bruce Rovinsky to be reassigned to the open full-time police officer position effective immediately.

The Green Isle Fire Department responded to 29 total calls in 2013, according to Green Isle First Assistant Dan Kroells.

Brian Brandt was unanimously re-elected as chairperson to the Sibley East School Board.

Seniors Maren Miner and Ben White were selected as the Sibley East Senior High School's nominees for the Triple A Award.

The son of a Green Isle woman was among five soldiers injured during an attack at a military base in Afghanistan. Staff Sergeant Robbie Sheets, son of Kim Schwich, Green Isle, suffered injuries during an assault on a base in Kandahar Province, according to his mother.

Local resident Arden Kreft received the fourth annual Darwin Mathwig Community Service Award during the city organizational meeting at the Arlington Community Center.

Sibley East senior wrestler Nathan Rose recorded his 200th career victory at Norwood Young America.

FEBRUARY

The Arlington Fire Department responded to 71 calls in 2013, according to Arlington Fire Chief John Zaske.

Maren Miner, a senior at the Sibley East Senior High School in Arlington, was chosen by her classmates as the Outstanding Senior of the Quarter.

Sibley East senior basketball player Brody Rodning recorded his 1,000th career point against visiting Mayer Lutheran.

President Todd Sandberg released the results of a recent survey at the Arlington Area Chamber of Commerce meeting.

The Arlington City Council voted 4-0 and adopted a resolution to accept bids for the 2014 Electrical Improvement Project.

Members of the Sibley East varsity wrestling team celebrated after winning the Section 4A team championship in Norwood Young America. The Wolverines, for the second consecutive year, earned a berth in the Minnesota State Class A Wrestling Team Tournament.

The Sibley East Task Force held its meeting in Arlington, according to Superintendent Jim Amsden. The group consisted of nearly 30 people.

The Arlington Area Ambulance Service responded to 309 ambulance calls in 2013, according to Manager Kevin Sullivan.

Sibley East Junior High Principal Steve Harter was selected as the Minnesota Middle Level Principal of the Year Award.

MARCH

Sibley East senior Nathan Rose, for the third consecutive year, captured first place honors in the 195-pound weight division during the Minnesota State Class A Wrestling Tournament at the Xcel Energy Center in St. Paul. Senior Hunter Retzlaff (145) and freshman Tanner Pasvogel (106) placed third while Jason Meyer (132) placed fifth. Austin Brockhoff (138), Mitch Wentzlaff (152) and Jake Wentzlaff (160) also competed in the state tournament.

Megan Elseth and Jonah Butler were crowned as the Junior Sweetheart and Hunk during a coronation ceremony at the Sibley East Senior High School in Arlington.

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Sixth Grade Speed Stacking Tournament

Prior to the holiday break, a speed stacking tournament was held for the sixth graders at the Sibley East Public School in

Gaylord. Sommer Brockhoff tried her skill at speed stacking during the tournament.

County Board discusses administrator vacancy

By Amy Newsom
Correspondent

The Sibley County Board, during its regular meeting on Tuesday morning, Dec. 23, passed resolution #2014-75 declaring a vacancy with the Sibley County Administrator position.

The Board has decided not to fill the interval with an interim administrator, but rather have administrative assistant Diana Karau take on the additional duties and responsibilities. To compensate for the additional responsibilities Karau's salary will be increased to \$20 per hour beginning Tuesday, Jan. 6.

Health Benefits

The Board of Commissioners adopted the new Sibley County Personnel Rules and Policies. The definitions of a full-time and part-time employee were changed to comply with the federal health-care reform laws and regulations. The County will now offer health insurance benefits to eligible employees and their dependents if that employee is expected to work 30 hours or more per week or the equivalent of 130 hours or more per month. Sibley County Administrator Matt

Jaunich said that it took over a year to update the County's Personnel Policy, but that it now meets state and federal regulations. Jaunich also said that things may come up over the year and changes may need to be made to the policy.

\$122,700 Grant

The Board approved a grant from South Country Health Alliance for \$122,700, applied over three years, to hire a Community Health Worker to work with the Hispanic populations in Sibley County. According to Health and Human Services Director Vicki Stock, approximately eight percent of the population in Sibley County is Hispanic. Hispanic residents comprise one of the subpopulations that experience health inequalities. For example, Hispanic youth have higher rates of obesity and Hispanic women in Minnesota are likelier to be diagnosed with later-stage breast cancer.

The grant funds will be used to hire a Community Health Worker to primarily work with the Hispanic population in Sibley County, implement education and outreach that will include a referral system between Sibley County Public Health and

Human Services and health-care providers, and build partnerships and broaden collaboration with stakeholders that serve the Hispanic population. Stock said that this program will save the county both socially and economically in the long run.

Voice Concern

Public Work Director Tim Becker presented the Board with information about the L2663 Bridge replacement on County Road 63. The bridge was constructed in 1955 and has a sufficiency rating of 41.

According to the Minnesota Department of Transportation, bridges with a rating of less than 80 are eligible for federal bridge rehabilitation funding. A bridge with a sufficiency rating of 50 or less is eligible for federal bridge replacement funding. Becker said that plans and permits have already been approved and that the state has approved funding for a double 16 foot by 12 foot box culvert system. This double box design would shrink the waterway opening from 550 square feet to 380 square feet possibly causing overland flooding. Local landowners attended the Tuesday, December 23 Board meeting and

voiced their concerns. The landowners are refusing to sign the easements for construction because the proposed structure has a smaller opening and there is already significant flooding in the area. The landowners have had thousands of acres of farmland flooded. They told the Commissioners, "What they have been doing is not working" and said "they have had more and more flooding." The landowners are asking that the waterway opening remain at least the same as it is now and keep at least the same water flow. The Commissioners listened to local landowners and asked Becker to re-draw plans for a triple 16 foot by 12 foot box culvert that would have an opening of 570 square feet, apply for funding and research permits.

Library Board Update

Julie Trebelhorn, the Library Board representative from Winthrop, thanked the County Commissioners for their "unwavering support of the library system."

Trebelhorn said the Library System had some staffing

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The extreme cold weather caused some frozen water service lines in the communities of Arlington and Green Isle.

A crazy turn of events occurred during action on the RS Fiber Cooperative proposal during the regular meeting of the Arlington City Council. The City Council initially voted 3-2 and adopted a resolution for the City of Arlington to rejoin the Renville-Sibley County Fiber Cooperative Joint Powers Board by approving the amended joint powers agreement as presented with the expectation that the city will participate in the general obligation tax abatement process. City Council members James Jaszewski, Jennifer Nuesse and Curt Reetz voted in favor of the resolution. City Council members Jason Ruehling and Galen Wills voted against the resolution. After he announced that the resolution had passed, Mayor Jim Kreft began to read a section from the City Charter which gives the mayor the authority to return the resolution to the city administrator with objections within three days. Rather than wait, Mayor Kreft exercised his right within the City Charter moments later and returned the resolution to City Administrator Liza Donabauer. His official objections appeared in a separate article.

Former Sibley East basketball standout Marshall Bjorklund and North Dakota State University split two games in the Men's NCAA Tournament.

A retirement open house was held for Donna Wolter in the basement conference room at the Ridgeview Sibley Medical Center in Arlington. Wolter worked at the local clinic and hospital for the past 45 years.

APRIL

Engine #1, a 1,750-gallon a minute pumper truck, arrived for the Arlington Fire Department, according to Arlington Fire Chief John Zaske. The new pumper truck, which cost approximately \$420,000, replaced the 1984 pumper truck.

Members and friends of the Arlington Area Chamber of Commerce held a ribbon cutting ceremony for the grand re-opening at Two Old Goats.

A vote to override a veto by Mayor Jim Kreft for the proposed fiber to the home project failed during a regular meeting of the Arlington City Council.

The Green Isle City Council voted 4-1 and adopted a resolution for the City of Green Isle to join the fiber to the home project. City Council member Shawn Harms voted against the resolution.

The Arlington and Green Isle City Councils adopted separate resolutions to enter into an agreement with the Sibley East School District to establish and operate a jointly sponsored Community Education & Recreation Program for the 2014-2015 school year.

The Sibley East School Board unanimously approved a motion to hire Jennifer Strack as the newly created Community Education & Recreation Director.

The Arlington City Council made a series of moves to renovate the Community Center and increase the revenues at the facility.

Green Isle Township and Dryden Township voted to not proceed with the fiber to the home project.

MAY

The City of Arlington was awarded a 2014 Twins Fields for Kids matching grant of \$10,000. The Park Committee planned to use the funds and improve the baseball/softball field at the 27-acre Arlington Sportsmen's Park.

Dennis Van Moorlehem, Steve Gillaspie, Terry Klages, Kim Schneider, Rush River Rushers 4-H Club and Lori Weckwerth received major awards during the Chamber Awards Night.

Sibley East senior Brody Rodning recorded his fourth career no-hitter for the Wolverines.

The Arlington City Council unanimously approved a motion to increase the electric rates by approximately six percent.

After serving Zion Lutheran Church in Arlington for nearly 25 years, Pastor James Carlson was set to retire.

The Sibley East Task Force overwhelmingly voted to recommend Option B.2 to the School Board. This option included the construction of a new PreK-5 or PreK-6 building on school property in Gaylord and the renovation of the existing building in Arlington into a Grade 6-12 or 7-12 school. Under a conceptual drawing for this option, a new three-station gymnasium would be added onto the north end of the building in Arlington. The current big gymnasium would be renovated into an auditorium. In addition, the 1936 portion of the building would be demolished and replaced with a commons area, classrooms and kitchen. The estimated cost for this option would be \$42 million.

Tony Voight began his duties as the new maintenance supervisor for the City of Arlington.

JUNE

Eighty seniors graduated from the Sibley East Senior High School in Arlington during commencement exercises.

Sibley East senior Megan Eckberg broke a school record in the 100 meter high hurdles and advanced to the state meet where she placed seventh.

Cory Danner began his duties as the new chief of police in Arlington.

Main Street (County Road 34) and County Road 17 were resurfaced. The cost was nearly \$340,000 which was approximately \$100,000 under the engineer's estimate.

Arlington and Green Isle were hit by torrential rain and endured major flooding after the area was drenched with historic rains during mid June. A majority of residents reported that Arlington received seven-plus inches of rain during a period of 10 to 12 hours.

Anastacia Shottliff, Henderson, began her duties as the new part-time community center coordinator/office assistant for the City of Arlington.



Enterprise photo by Kurt Menk

25 Years as a Council

St. Arthur's Council 10172 of the Knights of Columbus recently received a Certificate in Appreciation for 25 years as a Council. The following Knights of Columbus members were in attendance at the last meeting and are included in the photo in no particular order: Scott Bates (Grand Knight), Tim Kloeckl (Deputy Grand Knight), Pat Liebl (Trustee and District Deputy), Gene Schultz (Past Grand Knight), Clarence Donnay (Financial

Secretary), Spike Mueller (Treasurer), Dave Czech (Recorder), Don Mader (Advocate), Charlie Mechtel (Inside Guard), Al Schiller (Chancellor), Francis Bigaouette, Jr. (Warden), Pat Anderly (Lecturer), Francis Bigaouette, Sr., Tony Kloeckl, Greg Goblirsch, Shawn Battcher, Joe Shimota and Wilbur Dorweiler.

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quired the Commissioner's comments of the project be published at least 20 days, but not more than 60 days before a referendum for bonds related to the project. The notice failed to identify what project the review and comment was related to.

As a result of these two violations, Kranz contended the ballot bond question election results must be declared statutorily invalid under Minnesota Statute 209. In addition, Kranz and the group of contestants wanted to be reimbursed for attorney fees, costs and expenses under Minnesota Statute 209.07.

Judge's Ruling

In his memorandum, Judge Eide said, "It is unfortunate that this issue of educating our youth and carrying out the will of the Sibley and Nicollet voters had to be determined by the Courts.

"Minnesota Statutes 205A.07 and 123B.71 set

forth guidelines for publication of notices in connection with bonding referendums for school districts. The Contestant has not been able to satisfy the Court that anyone was confused by the lack of evidence or did not vote on the bond issue if they wished to do so. It appears that almost the same percentage of voters cast ballots in 2014 as occurred in the previous elections in 2006 and 2010, during non-presidential election years. There were two publications of notices of the Special Election and the positive review by the Department of Education. There was posting of the notice on the School District's website and through other articles written in the local newspapers. On the part of the School District, there is ample evidence of lack of training and attention to the statutory notice requirements, but there has been no showing of fraud or misconduct. "While the Court has decid-

ed this case, it notes there is much that can be done to benefit the citizens of Sibley and Nicollet County and those of the other school districts throughout the State. This School District would benefit from substantial training regarding bond referendums. The Court cannot tell whether the lack of education was due to the School District not seeking out training opportunities available to it, or whether the Commissioner of the Department of Education or the Secretary of State's office did not provide adequate training.

"The Court fully agrees that the notice of the positive review by the Department of Education lacks important information about the identity of the school district and the purpose of the bonding proposal. The Department of Education should revise the form it uses and make it clear to school districts what information should be published. The

Court does accept the argument of the School District that if a notice of positive review by the Department of Education was clearer as to the identity of the school district and the purpose of the bond, it would be likely that more voters would have voted favorably, not the reverse.

"Finally, the School District argued that they had complied with the requirement that 'the clerk of a school district shall give two weeks published notice' of the Special Election in that it published notices in two separate weeks (but not 14 days) prior to the Special Election. This is especially confusing in the statute as the next requirement (for posting of the notice) is listed in days (10 days). While the court does not find this argument to be determinative of the outcome of this case, the legislature should clarify this requirement."

History

90 Years Ago

January 1, 1925
Louis Kill, Editor

The local town basketweavers opened the annual hostilities with Gaylord quint on the latter's floor last Sunday afternoon and romped away with the long end of the count by a 35 to 16 score. The contest was exceptionally hard fought and at times rather rough due to the fact that a competent referee was not available. However, the players and fans took everything good naturedly and the battle was staged without any casualties.

H. M. Noack & Sons recently placed an order for a snow plow, a contrivance to be attached to the front on one of their motor trucks to level the drifts on the road. The plow arrived this week and will be used in case roads become drifted.

We are pleased to state that Augie Mueller, who contracted smallpox several weeks ago, has about recovered from the disease

and is able to be up and about the house. The disease was in a very light form and thus far no other members of the family have contracted it.

55 Years Ago

January 7, 1960
Louis H. Kill, Editor

Mr. and Mrs. Merlin Battcher of Arlington are the proud parents of the Arlington Hospital's New Years baby. The infant, a six pound, six ounce boy, is their third child and first son. Mark Frederick arrived at 9:19 p.m., on Jan. 4.

The Lido Cafe in Arlington will be celebrating their first anniversary under the ownership of Ray and Jean Luepke.

Our local sportsmen are having a rough time finding a suitable day to hunt fox. This paper has carried notices for fox hunts on the last three Sundays, but they have never materialized. Last Sunday was the snow blizzard and the previous Sunday we had driving rain.

35 Years Ago

January 2, 1980
Val Kill, Editor

Fog and frost were the order of the day last week for Arlington and Green Isle residents. Frosty plants and the foggy country-side helped make for a white holiday season to help make up for the lack of snow.

Katie Feil retired after 16 years working as the assistant administrator of the Arlington Hospital.

Wayne Kramer, who had managed the locker business of H. M. Noack and Sons in Arlington for

the past ten years, took over the business on January 1st.

Listed below are some of the news events that were pictured in the Enterprise during 1979:

An explosion all but destroyed the service station in Green Isle owned by Irving and Roy Freudenthal on April 25th.

The Arlington State Bank celebrated its expansion with an open house on June 1st.

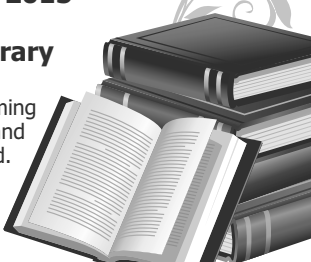
Highland Commons' 32 apartment housing project in Arlington opened early in February.

Gary and Lila Hartmann opened their new Main Street clothing store in April.

Arlington Public Library League Planning Meeting
Monday, January 12, 2015
6:30 p.m.
Arlington Public Library

We will be meeting to plan programming and activities for 2015. Your ideas and input would be greatly appreciated.

Any questions, please call 507-964-2766




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CHRISTMAS TREE PICKUP

The City of Arlington will be picking up Christmas trees at no charge starting Monday, Dec. 29th through Friday, Jan. 9th. Residents are asked to place their trees on the front boulevard next to the curb. For more information, please contact the Arlington City Office at 964-2378.

Maintenance Supervisor Tony Voigt



Community Calendar

Thursday, January 1: NEW YEAR'S DAY!
Friday, January 1: Arlington Veteran's Organization's Steak Fry, veteran's building at fairgrounds, 5:30-7:30 p.m.
Monday, January 5: Arlington City Council, council chambers, 6:30 p.m.
Tuesday, January 6: Arlington Garden Club, meeting at Liberty Station, 7 p.m. Roger will be speaking on the growing care of orchids. New members are always welcome. If you have any questions, please call Larry Gieseke at 507-964-5773.
Wednesday, January 7: Knights of Columbus Officers, St. Mary's Parish Hall, 8 p.m.

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Retirees

(Left Photo) The Sibley County Commissioners recently recognized retiring Commissioner Harold Pettis, left, for his 16 years of service to Sibley County. Pettis said that "he will miss the general knowledge of what is going on in the county and the people." County Board Chairperson Joy Cohrs is pictured on the right. (Right Photo) The County Commissioners also recognized Public Health and Human Services

employee Patty McCarthy, left, for her 26 years of service to Sibley County. McCarthy said that she "enjoyed her time with the county." She also "made a lot of friends, and it was a great place to work." Public Health and Human Services Director Vicki Stock said Patty is "leaving very big shoes to fill." County Board Chairperson Joy Cohrs is pictured on the right.

Trailblazer expansion saves money for McLeod and Sibley counties

By Lori Copley
Editor

Trailblazer Transit's expansion of service into Wright County has turned out to be good news for residents in McLeod and Sibley counties — the local bill is going to be much less.

The "local share" of the cost of running Trailblazer — the cost that is above and beyond what is reimbursed by the Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT) — will be much less in 2015 for two reasons: first, it will be split among three entities instead of two; and, second, increasing ridership in Wright County means increased revenue in the fare box and through contracted services.

The 2015 local share will be split three ways, with McLeod County bearing 50 percent of the local share, a projected \$38,675, and Sibley County and Wright County Area Transit (WCAT, a coalition of Wright County cities and townships) will each pay 25 percent, or about \$19,338 each.

"Sibley and McLeod counties were used to sharing up

to \$650,000 a year," said Ludwig. "So that is great news for them."

For 2014, the local share for McLeod County had been projected to be nearly \$300,000, while Sibley's was projected at about \$150,000.

With WCAT coming in mid-year, the final estimated 2014 local share will be McLeod County, \$245,944; Sibley County, \$122,971; and WCAT, \$78,885.

Ludwig also said that MnDOT approved Trailblazer's requested budget of \$3.549 million.

MnDOT will pay 85 percent of the approved budget, and Trailblazer must pay for the remainder through its fare box and service contract revenues, and contributions from Sibley and McLeod counties and WCAT.

MnDOT also has approved four new buses for 2015, of which it pays 80 percent.

With the addition of service in Wright County, Trailblazer is anticipating providing about 270,000 rides in 2015, Ludwig said.

"In Trailblazer's first year, it did 15,000 rides," said Lud-

wig. "This is phenomenal." Trailblazer started about 10 years ago.

Ludwig said that so far, "Trailblazer has at least matched the service that River Rider had done, if not more."

River Rider provided service in Wright and Sherburne counties, but dissolved last July, which is when MnDOT asked Trailblazer to step in and provide service.

But while Trailblazer has been making progress in its expansion into Wright County, the road has not always been smooth, said Ludwig.

"We've had some stress fractures," he said. "In fact, our dispatch manager resigned within the past week."

Ludwig said the dispatchers and office personnel get the brunt of any complaints about the transition into service into Wright County. Trailblazer is struggling to maintain office and dispatch staff, he said, but hopes that will smooth out as Trailblazer is able to put more service on the road in Wright County to meet the demands.

O'Brien picked to fill Bigaouette's position

By Kurt Menk
Editor

The Belle Plaine School Board, during a recent regular meeting, voted 3-2 and approved a motion to select Tracy O'Brien to fill the last year of Matt Bigaouette's term.

Bigaouette resigned his seat on the school board last month to dedicate more time to family and work. The school board favored the ap-

pointment process rather than incur the cost of a special election to select someone to serve for a single year.

The school board picked O'Brien over former board member Gary Steinhagen.

O'Brien, who would consider running for a four-year term next fall, will be sworn in to the school board at its organizational meeting on Monday night, Jan. 12.

Accident without injuries occurs about 3 miles south of Arlington

By Kurt Menk
Editor

A one-vehicle accident without injuries reportedly occurred about one mile south of Highway 19 at 1:13 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 28, according to the Sibley County Sheriff's Department.

The driver, Joseph Sinniger, North Mankato, lost control of his 2010 Ford Fu-

sion while entering a curve on the roadway, according to the report. The vehicle slid off the roadway and struck a sign. Slush on the roadway was a contributing factor in the crash.

Sinniger, who was not injured, was wearing his seatbelt, according to the report. The vehicle sustained moderate damage.



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Notice of 20th Annual Meeting

The 20th Annual Meeting of the United Farmers Cooperative will be held on Monday, January 12, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. at the Winthrop Offices Berdan event Center (705 E. 4th Street, Winthrop, MN) for the following purposes:

1. To receive audited reports of the Cooperative for the period of September 1, 2013 through August 31, 2014.
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 6:00 p.m. with a light lunch being served BEFORE the meeting. 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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Opinions

2014 was another banner year for letters to the editor

Our View: Opinion page is perfect forum to exchange ideas and find out what other people are thinking

2014 was another banner year for letters to the editor in the *Arlington Enterprise* and this newspaper hopes that trend improves and continues in the new year.

The opinion page is one of the most read pages in this newspaper. Writing a letter to the editor or an opinion column is the perfect forum for people to express a stance, exchange ideas and find out what other people are thinking about on specific issues.

Letters to the editor and opinion pieces may not change anyone's mind, but it might at least make people think and realize that there is more than one way to look at an issue. It also starts or continues the discussion and dialogue on timely and important issues that affect people in the communities, school district, county and beyond.

It may be difficult for some people to express their ideas and opinions, especially on sensitive topics, in a newspaper of a small community where everyone seems to know everyone. Some people may also believe that others who write a letter to the editor or an opinion piece and take a stand on these types of issues are negative individuals. That is hardly the case at all. These individuals have the right to exercise their freedom of speech and, more importantly, the courage to submit their letter or column for publication. In a lot of cases, people who write letters to the editor or opinion columns often share the same opinion or ideas of readers who are reluctant to have their views in print.

Finally, individuals who write a letter to the editor or an opinion column are hardly the final voices of authority on a particular topic and readers will surely not agree with them on every issue. When that happens, this newspaper hopes readers will exercise their right and write a letter to the editor or an opinion column for publication.

-K.M.

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 2
Carrie Duckett-Halverson, Carla Roinestad, Sandra Roinstad, Marvin Wentzlaff, Jason Quast, Audrey Harter, Eric Koch, Chris Stone, Mike Pinske, Mike Arabian, Julie Karger, Kathryn Lang, Mary Krentz, Mr. and Mrs. Mike Arabian, and Mr. and Mrs. Rick Shimota.

January 3
In Memory Of Tom Noack, In Memory of Joane Burmeister, Bryan Meech, Jay Stien and Laura Streich.

January 4
Jayne Melsha.

January 5
In Memory of Delmar Kley, Lynzi Kleist, John Klipfel, Laura Kube, Jonathan Lamb, Ryan Lamb and Kimberly Schroeder.

January 6
Sean Drexler, Ashley Reetz and Kris Rosenfeld.

January 7
Matt Conway, Gavin St. John and Todd Warzecha.

January 8
Jeanne Kistner and Danielle Mangen.

A certain Pope checked into heaven. Without any fanfare, he was issued a GI set of wings, plus a halo and assigned a common cloud.

Rather miffed by his ordinary reception, he was surprised a few days later to see a new arrival greeted by marching bands, confetti and all heaven in celebration. Taking St. Peter to his side, he asked who was this person who merited such a grand welcome, while, he, a Pope, received none.

"Well," said St. Peter. "Popes we get all the time. This is our first newspaper editor."

When a country school resumed classes after several snow days, the teacher asked an eight-year-old stu-

dent if he had used the time off constructively.

"Yes, ma'am," he replied. "prayed for more snow!"

Little Johnny was telling his mother about his day in school.

"Mom," he said, "today our teacher asked me whether I had any brothers and sisters, and I told her I was the only child."

"And what did she say?" asked his mother.

The teacher, the boy replied, said, "Thank goodness."

For Lovers Of Words

- What's the definition of a will? It's a dead giveaway.
- A backward poet writes inverse.
- A chicken crossing the road is poultry in motion.
- The man who fell into an upholstery machine is fully recovered.
- Every calendar's days are numbered.
- The short fortuneteller who escaped from prison was a small medium at large.
- Those who get too big for their britches will be exposed in the end.
- Acupuncture is a jab well done.

Every town has gossip. If you don't hear it, you're it.

A mother had been lecturing her small son, stressing that both of them were in the world to help others.

The young boy considered this for some time, then asked somberly, "What are all the others here for?"

"Son, where did you go in the car last night?" the father asked.

"Another guy and I just rode around for a while," the son replied.

Said the father, "Oh, well the next time you see him, tell him I found his lipstick."

If ignorance is bliss, why aren't more people happy?



Letter To The Editor

Thank you Mr. Noack

Yesterday, Sibley East lost one of the great ones. The impact Mr. Noack made on his students ripples far beyond the walls of the school that shaped us. Those of us who were fortunate enough to be enlightened by his wisdom, challenged by his expectations, and encouraged by his belief in us will carry everything he taught us throughout our lives.

It was his job to educate on science. But he made it his life to enlighten ours. Everyone who walked through his doors learned far more than the proper way to operate a bunsen burner or how to distinguish slate from taconite. We learned the meaning and importance of words like "respect," "compassion," "ambition," and "education."

He didn't teach. He forged futures. Pouring everything he could offer into the lives of his students. Some vaguely understood his methods. Some resented them. But every one of us continues to discover a new appreciation for them as we move through our experiences.

Little lessons resurface in the moments we need them most, and we look back fondly on the man who cared enough to instill them. We've come to realize only Mr. Noack could possess the foresight and altruism to share these lessons long before we were mature enough to employ them.

He appreciated (or at least tolerated) childish pranks, endured insolent teenagers, and devoted long and

tiresome days. All to give us gifts we couldn't possibly appreciate fully until long after we walked out of his classroom.

So, because we never said it enough:

"Thank you Mr. Noack. You were a beloved teacher and a remarkable man who will be missed deeply and remembered affectionately."

Thank you. For the sacrifices you made. For the patience, the wisdom, the kindness. All of it. The lessons you gifted us will never fade, and we are eternally indebted to your unceasing devotion."

**Eliza Koch
Sibley East Class of 2003**

Letter writers published in newspaper in 2014

Editor's Note: The Arlington Enterprise had a variety of letters and guest columns from its readers in 2013. We thank our readers for getting involved in the community newspaper. Hopefully, 2014 will be another banner year for letters to the editor and guest columns.

January: State Senator Scott Newman, guest column; U.S. Senator Amy Klobuchar, guest column; The Catholic Defense League of MN, guest column; State Senator John Marty, guest column; Lee H. Hamilton, guest column (twice); State Representative Glenn Gruenhagen; and Chris Dahlberg St. Louis County Commissioner candidate for U.S. Senate.

February: Betty Meffert, Arlington; State Senator Scott Newman; Mel Cain, Green Isle; Dwight Grabitske, Arlington; Janet Tollefson, Mankato; Santa's Helpers Committee -- Vicki Stock, Linda Hoechst, Patty McCarthy, Donna Kuphal, Soyna Meyer, Dwan Kratzke, Kim Nachreiner, Kathy Franke and Stacy Hoechst; State Representative Glenn Gruenhagen (twice); Ryan Buck, Goodhue, opinion column; and Lee Hamilton, guest column.

March: Ann Eckberg and Linnea Bullert, Arlington; Marge Kloeckl, Arlington; Jim Heiland, Arlington; State Representative Glenn Gruenhagen;

Bobbie Harder, Le Sueur; Lee H. Hamilton, guest column; Mark Brandt, RS Fiber Cooperative Chair; State Senator Scott Newman; Mark Santelman, Winthrop; Matt Brown, Brandon S.D.; Mark Erickson, Winthrop; and Jacob Rieke, Renville County RS Fiber Cooperative Board Member.

April: Ken Martin, Chairman, MN DFL; Nathan Mehrens, President of Americans for Limited Government; Mark L. Santelman, Winthrop; Kyle

Ackerman, Xtratyme Technologies; U.S. Senator Amy Klobuchar, guest column; Tim Kube, Arlington; and Lee H. Hamilton, guest column (twice).

May: Carl Wetzel, Gaylord; Sue Kreger, Green Isle; State Representative Glenn Gruenhagen; Glenn Mollette, guest column; Lee Hamilton, guest column (twice); Mark L. Santelman, Winthrop; Sharon Wersal, Sibley County Adult Mental Health LAC; Betty Meffert, Arlington; State Senator Scott Newman; and Dwight Grabitske, Arlington (twice).

June: Mona Dohman Commissioner MN Dept. of Public Safety; Lee Hamilton, guest column; Mark Santelman (twice), Winthrop; Board of Directors for RS Fiber Co-op; Martha Santelman, Winthrop; State Senator John Marty, guest column; and U.S. Senator Amy Klobuchar.

July: Glenn Mollette, guest column (three times); Lee H. Hamilton, guest column; Regi Ploeger, Arlington; Ken Martin, Chairman, MN DFL; Denise Swenson, Arlington Haus; Commissioner Dr. Edward Ehlinger, MN Dept. of Health; Mona Dohman MN Dept. of Public Safety; Commissioner Charlie Zelle MN Dept. of Transportation; Ken Martin Chairman, MN DFL; Jim Kreft, Mayor, City of Arlington; Harlen Menk, Ellsworth, Wis.; State Representative Glenn Gruenhagen; Holly Harjes, Green Isle; and Harlen Menk, Ellsworth, Wis.

August: U.S. Senators Amy Klobuchar and John Hoeven, guest column, Glenn Mollette, guest column (three times); Lee Hamilton, guest column (three times); and Lee H. Hamilton, guest column;

September: Rick Manning, guest column; and Glenn Mollette, guest column (twice).

October: Phil Keithahn, Gaylord

(five times); Lawrence I. Crawford, Arlington; Lorraine Bliss, Arlington; Avery Grochow, Gaylord; Amanda Feterl, Arlington; Richard Trocke, Task Force Member, Arlington; Dan and Nancy Hislop, Arlington; Larry Gasow, Hutchinson; Sibley East Task Force Members Kim DeWitte, Don Boeder. Marge Erickson, Amanda Feterl, Avery Grochow, Julie Almich, Jim Swanson, and Jim Kreft; Margaret Scully, Arlington; Mark Brandt, Gaylord; Dave and Dee Czech, Arlington (twice); Shelby Voight, Henderson; Richard Trocke, Arlington; Brian Brandt, Gaylord; Nathan Kranz, Gaylord; Bill Pinske, Arlington; Harold Pettis, Gaylord; Jim Swanson, Gaylord; Jim Nytes, Henderson; Joy Cohrs, New Auburn; Emily Gruenhagen, Glencoe; Jan Conner, Hutchinson; Brian Thalmann and Randall Thalmann, Plato; Sheila Knacke (1988), Dawn Kratzke (1993), Jessica Pautsch (1995), Amanda Feterl (1997), Holly Hokenson (2005) and Whitney Husfeldt (2007), now Sibley East parents; Phillip W. Klenk, GFW School Board Clerk and Tami Martin GFW Superintendent; Jennifer Strack, Arlington; Cynthia Smith-Strack, Arlington; State Representative Glenn Gruenhagen; and Emily Gruenhagen, Glencoe.

November: State Senator John Marty, guest column; Lee H. Hamilton, guest column (twice); Kimberly DeWitte, Gaylord; State Representative Glenn Gruenhagen; David Kraus, Retired President of Big Stone Inc.; and Glenn Mollette, guest column.

December: Rod Stemme, Arlington; Lee H. Hamilton, guest column (twice); Andrea Brinkman, Arlington; and Glenn Mollette, guest column (three times).

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Enterprise photo by Kurt Menk

Wolverines of the Month

The following students were recently chosen as Wolverines of the Month at the Sibley East Junior High School in Gaylord. Left to right: Kevin Durham, Jr., Austin Bode, Arayah St.

John and Veronica Oyuela. Missing from the photo are Bryton Rosenlund and Mya Lyrek.

Sibley County Court

The following misdemeanors, petty misdemeanors and gross misdemeanors were heard in District Court December 12-19: Minnesota State Patrol (MSP); Sheriff's Office (SO); Department of Natural Resources (DNR); MN Department of Transportation (MNDOT):

Dennis C. Bernier, 41 Stewart, domestic assault-commits act with intent to cause fear of immediate bodily harm or death, stay of imposition, supervised probation one year, sentence to service 40 hours for indeterminate, local confinement four days, credit for time served four days, contact your probation officer as directed, follow all conditions set forth in the probation agreement, sign probation agreement, sign all releases of information, chemical dependency evaluation/treatment, follow recommendations of evaluation, domestic abuse counseling/treatment or educational program, no use or possession of firearms or dangerous weapons, remain law-abiding, do not use or possess firearms, ammunition or explosives, no same or similar, \$135, Gaylord PD; Marcelino J. Gomez, 19, Faribault, driving without a valid license or vehicle class/type, continued, unsupervised probation six months, pay costs, obtain driver's license, no same or similar, remain law-abiding, \$185, driver must carry proof of insurance when operating vehicle, dismissed, Gaylord PD; Travis R. Joyce, 42, Farmington, DWI-operate motor vehicle-body contains any amount schedule I/II drugs-not marijuana, driving after cancellation-inimical to public safety, introduce contraband-drug/liquor into jail/lockup/prison, pharmacy-possess/control/manufacture/sell/furnish/dispense, DWI-operate motor vehicle under influence of controlled substance, dismissed, Gaylord PD; Teresa Lopez-Arelalo, 33, Bluffton, theft-take/use/transfer movable property-no consent, continued, unsupervised probation six months, pay costs, no same or similar, remain law-abiding, \$195, Gaylord PD; Mikaela L. Nussbaum, 19, Gaylord, drivers' license-instruction permit violations-persons 18 years or older-requirements, continued, unsupervised probation one year, pay costs, remain law-abiding, no driving without insurance, no driver license violations, \$100, Gaylord PD; Thomas J. Vroman, 51, Milroy, seatbelt required, \$110, Gaylord PD; Philip J. Dupont, III, 27, Watertown, S.D. speed, \$125, Henderson PD; David J. Anderson, 31, Farmington, speed, \$135, driver must carry proof of insurance when operating vehicle, dismissed, MSP; Kendra N. Baltzer, 21, Alpena, S.D., speed, \$125, MSP; Heather J. Deno, 20, Arlington, seatbelt required, \$110, MSP; Amanda R. Einck, 27, Marshall, speed, \$125, MSP; Amy M. Fos-

ter, 31, Minneapolis, speed, \$225, MSP; Paul R. Gohlke, 39, Belle Plaine, speed, \$135, MSP; Allen E. Herd, 81, Green Isle, seatbelt required, \$110, MSP; Brian R. Johnson, 32, Apple Valley, speed, \$125, MSP; Richard J. Johnson, 68, Bloomington, speed, \$125, MSP; Derek T. Knoblich, 27, Mankato, speed, \$145, MSP; Sharon C. Moore, 55, Lester Prairie, speed, \$145, MSP; Micah A. Pagel, 32, Winthrop, speed, \$135, MSP; Austin D. O. Parsons, 19, Marison, Iowa, speed, \$225, MSP; Randall D. Petersen, 46, Northfield, driver must carry proof of insurance when operating vehicle, dismissed, MSP; Billy J. Sherman, 39, New Prague, speed, \$135, MSP; Katelyn M. Sorenson, 21, Lindstrom, speed, \$285, MSP; Heather M. Wurtzberger, 32, Gaylord, speed, \$385, MSP; Travis J. Carlson, 30, Stewart, domestic abuse no contact order-violate no contact order-within 10 years of previous conviction, dismissed, SO; Heather J. Deno, 20, Arlington, speed, \$225, SO; Christopher L. Roush, 23, New Auburn, driving without a valid license or vehicle class/type, \$185, SO; Bradley A. Scholla, 45, Gaylord, DWI-operate motor vehicle under influence of alcohol, stay of imposition, unsupervised probation one year, victim impact panel, chemical dependency evaluation/treatment, follow recommendations of evaluation, sign all releases of information, remain law-abiding, no alcohol-related traffic offenses, no driving without insurance, no driver license violations, \$385, SO; Derek A. Schwirtz, 24, Arlington, issue dishonored check, \$426.45, SO; Ronald R. Thompson, 51, Gaylord, disorderly conduct-offensive/abusive/noisy/obscene, continued, supervised probation one year, sentence to service 24 hours for indeterminate, sign probation agreement, follow all conditions set forth in the probation agreement, contact your probation officer as directed, sign all releases of information, counseling, continue counseling with Park Nicollet until therapist deems necessary, do not possess/use any pornographic/sexually explicit material, remain law-abiding, attend a weekly support group for men promoting sexually appropriate behavior, \$135, SO; Jorge S. Garcia, 58, Winthrop, driver must carry proof of insurance when operating vehicle, dismissed, Winthrop PD; Rodney G. Miller, 53, Winthrop, driving without a valid license or vehicle class/type, continued, unsupervised probation six months, pay costs, obtain driver's license, no same or similar, remain law-abiding, \$100, Winthrop PD; Jacob W. Nolt, 27, Slayton, driver must carry proof of insurance when operating vehicle, dismissed, seatbelt required, \$110, Winthrop PD; Christopher L. Roush, 23, New Auburn, driving

without a valid license or vehicle class/type, driver must carry proof of insurance when operating vehicle, \$385, Winthrop PD.

The following felonies were heard in District Court December 12-19:

Dennis C. Bernier, 41 Stewart, assault-dangerous weapon, dismissed, Gaylord PD; Travis R. Joyce, 42, Farmington, drugs-possess six grams or more cocaine/heroin/meth, commit to commissioner of corrections-adult(MN correctional facility-St. Cloud, 95 months), drugs-sale-10 grams or more cocaine/heroin/meth within 90 day period, drugs-possess schedule 1,2,3,4-not small amount marijuana, drugs, drugs-possess schedule 1,2,3,4-not small amount marijuana, dismissed, Gaylord PD; Jeremy D. Bromley, 24, Belle Plaine, drugs-possess schedule 1,2,3,4-not small amount marijuana, stay of imposition, supervised probation five years, local confinement 180 days, credit for time served 75 days, contact your probation officer as directed, contact with probation, follow all conditions set forth in the probation agreement, follow all instructions of probation, sign probation agreement, sign all releases of information, chemical dependency evaluation/treatment, follow recommendations of evaluation, aftercare, complete diagnostic assessment, no alcohol/controlled substance use, no possession of alcohol or drugs, random testing, remain law-abiding, no same or similar, supply DNA sample, \$135, SO; Travis J. Carlson, 30, Stewart, possess pistol/assault weapon-conviction or adjudicated delinquent for crime of violence, stay of imposition, supervised probation five years, local confinement 120 days, credit for time served 98 days, sentence to service 80 hours for indeterminate, contact with probation, contact your probation officer as directed, follow all conditions set forth in the probation agreement, follow all instructions of probation, sign probation agreement, chemical dependency evaluation/treatment, follow recommendations of evaluation, sign all releases of information, no alcohol/controlled substance use, no possession of alcohol or drugs, random testing, psychological evaluation/treatment, no contact with victim(s), no same or similar, remain law-abiding, complete South Oaks gambling screen to be done by probation, supply DNA sample, no violations of an order for protection or DANCO, \$135, firearms-serial number-receive/possess with altered, machine guns and short-barreled shotguns-acts prohibited-own/possess/operate, dismissed, SO.

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changes in 2014. Barb Kranz was hired as the new Library Director in Gaylord. Trebelhorn said that the Traverse de Sioux Library Cooperative is working on a new automation system "that will keep better track of books and patrons, it will keep better records in the long run." The Library Board had a booth at the Sibley County Fair that was very successful in raising awareness of the programs and services offered at the local libraries. Trebelhorn asked that everyone stop into a local library and said "you'll be impressed with what you find."

Appointments

The County Board approved the 2015 appointments of the County Medical Examiner and County Surveyor.

The Board reappointed Dr. A. Quinn Strobl of Anoka County as Medical Examiner. Sibley County has agreed to pay Anoka County \$41,139.90, to be billed and paid quarterly, which is based on a per capita rate of \$2.70 and a population figure of 15,237. The Board appointed Avery Grochow as the County Surveyor. Grochow's costs for 2015 shall not exceed \$32,500.

The Board also approved the 2015 agreement with County Attorney David Schauer. Schauer's salary for 2015 has been set at \$86,351.96.

The Board also approved a leave of absence from the Sibley County Assessor's Office for Marilee Peterson. Peterson is currently a Senior Appraiser within the Assessor's Office, but will be assuming

the duties of Sibley County Auditor on Monday, Jan. 5. Peterson requested the leave of absence take effect January 5, 2015 and remain in effect for ten years as allowed by Minnesota Statute. Jaunich pointed out that Peterson will still have to meet the qualifications for the job of Senior Appraiser if she would like to return to the position. The qualifications include: licensure, continuing education and within 5 years the position has to be accredited.

The Board also acknowledged that Sibley County received a Certificate of Excellence from the Minnesota Counties Intergovernmental Trust for Outstanding Experience in Workers' Compensation for the years 2008 - 2012.

Obituaries

Rudolph 'Rudy' Dorweiler, 74, Belle Plaine

Rudolph "Rudy" G. Dorweiler, age 74, of Belle Plaine, formerly of Arlington, died at the Lutheran Home in Belle Plaine on Thursday, Dec. 25.

Mass of Christian Burial was held at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Arlington at 11 a.m. Tuesday, Dec. 30. Father Jerry Berger officiated the Mass and burial services.

Visitation was held at the church from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. Tuesday, Dec. 30. The Fourth Degree Knights of Columbus Honor Guard was in attendance.

Interment was in St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery, Arlington

Rudy was born to Rudolph and Frances (Fehring) Dorweiler in Curlew, Iowa, on April 16, 1940.

He grew up in the Iowa area before moving with his family to Belgrade in 1947 and Lambertton in 1950 as a youth. Rudy worked various jobs on farms before he began his work with Jasken Construction in Faribault. He married Theresa Gillis at St. Bethlehem Catholic Church in Faribault on Feb. 15, 1969. He later began his work as a Union Contractor with Adolph & Peterson Construction in the metro area where he worked for over 20 years as a proud Union Contractor. Rudy was a member of the Arlington Fire Department for over 20 years, St. Arthur's Council in Arlington and was a Fourth Degree Knight of Columbus.

Rudy is survived by his

two children; Peggy (Spencer) Miller of Jordan; and Jeff (Angie) Dorweiler of Green Isle; seven grandchildren, Zachary, Brandon, Kristine, MacKenzie and Andrew Dorweiler, and Kayla and Jordin Miller; and siblings, Wilbur (Madonna) Dorweiler of Arlington, Jane Bastel of Millbrae, Calif.; Edward (Kathy) Dorweiler of Montgomery, Albert (Karen) Dorweiler of Chaska, Ralph Dorweiler of Plymouth, Allie (Leon) Hendrycks of Marshfield, Mo., and Bob (Betty) Dorweiler of Faribault; sister-in-law; Joanne Dorweiler of Champlin; many nieces, nephews, relatives and friends.

He is preceded in death by his parents; wife, Theresa, (2005); brothers; Bernard, Donald and Clarence; and sister, Lois Johnson.

Oda 'Odie' Cornick, 94, of Glencoe

Oda "Odie" Emilie Cornick, 94, of Glencoe, died Saturday, Dec. 20, 2014, at Glencoe Regional Health Services in Glencoe.

Funeral services were held Friday, Dec. 26, at First Evangelical Lutheran Church in Glencoe with the Rev. Ronald Mathison officiating.

Dawn Wolter was the organist. Congregational hymns were "What a Friend We Have in Jesus," "Nearer, My God, To Thee" and "How Great Thou Art."

Pallbearers were David Diehn, Michael Becker, Veryl Schuch, Ronald Martin, Brian Becker, Luverne Becker and Ellsworth Becker. Interment was in the First Evangelical Lutheran Cemetery in Glencoe.

Oda "Odie" Emilie Cornick was born Dec. 8, 1920, in Penn Township. She was

the daughter of Fred and Magdalena (Grochow) Becker. She was baptized as an infant on Dec. 26, 1920, by the Rev. George Diemer, and confirmed in her faith as a youth by the Rev. W. Ehrhardt Diemer, both at St. Matthew's Lutheran Church in Penn Township. She was educated at a country school in Penn Township.

On Sept. 25, 1941, she was united in marriage to Clarence Cornick by the Rev. W. Ehrhardt Diemer at St. Matthew's Lutheran Church in Penn Township. The couple made their home on the farm until 1969, when they moved to Glencoe. In 2012, Mrs. Cornick moved to Grand Meadows in Glencoe. The Cornicks shared over 65 years of marriage before Mr. Cornick's death on July 20, 2007.

In addition to being a loving wife and homemaker, Mrs. Cornick worked at Green Giant and also made clothing alterations from her home. She was a member of First Evangelical Lutheran Church in Glencoe. She enjoyed cleaning, quilting,

sewing and embroidering. She also loved to play cards. She treasured the times spent with family and friends.

She is survived by her brother, Elmer Becker of Winthrop; sister, Rosie Ehlers of Glencoe; sisters-in-law, Beverly Becker of New Auburn, Myrtice Becker of New Auburn and Luella Cornick of Glencoe; nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Fred and Magdalene Becker; husband, Clarence Cornick; siblings, Leonard (Esther) Becker, Raymond (Helen) Becker, Halbert Becker, Linda (Ebert) Schuch, Gerhard Becker, and Arlene (Elmer) Burdorf; and brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law, Arthur Ehlers, Clara Becker, Ralph (Viola) Cornick and Marvin (Eileen) Cornick.

Arrangements were with the Johnson-McBride Funeral Home in Glencoe. Online obituaries and guest book are available at www.hantge.com.

Death Notice

Thomas G. Noack, 58, Arlington

Thomas G. Noack, age 58, of Arlington, died at the Mayo Clinic Hospital in Rochester on Monday, Dec. 29.

A Memorial Mass will be held at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Arlington at 11

a.m. Saturday, Jan. 3. Visitation will be held two hours prior to the Mass at the church on Saturday, Jan. 3.

A full obituary will follow in next week's edition.

Sports



Enterprise photo by Kurt Menk

Sibley East junior Alyssa Weber, left, protected the ball after she pulled down a rebound against Lakeview in the opening round of the Home Town Bank Holiday Tournament at the Red-

wood Valley High School in Redwood Falls on Monday afternoon, Dec. 29.

SE girls defeat Lakeview 60-42 in 1st round of holiday tourney

By Kurt Menk
Editor

The Sibley East varsity girls basketball team defeated Lakeview 60-42 during the opening round of the Home Town Bank Holiday Tournament at the Redwood Valley High School in Redwood Falls on Monday afternoon, Dec. 29.

The Lady Wolverines were slated to play Dawson-Boyd in the championship game at 4:30 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 30. The summary of that game, due to an early deadline this week, will be published in next week's edition of the *Arlington Enterprise*.

Junior Alyssa Weber paced the Lady Wolverines with 23 points in the win. Senior McKenzie Sommers and junior Katie Tuchtenhagen net-

ted nine points each. Sophomore Hannah Wentzlaff had six points while senior Kelli Martens hooped four points. Junior McKayla Stumm scored three points while senior Breann Walsh and sophomore Alli Harter tallied two points apiece. Seniors Autumn Dose and Mikayla Perschau added one point each.

Sibley East hit 21 of 52 shots from two-point range for 40 percent and two of eight attempts from three-point distance for 25 percent. The Lady Wolverines also sank 12 of 23 free throw attempts for 52 percent.

Sommers contributed 11 rebounds and five blocked shots while Weber had six boards, four assists and three steals. Wentzlaff added seven caroms.

B-squad

The Sibley East B-squad girls basketball team defeated Lakeview 39-20 during the opening round of the Home Town Bank Holiday Tournament at the Redwood Valley High School in Redwood Falls on Monday afternoon, Dec. 29.

Taylor Brinkman paced a balanced scoring attack with nine points in the win. Rachel Rettmann scored seven points while Allison Eibs, Morgan Stearns, Faith Young and Emily Doekott hooped four points each. Alli Harter tossed in three points while Ali Stock had two points. Taylor Perschau and Ana Zuniga added one point apiece.

Rettmann also contributed five rebounds and three steals while Doekott collected five boards and three assists.

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Boys toppled by Mankato West 92-58 in opening round of holiday tourney

By Kurt Menk
Editor

The Sibley East varsity boys basketball team was within 12 points in the second half, but lost to Mankato West 92-58 during the opening round of the Daily Globe - Trojan Holiday Classic in Worthington on Monday night, Dec. 29.

The Wolverines were scheduled to play in the third place game at 5 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 30. The summary of that game, due to an early holiday deadline this week,

will be published in next week's edition of the *Arlington Enterprise*.

Senior Zac Weber paced three players in double figures with a dozen points. Senior Lukas Bullert and freshman Gavin Bates hit for 11 and 10 points respectively. Senior Darin Neisen tossed in seven points while senior Jordan Petzel and freshman Austin Weckwerth scored four points each. Senior Zach Garza and junior Dylan Pauly pumped in three points apiece while senior Andrew Bullert

and junior Collin Pautsch added two points each.

The Wolverines connected on 17 of 33 shots from three-point distance for 52 percent, but only six of 20 attempts from three-point land for 30 percent. Sibley East also converted six of eight free throw attempts for 75 percent.

Sibley East grabbed only 23 rebounds in the loss. Garza collected five boards while Weber and Lukas Bullert snared four caroms each.

KC Free Throw Contest set for Sunday, Jan. 11

The annual Knights of Columbus Free Throw Contest will be held at the Sibley East Senior High School in Arlington on Sunday, Jan. 11.

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.

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