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Hacker appointed new Sibley County assessor

By Amy Newsom Correspondent

The Sibley County Board, at its regular meeting on Wednesday, Dec. 9, passed resolution #2015-40 and appointed Laura Hacker as Sibley County assessor effective Monday, Dec. 21.

Hacker will replace Cal Roberts who retires this month and has been the countv assessor since 1975.

Hacker was the only person

county assessor. Her qualifications meet the county's minimum qualifications and the state requirements.

In other business, Board Chairperson Bill Pinske requested that the Sibley County Board write a letter to Representative Glenn Gruenhagen and Senator Scott Newman and recommend that the state surplus be used for County Program Aid and

Sibley County has lost a lot of County Program Aid over the years and that aid is used to fund services that are mandated by the State of Minnesota, such as human servic-

es, public safety, and transportation.

The County Board will hold its next regular meeting at 9 a.m. Tuesday, Dec. 22.



Enterprise photo by Kurt Menk

Green Isle Santa Day

Kailey Panning, 6, visited with Santa Claus in Green Isle on Saturday morning, Dec. 12. She is the daughter of Darrek and Lisa Panning, Green Isle. She is also the granddaughter of Stanley and Mary Ann Panning, Green Isle, and Fran Refshaw, Mesa, Ariz. Children received a bag of goodies from Santa Claus and were treated to Christmas cookies and hot chocolate. In addition, children received a free ride on a Green Isle fire truck. The event, which annually attracts over 100 kids, was sponsored by the Green Isle Lions Club. Green Isle Fire Department and Green Isle Sportsmen's Club.

Sibley County Board votes 4-1 to write off bad MVRRA debt

By Amy Newsom Correspondent

The Sibley County Board, during its regular meeting on Wednesday morning, Dec. 9, voted 4-1 to approve writing off a bad debt for the Minnesota Valley Regional Rail Authority (MVRRA).

The Rail Authority debt in the amount of \$190,369.97 dates back to the 1980's. In the 1980's the Chicago and North Western Transportation Company was preparing to abandon the rail line when the MVRRA was established. MVRRA was established, to keep the railroad in the area, with funds from the state, shippers, the buyer of the rail line, and three counties: Carver, Redwood, and Sibley.

County Commissioner Gary Kruggel said the other counties that provided funding wrote off their bad debts about 10 years ago.

County Commissioner

Bobbie Harder voted against ty attorney in 1988. approving the write-off stating that the Rail Authority should at least pay back the principal balance.

County Board Chairperson Bill Pinske said, "Who would pay it back?" The rail line has changed hands many times and this debt dates back to 1984.

Kruggel pointed out the importance of the rail line in the county. The ethanol plant in Winthrop is a heavy user of the rail line.

Rescinded

The County Board approved a request by County Attorney Dave Schauer to rescind the directive of the County Board appointing the county attorney to provide legal services to MVRRA. The County Attorney's office has been providing legal representation to MVRRA since before Schauer became coun-

Schauer stated that he does not have the time to represent MVRRA anymore because the county attorney's case load is up 24 percent from last year and he does not expect his case load to go down. Overflow court cases are being scheduled for Wednesdays, the same day as the MVRRA meetings. Commissioner Kruggel stated that the Rail Authority will hire their own attorney.

Public Hearing

There were no members of the public at the public hearing for the tax abatement request by Heartland Corn Products (HCP).

Vice President Scott Blumhoefer presented the HCP tax abatement request at the public hearing on Wednesday, Dec. 9. HCP is requesting a tax abatement of 50 percent of the increase in

real estate taxes, on their planned improvements, for a five-year period of time.

Those improvements include: a two million gallon storage tank, pump house, and a combined power and heat turbine building. The estimated taxes on the improvements are \$7,180 per year. Half of that would be \$3,590 per year or a total tax abatement of \$17,950.

Other News

The Sibley County Commissioners will hold their next regular meeting in Gaylord at 9 a.m. Tuesday, Dec.

After the first of the year, the County Commissioners will continue to hold their regular meetings at 9 a.m. on the second and fourth Tuesdays of the month.

City Council to consider move to increase storm water drainage rates **By Kurt Menk** see their rates ranging from

Editor

The Arlington City Council, at its next regular meeting on Monday night, Dec. 21, will hold the second reading of Ordinance 304. This is an ordinance repealing and replacing Ordinance 273 and establishing a storm water drainage and authorizing the imposition of storm water drainage.

After the second reading is held and a resolution is adopted at this meeting, storm water drainage rates will increase.

The residential storm water utility rate will increase from \$4 per month in 2015 to \$6 per month in 2016.

The rate for commercial properties (one acre and less) will increase from \$8 per month in 2015 to \$15 per month in 2016.

Industrial, institutional and commercial zoned properties over one acre, as well as properties over one acre, will

\$25 to \$45 per month (based on land use classification and size of the property).

These changes will become effective Jan. 1, 2016, and customers can expect to see the new rates reflected on their Feb. 1 utility bills.

City staff has notified industrial, institutional and commercial properties over one acre, as well as properties over one acre, of their 2016 proposed rate based on the language drafted within Ordinance 304, according to City Administrator Liza Donabauer.

The rates, if adopted, will still be significantly less than the storm water drainage rates in the City of Gaylord, according to city officials.

The increase in rates will allow the City Council to meet debt obligations and to plan for future repairs to the city's aging storm water system.



Enterprise photo by Kurt Menk

Christmas Stroll

Twenty-four trees were featured during the first ever Christmas Stroll in the basement of St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Green Isle last Thursday, Friday and Saturday evenings. The event was sponsored by the Green Isle Lions Club. This Christmas tree was decorated by Sharon Donnay, Green Isle. The overall winner was Vivian Kroells, Green Isle. Over 180 people attended the event during the three nights. Over 450 pounds of food and nearly \$400 was collected for the Sibley County Food Shelf.

News Briefs

Longville man killed in crash

A Longville man was killed in a one-vehicle accident along Highway 19 about 5 1/2 miles west of Henderson at 3:40 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 8, according to the Minnesota State Patrol.

Neil P. Johnson, 84, was driving a 1999 Ford Explorer east on Highway 19 when the vehicle left the roadway, according to the report. The vehicle entered the ditch, struck a field approach and rolled.

The Arlington Ambulance responded to the scene.

Blue Christmas Service set

A Blue Christmas Service will be held in the Arlington United Methodist Prayer Chapel at 5 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 20.

This ecumenical service is for all people who find this Christmas season difficult. People who are feeling blue instead of festive red and green are encouraged to attend the event for a time of healing and of quiet worship.

This will be a Service of Light in a time of darkness. There will be an opportunity to light candles in memory of loved ones and for prayers of hope.

Fellowship and refreshments will follow the service. The church is located at 303 West Alden Street in Arlington. People are encouraged to use the west door.

The event is sponsored by the Outreach Committee of Arlington UMC for the community.

Guest speakers are sought

Brown Bag Lunches is something new at the Sibley East Senior High School in Arlington. It involves community members sharing career stories, college stories and life stories with high school students over the lunch

The plan is to continue hosting one guest speaker each month until May.

Interested people who would like to share their stories are encouraged to contact Senior High Counselor Laura Zender at 507-964-8239.

Arlington Conquerors to meet

The Arlington Conquerors 4-H Club held its meeting on Saturday, Dec. 5. The meeting also included a potluck and presents.

The Arli-Dazzle float was finished and the members were excited to get on it and ride in the parade. A fun time was had by all.

The club decided to get a sign made to put on the can recycling bin to discourage people from putting garbage in the bin.

The next meeting will be held at the Senior Citizens Building in Arlington on Wednesday, Jan. 13.

KCs to hold poster contest

All young people ages 8 through 14 are invited to participate in the 2016 Knights of Columbus Substance Abuse Awareness Poster Contest.

Students are encouraged to develop an original poster and slogan idea designed to discourage their peers from experimenting with drugs and alcohol. The Knights of Columbus Substance Abuse Awareness Poster Contest will be an annual competition with winning entries progressing to local, district, state and international levels of competition.

There will be two divisions for youngsters ages 8 to 11 and two divisions for youngsters ages 12 to 14. All contestants will be recognized for their participation.

For entry forms or additional information contact Mike Feterl at mike.feterl@sibleyeast.org.

Blood drive in Henderson

The American Red Cross will hold a blood drive at the Minnesota New Country School in Henderson from 1 p.m. to 7 p.m. Friday, Dec. 18. The school is located at 210 Main Street.

Sibley East Public Schools ISD #2310

Truth In Taxation Public Meeting

Date: Monday, December 21, 2015

Time: 6:00 p.m.

Place: Sibley East Public High School 202 3rd Ave. NW, Room 149 Arlington, MN 55307

NOTICE OF FILING DATES FOR

ELECTION TO THE SCHOOL BOARD INDEPENDENT SCHOOL **DISTRICT NO. 2310** SIBLEY EAST PUBLIC SCHOOLS STATE OF MINNESOTA

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the period for filing affidavits of candidacy for the office of school board member of Independent School District No. 2310 shall begin on January 12, 2016 and shall close at 5:00 o'clock p.m. on January 26, 2016.

The special election shall be held on Tuesday, April 19, 2016. At that election one (1) member will be elected to the School Board for term expiring December 31, 2016.

Affidavits of Candidacy are available from the school district clerk, Sibley East Public Schools, 202 3rd Avenue NW, Arlington, MN 55307 during business hours of 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. The filing fee for this office is \$2. A candidate for this office must be an eligible voter, must be 21 years of age or more upon assuming office and must have been a resident of the school district from which the candidate seeks election for thirty (30) days before the special election.

The affidavits of candidacy must be filed in the office of the school district clerk and the filing fee paid prior to 5:00 o'clock p.m. on January 26, 2016.

Dated December 7, 2015

BY ORDER OF THE SCHOOL BOARD /s/ Michelle Weber School District Clerk **Independent School District** No. 2310 Sibley East Public Schools State of Minnesota



Submitted Photo

Drive By Living Nativity

Mild weather and muddy conditions made challenges for the Drive By Living Nativity but it was a big success with nearly 500 people driving by to enjoy the story of Christ's birth that was depicted in six scenes. The event was held at the Sibley County Fairgrounds in Arlington on Sunday evening, Dec. 13. Six hundred pounds of food was collected along with over \$500

in cash donations for the Sibley County Food Shelf. Over 125 volunteers participated in this ecumenical event sponsored by local churches and Thrivent. The ecumenical committee looks forward to planning more events in 2016. A blessed Christmas

Trend setting proposal presented at Henderson meeting

Henderson resident James 'Rosey" Rosenthal has an idea to help veterans.

The commander of Henderson American Legion Post 74 has proposed that the City of Henderson alter its building and permit fees for veterans, according to an article in the Henderson Independent.

Rosenthal presented the idea to the Henderson City Council during a recent meet-

If approved, the measure would waive all such fees for disabled veterans and cut by half fees for non-disabled vets (both must be honorably

After researching similar

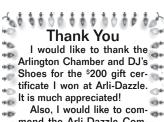
measures in other states, Rosenthal said he couldn't find examples of it being done in Minnesota.

The fees would change for 10 to 12 items, ranging from fence replacement to new home construction.

"It's a trend setting proposal," Rosenthal said. "Henderson would definitely be in the forefront. There's nothing like it in Minnesota."

Henderson City Administrator Lon Berberich said the city is still examining the proposal, which was tabled after discussion at the City Council's recent meeting.

The proposal will be discussed at a future meeting.



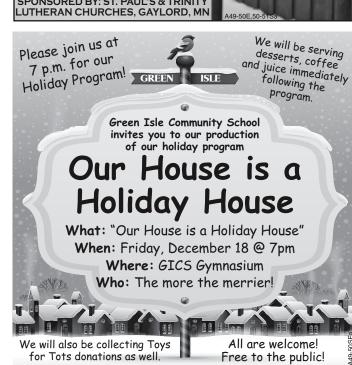
mend the Arli-Dazzle Committee and the entire community for a spectacular 🛴 event!

Most sincerely, 🦡 Tammy Diehn

Thank You The family of Velma Lindemann would like to thank the Arlington Good Samaritan Center and Waconia Ridgeview Hospice for the compassionate care she received. Pastor Hanneman for his many visits and prayers, St. Paul's Mission Club for the lunch served, Lesley Kaeserman for the music and Kolden Funeral Home for helping make the arrangements.

Thank you to everyone who came to the visitation, brought food to the funeral, gave cards, memorials and flowers. Your thoughtfulness will never be for-

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Monday, December 21: Arlington City Council, council chambers, 6:30 p.m.

Sibley East School Board, room 149 at Arlington Campus, 6:30 p.m. VFW Post 6031, veterans building at fair

grounds, 8:00 p.m. Arlington AA and Al Anon, St. Mary's Catholic

Church, 8 p.m. Thursday, December 24: Christmas Eve Friday, December 25: Christmas Day

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Santa's Helpers

Arlington residents Mary Lietz, left, and Marion Van Moorlehem, right, were two of many volunteers who wrapped presents for the

Santa's Helpers program in Gaylord on Tuesday, Dec. 8.

Initiatives in Sibley County net Community Reinvestment Grants

A year ago, South Country Health Alliance (SCHA) awarded nearly \$3 million to 17 organizations through its Community Reinvestment Grant program to support initiatives focused on improving the health of SCHA members and addressing community social determinants of health.

SCHA awarded a combined \$146,700 to initiatives led by the Sibley County Developmental Achievement Center (DAC) and Sibley County Public Health and Human Services.

Sibley County DAC

SCHA gave \$24,000 to the Sibley County DAC in Arlington for a one-year grant to create a multi-sensory environment (MSE) to help improve the health and social wellbeing of people with intellectual disabilities.

MSEs are designed to generate a stimulating, yet calming environment for people of any age with disabilities or disorders through the combination of visual, auditory, tactile, kinesthetic and olfactory

stimulation. "We completed the room earlier this year, and what's happening is way bigger than we had ever expected," said DAC Director Mark Pauly. "We were envisioning it with just the small group of our population, but we're finding that everyone can benefit

from it." The Sibley County DAC used funds from the grant to design, construct and equip the MSE with bubble tubes, vibroacoustic seating, light projectors, stereos, an infinity panel and other equipment. The DAC also hired a leading expert in the MSE field, Linda Messbauer from Sensezational Environments in New York, to train DAC staff on the use of the MSE room.

Individuals typically spend 30 minutes in the room, experiencing the stimuli conber or interacting with the equipment in the room.

Angela Knapper, program manager at the DAC, said they have already seen positive outcomes with individuals who have spent time using the new MSE room, exhibiting improved emotional and social behavior and increased self-control.

Pauly added that though they are encouraged by the initial effects on the people they've served, the DAC will continue to explore opportunities to offer MSE services to others in the community.

"I see a continued need for more training, getting better at what we do in the room and helping more and more people," said Pauly.

Sibley County Public Health and Human Services

SCHA gave \$122,700 to Sibley County Public Health and Human Services for a three-year grant to fund a pilot Community Health Worker (CHW) program, focusing primarily on improving the health of the Hispanic population in the area.

A CHW is a trained health educator who works with Managed Health Care Program (MHCP) recipients who have difficulty understanding health care providers due to cultural or language barriers. CHWs often have a close understanding of the communities they serve, which helps them work as a reliable link between public health and social services and members of the community.

Sibley County has used the Community Reinvestment Grant to hire and train a CHW, who has already begun working with Hispanic individuals in the area and connecting them to local resources that will meet their health care needs.

"Our community health worker is reaching out to multiple local providers to start making those connections in the community," said Rachel Fruhwirth, public health supervisor at Sibley County. "She's also partnering with Meeker McLeod Sibley Community Health Services to address the needs of the Hispanic population."

According to a report from Sibley County, approximately 8 percent of Sibley County's population is Hispanic. As this population grows, the CHW will assist Hispanic residents navigate the complex social service and health care systems to achieve improved health outcomes and advance health equity in the community.

The Community Reinvestment Grant will continue to fund the CHW position as she completes her final training and certification requirements and begins to build relationships and make connections with Sibley County residents, local health care providers and other partners and resources.

About South Country Health Alliance

South Country Health Alliance is a county-based purchasing health plan owned by 11 Minnesota counties-Brown, Dodge, Goodhue, Kanabec, Morrison, Sibley, Steele, Todd, Wabasha, Wadena and Waseca-in a joint effort to support accessible, quality health care through partnerships with community services and local health care providers for Minnesota Health Care Program enrollees.

SCHA began enrolling members in November 2001 and now has more than 37,000 members. The health plan offers five programs to meet the health care needs of Minnesota Health Care Program enrollees in its service area.

For more information about SCHA, call 1-866-567-7242 or mnscha.org.

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Derek Hahn is new Chamber president

By Kurt Menk **Editor**

The Arlington Area

Chamber of Commerce. during its regular monthly meeting on Monday afternoon, Dec. 14, unanimously approved a motion to elect officers for 2016. Derek Hahn will serve as

the new president while Leah Prahl will be the new vice president. Kevin Lindstrand will serve as the new treasurer while Tiffany Brockhoff will again serve as secretary.

The board of directors will include Past President Kevin Lindstrand as well as Wendell Terlinden, Terry Klages and Justin Davis.

Lindstrand was recognized for his dedicated efforts as president in 2015.

Dues

Lindstrand announced that a letter for 2016 dues will soon be mailed out to all current Chamber mem-

Prior to Jan. 31, 2016, dues will remain at \$55 for businesses and \$25 for individuals.

After Jan. 31, 2016, dues will be \$75 for businesses and \$35 for individuals.

Businesses and individuals who were not members in 2015, but would like to join in 2016 can contact any Chamber officer.

Special Guests

Crystal Frazer and Toni Porth were introduced as special guests at the meeting.

Frazer is the new administrator at the Good Samaritan Society - Arlington campus.

Porth is the new director of nursing services at the Good Samaritan Society -Arlington campus.

Arli-Dazzle

Arli-Dazzle Committee Chairperson Kim Schneider presented a brief summary of the Arli-Dazzle festivities which were held on Saturday, Dec. 5.

"The day went great," said Schneider. "Everything went without a hitch."

She added, "It was another success thanks to everybody."

Schneider estimated that there were anywhere between 10,000 and 12,000 people in attendance for the parade.

A debriefing meeting will be held on Friday night, Jan. 15.

Other News

Lindstrand presented a financial statement to Chamber members during the meeting.

Although there are still some bills that need to be paid, the Chamber made about \$8,000 from its recent Arli-Dazzle festivities.

Overall, the Chamber currently has almost \$44,000 in total assets.

The Arlington Area Chamber of Commerce will hold its next monthly meeting at the Emergency Services Building at noon Monday, Jan. 11, 2016.

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Opinions

Christmas is a season of giving Our View: Giving is always important,

especially during the holiday season

Christmas is not only a rich and joyful religious celebration. It is also a season of giving.

Residents in the Arlington and Green Isle area have always been generous during this time of year. Churches, schools and organizations hold collections for the local and area food shelves. Individuals and groups donate presents to Santa's Helpers while other people volunteer to wrap those gifts. The giving goes on and on.

This Christmas once again comes at a pivotal time. Although the economy has improved to some degree, this year's holiday season comes at a time when many individuals and families are still experiencing difficult times.

People still know neighbors and friends who are without work or just back to work and struggling to put food on the table and presents underneath the Christmas tree.

When the parties are over and the decorations are packed away, however, these people may continue to struggle to make ends meet into the new year. Although there again is hope that this will finally be the last Christmas of the global economic difficulties, many individuals and families will need the help of their neighbors, friends and family members well into 2016.

Another good deed to perform during the holiday season and the long winter is to stay in touch with an elderly friend, neighbors or relatives. A card, gift, visit or even a telephone call will make their holiday season and break up the long

In addition, there are people who are struggling with medical conditions and others who have lost loved ones during

Helping people in their time of need and watching over the elderly is not only a Minnesota tradition. It's the right thing to do.

-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 18

In Memory Of Marilyn Pepper, Bill Pinske, Makinsey Scharping, Sharon Stumm, Stephanie St. John, and Mr. and Mrs. Bjorn Burnevik.

December 19

Mark Vos, Teresa Campa, Mike nite no-no. Dose, Bernice Lieske, Wade Mesenbring, Dustin Roth, and Mr. and Mrs. Kevin Smart.

December 20

Vanesa Aguilera, Avarie Duenow, Jennifer Gieseke, Devon Jenneke, Marcus Santillana, Emily Shimota and Clarence Sickmann.

December 21

Sandy Bergersen, James Burmeister, Olivia Figueroa and Glenn Schauer. **December 22**

Matt Mangen, Sue McCarthy, Rick Shimota and Mike Tupa.

December 23

Borge

In Memory Of Brad Meech, Nolan Herd and Shirley Soeffker.

December 24 In Memory Of Elmer Dietel, Parker Alsleben and Bill Boecker.

"Santa Claus has the right idea. Visit people once a year." - Victor

How To Tell If You're A Grinch

1. You reuse last year's Christmas cards and send them out under your own name.

2. You steal light bulbs from your neighbor's outdoor display to replenish your own supply.

3. You have dressed a dog or cat as Santa Claus, elf helper or reindeer.

4. You put out last year's stale candy canes for children.

5. You enclose a shoddy and inferior gift from a Target, Walmart or K-Mart in a Bloomingdale's or other prestige box to impress your friends.

6. You make collect long distance phone calls to your family on Christmas Eve.

7. At the office Christmas party, you horde huge stockpiles of goodies for later consumption at home.

8. You steal the wreath from a parked car to use at home.

9. After an invitation to a friend's house, you bring a commercially produced fruitcake and try to pass it off as homemade.

10. Any stealing from the Toys-For-Tots collection bins is a defi-

As a little girl climbed onto Santa's lap, he asked the usual question: "And what would you like for Christmas?"

The child stared at him openmouthed, then gasped, "Didn't you get my e-mail?"

"You know you're getting old, when Santa starts looking younger."

Robert Paul Remember the old days when people stopped Christmas shop-

ping when they ran out of money? "Marry an orphan. You'll never

have to spend boring holidays with the in-laws." - George Carlin

Christmas Presents

Here are ten useful phrases for responding to Christmas presents you would rather not have received.

1. Thanks a lot!?

2. My word! What a gift.

3. Well, well, well... 4. If I hadn't put on so much weight recently it would have fitted me perfectly.

5. Gosh, I hope I never lose this. We're always losing things around

6. It's great, but I'm worried about the envy it may create. 7. Just my luck to get this on the very Christmas I promised to give

all my gifts to charity. 8. Unfortunately, I am about to enter MI5's Witness Protection

Program. 9. Frankly, I don't deserve this.

10. Really, you shouldn't have.





Letters To The Editor

The measure of a man

To The Editor,

Our community lost Mike Vrklan last week. Any reader of Mike's obituary can clearly recognize Mike's level of community service, but the list of his accomplishments and endeavors shares only a minute slice of what he really meant to many of us, and shows nothing of how he will be missed.

To two generations of Arlington-Green Isle and Sibley East students, Mr. Vrklan taught more than welding skills and metals manufacturing; from him we learned the value of working individually and collectively to create. His relaxed teaching style, engaging, roaring laugh, and sly humor made him a popular teacher, and with his understanding ear and simple, sage advice, he naturally became a mentor and confidant to countless many. He was a father figure. "Relax."

Any of Mr. V.'s Jr. High Football players, I believe, would confess intimidation if he laid one of his enormous, powerful hands on your shoulder to make sure you were hearing him. The intimidation was quickly dispensed, however, with a quick, earnest word of encouragement that seemed to be exactly what

you needed to hear. In his athletes, Coach Vrklan inspired enthusiasm and passion, and instilled in us the value of teamwork and dedication. He did not demand our full devotion and respect, yet he received it--we desperately gave everything we could to earn his esteem. Despite a roster that included athletes that developed into State Wrestling Champions, college athletes, and athletic hall of fame members, I believe if you polled any of the players on Mike's 1983 8th grade football team, you would find that every one of us remember our coach's tearful, jubilant, effervescent congratulations to us when we beat Le Sueur as our fondest sports memory and a highlight of our lives. "You guys are the best, just the best!"

It was not until much later, as a member of Mike's track coaching staff, that I more fully understood the uncomplicated philosophy that made him such a successful, wellloved, compassionate individual. "Do what's best for the kids."

Mike's true legacy may be the leaders that he helped shape. Mike's dedication to the Boy Scouts created an opportunity, and the out-of-doors provided his venue, for scores of Arlington area boys to build self-confidence and develop leadership abilities that we have summoned and exercised long after the inimitable campouts and blissful canoe trips have concluded. It takes no time to compile an impressive list of current coaches, teachers, Scout leaders, elected officials, and community volunteers that are in so many ways Mike's protégées in leadership style and commitment. "Everybody pitches in, and it won't take long."

As I remember Mike, it is almost incomprehensible how generous he was with his time and how freely he shared his boundless vim. Whether it was to his students, athletes, Boy Scouts, the Arlington City Council, or a late night soirée, to our grand enjoyment and great benefit, Mike gave all of himself. "Let's not do it half-way.'

So long Teacher, Coach, Mentor, Scoutmaster, Councilmember, Friend. Thank you--you were one of a kind, and will be missed immeasurably, but our memories of you and the lessons you ingrained live with us.

> Jim Kreft **Arlington**

Choral Society captures essence of Christmas

To The Editor,

A heartfelt thank you to the Sibley County Choral Society for capturing the essence of Christmas in song,

and for sharing your talents with our area residents during this weekend's marvelous concerts.

Merry Christmas to you!

Sheila Arneson Arlington

Guest Column

One more Christmas

By Glenn Mollette

When I was a child I remember my grandfather suffering chest pains. He kept putting nitroglycerin tablets under his tongue to help with the pain. My mother and I along with grandma and a couple of others sat with grandpa in the family dining room area. After his heart pain subsided he sighed, "I'll probably never live to see another Christmas." Looking back I remember that he did have one more Christmas.

After grandpa and mamaw died Christmases were never quite the same. During those special times together we thought they would never pass. It seemed that life and Christmas were frozen in time. To a child Christmas had always been this way and I could never imagine Christmas being any different.

We can never comprehend tomorrow. We hope and wish for tomorrow but we don't fully understand all the changes that tomorrow will bring. We hope for good jobs, paid off mortgages, graduation from school, retirement security and on

and on. However as one Christmas after another rolls by so do the years and so does life's scenery and the people around us. Some people this year will spend their first Christmas in a nursing home. Some this year will spend their first Christmas without a parent or a spouse. Some will try to get through this season without them. Others will try to make it through the season unemployed or with a recent terminal health diagno-

My wife and I were talking tonight but how better it would be if her father and my parents and others that we loved were still alive. Christmas without them is different. I don't know what you are going through today. Our nation is dealing with a lot. We have terrorism, financial struggles, and people experiencing lots of stress.

Many American families are hoping to just survive the Christmas season and make it to January 1. Hopefully you and I will have one more Christmas. If we do let's savor each moment. Whatever and whoever you have in your life please take the time to embrace them and love them. Next year could be very dif-

Take the time to personally enjoy Christmas. I realize Christmas is about giving. We want to see our loved ones smile. However, in the days ahead recharge your battery a little. Read some Christmas stories. Watch some Christmas movies. Reflect on the message of peace and love delivered to the world in the baby Jesus through a peasant couple in Bethlehem. Visit some people in the nursing home, the jail, or those who are aged and lonely. Also connect with some people through visits or just the telephone and say Merry Christmas. It will do them and you a lot of good.

May you have many more Christmases, but at least one more, and may it be one of your best ever.

Glenn Mollette is an American syndicated columnist and author. He is the author of eleven books and read in all fifty states.

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Enterprise photo by Kurt Menk

Gingerbread Houses

Kindergarten students at the Sibley East Ele- Avarie Duenow, left, made a gingerbread barn mentary School in Arlington made ginger- with her mom Rachel Duenow. bread houses on Friday afternoon, Dec. 11.

70 Years Ago

December 20, 1945 Louis Kill, Editor

The Graupmann ditch digging machine was brought up from Hamburg this week and was put to work digging the trench for the sanitary sewer extension to the hospital site. The trench leads north from the Adolph Weihe corner into the former Hillemann farm and then west to the hospital site. The same machine may later dig the basement for the hospital. A flax straw covering has been placed on the hospital site to keep out the frost and facilitate the work of excavating in the near future. The Graupmann machine is a so-called drag-line which moves dirt rapidly.

A fire was discovered in the basement of the Scharping drug store building on Saturday evening at the supper hour and resisted the efforts of the fire department for almost an hour be fore it was entirely subdued. The terrific heat and dense smoke made entrance into the basement difficult and hazardous, therefore it was some time before the seat of the blaze was located. Damage to the building and contents will run into several thousand dollars.

The following Arlington and Green Isle men were discharged from the service within the past week:

Clarence Wolter, Arlington Edwin F. Kistner, Arlington

Raymond A. Kienitz, Arl. Duane B. Meyer, Arlington Vernie L. Dahl, Arlington Walter W. Mathwig, G. I. Edward J. Harjes, G. I. Irving Freudenthal, G. I.

55 Years Ago December 22, 1960 Louis H. Kill, Editor

Tony Kloeckl, Commercial Club chairman of the decorating committee, announced the winners of the 1960 Christmas Decorating Contest on Tuesday. The home selected as the very best in the Arlington vicinity is that of Mr. and Mrs. Milo Soeffker. The second best was the home of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Pinske and the Donald Timm home received third place. The Arlington Cement-Stone Works took first place in the business decorations. Second place went to the Arlington Convalescent Home and third to the Arlington

When good old St. Nick made his scheduled stop here in Arlington last Saturday he found over 800 children of this area waiting to catch a glimpse of

45 Years Ago December 17, 1970 Val G. Kill, Editor

Publication date of JERIMY by Wendy Lou Jones of Arlington, has been set for December 14, 1970. The book, a children's fantasy about a pet giraffe

named Jerimy, will be brought out by Carlton Press at a list price of \$2.50. Wendy who is 14 is an only child and lives with here parents in Arlington. She is a student at St. Paul's Lutheran School and is in the eighth grade.

The infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Heimkes was christened Sunday morning at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Green Isle by Rev. H. J. Malotky. He was given the name Billy Ray.

Mrs. Earl Berger had the misfortune to break her left arm at the wrist on Monday afternoon while uptown shopping. She was taken to the Arlington Hospital where she was a patient until Wednesday. Her arm is in a cast but is getting along nicely.

30 Years Ago December 19, 1985 Val G. Kill, Editor

Howard and Deb Brinkman announced the birth of their daughter Ashley Jean. Ashley was born Thursday, December 12 at the Arlington Municipal Hospital.

Randy and Judy Wagner announced the birth of their son Adrian Jay, who was born on Sunday, December 8 at the Waconia Ridgeview Hospital.

Scott Krueger, 10, was named honorable mention in the Woman's Day National Care Bear Writing Contest. He received a 13-inch Tenderheart Bear for his winning efforts.

Obituaries

Michael J. Vrklan, 69, Arlington

Michael J. Vrklan, age 69, of Arlington passed away at the Arlington Good Samari-

tan Center on Thursday, Dec. 10.

Mass of Christian Burial was held at St. Mary's $C\,a\,t\,h\,o\,l\,i\,c$ Church in Arlington at 11 a.m.



Monday, Dec. 14. Visitation was held at St. Mary's Catholic Church from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 13. It continued one hour prior to the mass time at the church on Monday, Dec. 14.

Michael John Vrklan was born to Emil and Deloris (Johnson) Vrklan in Duluth on Sept. 25, 1946. He grew up in Duluth and graduated from Morgan Park High School in 1964. He attended the University of Minnesota -Duluth and graduated in 1969. He took a teaching position at the Arlington-Green Isle Public Schools in Arlington in the fall of 1969. Mike married Judith Rusin at St. Isadore's in Sturgeon Lake on July 25, 1970. He coached football, basketball, cross

country and track. He also worked odd jobs during the summer. Mike was a member of the Knights of Columbus, Arlington City Council and Auxiliary Police. He also served as a Boy Scout Master and a paramedic.

Mike is survived by his wife, Judith Vrklan of Arlington; sons, Patrick (Tracy) of Woodbury and Bob of Fairfax; brother, Mark (Sandy) of Arlington; and sister, Debbie (Frank) Galin of El Paso, Texas.

Kolden Funeral Home of Arlington assisted the family with arrangements.

Robert Luepke, 63, Arlington Saturday, Dec. 12.

Robert Luepke, age 63, of Arlington, passed away peacefully surrounded by his family at his home on

day, Dec. 9. Funeral services were held at Peace Lutheran Church in Arlington at 11 a.m. Saturday,

Dec. 12.

Visita-

Wednes-



tion was held at Peace Lutheran Church from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. Friday, Dec. 11 and continued one hour to the service time at the church on

Frank and Mary (Novosad) Luepke in Gaylord on Sept. 9. 1952. He attended St.

Robert Roman was born to

Paul's Lutheran School in Arlington until the eighth grade and then continued his education at the Arlington-Green Isle Public Schools. On Aug. 2, 1975, he married Mary Scharpe at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Green Isle. He was employed at Seneca Foods in Arlington for 35 years. Robert enjoyed camping and fishing and made craft items. His greater love however was spending time

He is survived by his wife, Mary of Arlington; children,

with the grandkids.

Sean (Heather) Luepke and their son Austin of Brownton, Travis (Jenny) Luepke and their children Kelsey, Karter and Kolton of Arlington, and Jennifer Luepke (Jeremy Latzke) and their children Austin, Alexis, Damon and Jaxson of Arlington; siblings, Dick (Barb) Luepke of Arlington and Janice Bergeron of Houston, Texas; and many nieces and nephews.

Robert is preceded in death by his parents; and siblings, Daniel Luepke and Phyllis Pautsch.

Kolden Funeral Home of Arlington assisted with arrangements.

Mary J. Nyberg, 86, Savage 11 a.m. Friday, Dec. 18.

Mary J. Nyberg, 86, Savage, originally from Arlington, passed away on Wednesday, Dec. 9.

Funeral service will be held at the Pax Christi Catholic Church. 12100 Pioneer Trail. E d e n Prairie, at



Mary Nyberg

Visitation will be held one hour prior to the service at the church.

Mary loved spending time with her family and summers at the lake. Her smile, great sense of humor and infectious laugh will be remembered by all.

She is survived by her sisters, Betty Groetsch, Ann Leaf and Lori Hasbrouck; children, Mark Nyberg, Paul Nyberg, David Nyberg, Jay

Nyberg, Terri Bauer, Patty Montague, Kathy Roseberry and Jenny Hilton; 21 grandchildren; and eight great grandchildren.

She is preceded in death by husband, Marven; parents Loretta and Louis Kill; brothers; Val, Lou and Larry Kill; and sisters; Margaret Makens and Barbara Stevents.

Memorials preferred to Catholic Charities.

L-SH school district to eliminate substitutes in an effort to get its finances back in line

The Le Sueur-Henderson School Board, during a recent meeting, heard a plan to eliminate substitute teachers at the middle school and high school levels, part of an effort to get the district's finances back in line, according to an article in the Henderson Independent.

The district has been wrestling with its fund balance following an October audit that showed a \$190,000 deficit.

As part of a pilot program, eliminating substitutes would save the district \$20,000 to \$25,000 a year, LS-H Principal Kevin Enerson said.

"This is a program already in place in Farmington and Chanhassen," said Enerson. "We are planning to begin Jan. 26 and as we go along we will communicate, coordinate and work to find the kinks and con-

tinue improving.' Students without a substitute would report to study hall and follow an online learning lesson plan or exercise designed by their teacher. The plan could not be used for special education, music, art and industrial technology, Enerson noted.



The following misdemeanors, petty misdemeanors and gross misdemeanors were heard in District Court November 27-December 4: Minnesota State Patrol (MSP); Sheriff's Office (SO); Department of Natural Resources (DNR); MN Department of Transportation (MNDOT):

Mary J. Jenatscheck, 60, Waseca, speed, \$125, Gaylord PD; Krystal J. Knacke, 33, Winthrop, speed, \$145, no proof insurance (driver), dismissed, Gaylord PD; Jacob D. Olson, 25, Marshall, expired DL-over 21, no proof insurance (driver), \$385, Gaylord PD; Kevin E. Sallstrom, 59, Winthrop, speed, \$145, Gaylord PD; Gary G. Stangler, 54, Freeport, speed, \$145, Gaylord PD; Renita D Tyrance, 48, Mankato, no proof insurance (driver), dismissed, Gaylord PD; Rachelle R. Vadnais, 20, Clearwater, speed, \$145, Gaylord PD.

Rita L. Sheets, 31, Hender-

Alisher E. Arifbayev, 22, Orlando, Fla., speed, \$125, MSP; Jeffrey A. Chapman, 58, Marshall, speed, \$225, MSP; Ryan D. Daley, 27, Prior Lake, speed, \$125, MSP; Carol L. Heisel, 53, Winthrop, speed, \$125, MSP; Joseph J. Merrill, 53, Prior lake, speed, \$285, MSP; Grady W. Timmerman, 19, Eagle Lake, speed, \$135,

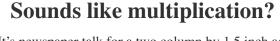
Bionca J. Dircks, 23, Minneapolis, speed, possess drug paraphernalia, \$275, SO; Lonnie L. Evans Jr., 34, Minneapolis, driver must carry proof of insurance when operating vehicle, \$285, SO; Rosa R. Sales Godinez, 20, Le Sueur, driver without valid DL, no insurance-driver violation, \$385, SO; Mohamed J. Sheikh Bora, 20, Minneapolis, speed, DL not in possession, \$165, SO; Darrel D. Siewert, 55, Detroit Lakes, speed, \$125, SO.

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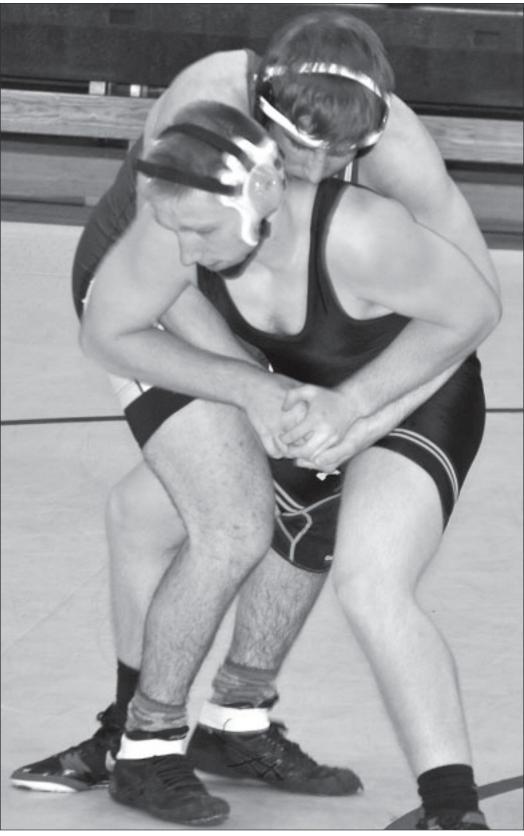
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Sports



Enterprise photo by Kurt Menk

attempted to escape from his opponent during Tuesday night, Dec. 8.

Sibley East 160-pounder Quinlan Riffenburg a dual meet against visiting New Ulm on

SE wrestlers win dual meet, split triangular in Arlington

By Kurt Menk

The Sibley East varsity wrestling team competed against three opponents at home during the past week.

The Wolverines trounced visiting New Ulm 45-27 in a dual meet in Arlington on Tuesday night, Dec. 8.

Sibley East then split a triangular meet against visiting Scott West and St. Peter on Thursday night, Dec. 10. The Wolverines lost to Scott West 48-19 and defeated St. Peter 37-20.

The Wolverines will compete in the Redwood River Riot at Redwood Falls on Friday, Dec. 18 and Saturday,

Sibley East 45 New Ulm 27

106-pounds: Danye Morton (SE) decisioned Caleb Arndt

113-pounds: Kevin Melger (SE) was pinned by Cole Ranweiler (NU).

120-pounds: Lincoln Carpenter (SE) pinned Rebekah

Hoppe (NU). 126-pounds: Tanner Pasvogel (SE) decisioned Ryan

Wacker (NU) 7-2. 132-pounds: Tommy Wentzlaff (SE) decisioned Sean

Howk (NU) 5-4. 138-pounds: Bogarett

Rechtzigel (SE) was pinned by Hunter Ranweiler (NU). 145-pounds: Mason Voight

(SE) decisioned Tanner Stark (NU) 4-1.

152-pounds: Logan Tesch (SE) was pinned by Max Desiauriers (NU).

160-pounds: Quinlan Riffenburg (SE) was decisioned

by Nick Mehlhop (NU) 6-4. 170-pounds: Brody Bates (SE) pinned McKray Schmidt (SE) lost by a major decision (NU).

182-pounds: Paul Glisczinski (SE) was pinned by Matt Hartley (NU) 2:49.

195-pounds: Jake Wentzlaff (SE) pinned Peter Klimek (NU) 0:33.

220-pounds: Cody Voight (SE) pinned Nathan Berg (NU) 2:38.

285-pounds: Jaden Podratz (SE) pinned Gunner Brooks (NU) 0:41.

Scott West 48 Sibley East 19

106-pounds: Dayne Morton (SE) won by a major decision over Jacob Hill (SW) 14-3.

113-pounds: Kevin Melger (SE) was pinned by Tyler Schnackle (SW) 1:18.

120-pounds: Lincoln Carpenter (SE) was pinned by

Justin Stauffacher (SW) 1:54. 126-pounds: Tanner Pasvogel (SE) decisioned Parker

Huss (SW) 3-1 in overtime. 132-pounds: Tommy Wentzlaff (SE) was pinned by

Carter Piche (SW) 1:31. 138-pounds: Mason Voight (SE) was decisioned by Tariq

Smith (SW) 7-3. 145-pounds: Bogarett Rechtzigel (SE) was pinned by Jackson Stauffacher (SW)

0:29.152-pounds: Logan Tesch (SE) lost by a major decision to Ryan Siegle (SW) 11-2.

160-pounds: Quinlan Riffenburg (SE) lost by a major decision to Ben Kelvington

(SW) 16-2. 170-pounds: Brody Bates (SE) was pinned by Dylan

Johnson (SW) 0:52. 182-pounds: Jake Wentzlaff (SE) pinned Noah

Ellings-worth (SW) 0:40. 195-pounds: Cody Voight to Tyler Buesgens (SW) 9-0.

220-pounds: Christian Figueroa (SE) was decisioned by Calvin Menke (SW) 4-2.

285-pounds: Jaden Podratz (SE) pinned Ben Alexander (SW) 4:52.

Sibley East 37 St. Peter 20

106-pounds: Dayne Morton (SE) pinned Cade Horner (SP) 4:39.

113-pounds: Kevin Melger (SE) was decisioned by

Xavier Schugel (SP) 8-2. 120-pounds: Lincoln Car-

penter (SE) pinned Wareke Gillette (SP) 1:19. 126-pounds: Tanner Pasvo-

gel (SE) decisioned Wyatt Gillette (SP) 3-2. 132-pounds: Ben Klaers

(SE) was pinned by Matthew Pettis (SP) 3:00. 138-pounds: Tommy Went-

zlaff (SE) lost by a technical fall to Sage Loredo-Hollon (SP) 18-3.

145-pounds: Mason Voight (SE) pinned Aaron Hunt (SP)

152-pounds: Logan Tesch (SE) won by a major decision over Alex Devens (SP) 8-0.

160-pounds: Quinlan Riffenburg (SE) decisioned Manuel Gomez (SP) 8-3.

170-pounds: Paul Glisczinski (SE) was pinned by Eli Hunt (SP) 0:47.

182-pounds: Brody Bates (SE) decisioned Sanguja Haasan (SP) 6-2.

195-pounds: Cody Voight (SE) pinned Sean Driscoll (SP 3-1.

220-pounds: Both teams forfeited this match.

285-pounds: Both teams forfeited this match.

SE boys capture 1 victory in a trio of close games

By Kurt Menk Editor

The Sibley East varsity boys basketball team cap-

tured one win in three close games during the past week. The Wolverines, 0-2 in the

Minnesota River Conference and 4-3 overall, will travel to Belle Plaine in conference play at 7:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 18. Sibley East will host New Ulm Cathedral in non-conference action at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 22.

Tri-City United 53 Sibley East 52

The visiting Sibley East varsity boys basketball team was edged by Tri-City United 53-52 in Minnesota River Conference action on Tuesday night, Dec. 8.

Sophomore Gavin Bates topped the Wolverines with 19 points in the loss. Senior Dylan Pauly and sophomore Austin Weckwerth hit for nine points each while senior Collin Pautsch tossed in six points. Juniors Devon Schultz and Scott Holmquist scored five and four points respec-

The Wolverines hit 12 of 31 shots from two-point range for 39 percent and five of 15 long bombs for 33 percent. The visitors also drained

13 of 20 free throw attempts for 65 percent.

Sibley East controlled the boards by a 36-23 margin. Pautsch and Bates pulled down eight and seven caroms respectively while Schultz and Weckwerth snared six rebounds each.

Weckwerth also added one steal.

Jordan 66 Sibley East 62

The Sibley East varsity boys basketball team lost to visiting Jordan 66-62 in Minnesota River Conference play on Friday evening, Dec. 11.

Sophomore Gavin Bates and senior Collin Pautsch netted 19 and 18 points respectively. Sophomore Austin Weckwerth also hit double figures with 14 points. Junior Scott Holmquist hooped eight points while senior Dylan Pauly tossed in three points.

The Wolverines connected on 12 of 28 attempts from two-point distance for 43 percent and nine of 21 shots from three-point land for 43 percent. The home team also converted 11 of 16 foul shots for 69 percent.

The Wolverines held a slight 25-23 advantage on the glass. Weckwerth and Bates yanked down six boards each

Weckwerth also recorded two thefts.

Sibley East 86 New Ulm 82

Sophomore Gavin Bates and senior Collin Pautsch scored 27 and 24 points respectively as the Sibley East varsity boys basketball team slipped past visiting New Ulm 86-82 in non-conference action on Monday evening,

Junior Scott Holmquist and senior Dylan Pauly also hit double digits with 11 and 10 points respectively. Sophomore Austin Weckwerth netted seven points and junior Connor Kranz had six points. Junior Devon Schultz added

Sibley East blistered the nets as it drained 21 of 31 shots from two-point range for 68 percent and eight of 16 long bombs for 50 percent. The Wolverines sank 20 of 34 of charity tosses for 59 per-

The Wolverines dominated the boards by a 34-19 margin. Pauly ripped down 10 caroms while Bates grabbed seven rebounds. Schultz added five boards.

Sibley East girls split a pair of non-conference ball games

By Kurt Menk Editor

The Sibley East varsity girls basketball team split a pair of non-conference games during the past week.

The Lady Wolverines, 1-2 overall, will host Belle Plaine in Minnesota River Conference play at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 17. Sibley East will also host G-F-W in non-conference action at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 22.

Sibley East 62 Sleepy Eye St. Mary's 52

The visiting Sibley East varsity girls basketball team defeated Sleepy Eye St. Mary's 62-52 in non-conference action on Tuesday night,

It was the first victory for head coach Jim DeSart at Sibley East.

Junior Hannah Wentzlaff sparked a balanced scoring attack with 15 points in the win. Senior Alyssa Weber and sophomore Taylor Brinkman also hit double fig-

ures with 12 and 11 points respectively. Sophomore Morgan Stearns hit for nine points while senior Katie Tuchtenhagen netted six points. Senior McKayla Stumm hooped four points while freshman Rachel Rett-mann and junior Alli Harter added three and two points respectively.

Shooting statistics were unavailable from this game.

The Lady Wolverines collected 38 rebounds in the victory. Wentzlaff pulled down 13 rebounds while Weber snared nine caroms. Stumm, Harter and Stearns grabbed four boards apiece.

Harter also dished out six assists while Tuchtenhagen had three assists.

Stumm added two steals.

New Ulm 66 Sibley East 33

The visiting Sibley East varsity girls basketball team fell hard to New Ulm 66-33 in non-conference action on Monday night, Dec. 14.

The Wolverines, who fell

behind 39-10 at halftime, were only outscored by four points during the second half.

Junior Hannah Wentzlaff topped the Lady Wolverines with 10 points in the loss. Senior Alyssa Weber hooped eight points while senior Katie Tuchtenhagen scored six points. Junior Alli Harter and sophomores Taylor Brinkman and Morgan Stearns added three points each. Senior McKayla Stumm, who did not score in the game, suffered a shoulder injury.

Shooting and rebounding statistics were unavailable from this game.

"New Ulm beat us in every aspect of the game, defense, offense and in transition,' said Sibley East head coach Jim DeSart. "When I watched them play last week for scouting, I knew we were going to have our hands full. They are a very solid team in all areas of the game."

B-squad girls split a pair of games

By Kurt Menk

The Sibley East B-squad girls basketball team split a pair of games in action during the past week.

The visiting Lady Wolverines defeated Sleepy Eye St. Mary's 49-23 on Tuesday night, Dec. 8.

Ali Stock paced a balanced scoring attack with 11 points. Morgan Stearns tossed in

eight points while Rachel Rettmann hooped seven points. Taylor Perschau and Abby Widmer scored six points each. Taylor Brinkman and Madison Grove netted five and four points respectively while Emily Tuchtenhagen added two points.

Stearns also collected five rebounds, five steals and two assists. Rettmann had six rebounds, two assists and one

Visiting Sibley East then lost to New Ulm 35-16 on Monday evening, Dec. 14.

Perschau scored six points while Stearns had five points. Sydney Schott hooped three points while Rettmann added

Morgan Mathews contributed four rebounds, two steals, one assist and one blocked shot.

B-squad boys win 1 of 3 recent games

By Kurt Menk Editor

The Sibley East B-squad boys basketball team captured one win in three games during the past week.

The visiting Wolverines lost to Tri-City United 61-26 on Tuesday night, Dec. 8.

Alex Sell scored eight points while Tim Otto and Jacob Willmsen hooped six and five points respectively. Brice Reierson netted three points while Connor Deis and Holden Lindquist added two points each.

Sibley East also lost to vis-

iting Jordan 60-20 on Friday night, Dec. 11.

Deis and Sell scored five points each while Kevin Durham, Jr. and Lindquist recorded four points apiece. Willmsen added two points.

The Wolverines rebounded with a 44-29 win over visiting New Ulm on Monday

night, Dec. 14. Lindquist and Otto poured in 15 and 14 points respectively. Willmsen scored seven points while Lucas Chavez had six points. Jesus Rodriguez added two points.



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Sibley County Choral Society

The Sibley County Choral Society presented "Christmas Joy" at the American Lutheran Church in Gaylord on Friday night, Dec. 11. The concert was also presented at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Green Isle on Saturday night, Dec. 12 and at Peace Lutheran Church in Winthrop on Sunday afternoon, Dec. 13. The goup is directed by Robyn Woods, Kasota. The accompanist is Cathy Probst, Mankato. The soprano section includes Merry Kay Bandelin, Shannon Hruska, Melissa Pate, Carolyn Proehl, Lonnie Rabe, Michelle Reid and Eunice Rucks. The bass section consists of Tom Bartholomew, Jay Hanson, Eric Larson, Mark Probst, Tim Rohwer, Maynard Rucks, Sheldon Rucks and Jim Witt. The alto section includes Mary Doyscher, Kari Evans, Judy Loewe, Carolyn Johnson and Sally Rucks. The tenor section consists of Jim Lange, Bob Schoeb, Candy Swenson, Michael Toth and Logan Woods.

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The City of Arlington will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, December 21st at 6:30 pm or soon thereafter in the Council Chambers at the Arlington Community Center, 204 Shamrock Drive, Arlington, MN. The purpose of the public hearing is to discuss increasing the 3.2 Malt Liquor License Fees (On-Sale & Off-Sale).

Any person desiring to comment on these matters is invited to do so in writing or orally at the time of the public hearing. Inquiries should be directed to Liza M. Donabauer, City Administrator, at 507-964-2378 during normal business hours. Written comments should be sent to the City Administrator at 204 Shamrock Drive, Arlington MN 55307.

Liza M. Donabauer
City Administrator
Publish: December 10 and 17,
2015

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING FOR PENDING ASSESSMENTS

The City of Arlington will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, December 21st 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 2016.

The property owners have been sent notices and will be given until Monday, December 21st at 12:00 pm to pay their delinquent bill(s). Any bill not paid in full will be assessed against your property taxes for 2016.

Liza M. Donabauer
City Administrator
Publish: December 10 and 17,
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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 8, 2016, will open December 29, 2015 at 8 a.m. and will close January 12, 2016 at 5 p.m.

The following offices are up for election:

One Supervisor - Three year

One Clerk – Two year term Interested residents may file an Affidavit for Candidacy with the Township Clerk and pay the \$2 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 Township Clerk Publish December 10 and 17.

CERTIFICATE OF

ASSUMED NAME

1. List the exact assumed name under which the business is or will be conducted: Family Tree Duck Eggs

2. Principal place of business: 6287 70th St., Glencoe, MN 55336

3. List the name and complete street address of all persons conducting business under the above Assumed Name: Family Tree Woodworking LLC, 6287 70th St., Glencoe, MN 55336

4. I, the undersigned, certify that I am signing this document as the person whose signature is required. I further certify that I have completed all required fields, and that the information in this document is true and correct and in compliance with the applicable chapter of Minnesota Statutes. I understand that by signing this document I am subject to the penalties of perjury as set forth in Section 609.48 as if I had signed this document under oath.

/s/ Dean Straub November 19, 2015

Email address for Official Notices: Camohunts@gmail.com
Publish: December 10 and 17,
2015

STATE OF MINNESOTA FIRST JUDICIAL DISTRICT COUNTY OF SIBLEY DISTRICT COURT Court File Number: 72-PR-15-57

In Re: Estate of

Elouise M. Horton

Decedent
NOTICE OF ORDER FOR
HEARING ON PETITION FOR
FORMAL PROBATE OF WILL AND
APPOINTMENT OF
PERSONAL
REPRESENTATIVE AND
NOTICE TO CREDITORS

It is Ordered and Notice is given that on January 11, 2016 at 10:45 a.m., a hearing will be held in this Court at Sibley County, Minnesota, on a petition for the formal probate of an instrument purporting to be the decedent's Will dated March 25, 2004, and for the appointment of Keith Horton, whose address is 45268 – 162 Street, Glencoe, MN 55336 as personal representative of the decedent's estate in an unsupervised administration.

Any objections to the petition must be raised at the hearing or filed with the Court prior to the hearing. If the petition is proper and no objections are filed or raised, the personal representative will be appointed with the full power to administer the decedent's estate, including the power to collect all assets; pay all legal debts, claims, taxes, and expenses; sell real and personal property; and do all necessary acts for the decedent's estate.

Notice is further given that, subject to Minn. Stat. § 524.3-801, all creditors having claims against the decedent's estate are required to present the claims to the personal representative or to the Court within four (4) months after the date of this notice or the claims will be barred.

Dated: December 7, 2015 /s/ Timothy J. Looby Judge of District Court /s/ Karen V Messner Court Administrator Glencoe Law Office Scott L. Nokes MN# 0392060

MN# 0392060 P.O. Box 114 821 – 11th Street East Glencoe, MN 5533w Telephone: (320) 864-4800 Facsimile: (888) 550-3228 e-mail: snokes@glencoelaw.com Publish: December 17 and 24,



Submitted Photo

11-Point Buck

Arlington resident Josh Paggen recently shot this 11-point buck in Carver north of Belle Plaine.

Principal's Note Pad

SE has access to variety of specialists

By Mari Lu Martens SE Elementary Principal

Sibley East School District is a part of the River Bend Special Education Coop. That membership gives us access to a variety of specialists, including an Occupational Therapist. Katie Parsons is the therapist assigned to assist our school. Katie has 10 years in a pediatric outpatient clinic. She has developed a quick list of suggestions for "SENSORY" kids that I'd like to share with you.

1) Select school clothes the night before. Tagless and compression-style clothing are often good choices. Turning socks/underwear inside out, or letting your child sleep in the clothes for the next day can be a big help!

2) Begin your morning with deep pressure massage, calming/alerting music, and/or movement input (animal walks to breakfast, jumping jacks, swinging, etc.).

3) Sensory-friendly environments are important. Natural lighting and/or light covers for fluorescent lights are helpful. Overcrowded walls and strong smells (perfume, deodorant, or food) may be over stimulating for children with hypersensitivities. Sensory earmuffs can help with

noise reduction.

4) Encourage seating alternatives like ball chairs and air cushions to provide calming/alerting movement input.

5) Oral input creates rhythm and is a powerful sensory regulator. Incorporate water bottles, gum, crunchy snacks, chewy pencil toppers, chewable jewelry, etc.

6) Fidgets can be effective in keeping restless fingers

busy, bodies relaxed, and minds focused!

7) Every child is a gift! Help others recognize each child's uniqueness and cele-

brate it!
Sibley East is fortunate to have access to the River Bend Coop that assists us in many ways, including specialists like Katie Parsons. Please call if you have any questions about our programming at Sibley East.

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Sibley East Public Schools New Elementary School Gaylord, MN Comm. No. 450502

SECTION 000300 - ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

Sibley East Public Schools ISD #2310

Sibley East Public Schools ISD #2310 invites bids for sections 7C Fireproofing, 9B Tilework and 10C Folding Panel Partitions for the new elementary school located in Gaylord, MN. The bids will be accordance with bidding documents prepared by Wendel Architects. Bids will be received for separate prime contracts managed by R. A. Morton and Associates, Inc., Construction Managers.

PROJECT SCOPE: New Elementary Public School located in Gaylord, MN.

BID DATE/PLACE OF OPENING

Sealed bids will be received on or before **Tuesday January 5th**, **2016** @ **2:00 p.m.** at the **R.A. Morton & Associates office**, **3315 Roosevelt Road, Suite 100, St. Cloud, MN 56301**. Bids will be publicly opened and read at that time in the conference room.

SITE INSPECTION

None

PROCUREMENT OF DOCUMENTS

(For Hard Copy Plans and Specifications)

Copies of Bidding Documents may be obtained from the office of the Construction Manager, 3315 Roosevelt Road, Suite 100, St. Cloud, MN 56301 in accordance with the Instructions to Bidders, upon making a deposit by check in the amount of One Hundred Fifty dollars (\$150.00) made payable to R.A. Morton and Associates, Inc. The deposit will be returned to the plan holder who submits a bid and who returns the contract documents in good condition within fourteen days after the due bid date. Documents requested to be delivered by mail or UPS will be sent upon receipt of the deposit check and a separate non-refundable check of Twenty dollars (\$20.00) per plan set made payable to R.A. Morton and Associates, Inc. to cover shipping.

(For CD Copy of Plans and Specification)

CD Documents requested to be delivered by mail will be sent at no charge. No return will be required of the CD.

EXAMINATION OF DOCUMENTS

Bidding documents are now available.

Bidding documents may be examined at the following locations.

R.A. Morton Construction Managers, St Cloud, MN; Wendel, Minneapolis, MN;

BID SECURITY

Each bid in excess of \$20,000 shall be accompanied by a bid security of 5% of the maximum amount of the bid in the form of a Surety Bond, Certified Check or Cashier's Check. Each successful prime contract bidder shall furnish a Performance and Payment Bonds in the full amount of the contract if contract exceeds \$20,000. Surety must be authorized to do business in State of Minnesota.

WAGE RATES

Prevailing wage requirements are not required.

CONSIDERATION OF BIDS

The bidder acknowledges the rights of the owner to reject any and all bids, accept any bid, waive informalities in bids submitted, and waive minor discrepancies in bidding procedures, as deems to be in its best interest. Each bidder agrees to waive any claim it has or may have against the Owner, the Construction Manager, the Architect and respective employees, arising out of or in connection with the administration, evaluation or recommendation of any bid. Bids may not be withdrawn for a period of Forty Five (45) calendar days immediately following the date of receipt of bids.

STATE SALES TAX

It is the intent of the Owner to take advantage of their tax-exempt status as a Minnesota Public Corporation to exclude state sales tax from material only bids and contracts. Refer to Section 003000 Bid Form for bid division descriptions of bid packages that are material only and are not to include state sales tax. All material and labor or labor only bid packages shall include state sales tax. By their signature on the Bid, the bidder warrants and guarantees that they have included in the bid the amount of all Excise and Use Taxes which they are liable to pay under laws of the State of Minnesota for materials and equipment required to complete the Work.

ADDENDUMS

It shall be the responsibility of any and all bidders to provide the construction manager with complete contact information inclusive of company email and mailing address information. This information shall be submitted 72 hours prior to bid date. This information is a mandatory bidding requirement and shall be emailed to R.A.Morton Construction Managers. Send to email lindad@ramorton.com. Addendums may be sent out only by e-mail process and without this address the addendums may not be sent out to you.

OTHER ISSUES

Direct communications regarding drawings or specifications on this project to Jon Leung of Wendel Architects, phone (612) 332-1401, <u>ileung@wendelcompanies.com</u>.

Direct communications regarding bidding procedure & schedule on this project to Joe Cecko of R. A. Morton Construction Managers, phone (320) 223-6256, joec@ramorton.com.

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Church News

SEVENTH DAY ADVENTIST 7th Ave. N.W., Arlington 507-304-3410 Robert Brauer, Pastor

507-234-6770 Saturday: Church services at 9:30 a.m. Bible study at 11:00 a.m. Fellowship dinner at 12:00 p.m. All are welcome.

UNITED METHODIST

Arlington Rodney J. Stemme, Pastor www.arlingtonunited methodist.org

Saturday, December 19: 10:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. Worship on channel 8. 10:00 a.m. Women's

Bible study at Betty Nelson's. Sunday, December 20: 10:00 a.m. Christmas program. 11:00 a.m. Potluck. 10:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. worship on channel 8.

Tuesday, December 22: 10:00 a.m. Good Sam worship.

Wednesday, December 23: 6:30 p.m. Choir goes caroling. Thursday, December 24: 7:00 p.m. Christmas Eve worship. Friday, December 25: A blessed Christmas to all!

ST. PAUL LUTHERAN (WELS)

Arlington Bruce Hannemann, Pastor WEBSITE:

www.stpaular lington.comEMAIL:

Bruce.Hannemann@stpaul arlington.com

Saturday, December 19: 9:00 a.m. PreK-8th Grade Christmas practice.

Sunday, December 20: 8:45 a.m. Sunday school. 9:00 a.m. Family Bible study. 10:00 a.m. Worship, voters meeting and Pastor's farewell appreciation. 4:00 p.m. Choir caroling. 6:30-8:00 p.m. Open gym at St. Paul's

Monday, December 21: 10:00 a.m. Calender information due. 2:30 p.m. PreK program, 4:00 p.m. B-girls Belle Plaine. 5:00 p.m. B-Boys team. 6:00 p.m. A Co-ed team. 6:30 p.m. Blue Christmas.

Tuesday, December 22: 9:00 a.m. Counting committee.

Wednesday, December 23: No school. 9:00 a.m PreK-8th Grade Christmas practice. 10:00 a.m. Bulletin information due. 8:00 p.m. Finance Board meeting.

Thursday, December 24: No school. 11:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. Services on cable TV channel 8. 6:00 p.m. Christmas Eve children's service.

Friday, December 25: 9:00 a.m. Christmas Day service.

GAYLORD ASSEMBLY OF GOD Gaylord

Sunday, December 20: 9:15 a.m. Sunday school. 10:00 a.m. Worship service.

Wednesday, December 23: 6:30 p.m. Christmas Eve service and Bible classes and youth fo-

ST. PAUL'S UNITED **CHURCH OF CHRIST** Henderson

507-248-3594 (Office) Deb Meyer, Pastor Find us on Facebook: St. Paul's UCC Henderson Sunday, December 20: 10:00

a.m. Worship service. Thursday, December 24: 4:00 p.m. Christmas Eve service.

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

www.stpaulsrcus.org Sunday, December 20: 8:30 a.m. Sunday school and adult Bible study. 9:30 a.m. Worship service.

Wednesday, December 23: 6:30-8:00 p.m. Catechism class.

ORATORY OF ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE Jessenland 507-248-3550

Fr. Sam Perez Thursday: Weekly Mass at

ST. MARY, MICHAEL AND BRENDAN AREA **FAITH COMMUNITY**

Fr. Keith Salisbury, Pastor Friday, December 18: 8:30 a.m. Mass (Mar).

Saturday, December 19: 5:00 p.m. Mass (Mar).

Sunday, December 20: 7:30 a.m. Mass (Bre). 9:00 a.m. Mass (Mic). 9:15-10:15 a.m. Sts. Mary and Brendan Elementary Religious Education (Pre-5), 10:30 a.m. Mass (Mar). 7:00 p.m. Penance service (Mar).

Monday, December 21: 8:30 a.m. Mass (Bre). 8:30 a.m.Word and Communion (Mar). 6:00-7:00 p.m. Individual Confession. (Mar). 8:00 p.m. AA and Al Anon (Mar).

Tuesday, December 22: 8:30 a.m. Mass (Bre and Mar). 3:45 p.m. Word and Communion (Arlington Good Samaritan). 6:00-7:00 p.m. Individual Confession. (Mar).

Wednesday, December 23: 9:00 a.m. Word and Communion (Oak Terrace). No St. Michael Elementary Religious education (K-5). No Jr. and Sr. High religious education (6-10). 5:00 p.m. Mass (Mar).

Thursday, December 24: 4:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Mass (Mar). 6:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Mass (Mic). 7:30 p.m. Narcotics Anonymous (Mic).

Friday, December 25: 8:00 a.m. Christmas Day Mass (Bre). 9:30 a.m Christmas Day Mass (Mar).

TRINITY LUTHERAN 32234 431st Ave., Gaylord Scott Richards, Interim Pastor

Sunday, December 20: 9:30 a.m. Christmas Pageant practice. 10:15 a.m. Worship.

Thursday, December 24: 2:00 and 4:00 p.m. Christmas in the Barn at David Kahle's farm. 6:00 p.m. Pageant and candlelight service.

ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN (Missouri Synod) Arlington 507-964-2400

Gary L. Ruckman, Pastor Sunday, December 20: 9:00 a.m. Bible class. 10:00 a.m. Wor-

Thursday, December 24: 5:30 p.m. Deadline for bulletin information. 7:00 p.m. Christmas Eve worship service.

Friday, December 25: 9:00 m. Christmas Day worship

EVANGELICAL COVENANT CHURCH 107 W. Third St., Winthrop 507-647-5777 Parsonage 507-647-3739 Kyle Kachelmeier, Pastor

www.wincov.org Saturday, December 19: 6:00 a.m. Men's Bible study at Hahn's Dining. 9:00 a.m. Christmas program practice. 9:00 a.m. Clothes Closet. 10:00 a.m. Food Cupboard.

Sunday, December 20: 9:30 a.m. Worship. 10:45 Sunday School. 6:00 p.m. Christmas pro-

Wednesday, December 23: No Prayer coffee.

Thursday, December 24: No Women's or Men's Bible study. 5:00 p.m. Christmas Eve service.

ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN (Missouri Synod) **Green Isle** 507-326-3451

Eric W. Rapp, Pastor Friday, December 18: 10:00 a.m. Deadline for Sunday bulletin

and monthly activity calendar. Sunday, December 20: 8:00 a.m. Bible class. 9:00 a.m. Worship. 10:00 a.m. Sunday school.

Monday, December 21: 5:00 p.m. Community Connect dinner. Tuesday, December 22: 9:0011:00 a.m. Pastor at Zion. Wednesday, December 23: 7:45 p.m. Choir practice.

Thursday, December 24: 10:00 a.m. deadline for Sunday bulletin. 7:00 p.m. Christmas Eve worship service.

Friday, December 25: 9:30 a.m. Christmas Day worship service with Communion at Zion's.

PEACE LUTHERAN (Missouri Synod) Arlington

Kurt Lehmkuhl, Pastor www.hispeace@frontiernet.net

Sunday, December 20: 8:15 a.m. Sunday school. 9:30 a.m. Worship service with Holy Communion and PreK and Kindergarten Christmas program. 10:30 a.m. Fellowship. 11:00 a.m. Worship service at Highland Commons with Holy Communion.

Monday, December 21: 11:30 a.m. Feeding of the 500 Club.

Thursday, December 24: 6:00 p.m. Children's Christmas Eve service. 7:30 p.m. Candlelight Christmas service.

Friday, December 25: 9:30 a.m. Christmas Day worship service with Holy Communion.

ZION LUTHERAN (Missouri Synod) **Green Isle Township** 507-326-3451

Eric W. Rapp, Pastor Friday, December 18: 10:00 a.m. Deadline for Sunday bulletin and monthly activity calendar.

Sunday, December 20: 10:30 a.m. Worship with Communion. 11:30 a.m. Bible class.

Monday, December 21: 5:00 p.m. Community Connect dinner at St. Paul's.

Tuesday, December 22: 9:00-11:00 a.m. Pastor at Zion. Wednesday, December 23:

7:45 p.m. Choir practice. Thursday, December 24: 10:00 a.m. Deadline for Sunday bulletin information. 7:00 p.m. Christmas Eve worship service at

St. Paul's Friday, December 25: 9:30 a.m. Christmas Day worship service with Communion.

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

Deborah Dawson, Pastor Saturday, December 19: 10:00 a.m. Sunday school Christmas program practice.

Sunday, December 20: 10:00 a.m. Sunday school Christmas program. 11:00 a.m. Fellowship. Tuesday, December 22: 6:00-7:00 p.m. TOPS in church base-

Wednesday, December 23:

7:00 p.m. Choir practice. Thursday, December 24: 9:00 on cable. 2:00 p.m. Newsletter deadline. 7:00 p.m. Christmas Eve candlelight service.

Friday, December 25: 9:00 a.m. Christmas Day worship with Holy Communion.

CREEKSIDE Community Church Christian & Missionary Alliance

114 Shamrock Dr., Arlington 507-964-2872 John Cherico, Pastor email: creeksidecc@media-

combb.net Sunday, December 20: 9:30-10:15 a.m. Adult and children's

Sunday school. 10:30 a.m. Worship service. Nursery provided for children 0-4 years old and children's church ages 5 through fifth grade.

Tuesday, December 22: 7:00 p.m. Women's Bible study.

Wednesday, December 23: 6:30 p.m. R.E.A.C.H. youth group at Creekside. Thursday, December 24: 7:00

p.m. Special Christmas Eve candlelight service.

What Christmas means to me

At Christmas we celebrate

when Jesus was born. Mary

was happy and Joseph was glad. The wise men gave the

baby Jesus gold. The angels

told the shepherds that baby

Jesus was born. At Christmas

I celebrate at my grandma

and grandpa's house. We

open presents. I like to eat

the cookies and treats.

Christmas means a lot to me.

At Christmas we remember

that Jesus was born in Bethle-

hem. He was wrapped in

cloths and placed in a

manger. The three wise men

and shepherds came to see

him. At Christmas I like to

go to my grandparents' house

and eat treats. We watch

movies there. I like to make

gingerbread cookies at home

and eat them. Merry Christ-

Christmas is about Jesus'

birth. Mary and Joseph put

Jesus in a manger. Jesus is

our Savior. At Christmas I

like to open presents and dec-

daily. A 1/2 pint of milk is served

with each meal daily. Menu is sub-

Monday: Pop Tart, cheese stick,

Tuesday: Cereal bar, seeds,

Ellie Kaesermann

Grade 1

ject to change.

fruit, juice, milk.

fruit, juice, milk.

Carson Schmidt

Grade 1

Editor's Note: Students in Lesley Kaesermann's K-2 classroom at St. Paul's Lutheran School in Arlington submitted articles on "What Christmas Means To Me."

Christmas is when we celebrate Jesus' birthday. I like to sing about Jesus. My favorite song to sing is "Silent Night." I like to make snowflakes.

Bradey Frauendienst Grade 1

Christmas is about Jesus' birth. The three wise men came to see Jesus. Jesus is the Savior. "Silent Night" is my favorite song. I like to decorate the Christmas tree and get toys.

Blake Swenson Grade 2

Christmas is about Jesus' birth. The shepherds came to worship him. The star showed everyone where the stable was in Bethlehem. I like to sing "Angels We Have Heard on High". I like to go to both of my grandmas' houses. We open presents.

Brayden Bergs

Grade 2

SENIOR DINING Call 326-3401 for a meal Suggested Donation \$4.00 Meals are served at Highland

Commons dining room Monday-Friday Monday: Hamburger, baked

beans, tart cole slaw, bun, margarine, ice cream, low fat milk. Tuesday: Italian meat sauce, spaghetti noodles, lettuce with dressing, cauliflower, garlic bread,

margarine, apricots, low fat milk. Wednesday: Chicken chow mein, with rice and chow mein noodles, oriential vegetables, mandarin orange gelatin, brownie, low fat milk.

Thursday: Christmas Eve. Friday: Merry Christmas!

SIBLEY EAST ELEMENTARY **BREAKFAST MENU Arlington and Gaylord** Dec. 21-25 Breakfast is served at 8:00 a.m.

Thursday: Winter Break. Friday: Winter break. SIBLEY EAST SCHOOL

Wednesday: Winter Break.

Arlington Dec. 21-25 A 1/2 pint of milk and an enriched grain product is served with each meal. Additional milk is avail-

MENU

subject to change. Monday: Tator Tot hotdish, creamy fruit salad, bread stick, slushie, milk.

Tuesday: Pizza, corn, holiday

able for 40 cents each. Menu is

Wednesday: Winter Break. Thursday: Winter Break. Friday: Winter break.

dessert, fruit, milk.

orate our Christmas tree. My

favorite song to sing is

Christmas is when Jesus

was born. He is a king.

Mary had baby Jesus. The

shepherds came to Bethle-

hem. I like to sing "Jesus

Loves Me." I like to put a

star on our Christmas tree. I

like to eat pizza at Christmas time. I like to make snow an-

At Christmas we decorate

the tree. Baby Jesus is a

king. Mary and Joseph were

happy when he was born.

They put him in a manger. I

like to sing "Away in a

Manger." I like to eat Christ-

mas cookies. We see my

grandma and grandpa at

Christmas and we get pres-

Caleb Kistner

Kindergarten

gels and stepping the snow.

Jakobi Olson

Kindergarten

"Away in a Manger."

Pierson Brau

Kindergarten

SIBLEY EAST SCHOOL **MENU** Gaylord

Dec. 21-25 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: Taco, lettuce, tomatoes, refried beans, spanish rice, corn, fruit, milk.

Alternate: none. Tuesday: Pizza, veggie sticks, green beans, fruit, milk. Alternate: none.

Wednesday: Winter Break. Thursday: Winter Break. Friday: Winter break.



St. Brendan's Catholic Church **Green Isle Pastor Keith Salisbury** Mass: Sunday 7:30 a.m. **Blessings**

[Mary's Song of Praise: The Magnificat] And Mary said, "My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, for he who is mighty has done great things for me, and holy is his name.

Luke 1:46-47, 49 ESV

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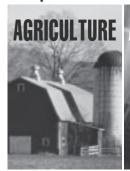
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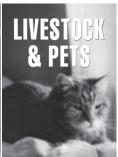
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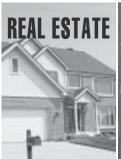
















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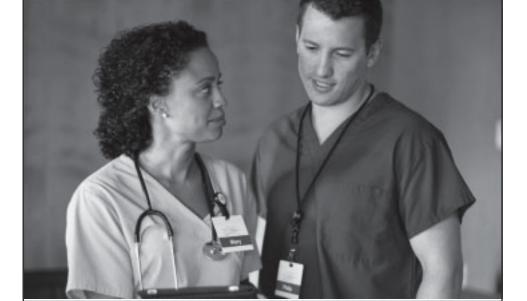
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Letters to Santa from students in Carrie Pioske's first grade classroom

Dear Santa,

How are You? I hope you get my present! How are you so jolly? I would like a doll and a doll house please. I wish you a Merry Christmas!

Love, Lizbeth Herrera

Dear Santa,

How are your elves? I help my mom do the dishes. I know you are awesome. I would like a pair of roller skates.

Love, Jameson Perschau

Dear Santa,

I have been helping my mom at the bakery. I would like a remote control car.

Love, Jaden Deiball

Dear Santa,

Are you working hard? I help vacuum and I help with the dishes. Can you please give me magical pencils and an iPad?

Love. **Evelen Medrana**

Dear Santa,

How is Rudolph? I know you have a long list. What list am I on? I have helped my mom with my little brother. I would like new slippers and also new chapter books and please not magic tree house

Love, Alivia Uhlenkamp Dear Santa,

How are you? I know you and the elves are working hard to get ready for Christmas. I would like an iPod and an Ever After High Doll too please. I wish you a Happy Christmas.

Love, **Madison Fasching**

Dear Santa,

How are you Santa? I can make cookies for you Santa. I would like a real dog not a dog toy.

Love. Kalyn Gallardo

Dear Santa.

How are you feeling? I would like a remote control red Jetson. I would like a remote control camera helicop-

Love, **Austin McCue**

Dear Santa. How are you? Are you making presents with the elves? I would like a Lego City. I am helping my mom and dad. I love presents.

Love, Isaac Rabe

Dear Santa, How are you Santa? I would like a Frozen girl and a Frozen jeep. I would like a Frozen chart. How is the North Pole? You are nice.

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Love, Anahi Alvarado

Dear Santa,

How are you? I have helped with the dishes. I would like a computer and a microscope please. I would like a telescope.

Love, **Paige Gaffney**

Dear Santa,

How are you? is it cold up at the North Pole? Are you doing ok? How are your elves? I would like a doll please. Christmas is fun.

Love, Jewel Klancke

Dear Santa,

Is it cold at the North Pole? I would like Legos.

Love, **Trent Wisch**

Dear Santa,

I think you are pretty. Do you want cookies? I would like a Barbie please.

Love, Yaricza Bello Perez

Dear Santa,

Santa you have a good Christmas. Is it cold in the North Pole? I would like a skateboard. Are you good Santa? Santa you and the elves are working real hard. I will leave cookies for you.

Love,

Riely Edblom

Dear Santa,

How are you? How are your reindeer? Are they ready to fly? How are your elves? I would like a Switch and Go Dino please.

Love, **Owen Hilgers**

Dear Santa,

How are you? Is Rudolph's nose still glowing? I hope you give me what I asked for. You are the best.

Love, Sam Workman

Dear Santa,

How are you? I would like video games and Lego sets. I made my bed for my mom. I will leave lots of cookies for you.

Love, **Cohen Neisen**

Dear Santa,

How are you? I would like a black fake dog for Christmas and a book. I will help my dad.

Love, Jadyn Stuewe

Dear Santa,

Are you making presents? Do you like cookies? I would like a space station.

Love,

Joan Espiritu Palma

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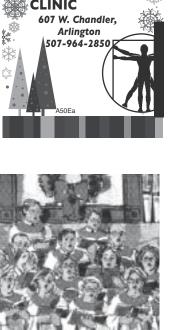
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Letters to Santa from students in Heidi Gasow's first grade classroom

Dear Santa,

Can you pretty please give me a pretend unicorn that has wings and I can feed it a pretend strawberry? I will leave you cookies and milk. I have been really good.

Love, **Abby Weber**

Dear Santa,

I want a bike. Love,

Aylin Gallardo

Dear Santa,

Can you please give me a Monster High skateboard, please? And how is your family doing? My family is doing good. I love Rudolph and you too!

Love, **Grace Gibson**

Dear Santa,

Can you please bring me one horse and I will feed it. By the way, this year I'm bringing you a present for you and Mrs. Claus.

Love, Maelynn Thoele

Dear Santa,

I want you to give me a bike. How are the reindeer? Hope you are doing good. I like you.

Love,

Dear Santa,

Alexander Cruz

How is Rudolph? Is Rudolph being good? I love you.

Love, **Sammy Helms**

Dear Santa,

We can see your reindeers. Can you please give me a stuffed animal? How are your reindeer doing?

Love, Makenna Miller

Dear Santa.

One Lego bat. How is Rudolph? Are you getting presents? Is Rudolph real? I

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Dear Santa,

your reindeer. I love Santa and Rudolph. Love,

Dominic Ellen

Dear Santa,

Santa I will leave milk and cookies. Santa can you get me a real iPad? I will give you a present. I love Santa. How is Rudolph?

Love, **Carter Podratz**

Dear Santa,

Could you bring me an Xbox? How are the reindeer doing? How are you doing? Love,

Atley Strack

Dear Santa,

I need a new charger for my tablet. Santa is the best! Love.

Mason Husfeldt

Dear Santa, I want a horse in my backyard. Please make a big fence for her and I want a baby dog.

Love, Jenna Bates

Dear Santa,

Can I get a big haybind for Christmas? Santa is it really busy up there? Hi, I am Monty. I hope you like my cookies.

Love,

Monty Halquist

Dear Santa.

You are the best. Can you give me a present? How are the reindeer? I like your clothes. I like your boots. I like your beard. Please give me lots of presents. Love,

Mia Cardona

Dear Santa,

Please Santa can you get me a CAT truck that carries a dump truck and a digger? How are the reindeer doing?

Love, **Nathan Schauer**



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I want a PlayStation with two controls. How is Rudolph? Is he good? I will leave a surprise waiting for you. I like you, bye!!!

Love, **Emanuel Gallardo**

Dear Santa.

I want a cat and a puppy and dolls and crayons and a bike and a book and glue and scissors and pens.

Love, Carina Landfain

Dear Santa,

I want for Christmas an Xbox 360. Santa are you good? I like you Santa.

Love, **Daniel Mendoza** Dear Santa,

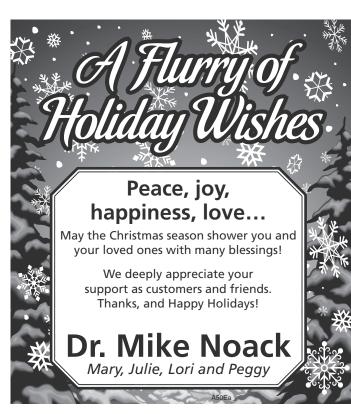
I would like a Nerf gun. Thank you for getting us presents. I can not wait until Christmas. I hope you have fun. Can you get me the Pie Face game? How's the reindeer doing? Are they good or bad? Thank you Santa! Good

Love, **Jack Pomplun**

Dear Santa,

I don't want a toy this year. But I still want something for Christmas. It is a puppy. Love,

Kamrie Mauer

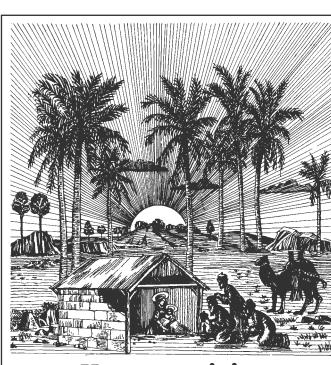












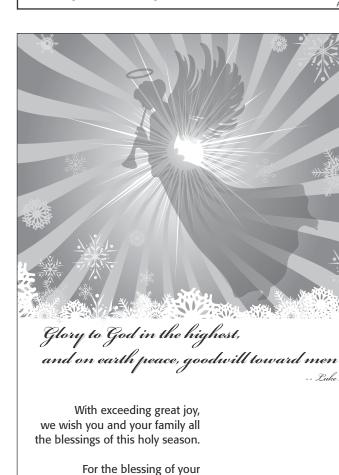
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Letters to Santa from students in Megan Koepp's second grade classroom

Dear Santa,

I would like a New Snackin' Sarah, the Baby Alive! I would also like some earrings. I would also like an Elf on the Shelf because they are funny. How is Rudolph doing? Can I please get an iPad?

Love, **Autumn Gaffney**

Dear Santa, Thank you for sending me presents every year. I would like a candy cane and iPhone for Christmas. I love presents. Who is on the naughty list? How are you Santa?

Love, **Kate Perez**

Dear Santa,

I want something for Christmas. I want a talking doll for Christmas. Santa, how are you? How are your elves doing, Santa?

How are the Reindeer? Can you please bring me a dollar for Christmas. Can you pick me up so I can be one of your helpers?

Love, Kaiyana Lindsey

Dear Santa,

Can you send me an Elf on the Shelf please? How is Rudolph and your wife? Is she cooking right now? How are you doing? Just to let you know, I have been good this year. Has my sister been good? Thank you for the presents last year! I love you Santa Claus, you are the best.

Love, Jamie Kahlow

Dear Santa,

How are your elves doing? How are you doing? I think I saw Rudolph because there was something red in the sky. Thank you for the presents. This year I would like a rock um sock um bopper!

Love, **Dawson Wibstad** Dear Santa,

How are you doings? Who is on the naughty list? Santa. how many elves do you have? Thank you for the presents every year. How is Rudolph doing? I would like an iPod for Christmas. If you were me, what would you get for Christmas? How is Mrs. Claus doing? Does Rudolph's nose really glow? Do you have a Christmas tree? Me and my brother Nathan are going to give you cookies and a glass of milk and your reindeer will get carrots and

Love, **Anna Colling**

Dear Santa,

How are your reindeer and your elves? I miss you Santa Claus. I wish I was an elf. And I hope you are having fun at the North Pole.

Love, Jaden Klancke

Dear Santa,

How are you Santa? I would like Legos for Christmas. How many elves do you have? How is Rudolph doing? Does Rudolph's nose really glow? How are your elves doing? How is Mrs. Claus? Thank you for the presents every year.

Love, Sam Renneke

Dear Santa, How is Mrs. Claus? Thank you for the presents. I will give you three cookies and like 30 carrots. How many elves do you have? How is Rudolph doing? Does Rudolph's nose really glow?

Love, **Hannah Bartlette**

Dear Santa,

For Christmas I would like a snowboard, How are you Santa? How do your reindeer

Love,

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Dear Santa,

How are your elves? Are they good or are they bad? Please let me know. How is Rudolph the red nose reindeer? I like vou Santa. You're the best. Santa, I wish I had an Elf on the Shelf.

Love, **Elonzo Montes**

Dear Santa,

How many elves do you have? How is Rudolph doing? Who is on the naughty list? How are you Santa? I would like a Hover Kraft for Christmas. Who is on the nice list?

Love, **Landon Fisher**

Dear Santa,

I hope you are having a good time. I also hope my home will get an Elf on the Shelf this year. I hope you give me presents. You are the best. I know it is so hard to give the children all the pres-

Love. **Ruth Workman**

Dear Santa,

Thanks for sending me an Elf on the Shelf. I would like a PS4 with Black Ops and Minecraft for Christmas. How many elves do you have? Is Rudolph doing good or bad?

Love,

Alex Cardenas

Dear Santa,

I don't know what I want for Christmas this year. But I might want my two front teeth so I can eat my Christmas cookies. My favorite reindeer is Rudolph the red nosed reindeer. Why does Rudolph's nose glow?

Love, Lilli VonEschen

Dear Santa,

I will give you cookies this year. When will you be here? Love,

Aiden Bode

Dear Santa,

Could you please send me an Elf on the Shelf? Because I do not have one at home. I don't like to watch tv, so could I have some games to play at home?

Love. **Brayan Martinez**

Dear Santa,

I can't wait for Christmas to come. How are your elves? Santa can you please give me a dollar? Please Santa could I have a talking puppy for Christmas? I will mail my letter to you.

Love,

Mylin Farias





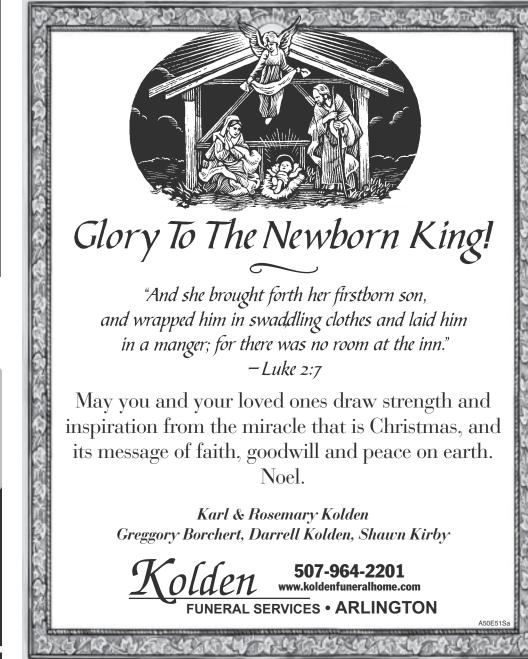






Hope the season sets the scene for a spectacular Christmas for you and your loved ones. We feel blessed to have your friendship and goodwill and look forward to seeing you again in the new year.

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Letters to Santa from students in Chris Cronin's second grade classroom

I can't wait for Christmas. It's going to be fun because I get to eat turkey and Christmas is God's birthday. My day is good because I'm writing a letter to you. So how is your day? I know it's doing good like mine. So have you put a kid on the naughty list? I hope not! That will be bad and you should because they are naughty and mean that's why. I forgot when your birthday is. So how is the North pole? I was told that it's cold! I live in Minnesota. And last, Merry Christmas Santa.

Love, **Daemon Lindsey**

Dear Santa,

I am excited this Christmas. I've been good this year. Have you been busy lately this year? Well I want to know how has Ms. Claus been doing? I keep on forgetting your reindeer's names. Can you send a paper of their names please so I remember? Oh, thanks too!! I hope I get a lot of presents this year. How have the reindeer been doing? I have a big wish list this year! We still don't have the Christmas tree up. Well, my family loves Christmas, especially my mom and me!

Love, **Yakelin Calderon**

Dear Santa,

How are you doing? I want to know how big are you, and I want to know how old you are, and I want to know how many reindeer you have, and I want to know what you will bring me for Christmas.

Love, Joceleen Medrano

Dear Santa,

How are you? How are the elves doing? Frankie hid in funny places today! He was hiding on the wreath on the porch door. On Sunday he took a bubble bath.

Love, Emma Lenertz Dear Santa Claus,

First I want to know how are you doing? And how is Mrs. Claus doing? And how are the elves doing? And Snowflake our elf is being a little better this year. Last year she was a bit bad and into mischief. But today we didn't find her. And we hope we can find her. Santa Claus have a merry merry Christmas. And a happy New Year.

Love, **Adyson Elizabeth Beneke**

Dear Santa,

I don't want a toy for Christmas this year. I just want to move to a new house next year. We will get horses and goats, maybe pigs. And in my new school it will have my cousins in my new school. I just can't wait for next summer. I also hope I will have my birthday there.

Eva Rose Stuewe

How are the reindeer doing? I hope I get lots of presents! I'm really excited for Christmas this year. How are you and Mrs. Claus doing? I hope you aren't sick. I hope people are being good. I hope I get WWE toys and football jerseys. Those are the two things I mostly want for Christmas.

Love, **Kyan Kube**

Dear Santa,

Hi Santa how are you? I hope good. I love your reindeer. I hope they are doing good too. I am really excited for you to come. And this is all I want for Christmas is for my family to be safe and of course some presents! Oh yeah, am I on the naughty list or good list? Send back a Christmas P.S. Are you ever going to cut your beard??

Love,

I am glad you sent an elf to my house. We named him Chipy. He is a nice elf. I can't wait for Christmas day! We still have a ways to go. I wish I could see your reindeer. You are a nice man Santa and I like your little workers!

Love, Aidan McCue

Dear Santa,

I'm good. How are you? I'm excited for presents and my sisters. I love Christmas Day! And holidays too. I just love them so much. How about you? Also, when it is here there is snow, I think it is funny. I got to sit on your lap. We got a candy cane. It is so delicious!

Love, Lilli Miller

How are you doing? I'm doing great! What should I bring you? I was thinking about bringing you cookies and milk and your reindeer carrots. I think I was good this year. I would like some Junie B. Jones books.

Love, **Brooklyn Schultz**

Dear Santa,

I wonder how busy you are? Santa I hope you give me the best gift in the whole wide world! How are your reindeer? Do you have Rudolph? I hope you're taking care of them because they might get sick and they can't fly on the 25th. I believe in you Santa.

Love, McKenna Glawe Dear Santa,

How are you doing? What are you doing? I'm doing good. I'm doing baseball and basketball. I can't wait for Xmas. I'm excited about all the celebrating. If I remember I will put out milk and cook-

Love, Alex Bachman

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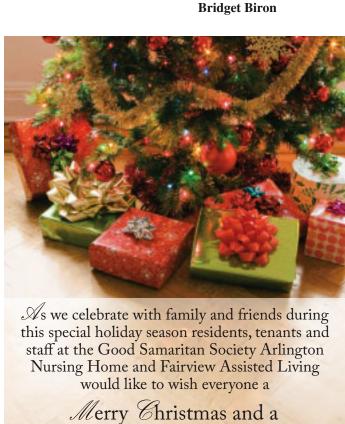
How are your reindeer? Are your elves making toys? Is Rudolph being good? I will leave carrots for your reindeer. And maybe a cookie for

Love, Cody Schauer

Dear Santa,

I'm so excited for Christmas! Christmas is so exciting! I can't wait for it. How are you doing? I am pretty sure you're doing good.

Love, Matthew Wood

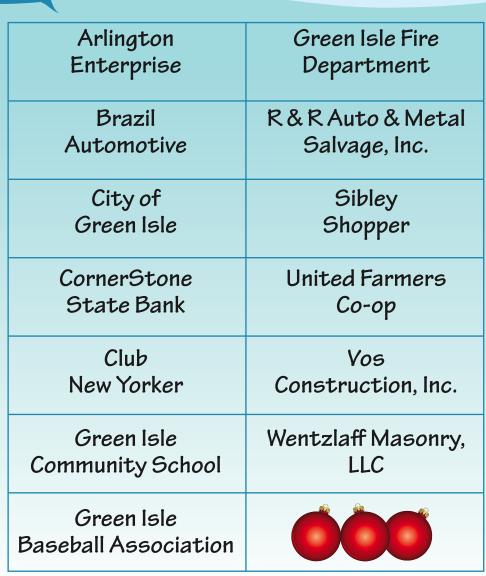


Happy New Year!

All faiths or beliefs are welcome









For Your Trust & Goodwill

For the time you've invested with us this past year, we are sincerely grateful and we wish all of you a most joyous holiday season with many happy returns.

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2015 HOLIDAY HOURS:

Christmas Eve – Thursday, Dec. 24 Main Bank and Drive-Up will close at Noon. New Year's Eve – Thursday, Dec. 31

Main Bank will close at 3:00 p.m.; Drive-Up will close at 4:00 p.m.

New Year's Eve – Thursday, Dec. 31, 2015 – CUT-OFF for 2015 Year-End Business Transactions will be Noon.

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Letters to Santa Claus from students at the Green Isle Community School

Dear Santa, I would like a monster truck.

Love,

Henry Ott, Age 5

Dear Santa, I would like a Barbie.

Love. Aaliyah Samuels, Age 4

Dear Santa,

I would like a Beauty and the Beast.

Love. Audrey Ott, Age 5

Dear Santa,

I would like a doll. Love,

Waverly Stewart, Age 4

Dear Santa,

I would like a marble toy. Love,

Easton Brazil, Age 3

Dear Santa, I would like a monster

truck.

Love, Jacob Schwartz, Age 4

Dear Santa, I would like a pickup truck.

Colton Wentzlaff, Age 4

Dear Santa. I would like a blazing speed.

Love.

Cole Goodburn, Age 5

Dear Santa,

I would like a horse.

Love,

Haddie Erickson-Selman Age 3

Dear Santa, I would like a fort. Love,

Alexa Miller, Age 5

Dear Santa, I would like a marble maze. Love,

Haiden Duley, Age 4

Kindergarten

Dear Santa, I would like a deer costume for Halloween.

Gabriella Kasheimer

Dear Santa, I wonder if you could give

me a toy truck.

Gideon Santovi

Dear Santa, I want an iPad. **Aubrey Simek**

First Grade

Dear Santa, Cud I have an Xbox One

please? **Elliott Chambers**

Dear Santa,

I want a DS.

Liam Menne

Dear Santa,

Can your sled fly? How can the deer fly? I want a

muscle car and a fan. Braydn Wentzlaff

Dear Santa,

I want monster clothes, ball and markers.

Aleah Parrott

Dear Santa, I want Beanies Boo. A big

AnnLiisa Kingston

Dear Santa,

I want a DS, a toy boat and a toy car.

Eli Santovi

Dear Santa, A banner, a shirt, an Elsa, a coloring box. I love Santa. **Kylah Olson**

Dear Santa,

I want a DS and a want a scooter and an iPod.

Theodore Brukelyer

Dear Santa, I want a DS. How can your deer fly?

Nathan Iddings

Dear Santa, I want an iPad. **Yerick Martinez-Farias**



First Grade

Dear Santa,

I was wondering if you could get me a phone. Please and thank you.

Finley Erickson-Selman

Second Grade

Dear Santa.

I would like a Lenovo PC for Christmas and a 3DS for Christmas too. And I would like for Christmas is a legendary Pokémon trading card game. Please can I get those things?

Love,

Matt Menne

Dear Santa,

I want a real teacup dog for Christmas. Oh, and I want to know how you and your wife look like. And do you have a dog or some kind of pet. Oh, before I ask you some more questions I will tell you what I want for Christmas. Ok, I want ice skates and a Monster High doll. And there is one question that I want to tell you, do you like good child?

Kimberly Moreno-Farias

Dear Santa, I want a dog. I want a cat.

Love,

Lyllie Eaton

Dear Santa,

For Christmas I want a zmor car and an Elf on the Shelf. Thank you Santa Clause.

Love,

Brooke Reinier

Dear Santa,

I want a dirt bike for Christmas and a remote control track.

Love, **Gavin Simek**

Third Grade Dear Santa,

For Christmas I want an Our Generation doll and a parent coloring book. And a giant Olaf. And a lock for my door. And a pet dog. And some more songs on my iPod. And Candy Crush on my Kindle Fire. I hope you have a great Christmas this year.

Jordyn Santovi

Dear Santa,

For Christmas I want Star Lily, a lot of Shopkins, Yummy Nummies. I also want horse stuff and more Shopkins and I want more Our Generation doll and a trampoline and snow pants and even more Shopkins and candy and Barbies.

Love, Lily Belle Foley

Dear Santa,

Can I have the Ender Origen Lego set please. And can you get mittens in a color please. Oh, and I almost forgot. P.S. Please give me some more mini figs. Also can we have a white Christmas? Please give me some Minecraft things. Please and art supplies please.

Love, Sheila Hartman

Dear Santa,

I want more farm stuff and a summer kitty and the new Dairy of the Whimpy Kid Old School and a remote control car. On Saturday night the Escape Clause.

Love. Madalyn Vinkemeier

Dear Santa,

I want a phone, a new battery for my tablet, a Pomeranian.

Love,

Athena Eaton

Dear Santa,

What I want for Christmas is a Zomer Dog and Ting Top pants, shirts, and shorts. A snow jacket. Silly Puddy. Clay. Nike shoes. Fishing rod. Sweat shirts. A new bike. A sage. A violin. A magic set.

Love, **Hailey Schwartz**



Fourth Grade

Dear Santa,

I want a pair of of Iscasas. I want a Baby Alive for Christmas.

Love, Megan Vinkemeier

Dear Santa. I want an iPad, Kit the American Girl doll, American Girl duffel bags, pen pal kit,

and a husky, thank you. P.S. Do you have any friends? Write back soon.

Love, **Evalina Halling** Dear Santa,

I want a Lego At-Ap Walker and the Star Wars Clone helmet. I have been a little bit good and little bit bad.

Love,

Josh Ringer



Home. It's a place to unwind. A place to dream. A place you always feel welcome.

For the hospitality and goodwill you've shown us this year, we are deeply grateful. We will always be proud to call this town "home" and wish all of our neighbors, a very merry holiday season.





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