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Amsden is new Sibley East superintendent

By Kurt Menk Editor

A divided Sibley East School Board, after three hours of discussion and the completion of five feedback sheets, finally united and unanimously approved a motion to offer the open superintendent position to current Sibley East Senior High Principal Jim Amsden.

The action took place during a special meeting in Arlington on Tuesday evening, Feb. 12.

The School Board also

unanimously approved a motion to authorize School Board Chairperson Brian Brandt and the consultants from the South Central Service Cooperative to begin negotiations with Amsden. The School Board hopes to act upon the formal contract during its regular monthly meeting in Arlington on Tuesday night, Feb. 19. The move is contingent on Amsden receiving his superintendent's license before July 1.

The School Board, earlier during the meeting, informal-

ly agreed to offer the finalist a three-year contract with a minimum starting salary of \$115,000 and full family benefits. The salary, according to discussions, would increase one percent each year over three years. In addition, the School Board informally agreed to have the contract reviewed by School District Attorney Tony Nerud.

School Board members Brian Brandt, Scott Dose, Beth DuFrane, Anne Karl, Missy Weber and Dan Woehler all voted in favor of

both motions.

South Central Service Cooperative consultant Ed Waltman, prior to the special meeting, served as the moderator of a process where the School Board worked to determine majority support for one of the two finalists before an official vote.

After the completion of three early feedback sheets, the School Board was evenly split on Amsden and St. Peter Elementary Principal Karen Coblentz.

"What you have here is two

good candidates," said Waltman.

The School Board then ranked the two finalists in the four criteria areas of (1) builds trust and communicates with the communities, (2) facility planning and bond referendum, (3) finance, day-to-day operations/negotiations, and (4) strong leadership skills as a superintendent.

Although Coblentz won on

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Jim Amsden



Enterprise photo by Kurt Menk

Sweetheart and Hunk

Kimberly Kurtzweg and Samuel Bullert were crowned as the Junior Sweetheart and Hunk during a coronation ceremony at the Sibley East Senior High School in Arlington on Monday afternoon, Feb. 11. Kimberly

is the daughter of Gary and Karen Kurtzweg, Arlington. Samuel is the son of Craig and Linnea Bullert, Arlington.

Local police Department responded to 1,067 calls during 2012, chief reports

By Kurt Menk Editor

The Arlington Police Department responded to a total of 1067 calls during 2012, according to Arlington Police Chief Bruce Rovinsky.

The number of incidents increased by 171 incidents compared to 2011 when the local police department responded to 896 incident.

It should be noted that the City of Arlington did not contract with the Sibley County Sheriff's Department for partial coverage in 2012 compared to 2011.

The biggest increases from 2011 to 2012 were animal calls (+19), assist other agencies (+10), civil matters (+11), parking (+27), public assists (+9), theft reports (+8), traffic incidents (+93) and vandalism (+7).

The biggest decreases from 2011 to 2012 were fights (-6), medical calls (-18) and miscellaneous calls (-50).

The following is a breakdown of the incidents that the local police department responded to in 2012.

Animal calls (72), assist other agencies (23), assaults

(6), car thefts (7), car thefts recovered (4), burglar alarms (12), burglary reports (4), civil matters (27), criminal sexual conduct incidents (1), deaths (1), domestic calls (30), driving complaints (20), DUI arrests (11), escort CT ordinance (9), fights (8), fire assists (16), found property (10), harassment calls (22), helicopter assists (13), human service assistance (11), 911 hang up calls (22), juvenile incidents (29), locked cars (30), motorist assists (10), medical calls (83), medical transports (21), miscellaneous

calls (33), motor vehicle accidents (34), noise complaints (14), OFP violations (2), open doors (9), parking violations (45), public assists (41), persons missing (7), property damage (4), pursuits (0), search warrants (0), suicide attempts (7), suspicious activity (50), theft reports (52), threats made (5), traffic incidents (205), trespass complaints (2), vandalism incidents (12), warrant arrests (12) and welfare checks (20).

Sibley County administrator starts a get-acquainted plan

By Dave Pedersen Correspondent

It was only day two of his new job as Sibley County administrator, yet Matt Jaunich already has devised a plan to get to know his "new life."

The former Arlington city administrator presented the 90/1 plan to the board of commissioners at the meeting on Tuesday, Feb. 12.

"As we begin this new adventure into life with a county administrator, I've set up a pretty general work plan which I will help use to get myself acquainted with county administration life," said Jaunich.

"I'm calling it my 90/1 plan," he continues. "The 90 referring to the number of days in which I would like to gain some general knowledge on how items/people operate, and 1 referring to the number of years which I believe it will take for me to have a real good understanding of how they will coordinate with the administrator position."

Jaunich said he will focus on seven areas:

- Meet with each and every county commissioner.
- Meet with each and every department head and elected official.
- Gain an understanding of the county budget.
- Gain an understanding of county ordinances and contracts.

- Gain an understanding of all county policies/procedures/manuals.

- Create a positive working atmosphere along all levels of county government.

- Establish a list of goals with expected outcomes.

The first county administrator wants to learn what the board members want from him so he can establish policy and be sent out to attain the goals.

Commissioners Bill Pinske and Harold Pettis were the first to get on the list and will meet with Jaunich on Friday, Feb. 15.

In other employee related news, Human Resource Director Roseann Nagel received approval to hire full-time Public Health and Human Services Account Tech Lori Rose, a replacement after Emma Woods retired.

The board agreed to hire former county accountant Aaron Sharpe on a seasonal/temporary status to help in the auditor's office when in a recruitment process.

Sharpe will provide financial statement help, plus work side by side with a new employee when training for the position. A time schedule will be created that works for Sharpe, who left to take another position.

Funding nearly complete for Prairie Line Trail to Arlington Sportsmen's Park

By Dave Pedersen Correspondent

Action taken by the Sibley County board of commissioners, during a meeting on Tuesday, Feb. 12, indicated that the proposed Prairie Line Trail running from Arlington to the Sportsman's Park will be totally funded.

The board approved a grant agreement between Sibley County and Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (DNR) on behalf of the State of Minnesota for construction of Phase 2.

This is a \$150,000 grant applied for last spring and awarded last summer. To recap, Public Works Director Darin Mielke said there are two \$400,000 federal transportation grants already received for the trail.

"This DNR grant is one to help pay for the 20 percent matching portion of the grants," said Mielke. "They are still short \$140,000, so they are going to reapply

again for the same exact DNR grants that are due the end of March. Once they get that they should be fully funded."

That said, the board was presented a resolution authorizing application for another DNR grant to complete phase 2 of the Prairie Line Trail project where construction is scheduled to start in the summer of 2014.

Mielke added, "Since they got it last year, they think they are in good position to get the others."

One more item involving the trail was the board's approval of a professional services agreement between Sibley County and Erickson Engineering, Bloomington, for design of pedestrian bridges R0613 and R0614 for the Prairie Line Phase 2 project at a grant-funded cost of \$36,400.

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News Briefs

Parent iPad survey underway

The Sibley East Public Schools are conducting a Parent iPad Survey on its website at www.sibleyeast.org, according to District Technology Director Cathy Wills.

The survey is located on the lefthand column of the website. Parents should first click on surveys and then Parent iPad Survey.

Parents will have to enter their first and last name, e-mail address and phone number. All information on the survey will remain anonymous.

Computers will also be available for parents to take the survey at both campuses during parent-teacher conferences next week. In addition, paper copies will also be available that night.

Woman injured in accident

A New Ulm woman reportedly suffered minor injuries in a one-vehicle accident at the intersection of County Road 2 and County Road 25 in Severance Township on Tuesday, Feb. 5, according to the Sibley County Sheriff's Department.

Karie A. Wittgraf, 40, was driving a vehicle southbound on County Road 2 when the vehicle slid off the road due to icy conditions. The vehicle entered the east ditch and struck a utility pole. The vehicle sustained severe damage.

Pinske on Dean's List at GAC

Anna Pinske, Arlington, was recently named to the Dean's List at Gustavus Adolphus College in St. Peter.

To qualify for this honor, a student must achieve a grade point average between 3.7 and 4.0.

She is the daughter of Jeff and Sue Pinske, Arlington.

SE students net scholarships

Allison Larson, a resident of Gaylord and a student at the Sibley East Senior High School, was awarded the Concordia Opportunity Grant and Lutheran Heritage Scholarship for the fall 2013 semester.

Marissa Eckberg, a resident of Gaylord and a student at Sibley East Senior High School was awarded the University Scholarship for the fall 2013 semester.

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Portion of alley is vacated

The Arlington City Council, during a recent regular meeting, unanimously adopted a resolution to vacate a portion of an alley known as the "Brau Alley."

The alley is located between West Main Street and West Adams Street to the north and south and Highway 5 and Sixth Avenue Southwest to the east and west.

City Council members Ben Jaszewski, Jennifer Nuesse, Curt Reetz, Jason Ruehling and Galen Wills all voted in support of the resolution.

The City Council made its decision after a public hearing was held during the previous regular meeting. During that public hearing, there was some concern expressed about restricting access to the neighboring property.

Gunther named to Dean's List

Michael J. Gunther, Green Isle, was recently named to the Dean's List at Iowa State University.

To qualify for this honor, a student must achieve a grade point average between 3.5 and 4.0.

Gunther is majoring in Chemical Engineering.

Classical Gas to perform

Classical Gas will perform in the Glencoe Silver Lake Auditorium in Glencoe at 7 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 21. The performance will be part of the Glencoe Area Performing Artists Concert Series.

The violinist and pianist combine to offer a show that is a little bit Jack Benny, Fritz Kreisler, Victor Borge along with Abbot and Costello.

Nominations for awards

The Arlington Area Chamber of Commerce is seeking nominations for the Chamber Member of the Year Award and Community Member of the Year Award.

People can submit their brief letters of nomination in person to Chamber President Steve Gillaspie at Steve's Copy Shop in Arlington or e-mail steve@thedigital-house.com.

The deadline to submit brief letters of nomination is Thursday, Feb. 21.

The Chamber will hold its annual Recognition Banquet at the Arlington Haus Too on Thursday, March 7. The social hour will begin at 6 p.m. while the meal will be served at 6:30 p.m. There will be a nominal charge for the meal.

In addition, there will be door prizes and a possible raffle.

Additional information from the latest Chamber meeting will be published in next week's edition of the *Arlington Enterprise*.



Submitted Photo

Winterfest Week

The annual tug-of-war competition was held as part of Winterfest Week at the Green Isle Community School on Monday afternoon, Feb. 11. Left to right: First grader Henry Reinitz, teacher Kristen Strauss, second grader Savage Rosenlund and kindergarten student Jelena Strauss. Students and staff celebrated the

100th day of school on Tuesday, Feb. 12. A Minute-To-Win-It event was held on Wednesday, Feb. 13. Classroom parties are scheduled for Thursday, Feb. 14 while a visit to the Ney Center is set for Friday, Feb. 15. A food drive and fundraising for Pennies For Patients were also held throughout the week.

County contracts with CodeRED to provide mass notification services to community

Sibley County has contracted with Emergency Communications Network, LLC, to license its CodeRED high-speed notification solution. The CodeRED system provides county officials the ability to quickly deliver messages to targeted areas or the entire county.

Sibley County's Emergency Management Office cautions that such systems are only as good as the telephone number database supporting them. If your phone number is not in the database, you will not be called. One of the reasons the CodeRED system was selected is it gives individuals and businesses the ability to add their own phone numbers directly into the system's database, which is an extremely important feature.

No one should automatically assume his or her phone number is included. All individuals and businesses are urged to log onto the Sibley County's Emergency Management website, www.co-sibley.mn/emergency_management_services and follow the link to the "CodeRed Community Notification Enrollment" page.

All businesses should register, as well as all individuals who have unlisted phone numbers, who have changed their phone number or address within the past year, and those who use a cellular phone or VoIP phone as their primary number. CodeRED allows geographically based delivery, which means street addresses are required to ensure emergency notification calls are received by the

proper individuals in a given situation. The system works for cell phones too, but we need to have an associated street address to provide relevant messages.

CodeRED gives those who want to be included an easy and secure method for inputting information. The data collected will only be used for emergency notification purposes. Questions should be directed to the Sibley County Emergency Management Office, 507-237-4109.

About Emergency Communications Network
Headquartered in Ormond Beach, Fla., Emergency Communications Network, LLC (ECN) has pioneered high-speed emergency notification services capable of reaching millions of citizens

in minutes. ECN's sophisticated network supports a web-based product suite featuring four major services: CodeRED which enables local government officials to communicate time-sensitive, personalized messages via voice, email and text messaging; CodeRED Weather Warning which provides automated alerts to citizens in the path of severe weather just moments after a warning has been issued by the National Weather Service; My Daily Call for scheduling calls to check on at-risk individuals, including the elderly, infirm and latchkey kids; and CodeED for use by school systems to improve communications with their communities. To learn more, visit www.ecnetwork.com.

Fish fry to raise funds for Jaws of Life on Feb. 22

The Arlington Lions Club and Arlington Fire Department will co-sponsor the 35th annual Lions Fish Fry at the Arlington Community Center from 11 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. or until the fish runs out Friday, Feb. 22.

This year, the Lions Club will be using all proceeds

from the fish fry to begin fundraising for a new Jaws of Life for the Arlington Fire Department. The fire department's present equipment is not capable of dismantling the improved safety construction of modern vehicles.

In addition, the Ho Ho Shrine Club Auxiliary pro-

vides the potato salad. The Lions payment for the potato salad helps support the charitable work of the area Shrine Club.

To provide the very best experience for its patrons, the Arlington Lions Club recently invested in new fryers for the event and will be using a

new breeding formula for the fish.

The Lions, firefighters and Shriners are hoping for an outstanding turnout in support of this lifesaving equipment.

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Community Calendar

Thursday, Feb. 14: Golden Age Club, Senior Citizen's building at Four Seasons Park, noon luncheon followed by meeting and entertainment.

Friday, Feb. 15: Arlington Veteran's Organization's Steak Fry, Veteran's building at Fairgrounds, 5:30-7:30 p.m.

Monday, Feb. 18: PRESIDENT'S DAY - Both Banks will be CLOSED.

VFW Post 6031, Veteran's building at Fairgrounds, 8 p.m.

Tuesday, Feb. 19: Knights of Columbus, St. Mary's Parish Hall, 8 p.m.

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

Sibley East School Board, room 149, Arlington Campus, 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday, Feb. 20: Sibley County Partnering in Prevention monthly meeting, Sibley County Service Center, Sibley Room, Gaylord, 5:30 p.m. New Members Welcome!

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Legals

Green Isle Township Residents

Voters eligible to vote in Green Isle Township may cast an absentee ballot for the annual town election that will be held on March 12, 2013.

Absentee voting will take place at the Sibley County Auditor's office located on the main floor of the Sibley County Courthouse, Gaylord, MN. You may contact the Green Isle Township Clerk or Sibley County Auditor's office with questions.

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Thank You

I would like to thank the Doctors and Nurses at GRHS for the excellent care I received while I was a patient there.

I would also like to thank the staff at Good Samaritan Center for the care I received while going through rehabilitation after my surgery.

Many thanks to all my family and friends for their visits, cards, flowers and for keeping me in their thoughts and prayers.

Arlene Latzke



Enterprise photo by Kurt Menk

Nerd Day

As part of FFA Week at the Sibley East Senior High School in Arlington, students had a chance to participate in various dress up days. Monday, Feb. 11 was Throwback Jersey Day. Tuesday, Feb. 12 was Nerd/Prep Day. Wednesday, Feb. 13 was Salad Dressing Day. Thursday, Feb. 14 will be Pink and Red Day. Friday, Feb. 15 will be Thrift Shop Day. Allison Larson, left and Emily Somerville, right, dressed up as nerds on Tuesday, Feb. 12.

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points 72-61, the School Board was again evenly split after the completion of another feedback sheet.

After a 10-minute break, Waltman encouraged the School Board to make a decision prior to the special meeting or call a failed search.

"People are going to have to compromise or there will be a failed search," Waltman said.

Brandt said either candidate will have a "learning curve," but Amsden "will get there quicker" because he is familiar with Sibley East. Since Amsden is currently an employee of the school district, Brandt believed the transition would be much more smooth.

Dose strongly encouraged the School Board "to put their friendships and relationships aside" and find the "best candidate." Dose, who added that he would not allow a failed search and would support the majority in the end, encouraged the School Board to again examine the resumes

and qualifications of both candidates.

After a 15 to 20-minute session to review the resumes and qualifications, Waltman said it is not unusual for a School Board to be split on two finalists.

"It's a critical decision and you need to take your time," said Waltman.

The School Board then discussed another variety of other criteria areas.

"Talking is good, but at some point, somebody will have to compromise," said Waltman.

After brief break, the School Board completed another feedback sheet and the result was the same.

"You are very deadlocked," Waltman said.

Karl and DuFrane said Amsden was a better known commodity with 24 years of experience with the Arlington-Green Isle and Sibley East Public Schools.

Dose replied that a candidate who has moved around

such as Coblenz "brings in new ideas and new experiences."

Weber said a new superintendent would need to listen to and communicate with the stakeholders in the communities and she gave the edge to Coblenz in that area. She added the selected community group comprised of teachers, principals and citizens also favored Coblenz in an earlier feedback format.

Woehler commented that a new superintendent would have to have mathematics skills and Coblenz has experience in that category.

After a brief talk to set the parameters for the starting salary and benefits, the School Board completed another feedback sheet and the result was a 4-2 edge for Amsden.

At that point, Brandt called the special meeting to order and the unanimous vote to offer the position to Amsden followed.

iPads taken away from SE 8th graders after improper usage/conduct report

By Kurt Menk
Editor

Eighth graders at the Sibley East Junior High School in Gaylord were without their iPads for a couple of days.

Officials at the junior high school received a report of improper iPad usage/conduct late last week.

"In order to be proactive and act in the best interest of all students, we have chosen to collect and inspect all eighth grade iPads," Sibley East Junior High Principal Steve Harter said in a note sent home with all eighth

grade students on Thursday afternoon, Feb. 7. "This is being done to determine the facts, nature and extent of issues related to this report."

In the note, Harter added, "Teachers will utilize other methods to distribute and collect student work until the iPads are returned."

The iPads were expected to be returned to students on Wednesday, Feb. 13.

There are approximately 90 to 100 students in the eighth grade at the Sibley East Junior High School in Gaylord.

According to Sibley East

Senior High Principal Jim Amsden, there is policy in place to address issues related to the district network and computers. In addition, the Project Ed. 21 Handbook also addresses issues related to the iPad.

"The senior high has not experienced a similar issue to date," said Amsden. "We have had teachers collect iPads from individuals for playing games, messaging, and improper use of social media sites (prior to us blocking them on our network)."

Sibley County Republicans set to hold annual convention on Feb. 16

The Sibley County Republicans will hold their annual convention for the purpose of electing officers in the courthouse annex basement in Gaylord at 10 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 16.

State Representative Glenn Gruenhagen and Senator Scott Newman will also be present to bring a legislative update to the convention attendees.

The keynote speaker will be Greg Wersal, who will be speaking on the topic of judicial elections. In specific, he will be addressing Retention

Elections, a potential amendment to the Minnesota Constitution.

Wersal is an attorney from Belle Plaine. He is a frequent speaker and has published numerous articles as a proponent of free, open and competitive judicial elections.

In March 1998, with the Republican Party of Minnesota, Wersal filed a lawsuit in Federal District Court, known as the Republican Party of Minnesota vs. White.

The purpose of the suit was to challenge rules passed in January of 1998 by the Min-

nesota Supreme Court to prohibit judicial candidates from attending and speaking at a political party convention or seeking a party endorsement.

This case eventually resolved with a favorable decision before the U.S. Supreme Court in 2002 and another by the Eighth Circuit Court of Appeals in 2005. At the conclusion of the litigation, Wersal had won each and every issue that had been in dispute. In 2010, Wersal ran for the Minnesota Supreme Court against incumbent Justice Helen Meyer.

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Opinions

Proposals to increase state's cigarette tax would motivate people to cut back or quit smoking Our View: It makes sense, but where will it end?

Minnesota Governor Mark Dayton recently proposed to raise the state's cigarette tax by 94 cents per pack. Even with a projected decrease in sales, he claims this will generate \$370 million in revenue over two years. Two other proposals, one each from a Republican and a Democrat, call for \$1.29 and 1.60 increases in the state's cigarette tax respectively.

A variety of studies prove that high cigarette prices motivate some adults to cut back or even quit smoking. In addition, it will deter some young people from ever starting the bad habit.

The proposals, according to a coalition of numerous health-related groups, claim the increase in the state's cigarette tax will not only save several thousand lives each year, but also generate millions of dollars to help battle long-term tobacco-related health costs.

It is hard for people to argue with this logic, but is it fair for Governor Dayton and legislators to single out one group of constituents?

Should legislators also increase the alcohol tax for the same reason? How about soda pop and fast food? Should legislators increase the tax on every type of drink and food that lead to obesity, heart disease and a variety of other health-related problems? Where will it end?

-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.

February 15

A.J. Overson, Dave Wendinger, Molly Brau and Stacy Brockoff.

February 16

Stephanie Haggemiller, and Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Dorweiler.

February 17

In Memory Of Schmitt, Jean Schmidt, John Maki, Kim Hahn, Riley Drexler and Wayne Klitzke.

February 18

Nolan Fisher, Michael Bullert, Jayden Melsha, Kayleigh Dietel and James Von Eschen.

February 19

Brittney Brockoff, Clay Voss, Marion Godwin, Peter Trocke and Stephanie Raddatz.

February 20

Bob Utendorfer, Gwen Utendorfer and James Kube.

February 21

Dr. John Gustafson, Jim Lieske, Joshua Sorenson, Linda Haupt, Molly Kjellesvig, Rachel Ling, Paul Grabitske, and Mr. and Mrs. Brian Thomes.

When a customer's printer pages began to grow faint he called a local repair shop where a friendly man informed him that the printer probably just needed new toner.

Because the store charged to install toner, the repair man told the customer he might be better off reading the printer's manual and trying the job himself.

Pleasantly surprised by his candor, he asked, "Does your boss know that you discourage business?"

"Actually, it's my boss's idea," the employee replied sheepishly. "We usually make more money on repairs if we let people try to fix things themselves first."

The new office computer system was down as much as it was working. Cathy decided to stay late one evening to catch up on the work that had accumulated. On her way home, a police officer stopped her for speeding.

"What a perfect end to an awful day!" she exclaimed. "Our computer is up, then down -- up, then down. I stay late to catch up, and now this!"

The officer was unaffected by Cathy's griping, and he went to his car to prepare a citation. After what seemed an eternity, he returned with her license and registration. As he handed them to her,

he smiled and said, "No ticket. Our computer is down."

Having seen their twelve-year-old son finish bottom of the class in every subject, a couple decided to send him to a special tutor.

Six weeks later, they asked the tutor how he was doing.

"He's getting straight A's," said the tutor.

"That's great," said the relieved parents.

"Mind you," added the tutor. "His B's are still a bit wonky."

The old friends had had three days together.

"You have a pretty place here, John," remarked the guest on the morning of his departure. "But it looks a bit bare yet."

"Oh, that's because the trees are so young," answered the host comfortably. "I hope they'll have grown to a good size before you come again."

A little girl was attending a church service with her mother when she started to complain that she was feeling unwell.

"I think I need to throw up," said the girl.

"Well, go outside," said the mother, "and use the bushes by the front door of the church."

The little girl went off but was back less than a minute later.

"That was quick," said the mother. "Did you throw up?"

"Yes, but I didn't need to go outside," replied the girl. "I used a box near the door that says 'For the sick.'"

A man called his children together, held up a chocolate bar and asked them who should get it.

"Me . . . me . . . me," they chanted.

"I'll tell you who will get it," continued the father. "Who never talks back to mother and does everything she says?"

Three small voices answered in unison: "OK, Dad, you can have it."

A husband and wife were chatting with friends when the subject of marriage counselling was raised.

The husband said: "Oh, we'll never need that. My wife and I have a great relationship. She has a communications degree and I have a degree in theatre arts. She communicates really well and I just act like I'm listening."



Letter To The Editor

Erickson updates readers on RS fiber project

To The Editor,

I want to take this opportunity to update your readers about the Renville-Sibley (RS) fiber project.

As most people know, RS Fiber is a 10-city/Renville County collaborative with the goal of building a fiber to the home (FTTH) network to every home and business in Buffalo Lake, Fairfax, Stewart, Gibbon, Lafayette, Winthrop, Brownton, Gaylord, New Auburn and Green Isle and farms in the rural 426 telephone exchange around Fairfax. RS Fiber is also working closely with the newly formed Rural Fiber Cooperative to build a fiber connection to every farm in Sibley County.

Both projects will bring world class Internet connections, crystal clear cable television service and enhanced phone services to everyone in the project area. More importantly, it will connect everyone to a local fiber network with a gigabit of bandwidth. It is that local area network (Intranet) that will be the most beneficial to everyone in the project area. More about that in a moment.

Last fall, just weeks before the \$40 million project was to be financed, conditions in the bond market put a hold on financing. Since then, the RS Fiber Joint Powers Board has been working hard to get the financing back on track.

Recently, a delegation traveled to Washington, D.C. and asked the Rural Utility Service (RUS) to guarantee the debt service reserve fund (\$2.8 million) for the first five years of the project. Such a guarantee will allow financing to move forward and is expected to lower the interest rate on the 35-year revenue bond. The RUS meeting was very positive and follow-up discussions have been scheduled.

That's where the project is at today. Now let me tell you about

where the project can go in the future.

The RS Fiber project has been selected to become a national showcase to demonstrate how FTTH networks can improve lives and businesses in rural Minnesota. Conceived by Hiawatha Broadband Communications (HBC), the showcase will develop software applications in the areas of education, health care, senior citizens and agribusiness, applications designed to improve the quality of life for people living in Sibley and Renville counties.

Who is HBC? They are a private telecommunications company headquartered in Winona. They are one of the leading FTTH telecommunication companies in the nation and operate several FTTH networks in rural southeastern Minnesota communities. Their latest project is the construction of a FTTH network in Red Wing. HBC is also under contract to operate the RS Fiber network.

Last year HBC was chosen to be one of 26 national technology partners in the US Ignite program. (www.US-Ignite.org) US-Ignite is a joint effort of the White House Office of Technology and the National Science Foundation. Its mission is to connect cities and areas of the nation that have FTTH networks to a national fiber network rich in software engineering resources.

In Red Wing, the US Ignite/HBC partnership will develop applications in the areas of public safety and advanced manufacturing. It is a world class opportunity for the city of Red Wing.

If we can build the network, RS Fiber can become a US-Ignite partner. Instead of public safety and advanced manufacturing, the RS Fiber/Rural Fiber Coop/US

Ignite/HBC partnership will focus on the development of applications for education, telemedicine, senior citizens and agri-business.

Imagine having access to the fastest Internet speeds in the world as well as applications designed to enhance learning for students in home schools, parochial schools, charter and public schools. Or imagine our local clinics having access to state of the art telemedicine opportunities or using the fiber network in ways that allow senior citizens to live independently longer. Think of the benefit from applications that will let local farmers take full advantage of the fiber network that connects their farms to the local coop and the world.

What began nearly three years ago as an effort to spur economic development by building a world class telecommunication infrastructure has grown into an opportunity to become a national show case designed to benefit people living in rural America.

It is important for you to know that as support for RS Fiber grows, the financial risk is reduced. And membership in the US Ignite program will reduce that risk further by providing residents a compelling reason to become a RS Fiber or Rural Fiber Cooperative customer. It will also benefit you and your family through the adaptation and application of new technology.

Much like the opportunity electricity presented our forefathers, RS Fiber and the Rural Fiber Cooperative represent the possibility of a better future for all of us.

I urge you all to stay engaged and supportive of RS Fiber and the Rural Fiber Cooperative.

**Mark Erickson
Winthrop City Administrator
and EDA Director**

Guest Column

Some suggestions for improving Congress

By Lee H. Hamilton

A few weeks ago, the survey firm Public Policy Polling made headlines when it released a poll comparing Congress's standing to a variety of unloved things. Respondents did prefer our national legislature to the ebola virus, but otherwise the news was grim: Americans, the survey suggested, have a lower opinion of Congress than of head lice, Genghis Khan, used-car salesmen, and root canals.

I'll admit it: I chuckled, though I don't really agree. Having experienced both, I put Congress well ahead of root canals.

Still, in the years since I left Capitol Hill my frustration with the institution I admired and loved has grown; watching it now is painful. Congress has shown a dispiriting unwillingness to reckon with tax reform, rein in the deficit, find ways to spur economic growth or make any of the other tough decisions that face it. When it does make a decision, it tends to limit its reach — thus, over and over, avoiding the real issues.

Its constant partisanship, lack of urgency in the face of looming fiscal threats, posturing and finger-pointing even at moments when the national interest clearly demands a resolution — all these have made it appear uninterested in actually governing.

Yet people do not run for Congress so they can become unpopular. They don't go to Washington because they want to accomplish nothing. They don't take the oath of office, surrounded by reminders of the distinguished men and women who came before them, just to disavow Congress's rich history of accomplishment.

Rather, they get caught in a destructive cycle whose dynamics are often shaped by political forces out of their control — by the demands of party loyalty or the arm-twisting of caucus leaders, by the threats and blandishments of special interests or the fear of well-funded opposition in the next primary. The challenge facing members of Congress is to rise above all this, to find a way to reassert the values and aspirations that

first brought them to national office.

How can they do this? I'm convinced that it comes down to attitude.

To begin, they have to put the country first. Not their party or their re-election or their political ambitions, but the nation's best interest. The surest way I know to earn the respect of voters is to put responsible governance first.

In part, this means acting with the future in mind. Thomas Jefferson in his first inaugural address looked toward "our descendants to the thousandth and the thousandth generation." That may be a longer time-frame than is politically realistic, but at the moment I'd even settle for just the thousandth and the thousandth day, which is more far-sighted than most members' obsession with the next election. Americans care about their country's future, and they want their representatives to do so, too.

This means that members of Congress need to accept responsibility

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Obituaries

Edna L. Gutzmer, 96, Arlington

Edna L. Gutzmer, age 96, of Arlington, passed away at the Harmony River Living Center in Hutchinson on Wednesday, Feb. 6.

Funeral services were held at the Arlington United Methodist Church at 11 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 9.

Visitation was held two hours prior to service time at the church on Saturday, Feb. 9.

Interment was in Mound Cemetery in Le Sueur.

Edna was born to Thomas W. and Alice K. (Hindle) Brown in Judson on March 10, 1916.

She attended school in Jud-

son and completed high school in St. Peter. On Oct. 28, 1936, she married Harvey W. Gutzmer in Le Sueur. Edna and Harvey farmed most of their life in Kelso Township. The couple later moved to Arlington and resided at Highland Commons. For the past several years, Edna resided in Hutchinson and most recently at the Harmony River Living Center. As a major part of pastime and entertainment, Edna had a passion for playing cards.

Edna is survived by her children: Jerald (Donna) Gutzmer of Glencoe, Marlin

(Elaine) Gutzmer of Clarinda, Iowa, Darlene (Dennis) Berndt of Hutchinson, and Tamara Brown of Roseville; daughter-in-law: Irene Gutzmer of Crosslake; grandchildren: Michael, Kevin, Jeffery, Brian, Stacy, Jason, Alison, Emily and Megan; 18 great-grandchildren, many other relatives and friends.

Edna is preceded in death by her husband; Harvey; children: Debra, Denise and Glendon "Butch" Gutzmer; three brothers and one sister.

Kolden Funeral Home of Arlington handled the arrangements.



Submitted Photo

Sibley County Pheasants Forever

Rural Green Isle resident Curtis Meyer, left, received the Farmer of the Year Award from the Sibley County Pheasants Forever during its annual banquet

at the Arlington Community Center on Saturday night, Feb. 9. Habitat Director Jon Harbarth, right, presented the award.

History

80 Years Ago

February 16, 1933
Louis Kill, Editor

A disastrous fire was narrowly averted at the filling station of the Sibley County Oil Co. late yesterday afternoon. Chas. Schatz, who was the only attendant at the station at the time, was busy outside, and a boy who happened along, told him there was a fire in the office. Charley made a dash for the office and was confronted by a sheet of flame when he opened the door, but managed to reach into the interior and grab a fire extinguisher with which he put out the blaze.

The annual meeting of the Arlington Creamery Association, held at the Community Hall last week Wednesday, attracted a large throng of stockholders and interested patrons. The secretary's report showed

that 2,099,102 pounds of cream was made into butter during the past year. The report also showed that 70,879 pounds of butter was sold for home consumption. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: Ed Nieland, president; Henry Nagel, vice president; Louis Hillemann, treasurer; Ehler Henke, director and G. H. Bandelin, secretary.

60 Years Ago

January 12, 1953
Louis Kill, Editor

Robert and Rutherford Sander, sons of Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Sander, joined the air force during the past week. Robert enlisted in December. He left Friday for Lackland AFB, Texas. Rudy, who enlisted in the Air Cadets last May, took his entrance exams in July and October. His

classes begin February 13. Rudy left Monday by car for San Antonio. He will also be stationed at Lackland AFB.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Brown and Jimmy have moved into their new home in Green Isle. They remodeled a school house into a home with the barber shop in the front part.

40 Years Ago

February 15, 1973
Val Kill, Editor

A group, made up mostly of farmers in Sibley, Scott and Nicollet Counties, has been formed to halt the building of additional electric generating plants "until the entire national energy policy has been re-evaluated." One of the group's goals is to stop the building of a power plant in Jessenland Township, Sibley County.

Duane 'Butch' L. Briest, 58, Gaylord

Duane "Butch" L. Briest, age 58, of Gaylord, passed away at his home on Monday, Feb. 4.

Funeral Services were held at Trinity Lutheran Church in Sibley Township at 11 a.m. Friday, Feb. 8. Pastor John Gabrielson officiated.

Organist Curt Kahle sang "I'm But A Stranger Here."

Congregational hymns were "Shepherd Me, O God" and "Christ The Lord Is Risen Today."

Honorary casket bearers were nephews, Jon Briest, Gene "Randy" Briest, Jr., and Enyinniya Okwulehie.

Casket bearers were Mike DeWitte, Dennis Neisen, Brad Goetsch, Silvio Amorim, Jeff Young and Richard "Dicky Bob" Przynus.

Interment was in the church cemetery.

Duane "Butch" Leroy Briest was born in Gaylord on Oct. 15, 1954. He was the son of LeRoy and Verna (Miller) Briest. Butch was baptized as an infant and was later confirmed in his faith as a youth, both at Trinity Lutheran Church in Sibley Township. He was a 1972 graduate of the Gaylord High School. In high school, he was a member of the FFA.

On Sept. 1, 1990, Butch was united in marriage to Rachel Bremer. This union was blessed with one daughter, Soonja. They later divorced. Butch was a self-employed mason.

Butch was a member of Trinity Lutheran Church in Sibley Township. He was also a member of Pheasants Forever and a past member of the Gaylord Jaycees.

Butch enjoyed riding his Harley, traveling, vacations, bowling and playing pool. He

especially loved spending time with his family and friends.

Butch is survived by his daughters, Soonja Briest and special friend, Mike Everson of Gaylord, and Jessica Fokken and special friend, Brian Menk of Nicollet; siblings, Denise (Cliff) Nelson of Stockholm, S.D., Jerry (Kim) Briest of Hutchinson, and Diane (Simeon) Okwulehie of Brooklyn Center; sister-in-law, Angie Briest of Gaylord; nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

Butch was preceded in death by his parents, LeRoy and Verna Briest; brother, Gene Briest; and grandparents, Ernest and Elizabeth Briest and Earl and Cecelia Briest.

Arrangements by Egesdal Funeral Home in Gaylord. Online obituaries and guest book available at www.hantge.com. Please click on obituaries and guest book.

Edna Bentz, 93, Chaska

Edna Clara Selma Bentz, age 93, formerly of Lester Prairie, passed away at The Marie Steiner Kelting Hospice Home in Chaska on Thursday, Feb. 7.

Funeral services were at St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church in Winsted at 11 a.m. Tuesday, Feb. 12. Pastor Mark Loder officiated.

Casket bearers were Richard Gehlen III, Gary Voight, Doug Bentz, R.P. Knox, Dustin Bentz and Eric Bentz.

Visitation was held at St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church in Winsted from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. Tuesday, Feb. 12.

Interment was in the Winsted Public Cemetery.

She was followed by Edward and Lizzie Brockoff Quast in Arlington Township on June 30, 1919.

Edna was baptized at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Arlington by Reverend R. Heidemann on July 11, 1919. She was also instructed in the

Lutheran Catechism and confirmed in the Christian faith at St. Paul's Lutheran Church by Reverend R. Heidemann on April 9, 1933.

On Dec. 29, 1937, Edna C. Quast and Albert J. Bentz were joined in holy marriage at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Arlington by Reverend R. Heidemann.

Edna was a homemaker. She was a hard worker who passed her work ethic on to her children and their families.

She enjoyed gardening, her flowers, animals and feeding the birds. Edna loved helping people especially the elderly.

She was a faithful member of St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church in Winsted. She also belonged to its Ladies Guild.

She is survived by her loving children, Theodore (Marlene) Bentz of Chanhausen, Merlin (Judith) Bentz of Chaska, Marlane (Richard) Venke of Arlington, Shirley (Richard) Gehlen of Yuma, Ariz., Sharon Holasek of Waconia, Al (Brenda) Bentz and Dianna (Roger) Lepel all of Lester Prairie and Linda

(Ronald) Knox of Shakopee; daughters-in-law: Karen Bentz of Shakopee and Bonita Bentz of Lester Prairie; 33 grandchildren, 58 great grandchildren and nine great-great grandchildren; brother, Milo (Viola) Quast of Arlington; sister: Verna (Herman) Hahn of Gaylord; nieces, nephews, many other relatives and friends.

She is preceded in death by her parents, Edward and Lizzie Quast; husband, Albert J. Bentz; an infant son, Ronald "Ronnie," daughter and son-in-law: Marlene and Virgil Schuette; sons, Harlan and Delmer Bentz; great-granddaughter, Lindsey Compart; grandson, Ray Tersteeg III; granddaughter, Danee Bentz; granddaughter, Loretta Bentz; sisters, Evelyn and Bernice Rose; brother, Lyle Quast; sons-in-law, Ronald Voight and Shorty Holasek.

Arrangements are by the Chilson Funeral Home in Winsted. Online condolences may be made to www.chilsonfuneralhome.com.

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One pedestrian bridge goes into Sportsman's Park.

In other public works business, the county will advertise and set a bid opening date of 11 a.m. Thursday, March 21, in the County Board Room for the 2013 bituminous seal-coat and crack filling project.

Mielke said the estimated cost is \$792,000., which has

been budgeted. He added the seal coat map can be found on the county web site.

The board authorized purchase of 2013 Towmaster Trailer T-12DT from RDO Equipment, Mankato, at a cost of \$8,571.07.

Mielke said they are replacing two older trailers that were dedicated for special

uses with this one that can be utilized for more purposes.

Approved was a supplemental letter agreement for professional services with SEH, Minnetonka, for the County Road 166 highway plat at a cost of \$7,300.

The board voted to recruit a public works S/T GIS Intern for the summer.

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for resolving the nation's challenges, whether they're in the majority or in the minority. Our country simply cannot survive the current reluctance to meet our problems head on or Capitol Hill's tolerance for the sort of brinkmanship that leaves the nation on tenterhooks and difficult issues put off for another day.

Members have a responsibility to make the government work, and they need to square their shoulders and step up to it: to make decisions, to vote on the issues that need addressing — rather than on leg-

islation designed to give them political cover or to pander to deep-pocketed interests — and to move the country forward.

To do this, they will have to work out their differences — through skillful negotiation, patience, understanding, accommodation, and compromise. Being a member does not mean treating adversaries as enemies to be defeated and humiliated; they are colleagues with whom one must cooperate on the larger goal of searching for a remedy to the challenges that beset the country. Focusing on the facts

— rather than on scoring ideological points — and working together to build consensus based on those facts is the only way our representatives will be able to take on the responsibilities Americans expect of them.

That is what Americans are looking for. And that is what Congress needs to deliver if it wants to be more popular than root canals.

Lee Hamilton is Director of the Center on Congress at Indiana University. He was a member of the U.S. House of Representatives for 34 years.

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Sports

Bates is KNUJ Wrestler of the Week

By Kurt Menk
Editor

Senior Aaron Bates, a 170-pounder on the Sibley East varsity wrestling team, was recently chosen as the

KNUJ Wrestler of the Week.

Bates currently has a 32-2 record this season. He has a career mark of 145-47. Bates was interviewed on

KNUJ Radio on Saturday morning, Feb. 9.

He is the son of Scott and Patti Bates, rural Green Isle.

SE wrestlers close out regular season

By Kurt Menk
Editor

The Sibley East varsity wrestling team posted two wins during a meet at Lamberton on Tuesday night, Feb. 5 and two more victories during a meet at Mankato East on Friday night, Feb. 8.

Wabasso 31 Sibley East 27

106-pounds: Tanner Pasvogel (SE) was decided by Mitchell Foulton (W) 9-5.

113-pounds: Mitch Heibel (SE) was decided by Justin Frank (W) 10-8.

120-pounds: Nathan Thomes (SE) lost by a major decision to Spencer Jenniges (W) 12-4.

126-pounds: Jason Meyer (SE) decided Josh Altermatt (W) 7-4.

132-pounds: Austin Brockhoff (SE) decided Derek Christians (W) 1-0.

138-pounds: Hunter Retzlaff (SE) won by a technical fall over Caleb Kemp (W) 18-2.

145-pounds: Sibley East forfeited this match to T.J. Foulton (W).

152-pounds: Jake Wentzlaff (SE) was decided by Mitch Schroepfer (W) 8-2.

160-pounds: Austin Kube (SE) was pinned by Tanner Rohlik (W) 2:59.

170-pounds: Aaron Bates (SE) decided Blake Altermatt (W) 4-2.

182-pounds: Nolan Osborne (SE) was pinned by Jordan Schroepfer (W) 1:07.

195-pounds: Nathan Rose (SE) won by a major decision over Brady Bierl (W) 19-7.

220-pounds: Miah DuFrane (SE) decided Brian Haggberg (W) 4-2.

285-pounds: Clay Mogard (SE) won by a forfeit.

Sibley East 36 Windom 30

106-pounds: Tanner Pasvogel (SE) was decided by Wyatt Stevens (W) 3-2.

113-pounds: Mitch Heibel (SE) was decided by Hunter Quiring (W) 6-4.

120-pounds: Nathan Thomes (SE) was decided by Joe Fischenich (W) 7-1.

126-pounds: Jason Meyer (SE) was decided by Jared Willaby (W) 14-11.

132-pounds: Austin Brockhoff (SE) pinned Jacob Sues (W) 1:49.

138-pounds: Hunter Retzlaff (SE) pinned Luis Ramirez (W) 1:59.

145-pounds: Mitch Went-

zlaff (SE) decided Clay Hockel (W) 5-0.

152-pounds: Jake Wentzlaff (SE) pinned Ben Matthey (W) 2:57.

160-pounds: Austin Kube (SE) was pinned by Andrew Larson (W) 3:16.

170-pounds: Aaron Bates (SE) pinned Gavin Mutz (W) 0:31.

182-pounds: Brandon Ashton (SE) was pinned by Vince Johnson (W) 0:59.

195-pounds: Miah DuFrane (SE) decided Aaron Flatguard (W) 8-6.

220-pounds: Nathan Rose (SE) pinned Domar Rodney (W) 0:56.

285-pounds: Clay Mogard (SE) was pinned by Neil Litfin (W) 1:19.

Sibley East 71 TMB 3

106-pounds: Tanner Pasvogel (SE) won by a major decision over Daulton Carlson (TMB) 13-0.

113-pounds: Mitch Heibel (SE) pinned Nester Perez (TMB) 2:24.

120-pounds: Nathan Thomes (SE) was decided by Logan Axford (TMB) 4-1.

126-pounds: Jason Meyer (SE) won by a major decision over Caleb Christian (TMB) 12-4.

132-pounds: Austin Brockhoff (SE) pinned Kyle Gilbertson (TMB) 1:03.

138-pounds: Hunter Retzlaff (SE) pinned Sterling Schwartz (TMB) 0:36.

145-pounds: Mitch Wentzlaff (SE) won by a forfeit.

152-pounds: Jake Wentzlaff (SE) won by a forfeit.

160-pounds: Austin Kube (SE) pinned Brennon Cooley (TMB) 0:49.

170-pounds: Aaron Bates (SE) won by a forfeit.

182-pounds: Nolan Osborne (SE) decided Tanner Michelson (TMB) 11-6.

195-pounds: Brandon Ashton (SE) pinned Jake Peterson (TMB) 0:17.

220-pounds: Nathan Rose (SE) won by a forfeit.

285-pounds: Clay Mogard (SE) won by a forfeit.

Sibley East 58 Mankato East 9

106-pounds: Tommy Wentzlaff (SE) won by a forfeit.

113-pounds: Mitch Heibel (SE) decided Austin Westlund (ME) 2-0.

120-pounds: Nathan Thomes (SE) decided Walker Pearson (ME) 9-2.

126-pounds: Jason Meyer

(SE) pinned Colton Clapper (ME) 3:14.

132-pounds: Austin Brockhoff (SE) won by a forfeit.

138-pounds: Hunter Retzlaff (SE) pinned Dalton Nelson (ME) 1:48.

145-pounds: Mitch Wentzlaff (SE) pinned Cole Moshier (ME) 5:13.

152-pounds: Jake Wentzlaff (SE) won by a major decision over Keanu Rodriguez (ME) 8-0.

160-pounds: Austin Kube (SE) was decided by Cody Lorentz (ME) 7-4.

170-pounds: Aaron Bates (SE) won by a major decision over Nick Makovsky (ME) 13-2.

182-pounds: Brandon Ashton (SE) won by a technical fall over Lee Marxen (ME) 17-2.

195-pounds: Nathan Rose (SE) won by a forfeit.

220-pounds: Both teams forfeited this match.

285-pounds: Clay Mogard (SE) was pinned by Logan Swanson (ME) 3:15.

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106-pounds: Tommy Wentzlaff (SE) was pinned by Nick Pastika (RC) 2:41.

113-pounds: Mitch Heibel (SE) was decided by Ronnie Lyles (RC) 8-7.

120-pounds: Nathan Thomes (SE) won by a major decision over Frankie Villeneuve (RC) 10-2.

126-pounds: Jason Meyer (SE) pinned Elijah Clark (RC) 1:21.

132-pounds: Austin Brockhoff (SE) pinned Alan Martinson (RC) 0:31.

138-pounds: Hunter Retzlaff (SE) pinned Tanner Hall (RC) 0:20.

145-pounds: Mitch Wentzlaff (SE) decided Elijah Hollins (RC) 7-4.

152-pounds: Jake Wentzlaff (SE) pinned Carlos Diaz (RC) 3:28.

160-pounds: Austin Kube (SE) pinned Nick O'Brien (RC) 1:52.

170-pounds: Aaron Bates (SE) pinned Doele Jackson (RC) 0:28.

182-pounds: Brandon Ashton (SE) pinned Edgar Saenz (RC) 0:58.

195-pounds: Nathan Rose (SE) won by a forfeit.

220-pounds: Both teams forfeited this match.

285-pounds: Both teams forfeited this match.



Enterprise photo by Kurt Menk

Sibley East senior Sam Harrison, right, drives past Glencoe-Silver Lake sophomore Keaton Anderson, left, during non-conference action in Gaylord on Monday evening, Feb. 11. The Wolverines lost to the Panthers 85-66.

SE boys beat Tri-City United, fall to Belle Plaine and GSL

By Kurt Menk
Editor

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

The Wolverines, 6-5 in the Minnesota River Conference and 11-8 overall, will travel to Le Sueur-Henderson in conference play at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 14. Sibley East will host Watertown-Mayer in MRC play at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 19.

Belle Plaine 69 Sibley East 58

The visiting Sibley East varsity boys basketball team lost to Belle Plaine 69-58 in Minnesota River Conference action on Tuesday night, Feb. 5.

Senior Tyler Bates and junior Brody Rodning tossed in 21 points apiece for the Wolverines. Sophomore Zac Weber and senior Sam Harrison scored eight and six points respectively while seniors Max Grabow and Steve Haefs added one point each.

The Wolverines hit only 14 of 39 shots from two-point range for 36 percent and just two of 12 attempts from three-point distance for 17 percent. Sibley East also converted 24 of 30 foul shots for 80 percent.

Sibley East was out-rebounded by a 37-30 margin. Tyler Bates pulled down 10 rebounds while Grabow snared nine caroms. Rodning had six boards.

Rodning also contributed three assists and two steals while Grabow and Weber added three dishes apiece.

Sibley East 83 Tri-City United 54

The Sibley East varsity boys basketball team toppled visiting Tri-City United 83-54 in Minnesota River Conference play on Friday evening,

Feb. 8.

Senior Max Grabow tossed in 22 points for the winners. Seniors Tyler Bates and Sam Harrison netted 16 and 15 points respectively while junior Brody Rodning also hit double figures with 11 points. Sophomore Zac Weber scored seven points while senior Logan Highland hooped four points. Senior Tyler Kratzke, juniors Cordell Bates and Nick Haupt and sophomore Andrew Bullert added two points apiece.

Sibley East connected on 27 of 45 shots from two-point range for 60 percent, but just one of nine long bombs for 11 percent. The hosts also canned 26 of 36 charity tosses for 72 percent.

The Wolverines dominated the boards by a 34-24 margin. Tyler Bates and Grabow collected 11 rebounds apiece while Rodning snatched five caroms.

Rodning also contributed four assists and four steals while Tyler Bates had four assists and Harrison added three dishes and one theft.

Glencoe-Silver Lake 85 Sibley East 66

The Sibley East varsity boys basketball team lost to visiting Glencoe-Silver Lake 85-66 in non-conference action on Monday night, Feb. 11.

Tyler Bates pumped in 19 points for the Wolverines. Junior Brody Rodning, who was forced to sit out with three fouls during a good chunk of the first half, finished with 16 points. Seniors Max Grabow and Sam Harrison netted nine points each while senior Andrew Grack and sophomore Zac Weber chipped in with six and five points respectively. Senior Logan Highland added two points.

The Wolverines hit only 22 of 60 shots from two-point distance for 37 percent and just two of 11 attempts from three-point land for 18 percent. The host team also sank 16 of 23 free throw attempts for 70 percent.

Both teams collected 34 rebounds in the contest. Tyler Bates and Grabow snared 12 and 11 boards respectively while Harrison had five caroms.

Harrison recorded three steals while Highland dished out two assists.

B-squad

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

The visiting Wolverines defeated Belle Plaine 42-38 on Tuesday night, Feb. 5.

Cordell Bates and Zac Weber paced a balanced scoring attack with eight points each. Darin Neisen scored six points while Nick Haupt netted five points. Andrew Bullert, Julius Asmussen and Zach Garza hooped four points each while Lukas Bullert added three points.

Sibley East lost to visiting Tri-City United 49-47 on Thursday evening, Feb. 8.

Jordan Petzel pumped in 28 points while Cordell Bates scored six points. Lukas Bullert and Haupt had four points while Andrew Bullert and Asmussen hooped two points apiece. Garza added one point.

The Wolverines also lost to visiting Glencoe-Silver Lake 49-29 on Monday evening, Feb. 11.

Neisen scored seven points while Lukas Bullert had six points. Cordell Bates, Garza and Asmussen netted four points each while Petzel and Haupt pumped in three points apiece. Andrew Bullert added two points.

Section 4A Team Wrestling Tournament is scheduled for Thursday and Saturday

By Kurt Menk
Editor

Sibley East and Lake Crystal-Wellcome Memorial will host the opening round of the Section 4A Team Wrestling Tournament on Thursday night, Feb. 14.

Three meets will be held in Arlington while three meets will be held in Lake

Crystal.

Seventh seeded Le Sueur-Henderson will face tenth seeded Trinity School at River Ridge during the preliminary round in Arlington at 6 p.m.

The winner will face second seeded Sibley East on Mat #1 20 minutes after the preliminary round.

Third seeded St. James

will face Madelia-Truman on Mat #2 20 minutes after the preliminary round.

The semi-final round will be held at Norwood Young America at 2 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 16.

The championship will follow at Norwood Young America at 4 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 16.

Sibley East girls basketball team beats LS-H

By Kurt Menk
Editor

The visiting Sibley East varsity girls basketball team ran to its fourth consecutive win with a 58-44 victory over Le Sueur-Henderson in Minnesota River Conference play on Thursday night, Feb. 7.

The Lady Wolverines, who led 28-25, outscored the Giants by 11 points during the second half enroute to the 14-point win.

Junior Jessica Garza paced Sibley East with 14 points. Sophomore McKenzie Som-

mers also hit double digits with 10 points. Junior Megan Eckberg tossed in nine points while junior Jordan Thomes and freshman Alyssa Weber hit for seven points apiece. Sophomore Shelby Voight had five points while senior Courtney Schwartz and sophomore Kelli Martens added three points each.

"We are playing the best team basketball that we have played all season," said Sibley East head coach Doug Flieth. "Our turnovers are down during this four-game

win streak and that has been a big key for us."

Flieth continued, "Megan Eckberg did a great job on the boards and Jessica Garza got our offense going with some transition baskets. Courtney Schwartz hit a big three-pointer for us before halftime that kind of sparked us for the second half."

The Wolverines hit 21 of 55 shots from the field for 38 percent. The winners also sank 13 of 20 charity tosses for 65 percent.

Sibley East also grabbed 31

rebounds in the win. Eckberg pulled down a dozen boards while Thomes and Garza snared five caroms apiece.

Garza also contributed seven assists and five steals.

The Lady Wolverines, 3-10 in the MRC and 9-12 overall, will travel to Norwood Young America in conference play at 7:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 15. Sibley East will close out its regular season at St. Peter in non-conference play at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 19.

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Community Strings

The Community Strings presented their Christmas program at the Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Glencoe on Dec. 16, 2012. The performance had been scheduled to take place one week earlier but due to the weather, had to be rescheduled. The group, under the direction of Jack Noennig, consists of approximately forty string players of all ages from McLeod and Sibley counties. Each year the group has chosen to donate a portion of their proceeds to a

worthy cause. This year, due to the generosity of those in attendance, they were able to donate \$400 to the Sibley County Food Shelf and \$500 to the McLeod County Food Shelf in addition to several grocery items. Front Row: (l to r) Community Strings member Ashtyn Bullert. Back Row: (l to r) Community Strings members Sam Bullert, Diane Ebersviller (representative from the food shelf), Ella Lundstrom and Jens Lundstrom.

Church News

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7th Ave. N.W., Arlington
(507) 304-3410
Pastor Robert Brauer
507-234-6770

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

UNITED METHODIST

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Wayne Swanson, Pastor
www.arlingtonunitedmethodist.org

Saturday, February 16: 8:00 a.m. A-Men men's group. 10:00 a.m. Bible study at Bette Nelson's.

Sunday, February 17: 9:00 and 11:00 a.m. Worship. 10:10 a.m. Sunday school. 6:30 p.m. Marriage video series.

Monday, February 18: Deadline for March newsletter items.

Tuesday, February 19: 6:30 p.m. SPPRC. 7:30 p.m. Ad. Council.

Wednesday, February 20: 7:00 p.m. Confirmation; choir.

Thursday, February 21: 10:00 a.m., 2:00 and 7:00 p.m. Worship on cable TV. 1:00 and 7:00 p.m. Bible study at Jean Olson's.

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Saturday, February 16: 9:00 a.m. Clothes closet open until noon. 10:00 a.m. to noon, food cupboard open.

Sunday, February 17: 9:30 a.m. Worship. 10:45 a.m. Sunday school.

Monday, February 18: Meals on wheels. 5:00 p.m. exercise.

Tuesday, February 19: Meals on wheels.

Wednesday, February 20: 9:00 a.m. Prayer coffee. Meals on wheels. 6:00 p.m. Awana. 7:30 p.m. Senior high youth group.

Thursday, February 21: 9:30 a.m. Women's Bible study. Meals on wheels. 6:00 p.m. MOPS.

ST. PAUL LUTHERAN (WELS), Arlington

Bruce Hannemann, Pastor
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Bruce.Hannemann@stpaularlington.com

Sunday, February 17: 8:45 a.m. Sunday school. 9:00 a.m. Family Bible study. 10:00 a.m. Worship. Devotion book door offering. Fellowship - youth group.

Monday, February 18: No school. 10:00 a.m. Calendar information due.

Tuesday, February 19: School Spirit Week. 10:00 a.m. Good Samaritan services. 3:45 p.m. Public school confirmation class. 7:00 p.m. Daily Bible readers.

Wednesday, February 20: School Spirit Week. 2:00 p.m. Bible study. 3:45 and 7:00 p.m. Lenten service. 5:00 p.m. Lenten supper. 8:00 p.m. Choir practice.

Thursday, February 21: School Spirit Week (Red and white day). 10:00 a.m. Bulletin information due. 11:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. Service on cable TV channel 8.

ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN (Missouri Synod), Arlington

Pastor William Postel
Phone 507-964-2400
Sunday, February 17: 9:00 a.m. Bible class. 10:00 a.m. Worship.
Wednesday, February 20: 6:00 p.m. Supper. 6:30 p.m. Men's Club. 7:00 p.m. Lenten worship.
Thursday, February 21: 5:30 p.m. Deadline for bulletin and calendar information.

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Tuesday, February 19: 7:30 p.m. Men's Brotherhood.
Wednesday, February 20: 6:00 p.m. Catechism class. 7:30 p.m. Lenten service.

GAYLORD ASSEMBLY OF GOD

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Bob Goblack, Pastor

Friday, February 15: 5:15 p.m. Prison visit. 6:30 p.m. Thomas Bible study, 8510 Penn Ave., Bloomington. Leave church at 4:00 p.m.
Sunday, February 17: 9:00 a.m. Sunday school. 10:00 a.m. Sunday worship service.
Wednesday, February 20: 6:30 p.m. Evening Bible classes. 8:00 p.m. Youth Focused.

ST. MARY, MICHAEL AND BRENDAN AREA FAITH COMMUNITY
Fr. Keith Salisbury, Pastor
Friday, February 15: 8:30 a.m. Mass (Mar). 4:30 to 8:30 p.m. Jump for Joy (Mar).
Saturday, February 16: 5:00 p.m. Mass (Mar).
Sunday, February 17: 7:30 a.m. Mass (Bre). 9:00 to 10:15 a.m. Elementary religious education (Mar). 9:00 a.m. Mass (Mic). 9:45 to 10:30 a.m. Elementary religious education, PreK/K/1st grade (Mic). 10:30 a.m. Mass (Mar). 7:00 p.m. "Faith on Fire" Bible study (Mic).
Monday, February 18: 8:30 a.m. Mass (Bre); Word and Communion (Mar). 8:00 p.m. AA and AlaNon (Mar).
Tuesday, February 19: 8:30 a.m. Mass (Bre). 7:30 p.m. Mass (Mar). 8:00 p.m. St. Arthur's KC meeting.
Wednesday, February 20: 7:30 a.m. Mass (Mar). 8:30 a.m. Mass (Bre). 9:00 a.m. Word and Communion (Oak Terrace). 3:15 to 4:30 p.m. Elementary religious education, second to fifth grade (Mic). 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. Jr./Sr. high religious education (Mar); Stations of the Cross/Junior and senior high religious education (Mic). 7:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross (Mar and Mic).
Thursday, February 21: 7:30 a.m. Mass (Mar). 8:30 a.m. Mass (Bre and Mic). 9:00 a.m. Scripture study (Srs. residence in Gaylord). 7:30 p.m. Narcotics Anonymous (Mic).

TRINITY LUTHERAN
32234 431st Ave., Gaylord
Vicar John Gabrielson, Interim Pastor
Sunday, February 17: 9:30 a.m. Sunday school. 9:45 a.m. Fellowship. 10:30 a.m. Worship.
Monday, February 18: 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Quilting.
Tuesday, February 19: 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Quilting.
Wednesday, February 20: 6:00 p.m. Community meal at Trinity. 7:00 p.m. Service.
Thursday, February 21: 7:00 a.m. Men's/Boys' Lenten breakfast at Assembly of God.

ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN Green Isle
Friday, February 15: 10:00 a.m. Deadline for Sunday bulletin.
Sunday, February 17: 7:45 a.m. Worship without Communion. Pastor Bob Hines. 9:00 a.m. Sunday school.
Tuesday, February 19: 7:00 p.m. LWML Ladies Aid. 8:00 p.m. Joint elders' meeting at St. Paul's.
Wednesday, February 20: 3:45 p.m. Confirmation at Peace Lutheran, Arlington. 5:00 p.m. Lenten service. 6:00 p.m. Potluck lunch. 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Wednesday school for grades 1 to 5. Lenten offering for The Lutheran Hour.
Thursday, February 21: Private Communions. 6:00 p.m. Deadline for March activities calendar.

PEACE LUTHERAN (Missouri Synod), Arlington
Kurt Lehmkuhl, Pastor
Sunday, February 17: 8:15 a.m. Sunday school. 9:30 a.m. Worship service with Holy Communion.
Monday, February 18: 11:30 a.m. "Feeding of the 500 Club."
Wednesday, February 20: 3:45 p.m. Catechism. 5:00 p.m. Junior bell choir. 6:00 p.m. Lenten supper. 7:00 p.m. Lenten service.
Thursday, February 21: 7:30 p.m. Church council meeting.

ZION LUTHERAN
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James Carlson, Pastor
Sunday, February 17: 8:00 a.m. Choir. 9:00 a.m. Worship. 10:00 a.m. Sunday school and fellowship.
Tuesday, February 19: 9:00 a.m. Newsletter deadline. 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. TOPS in church basement.
Wednesday, February 20: 3:45 p.m. 7th and 9th grade confirmation. 4:30 p.m. 8th grade confirmation. 6:00 p.m. Lenten supper. 7:00 p.m. Lenten service.
Thursday, February 21: 9:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. Zion service on cable TV.

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Ben Lane, Pastor
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Arlington - 507-964-2872
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Thursday, February 14: 1:00 or 7:00 p.m. Bible study of Ephesians. 6:30 p.m. Men's Bible study of Titus at Oak Terrace Nursing Home community room.
Friday, February 15: 7:00 p.m. Crazy Love study at the Lane's.
Saturday, February 16: 10 a.m. to Noon HTM Mobile Food Shelf, available to all, no income requirements.
Sunday, February 16: 10:00 a.m. Prayer. 10:30 a.m. Worship service.
Wednesday, February 20: 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. REACH youth group at the Shogren's.

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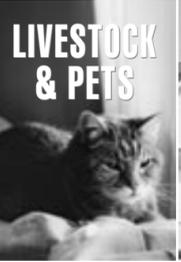
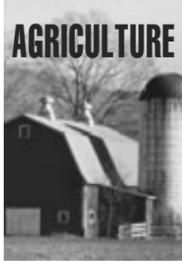
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