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Trailblazer makes mid-year salary adjustment in hopes of attracting more applicants

By Lori Copley
McLeod County Chronicle Staff Writer

Hoping to draw more applicants for open jobs, the Trailblazer Transit Joint Powers Board on Thursday morning raised the base pay for its driver and dispatcher positions.

The minimum driver pay was raised to \$15 an hour from \$13.85 per hour; and the minimum dispatcher pay was raised to \$15.25 per hour from \$14.31 per hour.

Those drivers and dispatchers who have not reached the new base wages through longevity will be brought up to the new minimum, plus get an additional 10 cents per hour for each year they have been with Trailblazer. As an example, a driver who has four years of employment with Trailblazer will receive \$15.40 per hour.

The Joint Powers Board had a meeting earlier this month to try to address the issue, but had failed to come to a consensus on what should be done.

Sibley County Commissioner Bill Pinske, who chairs the Trailblazer board, did

some investigating into what Sibley and McLeod counties pay their highway department truck drivers.

Sibley County has been offering drivers about \$15.36 per hour as a starting wage and McLeod has been offering about \$15.18 an hour, although their low range of their salary schedules is lower than that.

"I think we were all thinking in that \$15 an hour range," said Pinske. But the problem was that there could be drivers with five years of experience who could be making less than a new driver, which is why Pinske proposed the 10-cents an hour per year of service differential.

"The issue, according to Gary (Trailblazer director Gary Ludwig) is that he's not getting the drivers at \$13.85," said Pinske.

Ludwig said that in the early years of Trailblazer, he had the option of offering more than the minimum of the salary range for a particular job if it was necessary to attract good people because of the job market. That is no longer the case, he said,

which is why the matter came before the Joint Powers Board.

Pinske said the new salaries will not apply to positions other than drivers or dispatchers, such as the executive director, operations manager, officer manager, driver and fleet manager, lead driver or facility maintenance.

"We're leaving management out of this for now," said Pinske. "That can be a budget item for next year."

The increases in the minimum salary ranges were approved by the Joint Powers Board, effective April 1. The increase in salaries will cost Trailblazer about \$44,600 for the remainder of 2013, and about \$59,500 in 2014.

McLeod County Commissioner Ron Shimanski asked Ludwig if he feels that the increase will help in filling open positions.

"I think we'll draw a better pool of applicants," said Ludwig. "We'll make headway, but we won't really know until the applications come in."

County not interested in building new office space for its agencies

By Dave Pedersen
Correspondent

The general consensus is the Sibley County Board does not want to get into the real estate business in order to keep three governmental entities in the same office space.

The county building committee asked the commissioners for an opinion on a direction to take at the March 12 board meeting.

County Administrator Matt Jaunich brought the issue to the board regarding interest in potentially providing office space to house the Sibley County Soil & Water Conservation District (SWCD), USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) and the Farm Service Agency (FSA).

Jaunich said SWCD is concerned about a lack of space at their current location and the potential move of NRCS and FSA due to size restrictions of their current building in Gaylord. SWCD would prefer to stay with the two other agencies.

Jaunich met with April Sullivan, NRCS District Conser-

vationist, who is aware of regulations guiding NRCS and FSA. The administrator passed on what he learned.

Based on the current size of their office, the need is for a space between 3,300 to 3,500 square feet of office space. Plus, NRCS and FSA will be in the Gaylord area for the foreseeable future and are willing to sign a 10-year lease.

For any site to be considered, the bidder would have to go through a process to get selected, including the advertisements for bids. Sullivan did not know when the process would begin, hoping it would be within the year.

Jaunich said the county would likely have to conduct a market study of Gaylord to determine a competitive asking price if interested.

The building committee noted that it would be difficult to build new since there was no guarantee that a bid from the county would be accepted. Another idea was to move SWCD into a county building since it partially funds it.

County Commissioner Bill Pinske did not like the idea of a government entity bidding against four or five private ventures.

"If we have space available right here, it would not make a lot of sense for us to build in hoping we would get the bid," said County Commissioner Jim Swanson. "If we have existing space and would not get the bid, we are not out anything."

Jaunich said there does not have to be a new building, but if that was the goal, the county would need a conceptual plan. He added there are some space options to look at that could potentially impact SWCD.

Pinske said he would hope that a private individual would look into either building office space or do a remodeling to have all three groups in the same place.

Jaunich said based on the discussion he will tell the groups the county is not interested in providing new office space at the present time.



Enterprise photo by Kurt Menk

Marv Pautsch, owner of the Cenex Convenience Store in Arlington, examined one of the drawings for the Highway 5 projects which are scheduled for summer construction. A High-

way 5 construction meeting was held at the Arlington Community Center on Tuesday evening, March 19.

Residents voice concerns at Highway 5 projects meeting

By Kurt Menk
Editor

A dozen residents and business people attended an informational meeting on the proposed Highway 5 projects on Tuesday night, March 19. The public meeting was hosted by officials from the Minnesota Department of Transportation (Mn/DOT) and was held at the Arlington Community Center.

Mn/DOT staff and assisting consultants explained the two projects.

The first project, which is expected to start Monday, May 6, is Highway 5 from Gaylord to Arlington.

This project will include mill and overlay resurfacing. In addition, it will include sidewalk reconstruction in Arlington.

There will be lane closures and delays in conjunction with this project. There will also be a short detour for bridge repair work.

The project, which is expected to take 34 working days, will be completed around mid June.

Mn/DOT staff and consultants assured people that there will be adequate signage for motorists to access the downtown business area during the construction period.

In addition, Mn/DOT staff and consultants said that there will be adequate access to local residences and business throughout the construction.

The second project, which is expected to start around Monday, July 8, is Highway 5 from Sheila Drive in Arlington to Green Isle.

This project will include pavement replacement and culvert work. Traffic will be detoured in two stages to county roads. The plan is to first complete the stretch from Sheila Drive to County Road 12.

The project is expected to be completed in early September.

Each project will cost around \$3 million and will provide the motorists with a smoother, safer ride, according to Mn/DOT staff and consultants.

Signal Light

Prior to the resurfacing project from Gaylord to Arlington, the traffic signal light at the intersection of Highway 5 and West Main Street in Arlington will be deactivated in April for a three-month evaluation period.

In place of the signal light, through-stop control (where Highway 5 traffic does not stop, but West Main Street traffic does) will be implemented and evaluated, according to the Mn/DOT staff and consultants.

If no adverse traffic impacts are observed during the evaluation period, the traffic signal light will be removed as part of the resurfacing project, the Mn/DOT staff and consultants said. They added that an earlier engineering study determined the existing traffic signal light is not needed now or in the future.

A number of residents and business people in attendance repeatedly voiced their displeasure about the proposed

removal of the lone traffic signal light along Highway 5 in Arlington.

These residents said the elimination of the lone traffic signal light will create an unsafe intersection at Highway 5 and West Main Street.

The Mn/DOT staff and consultants cited various studies and said the proposed elimination of the lone traffic light will make for an even safer intersection at Highway 5 and West Main Street.

The Mn/DOT staff and consultants said there will be LED flashing lights for motorists and pedestrians traveling along West Main Street, but no flashing lights along Highway 5. In addition, there will be painted crosswalks along Highway 5 at the intersections of West Alden, West Main and West Adams streets.

In addition, the Mn/DOT staff and consultants said the move will save money in the installation, operation and maintenance of a new traffic signal light along Highway 5.

Updates

The Mn/DOT staff and consultants said its agency will make every effort to update the public on the progress of the Highway 5 projects.

The updates will be published in the weekly edition of the Arlington Enterprise from the start of the first project through the completion of the second project.

Arlington Area Ambulance Service responded to 252 calls last year

By Kurt Menk
Editor

The Arlington Area Ambulance Service responded to 252 ambulance calls in 2012, according to Manager Kevin Sullivan.

The number of calls was down from the record number 312 calls from last year.

In addition, the ambulance service provides medical coverage at 25 racing and rodeo events in the area and numerous school related events. Of the 252 calls, 134 were in the City of Arlington. There were also 65 transfers from the

Sibley Medical Center to various hospitals.

The Arlington Area Ambulance Service serves the cities of Arlington and Green Isle, Arlington Township and portions of Green Isle, New Auburn, Dryden, Kelso, Jessenland, Washington Lake and Henderson townships.

The ambulance service also has mutual aid agreements with Gaylord, Glencoe, Le Sueur and Ridgeview ambulances in the event that they are already on a call or several calls in the area come in at once. In addition, several fire

departments, including Arlington, Green Isle, Henderson and New Auburn, provide much needed assistance on many of the calls. The Arlington Area Ambulance Service also receives needed support on calls from the Arlington Police Department and the Sibley County Sheriff's Department.

The current members of the Arlington Area Ambulance Service include emergency medical technicians Brent Doetkott, Mary Halverson, Wendy Kube, Bob Lueth, Jason Marozik, Sue Mor-

risette, Jason Mueller, Jim Pederson, Kim Quast, Lisa Roseland, Matt Scharpe, Brian Thomes, Angela Walter and Aaron Wisch. The ambulance service also has first responder Rickey Schmidt on its roster. In addition, the ambulance service roster includes paramedics Doug Kayser, Paula Noll, Steve Noll, Dave Olson, Michele Parpart and Kevin Pevestorf.

The Arlington Area Ambulance Service is always looking for new members. The ambulance service saw the retirement of three individuals

from the service. Emergency medical technicians Dawn Lueth, Tim Vos and Neal Wisch all announced their retirement from the ambulance service.

"They will be tough to replace, especially because of all the experience they had," said Sullivan.

Their departures have left a void that needs to be filled.

Sullivan said that an EMT class is starting in Waconia on Tuesday, March 26 and it would be a great opportunity for individuals who are interested in becoming EMTs and

earn some extra income.

"The City of Arlington has a great program where they will pay for your tuition for the course in exchange for just one year of service on the ambulance when you become certified," said Sullivan.

People who are interested in the class or have questions in regard to the ambulance service are encouraged to call Kevin Sullivan at 612-723-3166.

News Briefs

Vehicle enters ditch in town

A one-vehicle accident without injuries reportedly occurred along Highway 5 just inside the Arlington city limits at 8:25 a.m. Saturday, March 16, according to the Sibley County Sheriff's Department.

Maycte R. Castillo, 22, Gaylord, was driving a 2002 Chrysler Town and Country van eastbound on Highway 5 when she reportedly lost control of the vehicle due to icy road conditions. The vehicle entered the ditch.

The vehicle was not damaged, according to the sheriff's department.

Accident on County Road 13

A one-vehicle accident without injuries reportedly occurred along County Road 13 in New Auburn Township at 7:10 a.m. Tuesday, March 19, according to the Sibley County Sheriff's Department.

Jesus Savala, 42, Arlington, was driving a 1995 Dodge pickup northbound on County Road 13 when he reportedly lost control of his vehicle. The vehicle entered the ditch and rolled over.

The vehicle sustained moderate damage, according to the sheriff's department.

Van involved in rollover crash

A one-vehicle accident without injuries reportedly occurred along Highway 19 near the County Road 3 intersection in Bismarck Township at 6:38 p.m. Tuesday, March 12, according to the Sibley County Sheriff's Department.

Carol Jacoby, 52, Clements, was driving a Ford cargo van and pulling an enclosed trailer westbound on Highway 19 when she reportedly lost control of the vehicle on the snow and ice covered roadway. The van and trailer crashed into the ditch.

Jacoby, who was wearing her seatbelt, was not injured. There was moderate damage to the van and trailer, according to the sheriff's department.

Crash in Severance Township

A two-vehicle accident without injuries reportedly occurred along the 315 block of County Road 2 in Severance Township at 7:38 a.m. Monday, March 18, according to the Sibley County Sheriff's Department.

A 2009 Chevrolet driven by Todd Sievert, 29, Gibbon, collided with a 2007 Mitsubishi driven by Gaetan Lemyre, 51, Gibbon.

Both vehicles sustained major damage, according to the sheriff's department.

Riebe named to Dean's List

Victoria Riebe, a 2012 graduate of the Sibley East Senior High School, was recently named to the Dean's List at Bemidji State University.

She is the daughter of Dean and Deedee Riebe, Arlington.

Nominations are sought

Nominations are being sought for the Outstanding Family Child Care Providers in each county of the state of Minnesota.

If you know of a family child care provider who is deserving of this award please go to Minnesota Licensed Family Child Care Association website at www.mlcca.org to obtain a nomination form or call their office directly at 800-652-9704.

The Family Child Care Providers selected will be honored during a banquet at the Kahler Grand Hotel & Rochester Marriott in Rochester on Saturday, May 4.

God's Backyard Bible Camp

God's Backyard Bible Camp (mid week kids club) will be held at the Creekside Community Church from 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. Wednesdays, April 3 through May 1. Four-year-olds through sixth graders are invited to experience the Bible story, talk about ways to serve, enjoy music, crafts, games and snacks. But most importantly, they will learn about Jesus Christ and grow in their faith in Him. Please arrive to register at 6 p.m. Wednesday April 3.



Enterprise photo by Kurt Menk

Chamber Awards

The Arlington Area Chamber of Commerce presented awards to five individuals during its annual Chamber Banquet at the Arlington Haus Too on Thursday night, March 7. Left to right: Terry Klages (Outstanding Chamber Award), Jane Scharpe (Outstanding Com-

munity Member Award), Kim Schneider (Past President Award) and Kathy Homme (Outstanding Chamber Award). Missing from the photo is Pam Wiest (Outstanding Chamber Award).

Over 105 units donated at blood drive

By Kurt Menk
Editor

One hundred six units of blood were collected during a blood drive at the Arlington Community Center on Tuesday, March 12, according to Coordinator Kay Schumacher.

"You all so willingly stepped up to the plate and did what had to be done,"

said Schumacher. "It was very much appreciated and many people will be helped by the thoughtfulness of all the donors."

Frank Schwoppe received a 17-gallon pin while Debra Stenzel netted a 12-gallon pin. Therese Ott received an eight-gallon pin while Pam White netted a seven-gallon pin. Marie Schneider re-

ceived a six-gallon pin while Elvera Winter netted a four-gallon pin. Joan Brockhoff received a two-gallon pin.

Five young students also donated blood including first-time donors Levi Pfarr and Samantha Acevedo.

The Arlington VFW Auxiliary donated and served the lunch.

Locher Brothers, Green

Isle, donated the refreshments.

Wendy Kube donated eggs for egg salad sandwiches for all the volunteers and donors.

The next blood drive will be held at the Arlington Community Center on Tuesday, May 28.

Fundraiser for Jared Allen's Homes 4 Wounded Warriors

A fundraiser to benefit Jared Allen's Homes 4 Wounded Warriors will be held at the Arlington Dugout on Saturday, March 23.

A 48-team double elimination bean bag tournament will start at noon. Teams can register at 11 a.m.

The Eddie Mac Band will

perform immediately following the bean bag tournament.

The Devon Worley Band will provide musical entertainment from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m.

A raffle will be held for great prizes. Free will donations will be appreciated at the door.

The event will raise money to help build handicap accessible homes for United States military veterans.

Allen is a defensive end for the Minnesota Vikings. Allen played college football for Idaho State University, and was drafted by the Kansas City Chiefs in the fourth

round of the 2004 National Football League Draft. A five-time Pro Bowl selection and four-time All-Pro, Allen has tallied 117 sacks during his career which began in 2004.

For more information, contact Matt Scharping at phenomgenetics@hotmail.com.

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- SMC clinic locations in Arlington, Gibbon, Henderson or Winthrop
- SMC website at www.sibleymedical.org,
- Contacting Jeni at 507-964-8438.

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John and Linda Franzen of Belle Plaine, and Robert and Cynthia Berg of Howard Lake, are excited to announce the upcoming marriage of their children Michele Lynn Franzen and Timothy William Berg.



The marriage ceremony will take place on Saturday, April 6, at the First Presbyterian Church of Howard Lake with the reception following in Hamburg.

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The Sibley East Senior High Knowledge Bowl Team concluded its season at the sub-regional meet at Minnesota State University, Mankato, on Monday, March 11. The team competed in four invitational meets and the sub-regional meet. Front Row: (left to right) Marissa Eckberg, Nick Bruss, Allison Larson,

Frances Zuniga and Sara Peterson. Back Row: (l to r) Katelyn Reid, Matt Weber, Maren Miner, Heidi Milczark, Hayley Riebe and Lindsay Fasching. The coach was Vikki Louwagie.

Arlington is featured in Twins Territory ad

By Kurt Menk
Editor

Arlington is featured in a current Minnesota Twins video advertisement.

The name of the video advertisement is "The excitement is building in towns across Twins Territory for the

return of Twins baseball in 2013."

A clip shows a picture of a snow-covered dugout and grandstand at the Arlington Baseball Park. A clip also shows a picture of the local baseball water tower.

Vehicle stolen in Arlington

By Kurt Menk
Editor

A vehicle was stolen in the City of Arlington late last week, according to the Arlington Police Department.

A gray 2002 Chevrolet Tahoe was reportedly stolen from the John and JoLene Scheer residence along the 200 block of Fourth Avenue Northwest sometime between 12:30 a.m. and 6:30 a.m. Friday,

March 15, according to the police department.

The Chevrolet Tahoe was unlocked, but the keys were not left inside the vehicle, police said.

The license plate number on the vehicle is 176AHA, according to police.

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

Passion Portrayal scheduled for Palm Sunday, March 24

This Lenten season in the Arlington community people can experience the drama of Christ's crucifixion and resurrection beginning with the Triumphant Entry into Jerusalem. Various scenes depicting the events of Holy Week will be presented. The audience is seated as the dramas unfold around them.

People are invited to attend one of two performances at the Arlington Community Center on Palm Sunday, March 24. The first perform-

ance will be at 4 p.m. and the second performance will be at 7 p.m. People are encouraged to enter the west door so they can see the first scene of the Portrayal.

The program begins with the Triumphant Entry into Jerusalem, the Last Supper and the Foot Washing. People will visit the Garden of Gethsemane and watch as Christ carries the Cross to His own Crucifixion. The Tomb is empty but Christ is alive! A narrator reads the story from

the Scripture. Special music and congregational singing are included in the program.

During the presentation, an offering will be taken to defray expenses for the event and for the food shelf. March is Food Shelf Month and the shelves need to be filled so help fill their shelves by bringing nonperishable food items.

The director for the drama is Jeni Forcier from Hutchinson. Forcier is active ecumenically in her own com-

munity but is employed in Arlington. Over 100 volunteers are involved in this event. The program is sponsored by Arlington Christian Community committee which is a group of volunteers from local churches. This group also sponsors the Drive-by Living Nativity. At the 2012 Living Nativity, 756 pounds of food was collected and over \$680 was collected for the Sibley County Food Shelf.

12-year-old arrested in New Prague school hoax

A 12-year-old boy was arrested Wednesday after police say he falsely reported a shooting at New Prague Middle School, according to Minnesota Public Radio.

Some dozen law enforcement agencies responded to the incident only to find that it was a false alarm.

"In this day and age you have to take these things very

seriously," New Prague Police Chief Mark Vosejpkva said during a news conference.

Students were dismissed early to "relieve anxiety," Superintendent Larry Kauzlarich said. Parents were allowed to pick up their children, and buses took other students home.

Easter event set for Saturday, March 30

The Arlington-Green Isle Women of Today will sponsor an Easter event in the small gym at the Sibley East Senior High School in Arlington from 10 a.m. to

noon Saturday, March 30.

The event is open to children who are toddlers through the second grade.

Children will have an opportunity to visit with the

Easter Bunny.

In addition, there will be games, prizes, crafts, cookies and more.

Parents, don't forget to bring your camera.



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NOTICE TO ARLINGTON RESIDENTS: Due to the time of year, the graveled alleyways are very soft and cannot handle the large garbage trucks driving on them. The City of Arlington is asking all residents to place their garage cans and recycling containers curbside. We have also notified the garbage companies and have asked them not to drive through the graveled alleyways until such time as they have had a chance to dry out. This will become **effective Mon., MARCH 18th** and continue until further notice.

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Opinions

Public meeting held on Highway 5 projects

Our View: Excitement about refurbished highway is lost in the discussion

A dozen residents and business people attended an informational meeting on the Highway 5 projects scheduled for summer construction at the Arlington Community Center on Tuesday evening, March 19.

The proposed removal of the lone traffic signal light along Highway 5 in Arlington understandably dominated the informal question and answer session with officials from the Minnesota Department of Transportation (Mn/DOT).

These residents and business people argued that the proposed removal of this lone signal light will create unsafe traffic conditions for motorists and pedestrians at the intersection of Highway 5 and Main Street in Arlington.

Mn/DOT officials, on the other hand, did not dodge any questions and repeatedly stated that the proposed removal of the lone signal light will create a safer intersection plus save money in the installation, operation and maintenance of a new structure.

The results from a three-month evaluation, after the deactivation of the lone traffic signal light this spring, may prove or disprove the various arguments from both sides. In the long run, however, only time will tell if the intersection is more or less safe.

Although the potential removal of the lone traffic signal light in Arlington is no doubt the hot topic at this moment, residents and business people should not forget that Highway 5 will get refurbished seven miles to the east and west from Arlington. The construction will no doubt cause some inconveniences for motorists, pedestrians, residents and business people this summer, but a refurbished highway will be worth the wait.

Minnesota spends millions of dollars on numerous road construction projects each summer. It is nice to finally see some of that money spent on a major highway in this area.

-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.

March 22

Bob Goheen, Brandon Barth, Eileen Pieschke, Jonathan Felmlee, Ramona Evenson and Ronda Brau.

March 23

Charlie Thomes, Taylor Van Hout, Francis Bigaouette, Jr. and Mr. and Mrs. Will Allison.

March 24

Mitch Koepp, Duncan Schmig and Madelyn McKinnon.

March 25

Cullen Arneson, Darla Dols, Jamie Halverson, Stephanie Baumgarten and Stephanie Herd.

March 26

Hunter Otto, Brent Farber, Donna Wolter, Jennifer Pasek and Sharon Shimota.

March 27

Annette Bergersen, Brenda Sorenson, Brittany Giesen, Hunter Nelson and Irene Bulau.

March 28

Anna Rae Meyer, Betty Rud, Chad Kleist, David Hansen, Joseph Aguilera, Mason Wendinger and Scott Zeiher.

Smith goes to see his supervisor in the front office. "Boss," he says, "we're doing some heavy house cleaning at home tomorrow, and my wife needs me to help with the attic and the garage, moving and hauling stuff."

"We're short-handed, Smith," the boss replies. "I can't give you the day off."

"Thanks, boss," says Smith. "I knew I could count on you!"

A police officer in a small town stopped a motorist who was speeding down Main Street.

"But officer," the man said. "I can explain."

"Just be quiet!" snapped the offi-

cer, "or I'm going to let you cool off in jail until the chief gets back."

"But officer, I just wanted to say..."

"I said be quiet! Now you're going to jail!"

A few hours later, the officer checked up on his prisoner and said, "Lucky for you that the chief's at his daughter's wedding. He'll be in a good mood when he gets back."

"Don't count on it," said the man in the cell. "I'm the groom!"

A man was in a hurry taking his eight-year-old son to school and made a turn at a red light where it was prohibited. "Oh no, I just made an illegal turn!" the man said out loud.

"Don't worry Dad, it's okay," the son replied. "The police car right behind us did the same thing."

During a medical examination, a man was asked to stretch out his arms in front of him. His hands trembled.

"Good heavens, how much do you drink?" asked the doctor.

"Hardly anything at all," answered the man. "I spill most of it."

How many telemarketers does it take to change a light bulb? **One, but he has to do it while you're eating dinner.**

Visiting the psych ward, a man asked how doctors decide to institutionalize a patient.

"Well," the doctor said, "we fill a bathtub, then offer a teaspoon, a teacup and a bucket to the patient and ask him to empty the tub."

"I get it," the visitor replied. "A normal person would use the bucket, because it's the biggest."

"No," the doctor said. "A normal person would pull the plug."



Guest Columns

Where our money goes

By Lee H. Hamilton

Over the last few weeks, as the deadline for the congressionally mandated budget cuts known as the "sequester" came and went, we got a taste of how difficult cutting federal spending actually turns out to be. The news is disconcerting: thousands fewer food safety inspections, some 70,000 fewer kids in early education programs, people with mental illness losing access to treatment, civilian employees of the military furloughed, ships and aircraft going without maintenance... It's a long and dispiriting list.

Yet as painful as the sequester might be, most policy-makers know that it is not the main event when it comes to our fiscal challenges. Discretionary spending, the kind getting cut in the sequester, amounts to less than a third of federal spending.

That's not what many people believe, of course. Whenever I give talks about the federal budget I'm taken aback by where my listeners think most of our money gets spent. At two meetings recently, members of the audience stood up to complain that if we just cut what we give away to other countries in foreign aid, we could resolve our budget issues. This isn't even close to the truth: altogether, we spend well less than 1 percent of the federal budget on foreign aid.

If you think of federal spending as a pie, by far the biggest slices go to Social Security and unemployment support, Medicare, Medicaid, and other health programs, which altogether make up well over half. Mili-

tary spending accounts for about another quarter, while the next biggest slice, about 7 percent, is for interest on the federal debt — a figure that will explode in upcoming years. Everything else we think of as the federal government — spending on highways and the aviation system, money for student loans and other education programs, housing, food stamps, medical research and, yes, foreign aid — comes in at under one-fifth of the total.

The biggest driver of growth in federal spending, as Nate Silver of The New York Times pointed out in a thoughtful analysis in January, is entitlements: Medicare, Medicaid, Social Security and other social insurance programs. This is especially true of health-care, which accounted for about half of the increase in federal spending relative to the economy over the last 40 years. We cannot get control of federal spending without reining in health-care spending — and though its rate of increase has slackened over the last few years, no one knows whether it's a permanent or temporary change.

So if Congress and the White House are serious about tackling federal spending, then the piece they left out of the sequester — entitlement reform — must be on the table. But it's been hard to tell from their actions that they're really serious. Members of Congress have been taking to the airwaves for weeks to decry the sequester's meat-cleaver approach to budget-cutting, yet most of them voted for it. That's because it's simpler to impose

across-the-board cuts than to make discriminating judgments about individual programs. Members find it easy to demand cuts in federal spending in the abstract, but painfully difficult to cut specific programs.

Americans as a whole do, too: a recent Pew Center poll found they approve cutting government spending in general, but when asked about specific programs, they want to boost funding or keep it the same. Americans are demanding that government cut spending without cutting actual programs.

This is why it takes extraordinary leadership to address our fiscal issues. Americans may bear some responsibility, but our leaders have not leveled with us about what it takes to get a sensible budget and put the economy on a path to recovery. I am hard-pressed to think of an example of government failure to match our political leaders' inability to lead us to a solution.

Their prolonged fighting is causing businesses to hesitate, workers to remain in limbo, and an economy that needs a boost to continue to stutter. They are denying us the ability to invest in our future, promote economic growth, and deal with the many other challenges our nation faces. Let's stop the blame game and get to work.

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.

It's time for Congress to finish job on farm bill

By U.S. Senator Al Franken

As Congress digs into federal farm policy this year, "job one" should be enacting a five-year Farm Bill that will give farmers and ranchers in Minnesota and across the country the certainty they need to plan for the future.

At recent Farm Bill meetings I've held all over Minnesota, I've heard over and over again how important it is to Minnesota producers -- and to our state's economy -- that we finish this job.

That's why I've cosponsored legislation nearly identical to the five-year measure that passed the Senate in 2012 with overwhelming bipartisan support. The measure, introduced as a top priority in the Senate, will not only reform and modernize our agriculture programs and strengthen the farm safety net, but also create jobs and economic vitality in communities across our state. Just as importantly, by reforming our agriculture programs, we can save money — tens of billions of dollars — to reduce our budget deficit.

I'm optimistic that in 2013, we won't see a repeat of last year, when House leaders refused to allow a vote and saddled Minnesota farmers and ranchers with a short-term extension that only runs through September.

One key problem with the temporary Farm Bill is that it shortchanges

investments in conservation and energy programs, assistance for beginning farmers and ranchers, and a number of other important programs that help spur jobs and economic development in communities across Minnesota. This year, I will be pushing to fund those important investments until a permanent Farm Bill is enacted.

I hope that after hearing from farmers and farm leaders from across the country in the past several months, the House leadership now understands how important it is that we put a five-year Farm Bill in place.

Farm Policy Uncertainty Makes Planning Difficult

Just last month, a top Minnesota farm credit official outlined for me some of the difficulties that uncertainty over future farm policy poses for producers in Minnesota and across the country. He said farmers are facing the rising cost of inputs like land, machinery, and equipment, as well as another year of possible weather disasters, making it important for them to have certainty about farm policy and about the farm safety net before they invest thousands, even millions, of dollars in their operations.

He also said the lack of a five-year Farm Bill is hurting young and beginning farmers, many of whom have seen their applications for

guarantees at their local Farm Service Agency (FSA) office go unprocessed due to the uncertainty of federal farm funding.

In short, it's time for Congress to finish the job of passing a five-year Farm Bill.

New Energy Subcommittee Chairmanship Provides Opportunity For Minnesota

One of my top priorities during the Farm Bill debate has been to fight for programs that support investment in Minnesota's energy economy. In fact, the recently introduced Senate Farm Bill includes my Rural Energy for America (REAP) provision, which will help farmers and small businesses save money and earn income by investing in renewable energy and energy efficient technology. This program is used in Minnesota more than in almost any other state and is another example of how our state is a leader in energy innovation.

As a member of the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee, I was pleased to be named chairman of a key subcommittee this month. Leading this panel will provide opportunities to promote Minnesota's and the nation's renewable energy efforts and to create good

Franken

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Join the Minnesota Over 60 Band

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Playing music is a lifelong activity, and a group of Minnesotans who perform around the state are a testament to that reality.

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There are openings in every section of the band. The band even has a few members younger than 60.

While the group started in Gaylord back in 1953 as the Sibley County Senior Citizens Hobby Band, the group continued to expand. Six decades later the group includes people from a wide variety of communities and walks of life, and who have a mutual interest in music as a hobby.

The Minnesota Over 60

Band was inducted into the Minnesota Music Hall of Fame in 2003.

The Minnesota Over 60 Band is having rehearsals at the Arlington Community Center on May 3, 10, 17 and 31. Each rehearsal includes two practices from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and 1 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. Performances begin in June and continue into September.

For more information about the Minnesota Over 60 Band, call 507-550-4096.

History

80 Years Ago

March 23, 1933
Louis Kill, Editor

The Sibley County Fair will be held this year on August 11-12-13. Keep those dates in mind, and here is another important thing to remember: One of the big numbers on the program at the fair will be a public wedding. It will be an honest-to-goodness nuptial event with two young people of the county acting as the principals, a genuine clergyman tying the knot, thousands of witnesses, a collection of beautiful and costly gifts on display such as was never seen in the county before, and all embellished by a most elaborate ceremony.

60 Years Ago

March 19, 1953
Louis Kill, Editor

Tuesday was perhaps the driest St. Patrick's Day ever experienced in our neighboring village of Green Isle since emigrants from the old Emerald Isle started settling there a century or more ago. Reason for the extreme dryness last Tuesday was the fact that the city well went out of commission early in the morning and citizens were without water all day. Even the schools had to be closed be-

cause of the unexpected drought.

"Date Bait," a three-act comedy, will be presented by the senior class at the high school auditorium March 26 and 27 at 8:15 p.m. Members of the cast include: Alice Kuznia, Douglas Breitreutz, Ramona Rucks, Roger Mueller, Charlotte Knapp, Marlys Buckentine, Lolly Kill, Floyd Boerner, Gerald Steffer, Lowell Thomas, Roger Wahldick, John Quinn and Merlin Battcher.

The Arlington High School placed two winners in the district speech contests held Monday evening in LeCenter and Belle Plaine. Roger Mueller took first place in original oratory and Douglas Breitreutz placed in original oratory.

40 Years Ago

March 22, 1973
Val Kill, Editor

The St. Ann's Altar and Rosary Society held a mother-daughter potluck in the church hall on March 13, at 7:00 p.m. The meal and program were attended by 248 ladies and girls. The following awards were given: Oldest mother present with a daughter - Kate Hensler; youngest mother present with a daughter - Margaret Haupt;

mother with the most daughters - Lila Hartmann.

A Girl Scout troop is being organized here. The first organizational meeting will be held Monday, April 2, at 7:30 p.m. at the Arlington Community Hall. Three young women who are organizing the troop are Charlotte Kleist and Marge Karg of Arlington and Mary Ott of Green Isle.

20 Years Ago

March 25, 1993
Kurt Menk, Editor

Local and area residents may have noticed a semi-truck parked in front of the Arlington Municipal Hospital last Friday. The vehicle was not there to unload medical equipment or products. The vehicle is a mobile Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI) unit. It will start to visit the local facility on an on-call basis.

Sara Pinske and Steven Czech were united in marriage on October 10 at Peace Lutheran Church in Arlington. Sara is the daughter of Bill and Faye Pinske and Steve is the son of Dave and Dee Czech, both of Arlington. They now live in Backus where they are both teachers.

Obituaries

Eleanor Fries, 83, Green Isle

Eleanor Fries, age 83, of Green Isle, passed away at Abbott Northwestern Hospital in Minneapolis on Friday, March 15.

Funeral service was held at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Green Isle at 2 p.m. Tuesday, March 19. Rev. Don Andrix officiated.

Visitation was held from 11 a.m. until the time of the service at the church on Tues-

day, March 19. Interment was in the church cemetery.

Eleanor was born to August and Emma (Brueshoff) Schaefer at home in Green Isle on July 14, 1929. She grew up in Green Isle and graduated from Glencoe High School. She married Raymond Fries at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Green Isle on Dec. 16, 1950. They lived in Green Isle all their married life. Eleanor worked at Fingerhut for many years. She loved reading, watching movies, sewing, crocheting and playing cards. She also

enjoyed the Minnesota Twins. Eleanor also loved camping and snowmobiling.

Eleanor is survived by her son, Rick (Nancy) Fries of Pequot Lakes; daughter-in-law, Bonnie Fries of Sarasota, Fla.; brothers-in-law, Gilbert (Jeanie) Fries of Jordan, and Art (Shirley) Fries of Delano; sisters-in-law, Judy Fries of Bloomington, Alice Gruhot of Crookston, and Bev Fries of Plymouth, and many nieces and nephews.

She is preceded in death by her parents; husband, Ray, in 2008; son, Gerald; and daughter, Linda Mathews.



Eleanor Fries

Ronald M. Noack, 84, Buford, Ga.

Ronald Maurice Noack, 84, of Buford, Ga., died on Sunday, Feb. 24.

Memorial services were held at the Prince of Peace Catholic Church in Flowery Branch, Ga., at 11 a.m. Saturday, March 9.

Ronald was born to the late Maurice and Ruth Noack of Arlington, on Feb. 29, 1928. Ronald attended St. Mary's College of Calif. and graduated from Mankato State University in 1952. He then served in the U.S. Naval Air Cadets for two years. From 1955 to 1984, he worked for the Tennant Company, start-

ing in sales and ending his career as a District Manager in Grand Rapids, Mich. Ronald was married to Barbara (Even) Noack for 56 years. They were married in St. Paul on April 21, 1956. They shared the love of travel and to see them on the dance floor together was a vision of happiness.

Ronald is survived by five children, Lisa Noack of Chicago, Ill., Gregory Noack of Wilmette, Ill., Terri Morrin of Columbus, N.C., Elizabeth (Daniel) Busch of Saline, Mich., and Amy Noack of Decatur, Ga.; grandchildren,

August and Charles Busch of Saline, Mich.; and Natalie Noack of Wilmette, Ill.; and brothers, Barry and David Noack.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Alzheimer's Association, www.alz.org.

To express condolences, please sign the online guest book at www.flaniganfuneralhome.com.

Arrangements by Junior E. Flanigan of Flanigan Funeral Home and Crematory, Buford, Ga.

Death Notice

Barbara M. Reierson, 33, Arlington

Barbara M. Reierson, age 33, of Arlington, died at her home on Tuesday, March 19, after several months of battling Leukemia.

Funeral service will be held at Peace Lutheran Church in Arlington at 11 a.m. Satur-

day, March 23.

Visitation will be held at the Kolden Funeral Home in Arlington from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Friday, March 22 and will continue one hour prior to the service at the church on Saturday, March 23.

Interment will be in the Arlington Public Cemetery.

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

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jobs across the state and the nation. I believe growth in these sectors is critical to U.S. energy independence and to our future economic competitiveness.

As I've traveled across Minnesota, I've seen the ener-

gy innovations that are spurring jobs and economic growth, especially in rural communities. I plan to use this new chairmanship to bolster those kinds of emerging technologies by bringing those Minnesota ideas to

Washington, D.C.

There's a lot happening on federal farm and energy policy, and I'm not going to stop fighting until we give producers the certainty and the tools they need to keep our farm economy strong.

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Sports

Nathan Rose selected as 1 of 3 All-Journal Wrestlers of the Year

By Kurt Menk
Editor

Sibley East junior and defending state champion Nathan Rose was recently selected as one of the three All-Journal Wrestlers of the Year.

Rose recently reeled off his second consecutive undefeated season with a 45-0 record. He also earned his second straight Class A title at 195 pounds.

Madelia-Truman-Martin Luther's Adam Cooling, 44-0, won the Class A title at 160

pounds. It was his second straight state championship.

River Valley's Lance Briard, 37-0, won his first Class A championship at 285 pounds.

Although Rose has always found time for additional training throughout his career, his recipe for success has been that when things get tougher, he trains even harder than he did before, according to the article in the *New Ulm Journal*.

"I've been at Sibley East

for three years, and he's always been that way," Sibley East head coach Chad Johnson said in the article. "He wrestles all year long, has practices when practice is done. He wrestles 365 days a year in some capacity. It's his thing - everybody in the world has their thing, and wrestling is his. There's not a day that goes by that wrestling isn't a part of a conversation or a plan."

He is the son of Tony and Jenny Rose, Arlington.



Enterprise photo by Kurt Menk

Ten letterwinners return for the Sibley East varsity girls track team this spring. Front Row: (left to right) Sarah Shimota, Sydney Fogarty Busch, McKayla Stumm, Sara Peterson and

Karina Robeck. Back Row: (l to r) Megan Eckberg, Courtney Eibs, Megan Krentz, Alyssa Weber and Maren Miner.

Sibley East girls track team has great numbers this year

By Kurt Menk
Editor

Forty athletes in grades 7-12 turned out for the first day of girls track practice last week, according to Sibley East head coach Jill Warzecha.

"We have great numbers this year and look forward to a fun season" said Warzecha.

The returning letterwinners include juniors Megan Eckberg, Courtney Eibs, Maren Miner, Sara Peterson and Sarah Shimota; sophomore Karina Robeck and freshmen Sydney Fogarty Busch, Megan Krentz, McKayla Stumm and Alyssa Weber.

"We have great leadership amongst the upper class ladies who have a great deal of experience," said Warzecha. "For example, Megan Eckberg is a top point scorer in the hurdles, relays and long jump. Courtney Eibs and Maren Miner bring their expertise in the middle distance events. We have a great freshmen crew who experienced varsity meets last year and will again be fun to

watch this spring."

The remaining senior high athletes include seniors Samantha Lane and Silje Lango; juniors Lea Miller and Frances Zuniga; and sophomores Karley Lind, Kelli Martens, Jean Sickman and Elizabeth Zuniga.

The remaining junior high athletes consist of freshman Sarah Malinowski and Natalie Mesker; eighth graders Abigail Butler, Katie Danielson, Alison Eibs, Brooke Klehr, Perla Lopez, Ella Lundstrom, Ashley Rechtzigel, Emily Raddatz, Jenny Rovinsky, Emma Samletzka, Jenna Schufft and Ana Zuniga; and seventh graders Taylor Brinkman, Tamara Ehrlich, Lindsey Flieth, Madison Krueger, Madilyn Latzke, Ellie Messner, Hayley Rohwer and Ali Stock.

The manager is eighth grader Alexis Kreft.

"We do have a great deal of junior high athletes which is always fun," said Warzecha. "They are young, but willing to work hard and be part of a team."

Warzecha said assistant coach Mike Vrklan has been working exclusively with the hurdlers while assistant coach Dan Meier is working with the distance runners/high jumpers and assistant coach Carrie Pioske is again working with the throwers. Boys head coach Chuck Hartman and Warzecha will take the sprinters and horizontal jumpers.

"The weather continues to set us back making it difficult to access equipment and use the outdoor track and field," said Warzecha. "There is only so much we can do indoors at this point. We continue to condition but I am worried about prolonged indoor running."

The Lady Wolverines will open their season at the Minnesota River Conference Indoor Meet at Minnesota State University, Mankato, on Saturday, March 23.

Sibley East, weather permitting, will open their outdoor season on Tuesday, April 9.

Sibley East athletes will be honored at KNUJ Player of the Year Banquet

By Kurt Menk
Editor

Six athletes from the Sibley East Senior High School will be honored during the annual KNUJ Player of the Year Banquet at the Holiday Inn, New Ulm, at 7 p.m. Tuesday, March

26.

KNUJ will also be naming a Player of the Year in girls and boys basketball and wrestling.

The guest speakers at the banquet will be past Players of the Year.

The local athletes include

Sibley East girls basketball player Megan Eckberg; Sibley East boys basketball players Tyler Bates and Max Grabow; and Sibley East wrestlers Aaron Bates, Hunter Retzlaff and Nathan Rose.

Feterl resigns as boys basketball coach

By Kurt Menk
Editor

Mike Feterl recently submitted a letter of resignation from his duties as the head coach for the Sibley East varsity boys basketball team.

Feterl said resigning basically "came down to not being able to balance out time for my family, classroom du-

ties and basketball duties."

He added, "I hope to coach again in the future, but for now I hope to help out the program in the younger levels."

Feterl was hired as the head coach for the Sibley East varsity boys basketball team three years ago. In his three seasons at the helm,

Feterl's teams posted an 18-24 mark in the Minnesota River Conference and a 32-39 record overall.

The Sibley East School Board will act upon the resignation during its next regular meeting at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 2.

Hartman is new head coach for the Sibley East boys track team

By Kurt Menk
Editor

Sibley East head football coach Chuck Hartman is the new head coach for the Sibley East varsity boys track team.

Hartman replaces former head track coach Travis Raske who resigned after last season.

Thirty-nine athletes, including 10 returning letterwinners, greeted Hartman on the first day of practice last week.

The returning letterwinners include seniors Nick Bruss, Joe Hansen and Shayne Danielson; juniors Erik Danielson, Sam Bullert, Aaron Kapke, Alexander Pedraza, Mitchel Wentzlaff and Ben White; and sophomore

Sam Thies.

The remaining senior high athletes include seniors Miah DuFrane, Tyler Kratzke, Dan Rodriguez and Brandon Stoeckman; juniors Ben Ahlstrand, Julius Asmussen, Cordell Bates, Francisco Guzman, Kody Klopfleisch, Arvin Latchman, Billy Rovinsky and Kalab Stoeckman; and sophomores Cole Bruhn, Jon DuFrane, Chase Ellwood, Isaac Elseth, Zack Klaers, Eric Moreno, Zachery Peterson and Korban Strand.

The junior high athletes include freshmen Zac Latzke and Juan Rodriguez; eighth graders Roberto Cardenas, Mason Latzke, Gilberto Mareno and Patrick Spellman; and seventh graders

Logan Tesch, Cameron Thurn, Logan Wagenius and Xavier Wassather.

"It is hard to tell much of anything right now because we have only had a week of practice inside," said Hartman. "They are a good group of boys who want to work hard. You can tell the boys who have been out in the past have a good foundation down from prior coaching. That's definitely a compliment to the coaching staff and Travis Raske for the work they've done."

The Wolverines will open their season at the Minnesota River Conference Indoor Meet at Minnesota State University on Saturday, March 23.



Enterprise photo by Kurt Menk

The Sibley East varsity boys track team returns 10 letterwinners this season. Front Row: (left to right) Erik Danielson, Mitchel Wentzlaff, Joe Hansen, Alexander Pedraza an

Shayne Danielson. Back Row: (l to r) Sam Bullert, Sam Thies, Nick Bruss, Ben White and Aaron Kapke.

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St. Paul's "A" Basketball Team

The "A" basketball team at St. Paul's Lutheran School in Arlington recently concluded a fun and successful season. The team placed second at the Martin Luther College Tournament and fourth at the Greenfield Tournament. Front Row: (left to right) Manager Connor Johnson, Caleb Dose, Leyton Brau, Ben

Johnson, Trystan Duck and manager Kadin Seeman. Back Row: (l to r) Coach Hayley Riebe, coach Brian Bullert, Lucas Dose, Anthony Bullert, Audrey Ziegler, Ryan Wendland, Austin Weckwerth and coach Eric Kaesermann.



Submitted Photo

St. Paul's "B" Basketball Team

The "B" basketball team at St. Paul's Lutheran School in Arlington recently concluded its season with a 16-5 record overall. The team captured the championship at the Hutchinson Tournament and placed second at the Redwood Falls Tournament. Front Row: (left to

right) Caleb Dose, Connor Johnson, Kadin Seeman, and Ylijah Rendon. Back Row: (l to r) Coach Brian Bullert, Trystan Duck, Anthony Bullert, Lucas Dose, Leyton Brau, coach Eric Kaesermann and coach Caleb Seeman.

Menus

SENIOR DINING
Call 326-3401 for a meal
Suggested Donation \$3.85
Monday: Cranberry glazed chicken, baked potato, California blend vegetables, bread with margarine, fruit cocktail, low fat milk.
Tuesday: Hamburger tomato casserole, green beans, mandarin orange whip, bread with margarine, cookie, low fat milk.
Wednesday: Salisbury steak, mashed potatoes, creamed corn, bread with margarine, blushing pears, low fat milk.
Thursday: Ham, au gratin potatoes, California blend vegetables, dinner roll with margarine, pie, low fat milk.
Friday: Baked fish, brown rice, cole slaw, mixed vegetables, dinner roll with margarine, raspberry parfait dessert, low fat milk.

SIBLEY EAST SCHOOL MENU
Arlington
A 1/2 pint of milk and an enriched grain product is served with each meal. Additional milk is available for 40 cents each. Menu is subject to change.
Monday: Sloppy Joe, oven potatoes, peas, fruit. Alternate: Ravoli.
Tuesday: Chicken nuggets, seasoned rice, cooked broccoli, carrot sticks, fruit. Alternate: Soup.
Wednesday: Hot dog on whole grain bun, oven potatoes, cole slaw, fruit. Alternate: Cooks' choice.
Thursday: No school.
Friday: No school.

SIBLEY EAST ELEMENTARY BREAKFAST MENU
Arlington and Gaylord
Breakfast is served at 8:00 a.m. daily. A 1/2 pint of milk is served with each meal daily. Menu is subject to change.
Monday: Crunchmania, juice, milk.
Tuesday: Mini pancakes, juice, milk.
Wednesday: Cereal bar, cheese stick, juice, milk.
Thursday: No school.
Friday: No school.

SIBLEY EAST SCHOOL MENU
Gaylord
A 1/2 pint of milk and an enriched grain product is served with each meal. Additional milk is available for 40 cents each. Menu is subject to change.
Monday: Sloppy Joe on whole grain bun, oven potatoes, peas, mixed fruit. Alternate: Fishburger.
Tuesday: Chicken nuggets, seasoned rice, broccoli, carrot sticks, peaches, Alternate: Cold cut sandwich.
Wednesday: Hot dog on whole grain bun, oven potatoes, cole slaw, fruit. Alternate: Ravoli.
Thursday: No school.
Friday: No school.

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— All domesticated pets (dogs and cats) must be licensed. All licenses issued in 2012 will **EXPIRE MARCH 31ST**. Please stop by the City Office before April 1st to obtain a 2013 pet license. The cost for a pet license is \$5.00. A health certificate showing that the pet is current on its rabies vaccination is required. (Due to the Spring vaccination schedule, your pet may not be due for vaccinations until after April 1st, you should still license your pet in March to avoid late fees. You will be permitted to bring the health certificate in at a later date.)
— Licensing your pet assures that it will be taken care of and returned safely if it gets loose and picked up by the Police Department.
— Due to a revision within the pet ordinance, a **total** of 3 adult (includes spayed or neutered) pets are allowed per household (i.e. 3 dogs, 3 cats, or a combination thereof).
— If you have lost (ran away, gave away, died) a pet within the last year, please notify the City Office so we can remove the pet from our current listing. We will be following up on our listing of pets again this year with the help of our local Police Department.
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A few weeks ago, a music teacher from Wisconsin contacted Peace Lutheran Church in Arlington with this message: "We are going on tour with our musicians and one of our churches cancelled. Would it be possible for us to perform at your church?"

After a few phone calls, the people of Peace Lutheran Church made it clear that enough overnight housing would be available for the 50 musicians.

Pastor Kurt Lehmkuhl called back and told the leader, "Yes, we will host

your group."

The Symphonic Band and Konzertchor (choir) from the Sheboygan Lutheran High School in Sheboygan, Wis., will present a concert at Peace Lutheran Church in Arlington at 7:30 p.m. Friday, March 22.

Pastor Lehmkuhl invites everyone to "come and enjoy this accidental musical treat."

Admission is free. An offering will be received.

MN Adult and Teen Challenge Choir will perform at Creekside Community Church

The Minnesota Adult and Teen Challenge Choir will perform at the Creekside Community Church, 114 Shamrock Drive in Arlington, at 10:30 a.m. Sunday,

March 24.

Minnesota Adult and Teen Challenge is a unique faith-based recovery program serving both teens and adults struggling with

chemical dependency and other life controlling behaviors. Come and hear about how hope is being restored, and individual lives are being transformed through

the power of Jesus Christ.

A love offering will be taken.

Everyone is invited for lunch following the worship service.

Church News

ST. PAUL LUTHERAN (WELS), Arlington

Bruce Hannemann, Pastor

WEBSITE:

www.stpaularlington.com

EMAIL:

Bruce.Hannemann@stpaularlington.com

Sunday, March 24: 8:45 a.m. Sunday school. 9:00 a.m. Family Bible study. 10:00 a.m. Worship with communion, pre-K - 8 sing. 6:30 p.m. Youth group meeting.

Monday, March 25: 10:00 a.m. Calendar information due. 7:30 p.m. Mission Society. Food taken to Food Shelves.

Tuesday, March 26: 6:00 p.m. Counting Committee. 7:00 p.m. Adult Bible course at school.

Wednesday, March 27: 2:30 p.m. Bible study. 3:45 p.m. Public school confirmation class. 8:00 p.m. Choir practice; Finance Board.

Thursday, March 28: No school. 10:00 a.m. Bulletin information due. 11:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. Service on cable channel 8. 7:00 p.m. Maundy Thursday Communion service.

Friday, March 29: No school. 7:00 p.m. Good Friday Communion service.

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Sunday, March 24: 8:30 a.m. Sunday school and adult Bible study. 9:30 a.m. Worship service. Choir practice after worship.

Wednesday, March 27: 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. Confirmation class.

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Sunday, March 24: 10:00 a.m. Palm Sunday worship and confirmation. 10:20 a.m. Sunday school (Preschool to 6th).

Wednesday, March 27: 5:30 p.m. Easter program practice and supper.

Thursday, March 28: 7:00 p.m. Maundy Thursday worship with Communion.

ST. MARY, MICHAEL AND BRENDAN AREA FAITH COMMUNITY

Fr. Keith Salisbury, Pastor

Friday, March 22: 8:30 a.m. Mass (Mar). 4:30 to 8:00 p.m. Jump for Joy. 5:00 p.m. Spanish Stations of the Cross (Mic).

Saturday, March 23: 5:00 p.m. Mass (Mar).

Sunday, March 24: 7:30 a.m. Mass (Bre). 9:00 to 10:15 a.m.

Elementary religious education (Mar). 9:00 a.m. Mass (Mic). 10:30 a.m. Mass (Mar). 1:00 p.m. Penance service (Bre).

Monday, March 25: 8:30 a.m. Mass (Bre and Mar). 8:00 p.m. AA and AlaNon (Mar).

Tuesday, March 26: 8:30 a.m. Mass (Bre and Mar). 7:00 p.m. Administrative Council (Mic).

Wednesday, March 27: No Junior and senior high religious education (Mar and Mic). 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 - fifth grade. (Mic). 7:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross/party, last class (Mic).

Thursday, March 28: 7:00 p.m. Holy Thursday (Mar). 7:30 p.m. Narcotics Anonymous (Mic).

Friday, March 29: 7:00 p.m. Good Friday.

TRINITY LUTHERAN

32234 431st Ave., Gaylord

Rev. James Snyder,

Interim Pastor

Saturday, March 23: 3:00 to 7:00 p.m. Spaghetti dinner benefit for John Karau at the American Legion, Gaylord.

Sunday, March 24: 9:30 a.m. Sunday school. 9:45 a.m. Fellowship. 10:30 a.m. Palm Sunday worship.

Monday, March 25: 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Quilting.

Tuesday, March 26: 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Quilting.

Wednesday, March 27: 7:15 p.m. Trinity men's fellowship.

Thursday, March 28: 7:00 p.m. Maundy Thursday worship at Trinity.

Friday, March 29: 7:00 p.m. Good Friday worship at St. Paul's.

ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN

(Missouri Synod), Arlington

Pastor William Postel

Phone 507-964-2400

Sunday, March 24: 9:00 a.m. Bible class. 10:00 a.m. Worship with Holy Communion. Potluck dinner. Ladies Aid meeting.

Thursday, March 28: 5:30 p.m. Deadline for bulletin information. 7:00 p.m. Maundy Thursday worship with Holy Communion.

Friday, March 29: 7:00 p.m. Good Friday worship.

ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN

Green Isle

Friday, March 22: 10:00 a.m. Deadline for Sunday bulletin.

Sunday, March 24: 7:45 a.m. Palm Sunday worship with Communion. Pastor Bob Hines. 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Pancake breakfast. 9:00 a.m. Sunday school.

Wednesday, March 27: 3:45 p.m. Confirmation class at Peace Lutheran, Arlington.

Thursday, March 28: 5:00 p.m. Maundy Thursday service with communion at St. Paul's. Pastor Bob Hines.

Friday, March 29: 9:00 a.m. Good Friday service at Zion. Pastor Bob Hines. 7:00 p.m. Good Friday service at St.

Paul's. Pastor Bob Hines.

PEACE LUTHERAN

(Missouri Synod), Arlington

Kurt Lehmkuhl, Pastor

Friday, March 22: 7:30 p.m. Sheboygan Lutheran High School's "I Know My Redeemer Lives" concert.

Sunday, March 24: 8:15 a.m. Sunday school. 9:30 a.m. Palm Sunday worship service.

Monday, March 25: 6:00 p.m. Guild potluck and prayer service.

Wednesday, March 27: 3:45 p.m. Catechism. 5:00 p.m. Junior Bell Choir.

Thursday, March 28: 7:00 p.m. Maundy Thursday worship service with Holy Communion.

Friday, March 29: 7:00 p.m. Good Friday worship service.

ZION LUTHERAN

Green Isle Township

Friday, March 22: 10:00 a.m. Deadline for Sunday bulletin.

Sunday, March 24: 9:00 a.m. Contemporary worship.

Wednesday, March 27: 3:45 p.m. Confirmation class at Peace Lutheran, Arlington.

Thursday, March 28: 5:00 p.m. Maundy Thursday service with Communion at St. Paul's. Pastor Bob Hines.

Friday, March 29: 9:00 a.m. Good Friday service at Zion. Pastor Bob Hines. 7:00 p.m. Good Friday service at St. Paul's. Pastor Bob Hines.

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Ben Lane, Pastor

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Thursday, March 21: 6:30 p.m. Men's Bible study of Luke at Oak Terrace nursing home. 7:00 p.m. Women's Bible study of Ephesians.

Friday, March 22: 7:00 p.m. Crazy Love study at the Lane's.

Sunday, March 24: 10:00 a.m. Prayer. 10:30 a.m. Worship service with MN Adult and Teen Challenge Choir. Lunch served following the service.

Wednesday, March 27: 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. REACH youth group at Shogren's.

UNITED METHODIST Arlington

Wayne Swanson, Pastor

www.arlingtonunitedmethodist.org

Saturday, March 23: 8:00 a.m. A-Men men's group.

Sunday, March 24: 9:00 and 11:00 a.m. Palm Sunday worship. 10:10 a.m. Sunday school. 6:30 p.m. Marriage series.

Monday, March 25: Deadline for April newsletter items.

Wednesday, March 27: 7:00 p.m. Confirmation; choir

Thursday, March 28: 10:00 a.m., 2:00 and 7:00 p.m. Worship on cable TV; 7:00 p.m. Maundy Thursday worship.

Friday, March 29: 7:00 p.m. Good Friday worship.

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

James Carlson, Pastor

Saturday, March 23: Practice for passion portrayal.

Sunday, March 24: 8:00 a.m. Choir. 9:00 a.m. Worship. 10:00 a.m. Sunday school and fellowship. 4:00 and 7:00 p.m. Passion portrayal at Community Center.

Tuesday, March 26: 9:00 a.m. Newsletter deadline. Pastor leads Good Sam worship. 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. TOPS in church basement.

Thursday, March 28: 9:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. Zion service on cable TV. 7:00 p.m. Maundy Thursday service with Holy Communion.

Friday, March 29: 7:00 p.m. Good Friday service.

Wedding



Nathan and Michelle Dording

Hardel - Dording

Michelle Hardel and Nathan Dording were united in marriage at Peace Lutheran Church in Arlington on Saturday September 15. Pastor William Postel officiated. A reception was held at the Arlington Community Center.

Parents of the couple are Jeff and Julie Hardel of Arlington and Dennis and Joan Dording of Winthrop. Grandparents of the bride are LeRoy and Joanne Woehler of Arlington and the late Lawerance and Helen Hardel. Grandmother of the groom is Florence Gangelhoff of Sleepy Eye.

Matron of Honor was Kacy

Honl. Bridesmaids were Ashley Shneider, Amanda Kremer, Angela Wiltscheck, Annette Kremer and Amy Regner. Personal Attendant was Kara Dose.

Best Man was Ryan Dording. Groomsmen were Jason Fritz, Justin Wiltscheck, Josh Byro, Cody Honl and Adam Christensen. Ring Bearer was Lane Wingen. Ushers were John Hardel, Mitchell Hardel, Ross Dolly and Luke Hansen.

Organist was Joann Rosenfeld and soloist was Ben Wieman.

After a wedding trip to Two Harbors, the couple resides in Albertville.



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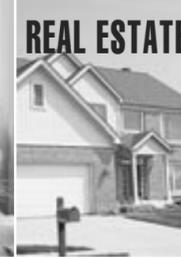
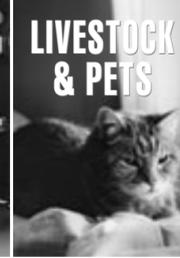
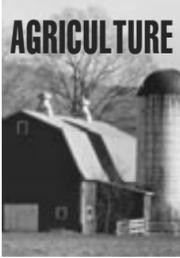
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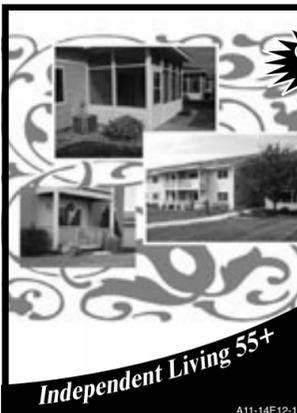
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