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Santa Claus In Green Isle

Josie Keller, left, and Amaya Lemke, right, visited with Santa Claus in Green Isle on Saturday, Dec. 8. Josie is the granddaughter of Jerry and Pat Battcher, Green Isle. Amaya is the daughter of Joe and Danna Lemke, Green Isle. The event was

sponsored by the Green Isle Sportsmen's Club, Green Isle American Legion, Green Isle Fire Department and Green Isle Lions Club.

County Board updated on traffic related projects in the Arlington area

By Dave Pedersen
Correspondent

Two topics regarding traffic control and counting were discussed by the Sibley County Board of Commissioners at the Tuesday, Dec. 11 meeting.

Darin Mielke, Public Works Director, updated the board on the concern the Minnesota Department of Transportation (Mn/DOT) has regarding the stop light in Arlington.

Plus, Mielke said the reason CSAH 9 near Arlington has different road markings in one section is because of a traffic control study funded by MnDot.

MnDot representatives recently came to Arlington to talk with city officials and Mielke regarding the stop light in Arlington. Since they are doing a project in the area MnDot likes to evaluate all the traffic control at the time.

Mielke said the light is not functioning the way it should be, according to MnDot. The cost to replace a traffic light that includes a timer is at least \$200,000.

"They did a study on the light and it does not come close to warranting a new

signal now or in the near future," said Mielke. "So they are proposing to take it out completely. If the city still wants the signal it would have to come up with the cash to do it."

Highway 5 would be the through way where traffic would not have to stop. Mielke said there is not a lot of crash history at this location and in similar cases around the state there is a crash reduction when lights are removed. Drivers would no longer need to try to beat the red light.

"If it is working properly, the light should be working 90 percent of the time on a green light anyway," said Mielke. "Stop lights can end up increasing the number of rear end crashes."

County Commissioner Bill Pinske, who resides in Arlington, asked what it costs to put in the flashing red lights. Mielke said it costs about \$2,000 with battery and solar panel to go with it. Pinske said this could be an alternative.

Mielke said the county can

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Green Isle votes to keep final tax levy the same

By Kurt Menk
Editor

The Green Isle City Council, during its regular meeting on Tuesday night, Dec. 11, voted 4-0 and adopted a resolution to approve the final 2012 tax levy collectible in 2013.

The final tax levy, which will remain at \$502,327, includes \$349,227 in the General Fund and a total of

\$153,100 in three bond payments.

Mayor Randal Bruegger and City Council members John Schauer, Mark Wentzloff and Dale ZumBerge all voted in favor of the resolution.

In a related move, the City Council voted 4-0 and adopted a resolution to approve the budget for 2013.

The City Council made the

moves after it conducted a Truth In Taxation public hearing which was attended by four residents.

The main purpose of the Truth In Taxation public hearing is to enhance the public participation in the property tax system by allowing a public forum to discuss the budget, explain any increases, and hear public comment and ques-

tions on the budget and tax levy.

Janie Glover, owner of the Club New Yorker, asked why the property taxes on her business would increase over 17 percent if the taxable market value stayed the same. She added that this is on top of a 13-plus percent increase the previous year.

Brad Falteysek, CPF at Abdo, Eick & Meyers, ex-

plained that the taxable market value on homestead property declined and homeowners would see a decrease in their property taxes. The taxable market value on commercial property, meanwhile, stayed the same and business owners would see an increase in their property taxes. Commercial property owners, in other words, would absorb the loss of property taxes

from homestead properties.

Falteysek said the pattern would change if businesses and residents moved to Green Isle in the future.

Glover responded that businesses and residents would not move or locate to Green Isle with the current property taxes at such high levels.

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Chamber elects, re-elects officers

By Kurt Menk
Editor

The Arlington Area Chamber of Commerce, during its regular monthly meeting on Monday afternoon, December 10, elected and re-elected officers and directors for 2013.

Although no official vote was taken, current Vice President Steve Gillaspie will move up to the president position in 2013.

The Chamber unanimously approved a motion to elect Todd Sandberg as vice president.

The Chamber also unanimously and separately approved motions to re-elect Terry Klages as secretary and Kevin Lindstrand as treasurer.

On the Executive Board, Leah Prah was unanimously re-elected to another three-year term. Jim Heiland was unanimously elected to finish the final year of a three-year term currently held by Gerry Berglin, who plans to retire. An individual is still needed to finish the remaining two years of the three-year term currently held by Sandberg.

These new officers and directors will begin their respective terms on Jan. 1.

2013 Focus

Gillaspie distributed a handout titled, "Focus Of 2013."

Gillaspie believes the

Chamber should reach out to increase membership even more, promote business members, decide on what events would be the most productive and beneficial to sponsor, and focus on recruiting volunteers whether it is from the organization or from the community.

"Responsibility does come with being a member of the Chamber and giving a few hours of your time once a year is not too much to ask," Gillaspie said in the handout.

The Chamber will hold its first meet of 2013 at the Arlington Tech Center at noon Monday, Jan. 14.

• Arli-Dazzle Committee Chairperson Kim Schneider reported that the holiday festivities went over very well.

The parade, for instance, featured 96 units and attracted an estimated 4,000.

"We have already met and started debriefing the parade itself," said Schneider.

Chamber members spoke highly of the various festivities and especially the parade.

• Chamber President James Haviland made a request for the group to expend \$325 and purchase the riding lawn mower which was converted into the Chamber of Commerce Express for the parade. He further commented that the rider could also be used for other events in the

future.

Chamber members were in support of the purchase, but questioned where the Chamber would store the unit.

Gillaspie offered his garage at Steve's Copy Shop & More as a storage unit for a rental fee of \$10 per month.

After more discussion, the Chamber unanimously approved a motion to purchase the rider. Heiland, who said the Chamber should focus on business promotion before it spends more money, abstained from the vote.

The Chamber will study and explore the proposal from Gillaspie to rent his garage during the next regular meeting.

• A motion was made to pay membership dues for Haviland during 2013 in lieu of services conducted in the conjunction with the Chamber website.

Some Chamber members believed the move could backfire as other members spend just as much time working on events and projects. The motion was later withdrawn.

Haviland, last month, had declined any payment.

• There was discussion that committees should submit budget requests for discussion in the future and the committee sign up sheet should be redone.



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Winter Is Here To Stay

Winter is here to stay after approximately eight to 10 inches of snow fell on the Arlington and Green Isle area last weekend. It was

the first snowfall of the season. The schools in the Sibley East School District had a two-hour late start on Monday, Dec. 10.

News Briefs

Money cards taken from car

An individual or individuals reportedly took two Money Gram/Money Pak cards totaling \$500 out of a vehicle parked in a downtown parking lot in Arlington sometime prior to Monday, Dec. 3, according to the Sibley County Sheriff's Department.

The vehicle, which was unlocked, is owned by Timothy Feist, Arlington.

People who have any information about this incident are encouraged to contact the Arlington Police Department at 507-964-5200.

Racial harassment reported

The Arlington Police Department received a report of racial harassment on Friday, Dec. 7.

A juvenile male was allegedly using a school iPad and sending racial harassment messages to a juvenile female at her home.

Thefts reported at Sibley East

A number of theft incidents have reportedly occurred at the Sibley East Senior High School in Arlington, according to several parents.

Various items have been reportedly taken from lockers in the athletic locker rooms. According to announcements last week, students and faculty were reminded to lock their vehicles and keep valuables out of sight.

Theft of 4 traps is reported

Jeremy Otto, Arlington, reported the theft of four traps from along 190th Street in Green Isle Township, according to the Sibley County Sheriff's Department.

The traps were reportedly taken sometime between Nov. 11 and Nov. 19, according to the report. The value of the traps was estimated at \$110.

Ambulance rolls near St. Peter

An ambulance, without patients, reportedly rolled along Highway 169 north of St. Peter at 10:41 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 8, according to the Minnesota State Patrol.

Angela J. Walter, 44, Arlington, was driving an ambulance north on Highway 169 when the vehicle left the roadway and rolled.

Walter did not suffer any apparent injuries. A passenger, Joshua P. Thompson, Maplewood, did not suffer any apparent injuries either.

The ambulance sustained moderate damage. The report did not disclose the owner of the ambulance. However, city officials reported that the ambulance is not owned by the City of Arlington.

Deer strikes car on Highway 25

A car-deer accident reportedly occurred along Highway 25 around 5:58 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 3, according to the Sibley County Sheriff's Department.

Laura L. Deloach, Green Isle, was driving her 1996 Nissan westbound on Highway 25 when a deer reportedly struck the vehicle.

There were no reported injuries. The vehicle sustained moderate damage.

Holiday concert rescheduled

Christmas Around The World, featuring The Community Strings, was postponed due to inclement weather on Sunday, Dec. 9. The concert will now be held at the Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, 1407 Cedar Avenue, Glencoe at 3 p.m. and 7 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 16. The doors will open one hour prior to each show.

Admission is free. A free will offering will be taken for the local food shelf.

Local students who are involved with The Community Strings include Ella and Jens Lundstrom, Sam and Ashtyn Bullert, and Jillian and Quinn McGuire.

Post office hours are reduced

Jim Thiesfeld, officer in charge of the Hamburg Post Office, announced that two hours and 45 minutes have been cut from the post office's weekly schedule of public service hours, the Norwood Young America Times reported. The hours will be cut during the week, he added. It is all part of the national effort by the U.S. Postal Services to trim costs. The change will begin in February.

Hearing set to vacate alley

The Arlington City Council, during its regular meeting on Monday night, Dec. 3, unanimously approved a motion to call for a public hearing to consider vacating a portion of the alley behind Brau Motors.

City Council members Jim Pederson, Bob Pichelmann, Curt Reetz, Jason Ruehling and Galen Wills all voted in favor of the motion.

The public hearing will be held sometime during one of the two next regular meetings, according to City Administrator Matt Jaunich.

Birth Announcement

Devon and Bradyn Jenneke are excited to announce the birth of their little sister, Madelyn Christine Marie. Madelyn was born at the Ridgeview Medical Center in Waconia on Monday, Nov. 12. Madelyn weighed eight pounds, two ounces and measured 19.5 inches.

The parents are Brian and Missy Jenneke, Gaylord. The paternal grandparents are Rodger and Barb Jenneke, Glencoe. The maternal grandparents are Bob and Gwen Utendorfer, Arlington. The maternal great-grandpar-



Madelyn Jenneke

ents are Bud and Shirley Locher, Green Isle.



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We're Getting In The Spirit!

The Sibley County Choral Society presented "We're Getting In The Spirit" at three locations last weekend. This picture was taken at the American Lutheran Church in Gaylord on Friday night, Dec. 7. Despite inclement weather, the holiday concert was presented at the Winthrop Covenant Church on Saturday night, Dec. 8 and Our Lady of the Prairie Catholic Church in Belle Plaine on Sunday afternoon, Dec. 9. The soprano section consisted of Merry Kay Bandelin, Shannon Hruska, Melissa Pate, Cassidy Pumper, Eleta Pumper, Kelly Pumper, Sarah

Price, Carolyn Proehl and Lana Woehler. The alto section included Marissa Eckberg, Kari Evans, Carolyn Johnson, Judy Loewe, Katelyn Reid, Sally Rucks and Pauline Wiemann. The tenor section consisted of Jim Lange, Jeremy Price, Harold Rodning, Bob Schoeb, John Siewert, Candy Swenson, Michael Toth and Logan Woods. The bass section included Jay Hanson, Eric Larson, Mark Probst, Maynard Rucks, Sheldon Rucks, Tim Rohwer and Jim Witt. The group was directed by Robyn Woods and accompanied by Cathy Probst.

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see how it goes without the signal and if there are issues something else can go in there.

Mielke also reported that the state will do a traffic counting study on CSAH 9, about a mile north of Arlington, where there is an open draining ditch on the north side of the road.

What people see in the road is they actually milled in or trenched in some lube detectors. The road has black squares and criss crosses, plus a cabinet will be put up for the camera that will count traffic.

Mielke said it will automatically track data with a live feed over a cell phone connection to MnDot.

They not only can see the number of vehicles, but they can also break down the types of trucks and cars.

"MnDot has put numerous similar setups around the state the last couple of years that are producing some very good data," said Mielke. "They are trying to put them in normal situations where there is a mixture of traffic."

Once the wireless sensors are put in the road, the county could plow over it or even pave over it. Two of the multiple vendors that will be brought out have provided the sensors so far. One hole has a clear cover so the sensor can be seen.

"The study being funded by MnDot is a considerable effort they are going through over the next year or two," said Mielke. "They are basically trying to find something that will knock the current traffic counters off the map. People may be asking you why they

are running over little black circles."

MnDot also is working on a second project in Arlington involving a box culvert, with the plan to be done in 2013. Traffic will need to be detoured onto county roads at times.

Other Business

Officials from the CapX 2020 transmission line project met in the field with Mielke to determine where to move the power poles that were put in the county ditch right-of-way.

Some poles will still be in the right-of-way grass area, but out of the ditch bottom. One pole on the very west end of the mile stretch along County Road 64 will be left where the road turns north, leaving five poles to be moved between eight and 10

feet to the north. It is about as far as they can go without getting additional easements from property owners.

The board approved a Mutual Aid Agreement between Sibley County and the cities of Arlington, Belle Plaine, Buffalo Lake, Gibbon, Green Isle, Hamburg, Henderson, Lafayette, Le Sueur, New Auburn, Stewart and Winthrop for coordination of resources in the event of an emergency. Gaylord decided not to join the group.

A proposal by Midwest Playscapes of Chaska was accepted for purchase of playground equipment to be installed at High Island Creek Park at a cost of \$19,725.74. Funds come from dedicated park fees that have to be spent in this area.

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Community Calendar

Thursday, Dec. 13: Golden Age Club, Senior Citizen's Building, Four Season's Park. Noon, meeting, food and entertainment, new members welcome!

Monday, Dec. 17: Arlington City Council, council chambers, 6:30 p.m.
Sibley East School Board, room 149, Arlington Campus, 6:30 p.m.
VFW Post 6031 Veteran's Building at the fairgrounds, 8 p.m.

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THIRTY WHITE CHRISTMAS



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Arlington Industries executive officers President Lowell Nagel, Vice President Bill Pinske and Secretary/Treasurer Larry Sorenson recently delivered a release of mortgage to Wayne and Louise Quast, owners of Quast Amoco in downtown Arlington. Fifteen years ago, the couple requested Arlington Industries assistance with a new roof on their building. "This is a perfect example of Arlington Industries

tries working with small business in the Arlington area," said Sorenson. "We wanted to show Wayne and Louise our appreciation for the way they handled the payments so faithfully over the last 180 months. Front Row: (left to right) Wayne and Louise Quast. Back Row: (l to r) Lowell Nagel, Bill Pinske and Larry Sorenson.

Arlington Industries holds annual meeting

Arlington Industries met for its annual meeting on Tuesday, Nov. 13. The local, non-profit corporation reported a good year with only one of the loans in its portfolio past due at the end of the fiscal year.

Directors and officers were re-elected with Lowell Nagel as president, Bill Pinske as vice president and Larry Sorenson as secretary/treasurer.

Sorenson reviewed the year's activities with the group and reported another profitable year. Loan pay-downs have lowered the loan portfolio although it was reported that a \$22,000 loan was added after the end of the fiscal year.

The revolving loan fund is seeking additional loan applications as usual. The group suggests any small business (existing or new) looking to expand or modernize should consider checking with Arlington Industries to deter-

mine if it makes sense to include a revolving loan as part of their financing needs. The requirements include 10 percent equity position, 50 percent financing by a conventional source and up to 40 percent can be provided by Arlington Industries, up to \$25,000. Qualified borrowers can borrow more by coupling their application for the 40 percent portion of the loan with other public loan funds, if eligible.

Interested businesses or individuals can call Larry Sorenson at 964-5588 or stop by the Arlington State Bank and see Scott Sorenson or Pete Arneson, who are loan committee members of Arlington Industries.

Other Business

The group also discussed promoting Arlington area projects. It was decided to donate \$250 to the Arlington Public Library.

The group also discussed

the need for new directing members. The corporate by-laws call for 30 active directing members. Since some members have passed away and others moved away or resigned, there is room for four additional members. The group discussed inviting some of the area women who are active in local business and community activities.

A report was given by Mark Lundstrom, president of the Economic Development Authority (EDA), about the soon-to-be acquired 22 acres with rail access which will become Arlington's Industrial Park site. Comments were added by Mayor Jim Krefl, County Commissioner Bill Pinske and EDA members Larry Sorenson and Dick Thomes. This was the only site available for a reasonable price and it was felt that the best option for economic development involves rail access.

Arson is apparent cause of shed fire

By Kurt Menk
Editor

Arson is the apparent cause of a fire which destroyed an old vacant shed located in the woods northwest of the Arlington City Shop at 6:02 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 5, according to

Arlington Fire Chief John Zasko.

The shed was owned by Cemstone.

The Arlington Fire Department was on the scene for almost hours, Zasko said.

The Arlington Police De-

partment, Sibley County Sheriff's Department, McLeod County Power Cooperative and CMC Construction assisted at the scene.

The fire is currently under investigation for arson, according to Zasko.

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Wentzlaff sympathized with Glover and commented that his business, Wentzlaff Construction, would take a big hit in property taxes as well.

Bruegger also sympathized with Glover, but said the City of Green Isle is headed in the right direction. Green Isle, he said, has purchased equipment and built up reserves, both of which the city did not have a few years ago.

City Clerk Bert Panning asked what the City Council could have done different to maintain the property tax level for business owners.

Falteyssek replied that the City Council would have to reduce its budget by almost a third to keep the property tax level the same for businesses compared to last year.

Other Business

Panning updated the City Council on the delay in conjunction with the demolition of the building owned by Lee A. Eustis and Michele A. Volkenant at 130 Grove Street South in Green Isle.

M.J. Neisen Construction, Arlington, was expected to

start the demolition on Monday, Nov. 26. Owner Mike Neisen said he would not start demolition until the gas is disconnected to the building. This duty is expected to be completed Friday, Dec. 14. Neisen, according to Panning, will begin demolition after that point.

Sheldon Mathews from Mathews Sewer Systems was present and delivered his findings from televising sewer lines from three properties along Dale Circle. Two of the three sewer lines will need to be dug up in the street. He also suggested a move to televising sewer lines for two additional properties in the area. The City Council, after some discussion, voted 4-0 and approved a move to authorize Mathews Sewer Systems to televise the two additional sewer lines.

The City Council discussed a possible move to replace the locks on every door and make new keys at the Green Isle Community School at an estimated cost of \$800 to \$900. The City Council will discuss this item at the next regular meeting.

Since the next regular meeting is scheduled for Christmas Day, the City Council voted 4-0 and approved a motion to skip that meeting. In a related move, the City Council authorized Panning and Bruegger to pay any bills before the end of the year. If a special meeting is needed before the end of the year, it will be scheduled for 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 26.

With the move to skip the final meeting, it ended up being the last meeting for Bruegger who did not file for re-election as mayor.

ZumBerge said it has been a "real tough eight years" and Bruegger has handled the position and duties well.

Wentzlaff also complimented Bruegger for "an exceptional job during the past two terms."

The Green Isle City Council will hold its next regular meeting at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 8. The new City Council at that time will consist of Mayor Dale ZumBerge and City Council members Todd Burg, Shawn Harms, Brian Oelfke and Mark Wentzlaff.

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Opinions

Sibley East School Board reaches out to constituents in superintendent search

Our View: Another way to connect with the public is to appoint residents to committees

The Sibley East School Board, last month, initiated a process to hold meetings and obtain input from the general public in connection with the search for a new superintendent.

The findings will be submitted to the School Board during its next regular monthly meeting on Monday night, Dec. 17.

It was an excellent move by the School Board to give the general public an opportunity to become engaged and involved in this important hire.

Another good way for the School Board to reach out to the general public is to appoint citizens to various school committees. For whatever reason, most schools like Sibley East only appoint School Board members to various committees. The School Board could change this trend during its organizational meeting in early January.

Due to data privacy laws, there are obviously some committees that are off limits to the average citizen, but residents could be appointed to other groups like the Facilities Committee, Community Education and Early Childhood Family Education Committee, Technology Committee, Extra-Curricular Activities Committee and Transportation Committee just to name a few.

These appointments would provide citizens with an opportunity to become involved with the decision-making and recommendation process at the Sibley East Public Schools. These individuals may also find out that decisions and recommendations require a lot of efforts and are not always black and white.

The City Councils in Arlington and Green Isle, along with the Sibley County Commissioners, have appointed citizens to various committees for years. This is an idea that the School Board should at least consider at its next regular monthly meeting. Members of a public body can never have enough input and involvement from the very people who elect or re-elect them.

-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.

December 14
Corsynthia DeLeon, Shannon Eckert, Amanda Hellermann, Wyatt Huso, Ross Kellermeier, Penny Luepke and Brenda Reinert.

December 15
Haley Cameron, Jennifer Gieseke, Sandy Monahan, and Mr. and Mrs. Gene Schultz.

December 16
In Memory Of Cecelia Dietel, Mackenzie Bade, Caleb Dose, Rita Melsha and Todd Sunvold.

December 17
In Memory Of Marion Schuft, Alexander McKinnon, Mark Pauly, Marilyn Ronning, Kathryn Schumacher, Jonathan Wills, Mr. and Mrs. Duane Kistner, Mr. and Mrs. Mike McCarthy, and Mr. and Mrs. Tony Rose.

December 18
Devon Filip, Bill Pinske, Stephanie St. John, Jennifer Wolter, Mr. and Mrs. Bjorn Burnevik, and Mr. and Mrs. Mark Lieske.

December 19
Teresa Campa, Orville Leslie, Bernice Lieske, Wade Mesenbring, Bob Pieschke, Dustin Roth, Holly Swanson, and Mr. and Mrs. Kevin Smart.

December 20
Vanessa Aguilera, Avarie Duenow, Devon Jenneke, Nick Rauch, Marcus Santillana, Emily Shimota, Clarence Sickmann and Kaidra Wojtowicz.

A 16-year-old boy was getting his driver's permit, so his mother kept telling him, "Remember, when you get into your car with friends do not start driving until everyone is strapped in."

He kept on asking her to repeat it, so finally she asked him, "Why do you need it repeated so many times?"

"Don't worry" he replied, "I just love hearing the words 'your car!'"

A guy calls his doctor at 3:30 in the morning and starts screaming that his wife's appendix is inflamed.

The doctor says calmly, "I took out your wife's appendix last year! Have you ever heard of having a second appendix?"

The guy is quiet for a second and yells at the doctor, "Have you ever heard of a second wife?"

A man was speeding down the highway with his wife in the passenger seat, when a cop pulled him over.

The cop came to the man's window and said, "You were speeding sir!"

"No it can't be, I was way under the speed limit!" the man replied.

"Sir, you were doing 70 in a 50 mile per hour zone," the cop answered.

"I was not speeding!" the man protested.

At this point, his wife leaned over. "Don't bother, he always gets this stubborn when he's been drinking!"

The politician was sitting in campaign headquarters when he got the call that he won the election. He immediately picked up the phone and called his mother. "Ma" he shouted, "I won the election."

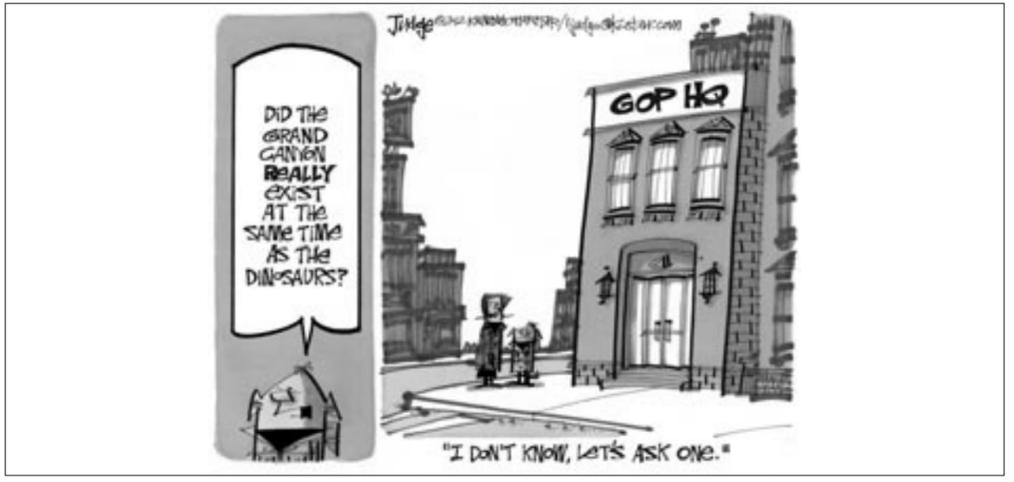
"Honestly?" she replied.

His smile faded, "Aw heck, why bring that up at a time like this!"

One night a mugger jumped into the path of a well-dressed man and stuck a gun in his ribs. "Give me your money," he demanded.

The affluent man replied, "You can't do this - I am a United States congressman!"

"In that case," replied the mugger, "give me my money."



Letters To The Editor

Gruenhagen comments on state budget forecast

To The Editor,

The new state budget forecast has some good news, showing that Minnesota has accumulated a \$2.5 billion surplus under Republican leadership.

This \$2.5 billion surplus enabled us to replenish the state's cash reserve funds by \$900 million and \$1.6 billion to repay the school shift, paying back all of the 2011 school shift and a large portion of the educational shift that occurred under the previous DFL controlled legislature in 2010.

Then why is it reported that Minnesota is facing a projected \$1.1 billion deficit in the upcoming biennium? The primary reason is that much of state government is on "auto pilot" spending increases. So the deficit is not a shortfall in current spending, it is a shortfall of a projected increase in government spending. In other words, Minnesota government is growing at a faster

rate than the private sector can grow tax revenues.

The reason we have a surplus is because Republicans reduced this projected rate of growth in government spending during the last biennium.

The DFL is already using this projected deficit as a reason to increase taxes on the "rich." The DFL is also discussing an increase in the gas tax, expanding the sales tax to include clothing and numerous other taxes.

According to published reports some in the DFL are suggesting that the state should raise an additional \$6 billion in new tax revenue for expanding government programs. This would represent more than a 20 percent growth in current state spending. This will kill private sector job growth and is unsustainable.

Keep in mind that when the federal government creates huge trillion dollar deficits with fiat money, in effect, they are already raising every-

one's taxes by devaluing the purchasing power of our dollar. This hurts the middle class and the poor the most by driving up the cost of necessary goods and services. So in addition to billions of dollars of new taxes for Obamacare and taxation by devaluing your dollar, the DFL now wants to raise tax rates and grow government by double digit rates, both at the state and Federal level. There is not one example in world history where this socialist economic model has led to long term prosperity.

I believe this will rob our children of a bright economic future and will eventually lead to economic chaos as we are witnessing in Greece. As your Representative, I will keep you informed during the upcoming session and budgeting process.

Glenn Gruenhagen
State Representative
Glencoe

Arli-Dazzle Parade was bigger, better this year

To The Editor,

We can't let the opportunity pass to thank everyone involved with the Arli-Dazzle Parade. We have heard only great things from everyone; from people near and far; from people who had seen it before and couldn't wait to see it again. It is amazing a town so small can make such a big impact.

Please remember that this parade does not happen overnight and without a great deal of work. We know there are many "behind the scenes" people involved but Regi had the

privilege to work with three amazing women, whom without their work, this parade could not have happened. These women start in August organizing and preparing for this event. They are Kim Schneider, Kathy Homme and Sue Schmidt-bauer. Their dedication to this event is incredible and they enjoy every minute of it. They can be proud of what they have done. Their patience in challenging moments never falters. The parade was "bigger and better" than last year; and because of these women and other dedicated

workers; next year will be "bigger and better" we're sure.

We would be remiss if we forgot to also thank the entries in the parade. They were amazing to say the least; without you there would be no parade.

In conclusion, if you should get a chance to volunteer next year, please think twice and say "yes." It is a very rewarding experience, as Jim and I both found out this year.

Merry Christmas to all.
Jim and Regi Ploeger
Arlington

Guest Column

Congress has a lopsided disapproval rating

By Lee Hamilton

As we move deeper into December, the question for Congress is this: Can members of the House and Senate do something to make the public feel more positive about Congress's competence, or will 2012 end on the familiar note of Americans taking an unrelievedly dim view of Congress's job performance?

According to data from a public opinion survey sponsored by the Center on Congress at Indiana University, "there's a quite decided, lopsided disapproval of Congress," said Edward G. Carmines, the Warner O. Chapman Professor and Rudy Professor of political science at Indiana University in Bloomington. "In our survey, it was 91 percent who disapprove and only 9 percent who approve.

"This is an old story about the modern Congress, but it's one that bears repeating," said Carmines. "In almost all areas, the electorate finds the Congress quite wanting. We asked them if they think Congress deals with key issues facing the country; if it keeps excessive partisanship in check; if it conducts the business of the country in a careful and deliberate way; if it holds members to high standards of ethical

conduct; if it controls the influence of special interests.

"In each of these areas, the public rates Congress quite low. We asked them to grade Congress between A and F, and in almost every one of these instances, the grade is in the D range."

When the survey was conducted earlier this fall, public awareness was just beginning to build about the "fiscal cliff" now filling the headlines.

"We didn't ask specifically about the 'fiscal cliff,' but we did ask how much compromise should be in play. And very strong majorities told us they prefer Congress to compromise to make good public policy, even in contrast to sticking to their own principles.

"If Congress were able to deal with something like the fiscal cliff in a way that showed compromise, the institution would certainly be held in higher esteem than it is now," Carmines said. "There's not much in the survey data showing that the public believes Congress can do that," he concedes. "But if Congress could compromise, they certainly would gain public support, because that's what the public's looking for."

Carmines said the public does un-

derstand that Congress "has a tough job." Those surveyed recognize "there's a wide diversity of opinion on most issues that come before Congress. But they don't think Congress works hard enough to resolve these differences."

Examining the relationship between citizens and Congress — how people learn about, interact with, and evaluate the institution and its members — has been an important focus for the Center on Congress since its founding in 1999.

The Center regularly conducts public opinion polls to gauge if Americans feel Congress is relevant to their lives and is living up to the framers' expectation that it should be the responsive "people's branch" of the federal government. Overseeing this survey work is Professor Carmines, who also is the Center's director of research.

The 2012 findings are based on a nationwide survey of 1,000 people completed in September and October by the Internet polling firm YouGov Polimetrix.

Below, Carmines offers his thoughts on other findings of the 2012 survey:

Incivility: "We asked several

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Enterprise photo by Kurt Menk

The Grace Notes Trio

The Grace Notes Trio presented "Sounds of the Season," a holiday performance for the Community Christmas gathering at Zion Lutheran Church in Arlington on Wednesday night, Dec. 5. The event, which was attended by approximately 125 people, included many Christmas classics and a few great tunes from the 1940's and 1950's.

History

88 Years Ago

December 11, 1924
Louis Kill, Editor

Our "Hasenjagers," about 30 in number, chose up sides last Sunday and went out after the wiley jack rabbit and festive cottontail. And, would you believe it, they brought back 150 rabbits when they returned, foot sore and weary, in the evening.

The members of the Arlington Concordia Band and their ladies gathered at St. Paul's Parochial School last Friday evening and indulged in their annual banquet. About 70 sat down to the festive board and enjoyed the sumptuous eats. Prof. F. W. Meyer presided as toastmaster and Rev. R. Heidmann gave a very interesting talk on his recent trip to the eastern states.

Vernon Nelson of Winthrop claims the record for the briefest ownership of a car in America. He bought a four-door sedan for the Nelson garage and drove it out of the Ford plant in Minneapolis, parked it a few blocks away and left it five minutes on an errand. He returned to find that it had disappeared.

68 Years Ago

December 7, 1944
Louis Kill, Editor

St. Brendan's Church in Green Isle was the scene of a pretty wedding on Wednesday, November 29, at 9 a.m. when Miss Alice Graupmann and Mr. William Shimota exchanged

vows. She is teaching in District 58, Sibley County. The groom is employed on his father's farm near Green Isle.

The Arlington Indians opened the 1944-45 basketball season last Friday evening with a very impressive victory over Nicolet, 64-8. Aided by their great height, the Indians were in control of both back boards throughout the game.

One hundred and ninety-nine votes were cast in Tuesday's village election and two new village officers were elected. They are Lawrence Dahl to succeed Herman Kamps as trustee and Fred Rucks to replace Otto Redman as village clerk. Leo Meyers was elected to the office of assessor and C. W. Strelbel and Mrs. F. A. Torrey were both re-elected as justices-of-the-peace.

48 Years Ago

December 10, 1964
Curtis Boeder, Editor

Mrs. Wm. Shimota returned home with their infant daughter last week from the Arlington Hospital. The new girl weighed six pounds, three ounces and joined the family circle on November 30th. This now makes six girls and five boys for the Shimotas.

Bruce Pinske of Arlington landed a 28-1/2 lb. musky while vacationing in Hayward, Wisconsin. The fish was caught in Lake Chippewa and was 45 inches in length and 21 inches in girth.

Melvin Nagel, owner of

Nagel Packing Co. in Arlington, was injured following a furnace explosion at his home Monday morning. Injuries were confined to minor burns on his face and a couple of singed eyebrows, but he was held over at the hospital for a few days as a precautionary measure.

28 Years Ago

December 13, 1984
Val Kill, Editor

Arlington, Gaylord, Winthrop and Gibbon earned more than \$5,000 in the fiscal year ending September 30 from revenues on cable services provided to area residents. Under franchise agreements between the cities involved and Dowsat of Minnesota, Inc. cable company, each city receives three percent of the gross cable revenue generated annually in that city.

The Arlington Fire Department was called out to the Harry Schneider farm, located about 4 miles south of Arlington on Highway 17, to extinguish an L.P. truck fire. The blaze, which totaled the cab, was believed to be caused by a ruptured hoseline which produced a spark. According to Arlington Fire Chief "Sarge" Meffert, there were no injuries.

Harry A. Winter, 65, a long-time area resident, died last Saturday at his home in Arlington. Mr. Winter was employed as a rural milk hauler before becoming the owner and operator of the Arlington Hardware Hank store in 1973.

Obituary

Verna Mae Wolters, 85, Arlington

Verna Mae Wolters, age 85, Arlington, died at the Good Samaritan Society - Arlington on Tuesday, Dec. 4.

A Memorial Service was held at the Arlington United Methodist Church at 11 a.m. Monday, Dec. 10. Rev. Wayne Swanson officiated.

Visitation was held at the Kolden Funeral Home from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 9 and continued one hour prior to the service at the church on Monday, Dec. 10.

Interment was at the Arlington Public Cemetery.

Verna Mae Wolters was born to Russell and Ruth (Jones) Baringer in Sharon Township, Le Sueur County, on Aug. 25, 1927. She was baptized and confirmed at the Methodist Church in Le Sueur. Verna Mae was a 1945 graduate of the Le Sueur

High School.

Verna Mae was united in marriage to Raymond Wolters at the Methodist Church in Le Sueur on Nov. 26, 1949. They farmed together in Arlington Township until 1978, when they moved into Arlington. Verna Mae was a homemaker and farmwife, and also worked at numerous other jobs including Big Stone and Green Giant.

Verna Mae was a long time member of the United Methodist Women, an avid flower gardener and member of the Arlington Garden Club, and a 4-H leader.

Verna Mae is survived by sons, Duane (Sharon) Wolters of Arlington, Donald (Lois) Wolters of Belle Plaine; daughter, Linda (LeRoy) Erickson of Belle Plaine;

grandchildren, Stacy (Jason) Neubarth, Brad (Nicole) Wolters, Heather Wolters and special friend Justin, Derek (Lexi) Wolters, Dan (Jackie) Eckblad, David (Lynnette) Eckblad, Darrell (Jessica) Eckblad, Deanna (Mike) Kolehminen, Darrin Wolters, and Barry Wolters; ten great-grandchildren; sisters, Doris (Edward) Winter of Le Sueur, and MaryAnn Baringer of St. Peter; and sister-in-law, Pat Baringer of Le Sueur.

Verna Mae was preceded in death by her husband, Raymond; two grandchildren, Douglas Eckblad and Danielle Wolters; and brother, Bert Baringer.

Kolden Funeral Home of Arlington handled the arrangements.

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questions about incivility in Congress, and the news here is not good. People see incivility as a big problem, they think it's gotten worse over the last several years, and they think it will get worse in the future, instead of getting better."

Who's to blame? "They don't believe voters contribute to this. They believe the members themselves, party leaders, the media, and political campaigns exacerbate incivility."

Influence: "The survey asked, 'What do you think is the main thing that influences what your members of Congress do in office?' The highest, 49 percent, said 'special interests.' Thirty-six percent said members are mainly influenced by their personal self-interest. Far below that, 9 percent said 'the interest of the people in their state or district,' and 5 percent 'the interest of the country as a whole.'

To the question, "Do members of Congress care about what people like you think?" 1 percent said 'most of the time' and 31 percent said

'sometimes.' A whopping 67 percent said, 'No, not very often.'"

Citizenship: "Not only do those surveyed hold Congress in low regard, but also, when we asked them to evaluate their own performance as citizens — do they follow what's going on in Congress, do they contact members on issues that concern them, do they vote in presidential and congressional elections — they also give the public pretty low marks. We haven't seen this in some of the earlier surveys we've done; those showed that average citizens felt they didn't have much responsibility for what went on in Congress."

Communication: "There's a growing recognition of the importance of social media. People believe it's important now for members of Congress to develop a good web site, to use online questions and surveys, to participate in Facebook and Twitter, to have regular e-mail contact with their constituents. It's not that they downplay the traditional — town hall meetings, and mail-

ings and so forth — but added to this is what they see as an obligation now that members of Congress be highly involved in social media and other online outreach."

Impact: "Our survey found that people continue to see Congress as a very relevant and highly consequential institution, one with a lot of effect on their daily lives. They believe that Congress and the President in almost all areas — whether you're talking about the budget, or setting the agenda, or declaring war, or anything, really, of national importance — that it's the Congress AND the President that ought to share responsibility. So, Congress is quite relevant to ordinary voters. But they also believe Congress is a dysfunctional institution."

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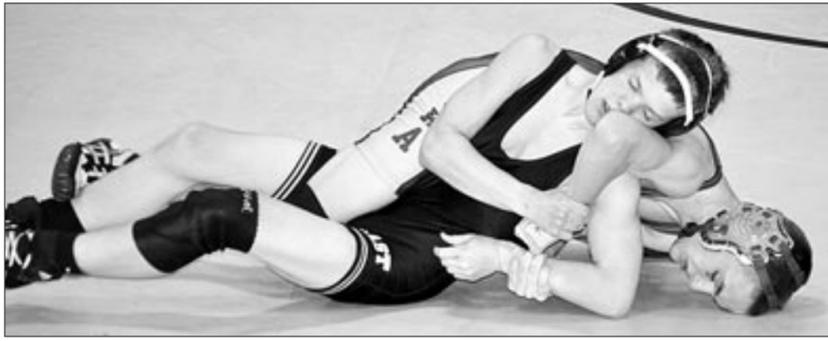


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Sports



Enterprise photos by Kurt Menk



The Sibley East varsity wrestling team defeated Chaska-Chanhassen and lost to Lake Crystal-Wellcome Memorial during a triangular meet in Arlington on Thursday evening, Dec. 6. (Top Photo) Sibley East wrestler Nathan Thomes (top) eventually lost by a major decision to Isaac Loosbrock (bottom) 14-4 in the 126-pound match. (Left Photo) Sibley East wrestler Mitch Heibel was in control early, but was eventually pinned by Logan Larson in 2:48 during the 113-pound match. It was the first home meet for the Wolverines this season. Five more meets will be hosted in Arlington yet this season.

Sibley East wrestlers earn split at triangular meet in Arlington

By Kurt Menk
Editor

The Sibley East varsity wrestling team earned a split during a triangular meet in Arlington on Thursday night, Dec. 6.

The Wolverines defeated Chaska-Chanhassen 35-23 and lost to Lake Crystal-Wellcome Memorial 38-26.

Sibley East will travel to St. Peter in non-conference action on Thursday night, Dec. 13.

The Wolverines will also compete in the Redwood River Riot on Friday, Dec. 14 and Saturday, Dec. 15.

Sibley East 35 Chaska-Chanhassen 23

106-pounds: Tanner Pasvogel (SE) was decided by Collin Olverson (CC) 5-2.

113-pounds: Mitch Heibel (SE) was pinned by Logan Larsen (CC) 2:48.

120-pounds: Frances Zuniga (SE) won by a forfeit.

126-pounds: Nathan Thomes (SE) lost by a major decision to Isaac Loosbrock (CC) 14-4.

132-pounds: Jason Meyer (SE) was decided by Trent Butcher (CC) 12-8.

138-pounds: Hunter Retzlaff (SE) won by a major de-

cision over Isaac Boyum (CC) 10-2.

145-pounds: Mitch Wentzlaff (SE) lost by a major decision to Brenden Olevson (CC) 12-0.

152-pounds: Jake Wentzlaff (SE) was decided by Zach Boyum (CC) 7-3.

160-pounds: Austin Kube (SE) decided Ethan Eiden (CC) 7-2.

170-pounds: Aaron Bates (SE) decided Ethan Loosbrock (CC) 9-6.

182-pounds: Brandon Ashton (SE) pinned Drew Larson (CC) 3:50.

195-pounds: Nolan Osborne (SE) won by a forfeit.

215-pounds: Miah DuFrane (SE) decided John Wittmen (CC) 6-2.

285-pounds: Nathan Rose (SE) won by a major decision over Reid Johnson (CC) 12-4.

LC-WM 38

Sibley East 26

106-pounds: Tanner Pasvogel (SE) decided Brandon Laborde (LC-WM) 9-6.

113-pounds: Mitch Heibel (SE) lost by a technical fall to Caleb Davis (LC-WM) 16-0.

120-pounds: Nathan Thomes (SE) was decided by Levi Marsch (LC-WM) 6-4 in overtime.

126-pounds: Elizabeth Zuniga (SE) was pinned by Jaydon Grommersch (LC-WM) 0:41.

132-pounds: Jason Meyer (SE) decided Louie Sanders (LC-WM) 6-2.

138-pounds: Hunter Retzlaff (SE) was decided by Taner Trembley (LC-WM) 3-2.

145-pounds: Mitch Wentzlaff (SE) won by a major decision over Dylan Keck (LC-WM) 17-7.

152-pounds: Jake Wentzlaff (SE) was decided by Dalton Elliot (LC-WM) 8-7.

160-pounds: Austin Kube (SE) was pinned by Ari Harnitz (LC-WM) 0:50.

170-pounds: Aaron Bates (SE) decided Corey Dovantay (LC-WM) 7-2.

182-pounds: Nolan Osborne (SE) was pinned by Shane Nelson (LC-WM) 4:46.

195-pounds: Miah DuFrane (SE) pinned Matt Johnson (LC-WM) 1:57.

220-pounds: Nathan Rose (SE) pinned Jess Gunderson (LC-WM) 1:20.

285-pounds: Clay Mogard (SE) was pinned by Nick Meixel (LC-WM) 1:42.

SE girls fall to Mayer Lutheran 44-32

By Kurt Menk
Editor

The Sibley East varsity girls basketball team fell to visiting Mayer Lutheran 44-32 in Minnesota River Conference action on Friday night, Dec. 7.

The Lady Wolverines, who fell behind 26-14 at halftime played the visitors after that point as each team scored 18 points in the second half.

Sibley East was led by sophomore McKenzie Sommers with 10 points. Junior Megan Eckberg hit for six points while senior Courtney Schwirtz and junior Jessica Garza dropped in three points apiece. Juniors Maren Miner and Kimberly Kurtzweg and sophomores Kelli Martens and Shelby Voight scored two points each while senior Jordan Thomes and freshman Alyssa Weber added one point apiece.

The Lady Wolverines, who drilled a pair of three-point-

ers, hit 11 of 37 shots overall from the field for 30 percent.

Sibley East also canned eight of 14 charity tosses for 57 percent.

The Lady Wolverines collected only 21 rebounds in the setback. Eckberg, Garza and Sommers pulled down four caroms each while sophomore Autumn Dose had three boards. Thomes and Miner added two rebounds apiece.

Garza turned in a consistent floor game with six assists and four steals. Thomes and Sommers added two thefts each.

Sommers also contributed three of Sibley East's five blocked shots in the game.

The Lady Wolverines committed 33 turnovers in the loss.

Sibley East, 0-1 in the MRC and 1-2 overall, will host Belle Plaine in conference play at 7:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 14. The Lady Wolver-

ines will also travel to Tri-City United in MRC action at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 18.

B-squad

The Sibley East B-squad girls basketball team lost to visiting Mayer Lutheran 34-28 on Friday night, Dec. 7.

It was the first loss for Sibley East this season.

Liz Thies and Shelby Voight topped the Lady Wolverines with six points each. Alyssa Weber tossed in five points while Breann Walsh, Mikayla Perschau and McKayla Stumm scored three points apiece. Katie Tuchtenhagen added two points.

Weber contributed eight rebounds and five steals while Thies collected three boards, three thefts, one assist and one blocked shot. Stumm had five caroms, two assists and one dish.

Sibley East currently has a 2-1 record overall.

Kurt's Korner

Scharping Honored

Matt Scharping, owner of Phenom Genetics in Arlington, recently received an award for an extraordinary fundraising to Jared Allen's Homes 4 Wounded Warriors.

Football Honors

The honors keep pouring in for members of the Sibley East varsity football team, according to head coach Chuck Hartman.

Seniors Tyler Bates and

juniors Ben White, Erik Danielson and Cordell Bates were recently named to the New Ulm Journal All Area Football Team.

The same four players were also recently chosen to the KDUZ/KARP Radio All Area Football Team.

Marshall Bjorklund

The men's basketball team at North Dakota State University lost to the Minnesota Gophers 70-57 at Williams Arena

in Minneapolis on Tuesday night, Dec. 11.

Former Sibley East standout Marshall Bjorklund, a junior post player at NDSU, scored 12 points and pulled down six rebounds in the loss.

Bjorklund put up those numbers enough though he sat a good portion of the second half due to foul trouble.

He is the son of Dale and Tracie Bjorklund, rural St. Peter.

SE boys fall to Howard Lake, rebound with win over G-F-W

By Kurt Menk
Editor

The Sibley East varsity boys basketball team, under the direction of head coach Mike Feterl, opened its season with a loss and a win in non-conference play last week.

The Wolverines, 1-1 overall, will host Mayer Lutheran in Minnesota River Conference action at 7:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 14. Sibley East will also host Nicollet in non-conference play at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 18.

Howard Lake 68 Sibley East 66

The Sibley East varsity boys basketball team struggled early in its season opener and lost to visiting Howard Lake-Waverly-Winsted 68-66 in non-conference action on Tuesday night, Dec. 4.

The Wolverines, who fell behind 33-24 at halftime, outscored the visitors by seven points in the second half, but lost by a bucket.

Senior Sam Harrison scored 21 points in the second half and finished with 25 points. Senior Tyler Bates and junior Brody Rodning also hit double digits with 12 and 11 points respectively. Seniors Max Grabow and Steven Haefs hit for six points each while senior Logan Highland and sopho-

more Zac Weber tallied three points each.

No team or individual statistics were available from this game.

Sibley East 74 G-F-W 47

The visiting Sibley East varsity boys basketball team rebounded with a 74-47 victory over G-F-W in non-conference action on Friday night, Dec. 7.

Senior Max Grabow paced four Sibley East players in double figures with 17 points. Senior Tyler Bates hooped 16 points while senior Sam Harrison and junior Brody Rodning hit for 11 points apiece. Seniors Logan Highland and Tyler Kratzke pumped in six points each while senior Nick Bruss, junior Nick Haupt and sophomore Zac Weber added two points apiece.

The Wolverines hit 24 of 53 shots from two-point range for 45 percent and six of 20 attempts from beyond the three-point line for 30 percent. The winners also sank eight of 14 free throw attempts for 57 percent.

Sibley East also grabbed 13 offensive caroms and 28 defensive rebounds in the contest. Tyler Bates collected a dozen boards while Grabow snared 10 rebounds. Harrison and Rodning pulled down four caroms each.

Rodning also dished out eight assists while Haefs and Harrison recorded four and three dishes respectively.

Tyler Bates also grabbed three steals while Grabow and Weber added two thefts apiece.

The Wolverines committed only four turnovers in the victory.

B-squad

The Sibley East B-squad boys basketball team, under the direction of coach Todd Iverson, opened its season with a pair of wins last week.

The Wolverines first defeated visiting Howard Lake-Waverly-Winsted 53-46 on Tuesday night, Dec. 4.

Andrew Bullert sparked the winners with 13 points while Jordan Petzel scored nine points. Julius Asmussen and Zachary Garza pumped in eight and seven points respectively. Darin Neisen and Lukas Bullert added two points each.

Visiting Sibley East also defeated G-F-W 59-47 on Friday evening, Dec. 7.

Petzel sparked a balanced scoring attack with 15 points while Garza and Neisen netted 11 points apiece. Andrew Bullert tossed in nine points while Weber hooped seven points. Lukas Bullert and Julius Asmussen added four and two points respectively.

DNR to update state list of threatened, endangered, special concern species

A state list first established nearly 30 years ago to highlight plants and animals at risk of disappearing from Minnesota's landscape is about to get updated, and the public is invited to comment on the proposed changes, the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (DNR) announced today.

The DNR is proposing to remove 15 plants and 14 animals from Minnesota's list of endangered, threatened and special concern species, while adding 67 animals and 114 plants to the list. Overall, the changes will affect 302 species.

"The ultimate goal of putting a plant or animal on the list isn't to put up walls around it; it's to find ways to get it back off the list," said Rich Baker, DNR endangered species coordinator. "There are plenty examples of that happening. It doesn't have to come at the expense of economic growth and prosperity."

Many of the proposed changes arise out of new information compiled from field surveys and other sources. At the same time, some types of habitat have

become increasingly rare, further jeopardizing certain kinds of plants and animals.

"Each of these organisms plays a functional role in a healthy natural system," Baker said. "Preserving an endangered species isn't just about that individual species, it's about maintaining the entire ecosystems and habitats in which the species live, and making sure that those ecosystems can continue to function and provide us with their many benefits."

Minnesota's endangered species law prohibits the taking or possession of endangered and threatened species except in certain situations. If a proposed project cannot avoid a protected species, the state can issue a "taking permit" that is combined with mitigation, such as funding for research or acquisition of other sites to protect the species. Over the past decade, DNR has received 23 applications for development-related taking permits and has issued all but one.

Minnesota's threatened and endangered species law was passed in 1971, with subsequent revisions in 1974 and 1981. The law recognizes the

value of the state's rich natural heritage by affording special protections to plants and animals at risk of extinction within the state.

State law requires the DNR to create and periodically update this list. It was last officially updated in 1996.

As part of the process, five public hearings will be held before an administrative law judge to provide opportunities for public comment on the proposal. All hearings begin at 6 p.m.

In the Arlington and Green Isle area, a public hearing will be held at the New Ulm Community Center on Wednesday, Jan. 30, 2013.

People wishing to comment on proposed changes to the list may present testimony at these hearings. Written comments also may be submitted to the Office of Administrative Hearings, 600 N. Robert St., St. Paul, MN 55164-0620; or by email to rulecomments@state.mn.us.

More information on the state list of endangered, threatened and special concern species, including proposed changes and how to comment on them, can be found on the DNR's website.





Submitted Photo

10-Point Buck

Dawson and Davis Wibstad helped their Dad, Clint Wibstad, harvest this 10-point buck on Grandpa Scheer's land north of Brainerd.

Carbon monoxide exposure incidents increase 10% during winter months

Carbon monoxide (CO) incidents increase by more than 10 percent during the winter months and is often called the silent killer. CO is a colorless, odorless, tasteless gas and when inhaled, it enters the blood stream preventing proper absorption of oxygen, which can lead to illness and even death.

According to the National Fire Incident Reporting System, municipal fire departments across the country respond to more than 60,000 CO incidents each year.

"Typically, CO is created when fuels such as gasoline, wood, coal, natural gas, propane, oil or methane don't burn completely," said Tim Boettcher, master service technician for CenterPoint Energy's Home Service Plus. "Home heating and cooking equipment that burn fuel inadequately can be sources of carbon monoxide."

"According to the Minnesota Poison Control Center, there are thousands of deaths each year as a result of carbon monoxide, making it the leading cause of death due to poisoning," said Perry Ebner, Minneapolis Fire Marshall. "Additionally, our response to non-fire related CO incidents increase by 10 percent during the winter, so the time

for prevention is now." CenterPoint Energy together with the Minneapolis Fire Department reminds the public of important safety tips about how to recognize the symptoms of and avoid CO exposure:

- Physical symptoms of CO exposure can resemble the flu causing headaches, nausea, fatigue, confusion and dizziness that disappear when a person breathes fresh air.

- Unusually high indoor humidity with persistent heavy condensation on walls and windows and soot or water collecting near a burner or vent

- Stuffy or stale indoor air.

If you suspect CO exposure, leave the area immediately taking your pets with you and tell others to do the same. Once you are safely away from the area, call 911 to report the suspected CO incident.

Treatment for CO exposure is fresh air or oxygen. Severe exposure requires medical attention. Do not return to your home or building until the source of the problem is discovered and corrected.

For more information about natural gas safety, visit www.centerpointenergy.com/besafe or call 612-372-4727 or 1-800-245-2377.

Despite snow, snowmobile trails not ready for riding

Despite the recent snowfall throughout much of northern Minnesota, snowmobile trails are not yet ready for riding, according to the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (DNR).

Minnesota's snowmobile trails officially open Dec. 1; however, several conditions must be met before trails are open and ready for travel:

The ground must be frozen to allow for crossing of wet areas.

Adequate snow cover – about 12 inches – must be on the ground to allow for trail packing and grooming.

Landowner permits that allow trails on private land must be in place.

Trails must be cleared of dead falls, signs must be in place and gates must be opened; snowmobile clubs volunteers and DNR staff are currently working on these tasks.

"Although we have had a few cold days and many northern Minnesota lakes are forming ice, the ice is not yet thick enough on most lakes to support foot travel or snowmobiles," noted Bob Moore, Grand Rapids area supervisor. "Ice thickness can vary greatly from one lake to another, and from different areas of the same lake."

The DNR recommends a minimum of 5 inches of new clear ice for snowmobiles.

Snowmobile clubs and trails crews are preparing trails, but it could be a few weeks before those trails are ready. Work in many wet or swampy areas cannot begin until those areas freeze.

Many snowmobile trails cross private land. Landowners give permission for snowmobile use on the trails be-

ginning Dec. 1. That permission is only for snowmobile use. Other uses are trespasses.

When the trails open, the DNR urges early season riders to use caution. Early season trails may have fallen trees or other debris across the trails, unfrozen areas, rocks or ruts, or standing crops and closed gates. Also, road ditches have obstacles to watch for under grass and snow, such as culverts, signposts and rocks.

Minnesota has more than 22,000 miles of groomed snowmobile trails; more than 21,000 miles of them are maintained by local snowmobile club volunteers. Maintenance costs are partially funded through snowmobile registrations, trail pass sales, and the unrefunded gas tax attributed to snowmobile use. Donations and volunteer work by trail clubs make up the remainder of the costs and efforts to operate these trails.

Trail users are encouraged to call in advance or research online to get local conditions for the area they plan to ride. State trail conditions are posted each Thursday on the DNR website.

Trail information and local contacts are on the same website and on the back of the Minnesota DNR Snowmobile Trails quadrant maps. The maps are also available online.

Local trail conditions are often posted online by local tourism associations, chambers of commerce and volunteer snowmobile clubs. To find the nearest club, visit the Minnesota United Snowmobilers' Association website.

Snow does not mean safe ice

With the recent snowfall and cold weather, the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (DNR) is reminding everyone, the ice in many parts of the state is still not thick enough for most recreational activities.

"We know people want to get out and enjoy the snow, but they shouldn't put themselves or anyone else in danger by going out on the ice," said Capt. Greg Salo, DNR Regional Enforcement supervisor.

Currently, layers of snow are insulating already brittle ice making it even more dangerous.

"The ice was not safe before Sunday's snow and

now it's going to take even longer for it to become thick enough for travel," said Salo.

Snowmobilers need to be extremely cautious, Salo said, because riders might not realize several trails take them over ponds, wetlands and lakes.

Last winter, four people died after falling through thin ice.

DNR clear ice thickness recommendations are:

- 4 inches for walking.
- 5 inches for a snowmobile or ATV.
- 8-12 inches for a car.
- 12-15 inches for a medium-sized truck.

More information is available on DNR website.

Legals

GREEN ISLE TOWNSHIP

Residents are advised that when clearing snow it is unlawful to deposit it on the Township road, or right-of-way, as it may interfere with plowing the roads. Any snow so deposited, which must be removed, will be removed at the expense of the property owner.

Norman W. Schauer
Green Isle Township Clerk
Publish: December 13, 2012

GREEN ISLE TOWNSHIP Filing Notice

Notice is hereby given to residents of Green Isle Township that the filing for candidates for the Annual Election, March 12th, 2013, will open January 1st at 8:00 a.m., and close January 15th at 5:00 p.m.

The following offices are up for election:

One Supervisor - Three Year Term

One Treasurer - Two Year Term

Interested residents may file an Affidavit for Candidacy with the Township Clerk and pay the \$2.00 filing fee at his residence: 37971 190th Street, Green Isle, by appointment.

Call at either 507-326-7721 or 952-297-4677

Norman W. Schauer
Green Isle Township Clerk
Publish: December 13 and 20, 2012

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING FOR PENDING ASSESSMENTS

The City of Arlington will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, December 17th at 6:30 pm or soon thereafter in the Council Chambers at the Arlington Community Center, 204 Shamrock Drive, Arlington, MN for the purpose of assessing delinquent water, sewer, electric, fire, ambulance bills; building permits; variances or conditional use permits; and city maintenance service costs to the property owner's taxes payable in the year 2013.

The property owners have been sent notices and will be given until Monday, December 17th at 12:00 pm to pay their delinquent bill(s). Any bill not paid in full will be assessed against your property taxes for 2013.

Matthew Jaunich
City Administrator
Publish: December 13

SIBLEY EAST PUBLIC SCHOOLS SPECIAL SCHOOL BOARD MINUTES INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 2310 ARLINGTON GAYLORD GREEN ISLE

ARLINGTON CAMPUS
MONDAY, October 15, 2012
Following the Salute to the Flag, the meeting was called to order at 6:30 P.M.

Members present: Brian Asmus, Brian Brandt, Scott Dose, Beth DuFrane, Anne Karl and Dan Woehler.

Absent: None

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:
Moved by Asmus and second by Dose to approve the board agenda.

Motion approved by unanimous vote.

VISITOR/GUEST COMMENTS:

Scott Trebelhorn from Trebelhorns & Assoc. of Winthrop, spoke in regards to the fuel bid that his company was recently awarded through the district bidding process. Mr. Trebelhorn indicated that when Trebelhorn and

Assoc. submitted the bid they thought it was based on a rack plus bid and not on a fixed rate bid. He asked that the school board take into consideration what he considered a unilateral mistake by the bidder due to clarification. Mr. Anthony Nerud, School District Attorney stated that the bid was a valid binding contract and it was his recommendation, based on discussions with Steve Knutson, Attorney with Knutson & Flynn, that the bid was firm and should remain as is under what would be considered a legal application of the law. Mr. Nerud noted that the school board could determine to provide equitable relief to the bidder for their unilateral mistake of fact by rebidding the fuel contract. After further discussion, Interim Superintendent Langenbrunner was asked to obtain bidding information from the past 3-4 years for school board to review at their next regular school board meeting.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Minutes from the September 17, 2012, Regular School Board meeting were approved.

Bills and payments totaling \$1,131,324.21 for October 2012 were approved for payment.

Approve the hiring of Brenda Danielson, Long Term Substitute. Compensation would be in accordance with the Master Agreement.

Approved the fundraising requests submitted by Jeff Eppen, FFA fruit sale and Doug Flieth, girls basketball letter mail-a-thon.

Motion by Brandt and seconded by Woehler approving the consent agenda. Motion was approved by unanimous vote.

OLD/UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Motion by Dose and seconded by Brandt approving modifications to Project 21 Handbook. Motion was approved by unanimous vote.

NEW/OTHER BUSINESS:

Vicki Stock, Director of Sibley County Public Health & Human Services, Barb Bertrand, Sibley County Children's Collaborative and Jamie Rieser, Clinical Supervisor Family Facilitator Program shared information relating to the Family Facilitator Program.

Motion by Brandt and seconded by Woehler approving the Annual Assurance of Compliance Report. Motion was approved by unanimous vote.

Motion by Brandt and seconded by Asmus to change the regular November School Board meeting date from Monday, November 12 to Tuesday, November 13, due to Veterans Day Observance. Motion was approved by unanimous vote.

Motion by Asmus and seconded by DuFrane accepting the financial donation of \$434.10 from the Gaylord Game Protective League to the Sibley East School Patrol and \$400 from the Nicollet/Sibley County Corn Growers to the Junior High FAC Program. Motion was approved by unanimous vote.

Motion by Brandt and seconded by DuFrane approving Resolution of School Board Supporting MSHSL Foundation for a Form A Grant, Motion was approved by unanimous vote.

Superintendent Langenbrunner reviewed the Superintendent Search and Timeline process to be implemented by the South Central Service Cooperative.

The regular board meeting was adjourned at 7:56 P.M.

Anne Karl, Chairperson
Scott Dose, Clerk
Publish: December 13, 2012



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Field Trip To Minneapolis Sculpture Garden and Walker Arts Center

Sibley East students in Annie Kreger's art classes and Mike Feterl's photoshop classes recently went on a field trip to the Minneapolis Sculpture Garden and the Walker Arts Center in Minneapolis. The students were able to view a variety of both 2D and 3D work and had their eyes opened to the world of contemporary art. Students attending were in grades 10-12.

Mn/DOT reminds motorists to use their winter driving skills

The Minnesota Department of Transportation reminds motorists to use their winter driving skills this season.

Motorists should remember to:

- Check road conditions – Go to www.511mn.org or call 511.
- Be patient – Remember

snowplows are working to improve road conditions for your trip.

- Stay back - At least five car lengths behind the plow, far from the snow cloud; snowplow operators will pull over when it is safe to do so to allow traffic build-up to pass.

- Stay alert – Snowplows turn or exit frequently and often with little warning; they may also travel over center-lines or partially in traffic to further improve road conditions.

- Slow down – Snowplows typically move at slower speeds.

Watersheds offering free calendars

The High Island Creek and Rush River watersheds are offering free watershed calendars to interested people.

The calendars are comprised of pictures from local residents who submitted photos for the joint watershed photo contest. Pictures were requested that depicted local scenic beauty, wildlife, watershed ecology, and historical locations. These calendars also include watershed related information and facts. Please limit one per household.

To reserve your copy, contact Brady Swanson at 507-237-4050 or bradys@co.sibley.mn.us.

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Glencoe man arrested following break-in

A 25-year-old Glencoe man was recently arrested following a report of a vehicle break-in along the 400 block of James Street Northwest in Hutchinson on Thursday, Dec. 6, according to the *Hutchinson Leader*.

A witness called the Hutchinson Police Department about 5:22 a.m. and reported that someone was

breaking into the vehicle and had stolen a wallet. Police soon found a man matching the description given by the witness.

Scott Brian Wingate was arrested. When he was searched, police allegedly discovered a white crystalline substance believed to be methamphetamine. He was booked at the police station

and taken to the McLeod County Jail in Glencoe.

Wingate has been charged by the McLeod County Attorney's Office with one fifth-degree count of possession of a controlled substance — methamphetamine, a felony, one felony count of possession of burglary tools, and misdemeanor count of theft.



Submitted Photo

Holiday Open House

Rural Arlington resident Curt Boeder, right, will display his collection of 30-plus Two-Cylinder Expo Toys during a Good Samaritan Holiday Open House at Fairview Assisting Living from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 13. Expo Toys have been produced annually by the Two-Cylinder Club for the past 22 years. Fea-

tured each year are rare or special low production units for potato, celery and other farm tractors. Also included are a few specialty selected industrial tractors. Theresa Bjorklund, Fairview Housing Manager and Campus Marketing Director, is pictured on the left.

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- Linda Meyer

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REQUEST FOR BIDS

The City of Arlington is receiving sealed bids for the remodeling of its City Services/Tech Center Building at 312 West Alden Street. The work will consist of a complete internal remodeling of the building (including windows and doors and lighting) so the building can be converted into a Public Safety Center. The bids should be in a lump sum (not-to-exceed) amount, and should include individual prices for the various sections listed in the "scope of work." Specifications and plans, along with a "scope of work" for the project are on file at City Hall or can be viewed on the City's website at www.arlingtonmn.com. There will be a public walkthrough of the building for those interested in bidding on the work on Thursday, December 13 from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Bidders who have not conducted a walkthrough of the building will not be considered.

The City Council of Arlington will receive sealed bids that follow the specifications listed until 11:00 a.m. on Wednesday, January 2, 2013. Sealed bids should be labeled as "City Services Building Remodel" and should be sent to: City of Arlington, Attn: City Administrator, 204 Shamrock Drive, Arlington, MN 55307. All bids must be signed by the individual and should include a proof of license and liability insurance. Bidders should be able to start work within thirty (30) days after award of Contract. All bids shall become property of the City. The City reserves the right to accept or reject any and/or all bids, and to award the bid to the vendor that is the most responsible bidder and is in the best interest of the City. Bids will be opened and read aloud at 11:00 a.m. on Wednesday, January 2, 2013 in the Council Chambers at the Community Center, 204 Shamrock Drive. Questions? Contact City Hall at (507) 964-2378.

HARK!
The Arlington Enterprise has an early deadline

Due to the holidays, ads for the **Dec. 27** Arlington Enterprise are needed by **Noon on THURSDAY, DEC. 20.**

Ads for the **Jan. 3** Arlington Enterprise are needed by **Noon on THURSDAY, DEC. 27.**

All offices will be closing at **2 p.m. on Dec. 24** and closed **Dec. 25th & Jan. 1.**

Thank you for your cooperation.

Church News

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Fr. Sam Perez

Thursday: Weekly Mass at 5:00 p.m.

ST. MARY, MICHAEL AND BRENDAN AREA FAITH COMMUNITY

Fr. Keith Salisbury, Pastor
Friday, December 14: 8:30 a.m. Mass (Mar). 5:30 p.m. Mass (Bre).

Saturday, December 15: 5:00 p.m. Mass (Mar).

Sunday, December 16: 7:30 a.m. Mass (Bre). 9:00 a.m. 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 class, pre-K/K/1st grade (Mic). 10:30 a.m. Mass (Mar). 11:15 a.m. Elementary religious education Christmas program (Mar). 1:00 pm. Penance service (Mic).

Monday, December 17: 8:30 a.m. Mass (Bre); Word and Communion (Mar). 8:00 p.m. AA and AlaNon (Mar).

Tuesday, December 18: 8:30 a.m. Mass (Bre and Mar). 7:30 p.m. St. Arthur's KC meeting.

Wednesday, December 19: No Jr./Sr. high religious education (Mar). 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 p.m. Prayer service and Christmas party for Jr./Sr. high religious education (Mic).

Thursday, December 20: 7:30 a.m. Mass (Mar). 8:30 a.m. Mass (Bre and Mic). 9:00 a.m. Scripture study (Srs. residence in Gaylord). 6:00 p.m. Private Confessions (Mar). 7:30 p.m. Narcotics Anonymous (Mic).

ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN (Missouri Synod), Arlington
Pastor William Postel
Phone 507-964-2400

Sunday, December 16: 9:00 a.m. Bible class. 10:00 a.m. Worship. Potluck dinner sponsored by Ladies Aid.

Wednesday, December 19: 6:00 p.m. Advent supper. 7:00 p.m. Advent worship.

Thursday, December 20: 5:30 p.m. Deadline for bulletin and calendar information.

ST. PAUL'S EV. REFORMED CHURCH
15470 Co. Rd. 31, Hamburg
Dan Schnabel, Pastor
952-467-3878

www.stpaulsreformed.org

Sunday, December 16: 8:30 a.m. Sunday school and adult Bible study. 9:30 a.m. Worship service. Choir practice after worship.

Tuesday, December 18: 7:30 p.m. Men's Brotherhood.

Wednesday, December 19: 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. Catechism class.

ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN Green Isle

Friday, December 14: 10:00 a.m. Deadline for Sunday bulletin.

Saturday, December 15: 10:00 to 11:30 a.m. St. Paul's and Zion's Sunday school Christmas practice at St. Paul's.

Sunday, December 16: 7:45 a.m. Worship without Communion. Pastor Bob Hines. 9:00 a.m. Sunday school. 2:00 p.m. Joint St. Paul's and Zion's children's Christmas program.

Tuesday, December 18: 8:00 p.m. Joint Elders' meeting at St. Paul's.

Wednesday, December 19: 3:45 p.m. Confirmation at Peace Lutheran, Arlington. 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Wednesday school for grade 1 to 5 at St. Paul's. 8:00 p.m. Joint choir practice at St. Paul's.

Thursday, December 20: Private Communion. 6:00 p.m. Deadline for January activities calendar.

EVANGELICAL COVENANT CHURCH
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Pastor Kyle Kachelmeier
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www.wincov.org

Sunday, December 16: 9:30 a.m. Worship. 10:45 a.m. Sunday school. 5:00 p.m. Sunday school Christmas program.

Wednesday, December 19: 9:00 a.m. Prayer coffee. No AWANA. 7:30 to 9:00 p.m. Senior high youth group.

Thursday, December 20: 9:30 a.m. Women's Bible study. 6:00 p.m. MOPS.

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Sunday, December 16: 10:00 a.m. Worship. 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Children's Christmas program practice. Light lunch provided. 7:00 p.m. Youth Fellowship Christmas Extravaganza!

Wednesday, December 19: 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. Children's Christmas program practice. 7:00 p.m. HS faith group.

PEACE LUTHERAN (Missouri Synod), Arlington
Kurt Lehmkuhl, Pastor

Sunday, December 16: 8:10 a.m. Sunday school. 9:15 a.m. Worship service with Holy Communion.

Monday, December 17: 11:30 a.m. "Feeding of the 500 Club."

Wednesday, December 19: 3:45 p.m. Catechism. 5:00 p.m. Junior bell choir.

Thursday, December 20: 7:30 p.m. Church Council meeting.

ZION LUTHERAN 814 W. Brooks St. Arlington - (507) 964-5454

James Carlson, Pastor

Sunday, December 16: 8:00 a.m. Choir. 9:00 a.m. Worship. 10:00 a.m. Sunday school and fellowship. 4:00 p.m. Youth group caroling and potluck.

Tuesday, December 18: 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. TOPS in church basement.

Wednesday, December 19: 3:45 p.m. 7th and 9th grade confirmation. 4:30 p.m. 8th grade confirmation.

Thursday, December 20: 9:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. Zion service on cable.

ZION LUTHERAN Green Isle Township

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TRINITY LUTHERAN 32234 431st Ave., Gaylord
Vicar John Gabrielson, Interim Pastor

Sunday, December 16: 9:30 a.m. Sunday school. 9:45 a.m. Fellowship. 10:30 a.m. Worship.

Wednesday, December 19: 6:00 p.m. Dinner. 7:00 p.m. Wednesday Advent service at St. Paul's.

CREEKSIDE COMMUNITY CHURCH Christian & Missionary Alliance

Ben Lane, Pastor
114 Shamrock Drive
Arlington - 507-964-2872
www.creekside-church.com
email: creeksidecc@mediacombb.net

Thursday, December 13: 1:00 or 7:00 p.m. Women's study of "David." 6:30 p.m. men's Bible study of "Second Timothy" at Dave Gustafson's home.

Saturday, December 15: 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. HTM mobile food shelf - no income requirements.

Sunday, December 16: 10:00 a.m. Prayer. 10:30 a.m. Worship service.

Tuesday, December 18: 5:30 p.m. Elders' meeting at Mike Woods.

Wednesday, December 19: 7:00 p.m. REACH youth group at the Shogren's.

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UNITED METHODIST Arlington

Wayne Swanson, Pastor

www.arlingtonunitedmethodist.org

Saturday, December 15: 8:00 a.m. A-Men men's group.

Sunday, December 16: 9:00 and 11:00 a.m. Worship. 10:10 a.m. Sunday school.

Tuesday, December 18: 6:30 p.m. SPPRC. 7:30 p.m. Ad. Council.

Wednesday, December 19: 7:00 p.m. Search and Rescue study; choir. 8:00 p.m. Worship.

Thursday, December 20: 10:00 a.m., 2:00 and 7:00 p.m. Worship on cable TV. 1:00 and 7:00 p.m. Women's Bible study.

ST. PAUL LUTHERAN (WELS), Arlington

Bruce Hannemann, Pastor

WEBSITE:

www.stpaularlington.com

EMAIL:

Bruce.Hannemann@stpaularlington.com

Saturday, December 15: 9:00 to 10:30 a.m. Children's Christmas service practice.

Sunday, December 16: 8:45 a.m. Sunday school. 9:00 a.m. Family Bible study. 10:00 a.m. Worship. Devotion book door offering. CES bake sale.

Monday, December 17: Food taken to food shelves.

Tuesday, December 18: 10:00 a.m. Good Samaritan service with Communion. 3:45 p.m. Basketball home vs. St. Peter A-team. 7:00 p.m. Daily Bible readers.

Wednesday, December 19: 2:00 p.m. Bible study. 3:45 p.m. Public school confirmation class. 5:30 p.m. Advent supper. 7:00 p.m. Advent service. 8:00 p.m. Choir practice

Thursday, December 20: 10:00 a.m. Calendar and bulletin information due. 11:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. Service on cable TV, channel 8.

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Friday, December 14: 7:00 p.m. Duca home Bible study, Farmington - welcome. Leave church at 5:45 p.m. Call 507-237-5117.

Sunday, December 16: 9:00 a.m. Sunday school. 10:00 a.m. Sunday worship service.

Wednesday, December 19: 6:30 p.m. Wednesday evening Bible classes and Youth Focused Christmas supper and party.



Enterprise photo by Kurt Menk

Green Isle resident Alex Meeker recently completed his Eagle Scout Project near the entrance to the cemetery at St. Brendan's Catholic Church in Green Isle.

Meeker completes Eagle Scout Project

By Kurt Menk
Editor

Alex Meeker, a member of Boy Scout Troop #370 in Belle Plaine, recently completed his Eagle Scout Project in Green Isle.

His Eagle Scout Project is a monument to the unborn child or for those people who have had a child die prematurely. The monument is located near the entrance of the cemetery at St. Brendan's Catholic Church in Green Isle.

The engraving on the stone reads: "In the arms of Jesus your child will stay, until you're united in Heaven

someday. Held close to him your child will be, loved for all eternity. Dedicated to the Sanctity of Life."

The granite stone was donated by Waconia resident Dan Steinhagen. The cost of the stone if it had to be purchased would be over \$2,000.

The cost of the project was \$3,167 which included the brick for pillars, stone for landscaping, engraving of the stone which was over \$1,000, labor for masonry work, plants and wood chips. St. Brendan's Council of Catholic Women (CCW) paid for the costs of the monument.

Over 150 hours were donated by scouts in Meeker's troop along with friends and family.

Meeker, a Green Isle resident who attends Central High School in Norwood Young America, has been in scouting for 12 years and has earned 33 merit badges. He is a brotherhood member of the Scout's Order of the Arrow Association. He recently submitted his paperwork for the Eagle Scout Award.

He is the son of Todd and Connie Meeker, Green Isle, and the grandson of Arlene (Meyers) Marek, Arlington.

Local food shelf available at Creekside Community Church

The food shelf at the Creekside Community Church in Arlington is available on the third Saturday of the month and is open to all people in need. There are no income requirements.

The Creekside Community Church has now hosted a food shelf for one year and has served 30 families regularly and thousands of pounds of food each month.

The church is located at 114 Shamrock Drive in Ar-

lington.

For more information, contact Pastor Ben Lane or Stacy Lane at the Creekside Community Church at 507-964-2872.



St. Brendan's Catholic Church

Green Isle

Pastor Keith Salisbury

Mass: Sunday 7:30 a.m.

Mass: Wednesday 8:30 a.m.

Blessings

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Menus

SENIOR DINING
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Monday: Cranberry glazed chicken, baked potato, California blend vegetables, bread with margarine, fruit cocktail, low fat milk.

Tuesday: Hamburger tomato casserole, green beans, mandarin orange whip, bread with margarine, cookie, low fat milk.
Wednesday: Vegetable beef soup, turkey sandwich, pineapple, crackers with margarine, bar, low fat milk.

Thursday: Glazed ham, au-gratin potatoes, vegetable blend, dinner roll with margarine, cheesecake, milk.
Friday: Salisbury steak, parsleyed whole potatoes, squash, bread with margarine, blushing pears, low fat milk.

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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: Cereal, seeds, fruit cup, milk.
Tuesday: Frudel, juice, milk.
Wednesday: Bug bites, cheese stick, juice, milk.
Thursday: Mini cinnis, juice, milk.
Friday: Muffin, seeds, juice, milk.

SIBLEY EAST SCHOOL MENU
Arlington

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: Tomato soup, toasted cheese sandwich, pickles, vegetable stix, fruit.

Tuesday: Hot dog with whole grain bun, hash brown potatoes, brown beans, fruit.

Wednesday: Mexican haystack, rice, salsa, lettuce, tomato, onion, green pepper, fruit.

Thursday: Shrimp poppers, cheesy potatoes, veggies, dip, fruit.

Friday: Pizza, green beans, romaine lettuce, fruit.

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: Mexican haystack, tomatoes, lettuce, refried beans, corn, applesauce.

Tuesday: Tomato soup, toasted cheese sandwich, vegetable stix, green beans, peach slices.

Wednesday: Pork and gravy, mashed potatoes, broccoli, fruit choice.

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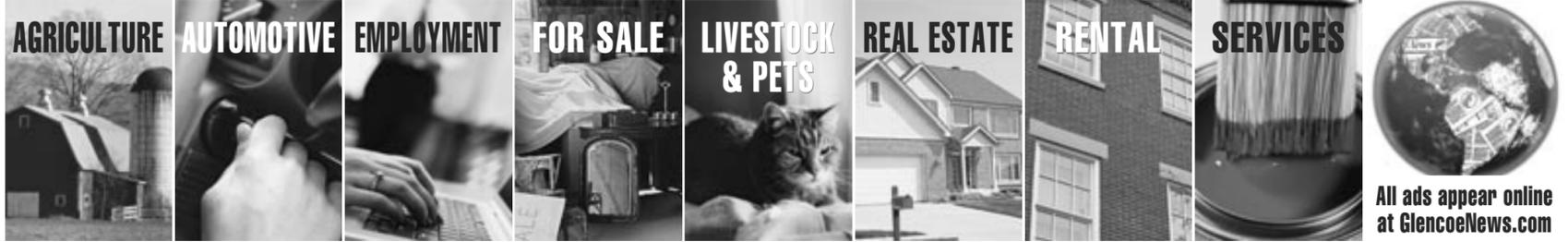
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