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Arlington city employee Dan Thomes passes away

By Kurt Menk
Editor

Dan "Buck" Thomes, Street and Park Superintendent for the City of Arlington, died unexpectedly at the Sibley Medical Center in Arlington early Saturday morning, March 23.

"Our entire community has the Thomes family in our thoughts this week," said Mayor Jim Kreft. "With Buck's passing, we lost a great friend. Our city is without a tremendous employee who was passionate about his job. We miss him deeply. It is difficult to imagine our city without him."

Said former Mayor Dave Czech, "Many people in Arlington observed Dan Thomes doing his job over the years. He really was the face of the city in the community. This kind, considerate man would go out of his way for all of us. He was a good man. The community will definitely miss him."

In memory of Thomes, Mayor Kreft postponed all city meetings on Monday and Tuesday nights, March 25 and 26.

City employee Jeff Paine hung flags along Main Street and Highway 5 in memory of his co-worker on Tuesday, March 26. This was a task Thomes and Paine performed together on a number of occasions.

The Arlington City Office was closed from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Wednesday, March 27 to allow city employees to attend the funeral at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Arlington at 11 a.m.

"He was a great friend and fellow employee who will be greatly missed," was the message posted on the City of Arlington Facebook page on Tuesday, March 26.

A complete obituary appears on page 5 in this week's edition of the *Arlington Enterprise*.



Enterprise photo by Kurt Menk

Passion Portrayal

A few hundred people enjoyed the Passion Portrayal at the Arlington Community Center at 4 p.m. and 7 p.m. Sunday, March 24. The program began with the Triumphal Entry into Jerusalem, the Last Supper and the Foot Washing. Spectators visited the Garden of Gethsemane and watched as Christ carried the cross to His own crucifixion. The tomb was empty, but Christ was alive. A narrator read the story from the Scripture. Special music and congregational singing were included in the program. (Right Photo) Mike Bergs (depicting Jesus) welcomed the disciples to the table for the Last Supper. (Top Photo) This picture was taken during the Last Supper. Left to right: Jodi Anderson (the disciple John), Mike Bergs (depicting Jesus), Gary Kauffman (the disciple Thomas) and Brad Strobel (the disciple James). Nearly \$1,000 was collected to cover expenses and to make a donation to the Sibley County Food Shelf. Over 100 volunteers were involved in the event. The director for the drama was Hutchinson resident Jeni Forcier.



Minnesota Prairie Line proving to be life blood to economic development

By Dave Pedersen
Correspondent

After 10 years of operation, the Minnesota Prairie Line (MPL) rail is living up to its long-term goal of being the life blood to economic development in Sibley County.

Mark Wegner, President of MPL, reported to the Sibley County board of commissioners at their meeting on Tuesday, March 26.

"In October, we celebrated our 10th anniversary of operating the rail line that goes through the county," said Wegner. "I thought it would be best to come and tell you where we are at and where we are going."

MPL operates freight service over 94 miles of track between Norwood-Young America and Hanley Falls, which is owned by the Minnesota Valley Regional Railroad Authority. MPL is a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Twin Cities & Western Railroad.

Wegner said as of December the first 34 miles from Norwood-Young America to Winthrop has now been laid with heavy rail.

"This allows us to increase the speed limit of that portion to 25 miles per hour," said Wegner. "There are two or three bridges that need work, where the money has already been set aside."

Once those bridges are operating yet this summer, the eastern line to Winthrop will be able to have a higher weight standard, which is something the Winthrop ethanol plant has been pushing. At the previous limit, the train cars weigh out before they can cube out, preventing the line from being competitive with all the other ethanol plants in the country.

"There are 64 miles to go, so we have been pushing the Minnesota legislature to continue the bonding effort to get the rest of the rail line up to the same standard," said Wegner. "In this legislative session there is a bill in both the house and the Senate for a

\$10 million bonding request. Should they decide to approve all of it that would get the heavy rail all the way to Franklin."

Wegner explained the reality of how the legislature tends to take all the bonding requests, and then carve them down. The rail authority was successful in recent bonding sessions, except for the last one, in getting two, three and four million dollars in bonds, which got the rail line to Winthrop.

"We at the railroad continue to try to foster more economic development in the area," said Wegner. "It is quite a challenge, but I think your area has a lot to offer. The work ethic here is great."

Wegner pointed out that shipping in the county has increased, including from the canning company in Arlington, the ethanol plant in Winthrop, the area dairy farmers and United Farmers Coop ships fertilizer. "That is why this was done, to give not only hope, but actual tangible business growth in this area," proclaimed Wegner. "We're about business development and about jobs."

What this line can offer to anyone who locates on it is many options when the trains get to the Twin Cities. There are seven major rail systems in North America and about 500 short lines like MPL.

"A lot of the short lines connect to one carrier," added Wegner. "Where, if they locate on this line, they got options all over the North American rail network. The shippers here do take advantage of it to determine where their best value is and then we bring it to them."

The ethanol plant in Winthrop shipped to California the first three years. Now it goes to the eastern United States or to the southern U.S., depending on the best deal from the end market.

This line was abandoned in

MN Prairie Line
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Nearly 50 applications received for city administrator position

By Kurt Menk
Editor

The City of Arlington has received 48 applications for the open city administrator position, according to Mayor Jim Kreft and Interim City Administrator Cynthia Smith-Strack.

The City Council will be presented with applications for 10 semi-finalists and will select five finalists during its regular meeting at 6:30 p.m. Monday, April 1.

The finalists will be interviewed on Friday, April 19 and Saturday, April 20.

The City Council hopes to

offer the position to the top candidate on Saturday, April 20.

The ultimate goal is to have the city administrator on board by June 1.

History

The Arlington City Council, during its regular meeting on Tuesday night, Jan. 22, unanimously approved a motion to approve a proposal from Brimeyer Fursman, LLC, Maplewood, to conduct an executive search for a new administrator for the City of Arlington.

The City Council made the

move after it had earlier and unanimously accepted the resignation of City Administrator Matt Jaunich effective Friday, Feb. 8. Jaunich was hired as the first ever Sibley County administrator.

The cost for the executive search will be \$18,875.

The City Council, incidentally, used Brimeyer Fursman, LLC, to conduct its search for a new city administrator during 2007. Jaunich was hired as a result of that search.

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City Council to tweak local liquor license ordinance at next meeting

By Kurt Menk
Editor

The Arlington City Council, during its recent regular meeting, discussed possible amendments to its liquor license ordinance.

The City Council, during its previous regular meeting, had directed City Attorney Ross Arneson to redraft the current liquor license ordinance and give the group more flexibility in the penalty phase of the document.

The City Council will hold the first reading of the proposed ordinance during its next regular meeting at 6:30 p.m. Monday, April 1.

Other Business

The City Council was scheduled to receive a presentation from City Assessor

Laura Hacker on the recent real estate sales data for the City of Arlington.

Hacker, due to the inclement weather, was unable to attend the regular meeting. She will make her presentation at a future meeting.

The City Council, in another move, unanimously approved a motion to authorize the execution of a memorandum of understanding amending the professional service agreement for tax assessment with the Sibley County Assessor's Office. The cost will rise from \$9,800 to \$10,300 for the 2014 assessment.

In other news, the City Council unanimously approved a motion to approve the Raceway Ambulance Service Agreement between the Arlington Raceway and

the Arlington Area Ambulance Service. The Arlington Raceway will pay \$225 per night to the Arlington Area Ambulance Service to provide this service.

The City Council, in other action, unanimously approved four requests from the Arlington Area Chamber of Commerce in connection with the Town & Country Days celebration on Friday, June 14, Saturday, June 15 and Sunday, June 16.

First, the City Council approved the use of Four Seasons Park for the celebration on Saturday, June 15 and Sunday, June 16.

Second, the City Council granted a temporary 3.2 liquor license for Main Street on Friday, June 14 and for Four Seasons Park on Satur-

day, June 15 and Sunday, June 16.

Third, the City Council approved the closing of the 200 and 300 blocks of West Main Street during the afternoon and evening on Friday, June 14.

Fourth, the City Council granted the use of the city parking lot on Friday, June 14.

In other action, the City Council unanimously approved a motion to temporarily close Chandler Street at First Avenue Northwest for the Sibley County Cancer Cruise on Saturday, May 18. The rain date is Sunday, May 19.

News Briefs

Vehicle stolen in Arlington

Another vehicle was reportedly stolen in Arlington, according to the Sibley County Sheriff's Department. A 1998 Mercury was stolen from the 700 block of Chestnut Drive in Arlington on Thursday evening, March 21. Miranda Creech reported the theft to the sheriff's department on Friday, March 22. The vehicle is valued at approximately \$1,800, according to the sheriff's department.

Mailboxes damaged in area

Four mailboxes were reportedly damaged southeast of Gaylord last week, according to the Sibley County Sheriff's Department. Authorities received the complaints on Sunday, March 24. People who have any information about these incidents are encouraged to contact the Sibley County Sheriff's Department at 507-237-4330.

Accident in downtown Arlington

A two-vehicle accident reportedly occurred along the 300 block of West Main Street in Arlington at 9:45 a.m. Friday, March 22, according to the Arlington Police Department. Lee P. Bernstein, 42, Green Isle, was backing a 2007 Chevrolet from a legal parking stall and struck a west-bound 2004 Chrysler driven by Timothy A. Berger, 59, Arlington. Berger complained of some knee pain, but refused medical treatment at the scene. Bernstein was not injured. There was moderate to heavy damage to the front passenger side of the Berger vehicle. There was no visible damage to the Bernstein vehicle.

Board to hold special meeting

The Sibley East School Board will hold a special meeting in Room 149 at the Arlington school site at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 2. The special meeting was called because the regular monthly meeting for Monday night, March 18 was postponed due to inclement weather.



Enterprise photo by Kurt Menk

National Honor Society Induction

Twenty-one students were inducted into the National Honor Society during a ceremony at the Sibley East Senior High School in Arlington on Thursday night, March 21. Front Row: (left to right) Erin Mesker, Quintin Dalbec, Megan Eckberg, Jessica Garza, Andrea Geib and Victoria Henry. Middle Row: (l to r)

Courtney Hildebrandt, Kelsey Klaustermeier, Kimberly Kurtzweg, Heidi Milczark, Maren Miner, Melissa Otto and Sara Peterson. Back Row: (l to r) Britany Reier-son, Hayley Riebe, Sarah Shimota, Beau Swenson, Mitchel Wentzlaff, Benjamin White and Anna Woehler. Missing from the photo is Elizabeth Becker.

Energy and food support dollars are available to county residents

By Dave Pedersen
Correspondent

Sibley County residents can benefit from funds made available for energy assistance and food support programs, it was announced at the board of commissioners meeting on Tuesday, March 26.

Vicki Stock, Public Health and Human Services Director, reported that energy assistance funding from last year's heating season is available to those who qualify through May 31.

If eligible, residents can receive up to \$500. Since applications for the funds to help pay for home heating costs were down, the amount available was not used up.

Stock said it may be because it was a warm winter or because people thought they were not eligible after requirements were changed.

In other news, Stock said the state has received \$1.26 million from the federal government as a performance bonus because they increased the usage in the Supplemental

Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP - Food Support) by 14.7 percent.

"Last year the federal government was encouraging us to do more outreach to the public," said Stock. "The feds thought there were a lot of people eligible who were not taking advantage of the USDA program."

Minnesota was one of the states that had a substantial increase in usage and will pass on 75 percent of the money received by the federal government to the counties.

Each county will get a base of \$5,000, utilizing a formula worked out based on the food program case load from 2008 to 2012.

"Sibley County had the largest increase in the state between 2008 and 2012," said Stock. "In 2008 we added 198 average food support payments. In 2012 we added an average of 407. We had a very substantial increase locally."

However, the size of Sibley County is small, impacting

the percentage of funds received. Stock said the county will be receiving \$5,829.

"We have to use it towards improving the food support program or the quality of the staff," added Stock. "We have received these dollars before because of the quality of our program."

Other News

In other Public Health and Human Services news, Stock introduced to the board two new staff, social workers Becky Eustis and Krysten Vinkemeier.

The board approved a resolution proclaiming April as Child Abuse Prevention Month in the county.

The proclamation includes: "Whereas, child abuse is an issue that affects all members of our community and finding solutions depends on involvement among people throughout the community.

Whereas, child abuse prevention works when partnerships are created between parents, practitioners, schools, faith communities,

health care organizations, law enforcement agencies and the business community.

Whereas, all citizens need to be more aware of child abuse and neglect and its prevention within the community, and be involved in supporting parents to raise their children in a safe, nurturing society.

Therefore, the commissioners proclaim April as Child Abuse Prevention Month in Sibley County and call upon all citizens, community groups, religious organizations, medical facilities and businesses to increase their participation in efforts to prevent child abuse and neglect, thereby strengthening the community in which we live."

Stock said the Child Abuse Prevention Council, a subcommittee of the Children's Collaborative, will tie blue ribbons on trees in the county. It will also put messages on the electronic sign boards and put pinwheels outside county libraries.

Birth Announcements

Todd and Amanda Fisher, Arlington, announce the birth of their daughter, Emma Ann, who was born at the Ridgeview Medical Center, Waconia, on Tuesday, March 12.

She weighed seven pounds, eight ounces and measured 19 inches.

The grandparents are Tim and Julie Jahr, and Roger and Mary Fisher. The great grandparents are Vivian Kroells, Roger and Myra Jahr, and Helma Hoerne-



Emma Fisher
mann.

Matthew and Rebecca Molldrem, Fargo, S.D., announce the birth of their daughter, Scout Phyllis Elizabeth Molldrem, who was born on Saturday, Dec. 29, 2012.

She weighed five pounds, nine ounces.

The grandparents are Darwin and Barb Muchow, Gaylord, and Brad and Judy Molldrem, Moorhead.



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Tuesday, April 2: Arlington Garden Club, 7:30 p.m.
Wednesday, April 3: Knights of Columbus officers, St. Mary's Parish hall, 8 p.m.
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Peter Cottontail

Local and area children had the opportunity to meet and visit with Peter Cottontail at the CornerStone State Bank in Green Isle on Saturday morning, March 23. These youngsters also took their turn. Audrey Ott is pictured on the left

while Henry Ott is pictured on the right. They are the children of Nate and Heather Ott, Green Isle. They are also the grandchildren of Ron and Mary Ott, Green Isle, and Ian and Kim Sing, Gaylord.

Stolen vehicle recovered in Glencoe

By Kurt Menk
Editor

A vehicle stolen in the City of Arlington has been recovered in the City of Glencoe with a bit of a twist.

John and JoLene Scheer, Arlington, initially reported that a vehicle was stolen from their residence along the 200 block of Fourth Avenue Northwest sometime between 12:30 a.m. and 6:30 a.m. Fri-

day, March 15.

Their other vehicle, a gray 2002 Chevrolet Tahoe, was incorrectly listed as stolen on the police report and, therefore, reported in last week's edition of the *Arlington Enterprise*.

The vehicle that was actually stolen was a tan 1999 Chevrolet Tahoe. That vehicle was ticketed in a parking lot in the City of Glencoe on

Sunday, March 17, and eventually towed to an impound lot in that community.

John and JoLene Scheer learned about the recovery on Tuesday, March 19.

The vehicle, at the time of its recovery, was not fully operational. In addition, a wallet and its contents left in the vehicle are missing.

County has slight increase in loss of life during 2012

By Dave Pedersen
Correspondent

Dr. A. Quinn Strobl, Sibley County Chief Medical Examiner, presented her 2012 report at the Sibley County board meeting on Tuesday, March 26.

The report sums up medical examiner involvement for deaths occurring in Sibley County during the past year. In 2012 the office investigated 65 deaths, a slight increase from 57 in each of the previous two years.

Of those, 19 were registered as hospice patients where no death investigation is done because they are expected to die at home. This is

the most hospice cases in the past five years. There were 12 last year and only six in 2008.

The examiner approved 38 cremations, also the most in five years. There were 34 last year and 32 the year before.

Some 22 of the deaths required a scene investigation, compared to 18 last year and 28 in 2010.

"If someone passes away in the home or along a roadway, someone from our office will respond and investigate alongside a local law enforcement official," notes Strobl.

Seven autopsies were performed, an increase from just three last year, but down from eight in 2010.

Two deaths requiring an examination were due to natural causes.

Six deaths were classified as accidents. Three died of complications from falls that were from standing height, mainly because the victims were frail.

The one car crash death compares to no deaths the year prior in Sibley County that were due to motor vehicle crashes. In 2010, there were four motor vehicle fatalities.

The five non-vehicle accidents were the most in five years, up from two last year and four in each of the three previous years.

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.

Gaylord resident arrested on drug charges

By Kurt Menk
Editor

The Sibley County Sheriff's Department and the Minnesota Bureau of Criminal Apprehension arrested Jose L. Acevedo, 51, Gaylord, at the Gaylord Motel on Tuesday, March 26.

The arrest was the result of a several month long investigation where an undercover officer allegedly purchased a total of about 30 grams of methamphetamine during the course of three separate purchases.

Acevedo was charged with

two counts of first degree sale of a controlled substance and one count of second degree sale of a controlled substance.

The Gaylord Police Department also assisted with the arrest and investigation.

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1982 and bought by the Minnesota Valley Regional Rail Authority. Since then, several railroads have attempted to acquire and operate the line without success.

The most recent operator, Minnesota Central Railroad Co., filed bankruptcy in August of 2000. No service had been provided until MPL started operation in October of 2002.

"We worked with the rail authority to come up with a long-term plan," recalled

Wegner. "We knew that operating at the previous 10 mile per high standard would be at a loss. Getting it to 25 mile per hour means your rail operator will become viable as well. We are optimistic about the future, but it has been with your help, which we appreciate very much."

By 2000, the number of train cars on the line per year was probably down to about 400, said Wegner. In the mid-1990's they were maybe doing 4,000 to 6,000 cars per

year.

The big shipper on the line was for the clay in Redwood Falls. The market changed where the end user went from clay to something else to manufacture their concrete and the clay went away.

"When we started in 2002, 2,500 cars had basically disappeared," said Wegner. "The 6,000 cars per year we are doing now has all generated new business."

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Opinions

Wasteful spending by Congress adds to the national debt

Our View: People would be surprised where their tax dollars go

The federal government has a spending problem. It is projected to spend close to \$10 billion a day or about \$3.6 trillion in 2013. However, it is projected to take in only \$2.7 trillion in taxes this year.

The math is simple. At the current pace, the federal government will have a projected \$900 billion deficit this year which will be added to the nearly \$17 trillion debt.

The problem is not just the spending, but the wasteful spending in Washington, D.C.

Every year Republican Senator Tom Coburn, R-Oklahoma, releases a document called the "Waste Book" which shows numerous examples of wasteful government spending.

Coburn estimates that the federal government could save almost \$300 billion a year if it cut out waste in duplicate programs.

But it gets much worse. Here are just a few examples of wasteful spending at the federal government level.

Taxpayers may be losing \$91 million each year after professional sports leagues, which generate billions of dollars annually in profits, take advantage of tax loopholes.

The Oklahoma Aeronautics Commission voted to keep the barely used Lake Murray Park Airport open simply to receive \$150,000 in federal funds it can transfer to other airports. The airport has just one landing per month.

The National Institutes of Health awarded \$1.5 million to a Boston hospital to study why many lesbians are overweight and most gay men are not. The federal government calls this a significant public health issue.

NASA, at a cost of \$947,000, is studying what food astronauts could eat on Mars by simulating a Mars outpost at a barren location in Hawaii.

An NSF grant of \$1.6 million was used to create a robot squirrel to study how squirrels and rattlesnakes interact. Previous research on this relationship already exists.

The U.S. Postal Service overproduces commemorative stamps every year which is a \$2 million waste in printing and distribution costs. In 2009, it printed one billion commemorative Simpsons stamps and sold only 318 million.

The Department of Treasury could cut penny production and save \$70 million annually. It now costs 2.4 cents to manufacture one penny.

The examples of wasteful federal government spending go on and on. What is worse than the wasteful spending is that President Barack Obama and Congress, in general, do not seem to care.

-K.M.



Letters To The Editor

SEDCO supports fiber optics project

To The Editor,

The Sibley County Economic Development Commission (SEDCO) recently approved a resolution of support for the RS Fiber and Rural Fiber Communications Cooperative. The Commission, made up of representatives from the county's seven cities and five rural districts, recognizes the economic development potential of both projects on county residents and businesses.

The resolution reads as follows:

WHEREAS: Fiber optics is recognized as a future-proof technology capable of providing nearly unlimited bandwidth to customers in the communities and rural areas of Sibley County. And because most counties in Minnesota and Rural America are served by disparate phone and cable providers that operate copper networks with known bandwidth limitations; and

WHEREAS: It is a recognized fact that access to bandwidth will be a leading economic indicator for economic development; and

WHEREAS: It is a recognized fact that tomorrow's technology innovations in the areas of education, health care and agri-business will depend on affordable and reliable access to large amounts of bandwidth; and

WHEREAS: RS Fiber and the Rural Fiber Communication Cooperative have agreed to work together and share resources to bring world class telecommunication service to the cities and farms of Sibley County; and

WHEREAS: RS Fiber and Rural Fiber Communication Cooperative have an opportunity to participate in the national US-Ignite program and a national rural showcase that will result in the development of ad-

vanced applications in the areas of education, health care, senior citizens and agri-business; and

WHEREAS: The RS Fiber and Rural Fiber Communication Cooperative have conducted a marketing campaign that has resulted in grassroots support for both projects that can be measured by the fact that 62 percent of county farm households and 52 percent of city households have indicated their support for both projects;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Sibley County Economic Development Commission provides its support and approval to the RS Fiber and Rural Fiber Communication Cooperative projects. Passed and approved this 18th day of March, 2013.

Dave Tesch
SEDCO Board Chair

Reader has a great appreciation of Arlington

To The Editor,

I don't know if this qualifies as a letter to the editor, but I would like to share some thoughts with you (and your readers) about the town of Arlington:

My mother, Charlotte Kopischke, moved from Arlington on March 6. She and my step dad, Marvin Kopischke, moved there in 1976 after being married. She was a widow. Marvin was a widower.

She was living in St. Paul, he was living in Morgan, MN. They chose Arlington as a half-way point, knowing it would be equally easy for friends and family to visit from each town.

I was 24 when Marvin & Charlotte moved to Arlington, and I am

60 now. Over the course of all those years, I grew to have a great appreciation of small-town Minnesota in general, and Arlington in particular.

Marvin died in January of this year, and my mom moved to be closer to me. But we will both miss what a special place Arlington is. From the businesses on Main Street to the Sibley Medical Center, Arlington had everything they needed. Particularly as they got older, neighbors always stepped up to help them.

I also want the people of Arlington to know what a treasure they have in the Good Samaritan facility. For the last year of Marvin's life, he was in the nursing home and Charlotte was a short (indoor) walk away

in one of the assisted living apartments. They were able to spend quality time together each day, and the staff on both sides of "Good Sam's" knew them as a couple. With email and phone calls, I was able to stay quite involved with their care, even though I work full-time and live 65 miles from Arlington. Staff people even came to Marvin's funeral, on a very cold day.

I have worked in television news since 1975, so I like to think I know a good story when I see one. I think the way my mom and step dad were received and cared for in Arlington is, indeed, a very good story.

Gordy Leach
Minneapolis

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 29
Brad Krueger and Connie Campa.

March 30
Cathy Kerber, Connie Wills, Sean Dietel and Richard Luepke.

March 31
Liz Schrupp, Nicki Young, Mark Manther and Pat Grabitske.

April 1
In Memory Of Regina Bening, Heather Thomes, Jamie Schiller, Lee Sauter, Michael Hennies, Stan Batten, Tanner Sommers and Wayne McCormick, Sr.

April 2
Judy Liebl, Lauren Halverson, Leyton Brau, Leyton Dose, Linnea Bullert, Lorie Standinger, Michael Geib and Sally Mae Thomes.

April 3
Anna Pinske, Atley Strack, David Hennies, Josephine Voigt, Mackenzie Pomplun, Paul Trocke and Ryan Halverson.

April 4
Adam Hansen, Ann Zingsheim, Jim Dieball and Nicholas Johnson.

After a worker drowned in a vat of beer at the brewery, a co-worker commented that he never had a chance.

"I wouldn't say that," said a witness. "He got out twice to go to the bathroom."

A proud father called the local newspaper to report the birth of twins. The operator didn't quite understand the message and asked, "Will you repeat that?"
"Not if I can help it!" replied the new dad.

A young girl came home from a date looking sad. She told her mother, "Dan proposed to me a few minutes ago."

"Then why are you so sad?" her mother asked.

"Because he also mentioned he was an atheist," the girl replied. "He doesn't believe in hell!"

Her mother shot back, "Marry him anyway. Between the two of us, we'll show him how wrong he is."

A husband read an article to his wife about how many words women use a day...30,000 to a man's 15,000.

The wife replied, "The reason for that is because we have to repeat everything to men."

The husband then turned to his wife and asked, "What?"

The man said to his bride, "Darling, now that we are married, do you think you will be able to live on my small income?"

"Of course, dear," she replied. "But what will you live on?"

Two Army recruits were waiting in line to be inoculated. One turned to his pal and said, "Boy, what an outfit. We've been in the Army 15 minutes and already we're presenting arms."

A young and foolish pilot wanted to sound cool on the aviation frequencies. This was his first time approaching a runway at night.

Instead of making any official requests to the tower, he said: "Guess who?"

The controller switched the runway lights off and replied: "Guess where?"

Gruenhagen concerned about potential bill

To The Editor,

I wanted to write and tell you about a bill making its way through the committee process that I have deep concerns about. HF950, the Childcare Unionization bill takes the unprecedented step of attempting to unionize individual small business owners.

It is disturbing how Democrat majorities put union interests ahead of the wishes of citizens. A recent survey shows more than 86 percent of the providers themselves oppose forming a union. This is clearly a union-led power grab to add money

to their coffers for political purposes. Advocates of unionization suggest that \$300 per year is minimal for union dues.

With 11,000 providers being forced to pay dues, that would mean -- at minimum -- \$3.3 million for unions. That is money that is being funneled to unions rather than to the providers to take care of our children.

Day care decisions should be between parents and their provider without union interference. Minnesota's providers should continue working together in opposition of

this legislation and even ramp up the effort while there is still time to stop it.

If you are a childcare provider from District 18B, I want to hear from you, and I hope you'll either share your thoughts with me via email at Rep.Glenn.Gruenhagen@house.mn or by calling my office at 651-296-4229.

Glenn Gruenhagen
State Representative
District 18B

Guest Column

Congress falls short on national security

By Lee H. Hamilton

Wherever you stood on Senator Rand Paul's 13-hour filibuster to delay John Brennan's confirmation as CIA director, or on the Senate's confirmation hearings for Brennan and Defense Secretary Chuck Hagel, they all serve as a reminder of just how feeble Congress has proven to

be when it comes to foreign policy.

This wasn't immediately obvious, of course. Paul's speech questioned whether there are limits on the President's power to use drones to kill Americans who've been declared "enemy combatants." But the CIA and military have been using drones overseas for years and this was the

first time Congress really pondered the issue. That's a measure of its dereliction, not of stepping up to the plate. Why has it taken so long to see significant congressional review of the President's power to use

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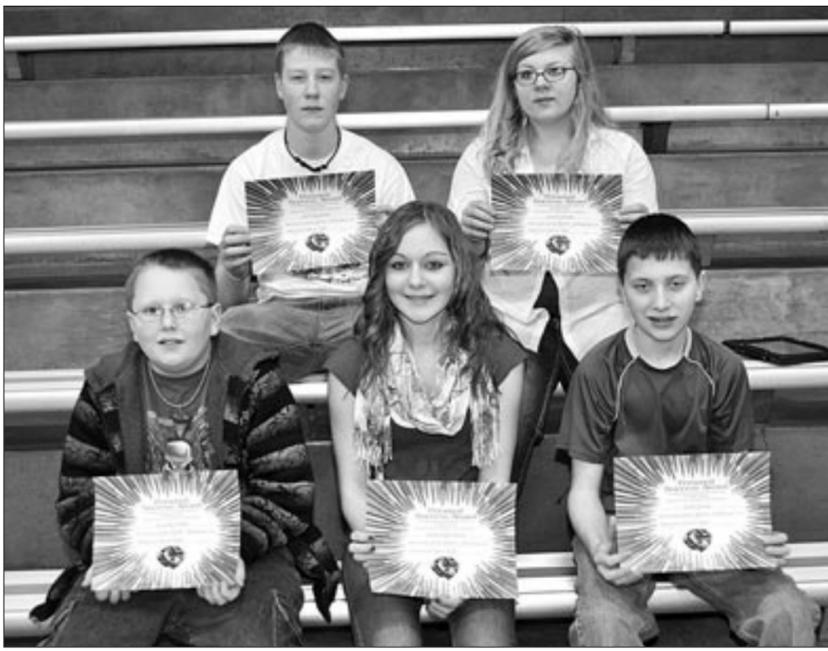
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Enterprise photo by Kurt Menk

Wolverines of the Month

The following students were recently selected as Wolverines of the Month at the Sibley East Junior High School in Gaylord. Back Row: (l to r) Zach Utendorfer and Caitlin Schmidt. Missing from the photo is Kiana Montes. Front Row: (left to right) Bren-

dan Dabek, Chloey Kellermann and Jacob Strack. Back Row: (l to r) Zach Utendorfer and Caitlin Schmidt. Missing from the photo is Kiana Montes.

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drones? Meanwhile, if you followed the confirmation hearings, you'd have to conclude that Congress thinks U.S. foreign policy centers on Israel, Cuba, and the destroyed consulate in Benghazi, Libya. On the long list of significant foreign policy issues confronting the White House — the rise of China, a war looming with Iran, increased tensions on the Korean peninsula, the fragmentation of Syria, Libya, the spread of Al Qaeda to northern Africa — there's mostly been silence from the Congress. Our strategic framework agreement with Iraq? The agreement we're negotiating with Afghanistan? The key issue of when, where, and how we commit American forces abroad? Congress has been missing in action.

This is not how it's supposed to be. Our Constitution gives Congress strong levers for dealing with foreign policy. It has oversight of the executive branch, and can hold hearings and demand information. It has the power of the purse, and with it the ability to explore key issues of behavior and policy before approving the budget. It has the power to declare war, and to raise and maintain an army and navy. In the Senate, it has the confirmation process, which allows senators to

probe and evaluate policies. Yet for the most part, Congress prefers deference to executive power. Most of its members, who know that their re-election rests on domestic issues, don't bother to gain the expertise or develop the political will to become potent and valuable foreign policy contributors, as the Constitution intended. Institutionally, Congress likes leaving decisions to the President and then blaming him if they turn out to be wrong — or it tries to have it both ways, as with Benghazi, cutting funds for State Department security and then criticizing the department for not having enough security.

The executive branch is hardly blameless. The White House, whether under Republican or Democratic control, typically sees Congress as a nuisance and an obstacle to be overcome, not a partner.

Yet that's a reason for Congress to try harder, not to fold. Our system is based on the premise that better policy emerges if the President and Congress work together. It depends on Congress to hold executive policies up to the light and to weigh in with its own concerns.

To do this, members need to be fully informed both about the complexities of foreign issues and about what the administration is doing. They

need to make robust oversight commonplace, asking executive-branch policymakers to spell out and justify policies and their implementation. They need to use the power of the purse to grant or deny funds if their views are not taken into account. They need to develop the expertise — both among themselves and on staff — that would allow them to be both critic and partner in the development of foreign policy.

And above all, those members who do understand the ins and outs of foreign matters need to press Congress to set aside its reluctance to affect foreign policy. That is where the real failings lie — not with individual members, but with how Congress acts as an institution in the formulation of American foreign policy.

Developing American foreign policy is complicated, confusing, and sometimes frustrating. But our country is at its strongest when it is unified and speaks with the voice not just of the President, but of the American people's representatives in Congress. It's time for Congress to shoulder its responsibilities on foreign policy.

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.

History

80 Years Ago

March 30, 1933
Louis Kill, Editor

At a meeting held at the City Hall Monday evening the principal subject was the national pastime, and the result was that Arlington will have a baseball team in the field this season. The balloting resulted in the election of John Olson as manager and Paul Mueller as assistant manager. Ray Gasta and Augie Mueller will share the duties of captaining the team.

The record of births and deaths as compiled by clerk of court Grover C. Beatty for 1932 shows a total of 289 births and 111 deaths for Sibley County. Green Isle Township heads the list with 27 births and only one death, while Arlington Township is a close second with 26 births and six deaths.

Diedrich Stockman of Hamburg met with an unfortunate accident yesterday afternoon while visiting his son, Carl, who recently took possession of the Jasken farm north of town. Mr. Stockman and son were placing a window in the gable of the barn, the former standing on a ladder in the loft. He lost his footing in some manner and fell a considerable distance to the floor, striking on his side with great force and being rendered unconscious. A doctor's examination disclosed no serious injury but he may have several fractured ribs.

60 Years Ago

March 26, 1953
Louis Kill, Editor

Early season tornadoes swept down on southern Minnesota

Saturday afternoon and created millions of dollars of damage and took two lives. The storm passed over the Arlington area at about four o'clock that afternoon. While little or no damage was done in the immediate vicinity of Arlington, the funnel evidently took a dip about five miles northeast of town, where the Marvin Teschendorf farmstead was hit. The cattle barn, silo, hog barn, machine shed, sheep barn and garage were wrecked and the chimney was blown off the home. A farmer near Gibbon and a 16-year-old youth at St. Cloud were killed as a result of the storm.

A bolt of lightning struck a tree in the wood lot on the Scheer farm north of town just before the storm broke Saturday afternoon. Members of the Scheer and Boerner families were cutting wood on the lot that afternoon and the bolt struck very close to the group. The tree was split from top to bottom by the impact of the bolt.

40 Years Ago

March 29, 1973
Val Kill, Editor

A groundbreaking service was held at Arlington United Methodist Church Sunday, March 25, at 10:30 a.m. The service began in the Fellowship Hall and concluded at the site of the new building. Several members of the congregation were called upon to turn the ceremonial shovel. Construction is scheduled to begin March 28 with E. J. Pinske, builder, Gaylord, as the general contractor.

Ron Fenske, who has been the owner of Fenske Furniture

and Carpet Center since November 1st, is holding a grand opening sale March 26 through March 31. The business was formerly owned by Ed and Vivian Tjosvold.

Movies showing at the Lido Theatre during the week include "Mash" starring Donald Sutherland, Elliot Gould and Tom Skerritt and "They Only Kill Their Masters" starring Harry Guardino, Hal Holbrook and June Allyson.

20 Years Ago

April 1, 1993
Kurt Menk, Editor

Four generations of the Roy Berger family gathered last Friday afternoon to cut down a huge ash tree at the Joe Berger Jr. residence located along the 200 block of East Alden Street in Arlington. Present were Joe Berger Jr., Derek Berger, Drew Berger, Joe Berger Sr. and Roy Berger.

The Arlington Lions Club recently made the final payment on their \$12,000 pledge to the City of Arlington for the purchase and remodeling of what is now the public library. The Lions were the organization that spearheaded the drive to enlarge the library.

The City of Arlington recently received a commendation as one of Minnesota's best-run wastewater treatment plants. The Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) said that a record-breaking 156 facilities received Certificates of Commendation this year. The commendation recognized outstanding performance during 1992.

Obituaries

Daniel A. 'Buck' Thomes, 53, Arlington

Daniel A. "Buck" Thomes, 53, Arlington, died unexpectedly at the Sibley Medical Center in Arlington on Saturday, March 23.

A Memorial Mass was held at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Arlington at 11 a.m. Wednesday, March 27. Daniel 'Buck' Thomes Father Thomes Keith Salisbury officiated.

Visitation was held at St. Mary's Catholic Church from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Tuesday, March 26 and continued one hour prior to the Memorial Mass on Wednesday, March 27.

Interment will be at a later date.

Buck was born to Ralph

and Marilyn (Neubarth) Thomes on Jan. 30, 1960. He graduated from the Arlington-Green Isle High School in 1978. He married Lorie Coney at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Arlington on Aug. 8, 1981. He began working for Thomes Bros. at age 16 and went to work for the City of Arlington in 1999. He was dedicated to the Arlington Sportsman's Park, both playing softball and serving as its president for more than 20 years. He enjoyed coaching his son's youth baseball team and walking his dog, Buddy. He was also involved with the St. Arthur Council Knights of Columbus. Most of all, he enjoyed spending quality time with his family, two grandsons and his best friend, Rick Rose, Jr.

He is survived by his wife, Lorie; his children, Jessica (Scott) Pepin of Indianapolis,

Jason (Becky) Thomes of Arlington, Michelle (significant other, Derick Ruff) Thomes of Henderson, Lindsay (significant other, Sean Dietz) Thomes of Arlington and Nathan Thomes of Arlington; siblings, Richard (Carol) Thomes of Arlington, Margo (Harlan) Otto of Henderson, Susan (Michael) McCarthy of Arlington, Norma (Scott Wheeler) Thomes of Eden Prairie, David (Brenda) Thomes of Arlington, Barry (Connie) Thomes of Brandon, S.D., John (Amy) Thomes of Arlington and Robert (Gail) Thomes of Arlington; two grandchildren, Chase Thomes and Nolan Pepin; many nieces and nephews; father and mother-in-law, Charles and Hannah Coney of Ames, Iowa; many more relatives and friends.

He is preceded in death by his parents.

Barbara M. Reiersen, 33, Arlington

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

Funeral service was held at Peace Lutheran Church in Arlington at 11 a.m. Saturday, March 23.

Visitation was held at the Kolden Funeral Home in Arlington from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Friday, March 22 and

continued one hour prior to the service at the church on Saturday, March 23.

Interment was in the Arlington Public Cemetery.

Barbara was born to Don and Diane (Goehl) Goethke in Arlington on May 22, 1979. She graduated from the Sibley East Senior High School in 1997. She married Brent Reiersen at Peace Lutheran Church in Arlington on Oct. 3, 1998. She enjoyed teaching Sunday school and was the president of the Arlington-Green Isle Women of Today. She was an avid scrapbooker and enjoyed doing crafts.

She is survived by her husband, Brent Reiersen; children, Benjamin and Bethany Reiersen; parents, Don and Diane Goethke of Arlington; sister, Kim (Ethan) Mork of Norwood Young America; grandmother, Audrey Goehl of Arlington; in-laws, Diane (Gary) Wood of Lester Prairie and Douglas (Nan) Reiersen of Aberdeen, S.D.; and many nieces and nephews.

She is preceded in death by her grandparents, Gust "Bud" Goehl, and Wallace and DeLores Goethke.

Rosella Draeger, 87, Arlington

Rosella Draeger, age 87, of Arlington, passed away at Abbott Northwestern Hospital in Minneapolis on Thursday, March 21.

Funeral services were held at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Arlington at 2:30 p.m. Sunday, March 24. Rev. Bruce Hanneman officiated.

Visitation were held one hour prior to the service time at the church on Sunday, March 24.

Interment was at the Arlington Public Cemetery.

Rosella was born to Henry W. and Emma (Eickhoff) Hardel in Green Isle Township on Nov. 9, 1925. She received the sacrament of Baptism from Rev. R. Heidmann

at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Arlington on Nov. 22, 1925. She was also confirmed at St. Paul's Lutheran Church on April 2, 1939.

On Sept. 30, 1945, Rosella and Alvin Mielke were united in marriage by Rev. J.G. Bradtke at St. Paul's Lutheran Church. Their marriage was blessed with two daughters, and they made their home near Arlington, where they farmed.

Rosella was a lifelong and devoted member of St. Paul's Lutheran Church, and also loved gardening and playing cards. She was an active member of the Garden Club, and the Women's Missionary Society.

Rosella is survived by her daughters: Diane (Larry) Alsleben of Glencoe, and Lynette (David) Coleman of Savage; grandchildren: Tamra (Wade) Rolf, Teresa (Andy) Giesen, Matthew (Amber) Alsleben, Danielle Coleman and Cassandra Stigsell; and great-grandchildren: Haley, Josiah, Payton, Aaron, Aubrey, Isaiah, Zachery and Colton.

Rosella was preceded in death by her parents and her husband Alvin, on December 30, 1965.

Kolden Funeral Home of Arlington handled the arrangements.

Discover The Magic at the Sibley County Senior Expo

By Kurt Menk
Editor

The Sibley County Senior Expo will be held at the Arlington Community Center from 9 a.m. to 2:15 p.m. Tuesday, April 16.

"Discover The Magic" will

be the theme for this year's event.

The event will feature magician Gary Tyson, author Scott Gottschalk and musician Lyndon Peterson.

In addition, there will be display booths, craft vendors

and a dinner.

Tickets are available at the Sibley East Community Education Office and Morreim Pharmacy.

Transportation is also available.

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Sports



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Cheerleading Awards

The following Sibley East cheerleaders received their first time varsity letters during an awards night event in Arlington on Sunday night, March 24. Left to right: Joni Schmidt, Jerrica Rosenlund, Kyla Schlueter and Kaitlyn Quast.

Girls track team places 4th at MRC indoor meet

By Kurt Menk
Editor

The Sibley East varsity girls track team placed fourth during the Minnesota River Conference Indoor Meet at Minnesota State University, Mankato, on Saturday, March 23.

Belle Plaine captured top honors with 205.5 team points. Mayer Lutheran (87.5), Jordan (79.5), Tri-City United (79.5), Sibley East (74), Le Sueur-Henderson (73) and Norwood Young America (48) rounded out the field.

Megan Eckberg sparked the Lady Wolverines with first place finishes in both the

55 meter intermediate hurdles and the 55 meter high hurdles.

The 4 X 200 meter relay team placed second. The foursome included Megan Eckberg, Mikayla Stumm, Alyssa Weber and Sydney Fogarty Busch.

Third place winners for Sibley East included Sydney Fogarty Busch (55 meter high hurdles), Megan Eckberg (long jump) and Alyssa Weber (high jump).

Fourth place winners for the Lady Wolverines were Kelli Martens (400 meter dash), sprint medley relay team (Alyssa Weber, Sara Peterson, Sydney Fogarty

Busch and Courtney Eibs) and 4 X 800 meter relay team (Karina Robeck, Karley Lind, Lea Mueller and Maren Miner).

The 4 X 400 meter relay team placed fifth. The foursome included Alyssa Weber, Lea Mueller, Kelli Martens and Courtney Eibs.

Sixth place winners for Sibley East were Maren Miner (1600 meter run) and Elizabeth Zuniga (shot put).

Seventh place winners for the Lady Wolverines included Mikayla Stumm (55 meter high hurdles) and Karley Lind (1000 meter run).

Regulations are changed to help boost walleye population on Mille Lacs Lake

Regulations that will limit the harvest of walleye and potentially increase the harvest of northern pike and smallmouth bass will be implemented on Mille Lacs Lake this spring as part of a multi-year effort to rebuild the lake's legendary walleye population.

When the walleye season opens May 11, anglers will be able to keep walleye only between 18 and 20 inches or longer than 28 inches. All others must be immediately released. The possession limit is two, with only one longer than 28 inches.

Last year, anglers could not keep walleye 17 to 28 inches in length. They could keep up to four walleye shorter than 17 inches, with one longer than 28 inches allowed.

"We want Mille Lacs to continue to be a world-class walleye fishing destination," said Dirk Peterson, Department of Natural Resources fisheries chief. "Currently, the size and structure of the walleye population isn't where we want it. We are committed to remedying the situation as quickly as possible through regulations that are designed to increase survival of the lake's younger and smaller walleye."

The agency is particularly interested in conserving the lake's large 2008 year-class of walleye because no strong year-class is coming up behind these fish despite ample spawning stock and good hatches of young fish. Fish in this year-class are 15 to 17 inches in length.

In addition to new walleye regulations, the lake's 27 to 40-inch protected slot regulation for northern pike will be narrowed to a 33 to 40-inch protected slot, with only one

pike longer than 40 inches.

The possession limit is three.

Similarly, the smallmouth bass bag limit and slot limit will be broadened to allow for more harvest. The new regulation is a 17 to 20-inch protected slot. The possession limit is six, with only one longer than 20 inches in possession. Previously, all smallmouth bass less than 21 inches had to be immediately released and the possession limit was one.

"The smallmouth bass and northern pike regulations are designed to protect smaller walleye until we have better information on what these predator species are eating," said Peterson. "We'll be starting a predator diet study this spring. Meanwhile, the regulations will allow anglers some additional non-walleye harvest opportunities while also retaining solid numbers of trophy-sized fish."

The new regulations aim to keep the total walleye kill below the combined state-tribal 2013 safe harvest level of 250,000 pounds. Fishing regulations may be adjusted if angler kill is expected to be either too high or lower than the anticipated. This year's safe harvest level is the lowest established since treaty management began in 1997.

Tom Jones, Mille Lacs Lake coordinator, said the agency modeled 33 different walleye regulations before determining the 18 to 20-inch harvest slot regulation was the best option for this angling season. "It protects males from the 2008 walleye year-class, it meets the goal of being small fish friendly, it allows anglers to keep a meal of fish, and given normal fishing conditions it should keep harvest within the

state's allocation."

The DNR discussed a variety of potential regulations with the Mille Lacs Lake public input group during a Feb. 27 meeting and solicited email comments from the general public.

Jones said a 2-inch walleye harvest slot is not unprecedented on Mille Lacs, having been implemented in 2001, 2002 and 2007. He added the state's walleye harvest has been below this year's allocation level of 178,500 pounds four of the last 10 years and in 2005 the harvest was below 200,000 pounds.

The fundamental concern for fish managers is that not enough walleye are becoming big walleye because of increased mortality rates. A secondary concern is that mature male walleye numbers have decreased.

The lake is also becoming increasingly complex and unpredictable. This is due largely to changes in the aquatic community, including the presence of unwanted aquatic invasive species such as zebra mussel, spiny water flea and Eurasian watermill-foil.

These factors, plus a state and tribal harvest management strategy that focused largely on walleyes in the 14 to 18-inch range, all have contributed to a declining walleye population.

Jones said despite the declining walleye population, winter walleye fishing was good, which typically suggests good fishing in spring, too.

For more information about Mille Lacs Lake fisheries management, go to www.mndnr.gov/millelacs-lake.

Boys track team places 6th at MRC indoor meet

By Kurt Menk
Editor

The Sibley East varsity boys track team placed sixth during the Minnesota River Conference Indoor Meet at Minnesota State University, Mankato, on Saturday, March 23.

Belle Plaine/Holy Family Academy captured top honors with 154.37 team points. Jordan (137.87), Mayer Lutheran (100), Tri-City United (93.7), Le Sueur-Henderson (65.5), Sibley East (58.87) and Norwood Young America (45.62) rounded out the field. Nick Bruss captured top

honors in both the 55 meter high hurdles and the 55 meter intermediate hurdles with times of 8.77 seconds and 8.60 seconds respectively.

Sibley East did not have a second or third place winner.

Fourth place winners for the Wolverines were Nick Bruss (triple jump), Aaron Kapke (high jump), Cole Bruhn (800 meter run), 4 X 200 meter relay team (Ben White, Aaron Kapke, Nick Bruss and Julius Asmussen) and 4 X 800 meter relay team (Korban Strand, Justin Bennett, Chris Johnson and Sam Thies).

Thies added a fifth place finish in the 1600 meter run.

Sixth place winners for Sibley East were Miah DuFrane (shot put), Justin Bennett (1000 meter run), 1600 sprint medley relay team (Julius Asmussen, Ben White, Sam Bullert and Brandon Stoeckman) and 4 X 400 meter relay team (Sam Bullert, Julius Asmussen, Sam Thies and Connor Kranz).

Kalab Stoeckman added an eighth place finish in the 55 meter intermediate hurdles.

Freestyle wrestling competition underway

The Valley Elite Freestyle/Greco Wrestling Club has had a great start to the season with freestyle wrestling competition at open tournaments in Eagan and Owatonna.

The Valley Elite Wrestling Club is open to all area youth and is comprised of members from the Le Sueur Henderson area as well as athletes from Sibley East, St. Peter, Tri-City school district.

Competitors and placings at Eagan on Saturday, March 16 included Brogan McMillan, first place; Wyatt Gillette, Talen Schwandt, Jordan Carlson, Chris Pfarr, Dylan Pfarr and Kolton Duff, all second place; Logan

Klockmann, Chris Pettis and Andrew Genelin, all third place; and Jason Rabaey, Connor Boettcher, Luke Wilson, Clayton Colling and Tucker Colling, all fourth place. Competing without placing in the top four were Ethan Genelin and Keon Naranjo.

The Owatonna Open Tournament, which was held on Saturday, March 23, consisted of both Greco-Roman and Freestyle competition. Greco-Roman finishes went to Tanner Pasvogel, Caleb Radloff, Jordan Carlson and Andy Genelin, all first place; Luke Wilson, Connor Boettcher, Jayson Rabaey and Clayton Colling, all second place;

Dylan Pauly, Kyle Thelemann and Dalton Pauly, all third place; and Ethan Genelin and Tucker Colling, both fourth place.

The same pairing groups then wrestled in Freestyle. Jordan Carlson, Tanner Pasvogel, Andy Genelin and Clayton Colling placed first while Luke Wilson, Jayson Rabaey and Connor Boettcher placed second. Dylan Pauly, Tucker Colling, Kyle Thelemann, Dalton Pauly and Caleb Radloff placed third while Ethan Genelin placed fourth.

The next competition will be held at the Eastview High School in Apple Valley on Saturday, March 30.



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Girls Basketball Awards

The following members of the Sibley East varsity girls basketball team received major awards during a year-end awards night event in Arlington on Sunday evening, March 24. Front Row: (left to right) Courtney Schwirtz (Senior Award and Co-Most Spirited Player Award), Jessica Garza (Give and Take Award) and Shelby Voight (Most Improved Player Award). Back

Row: (l to r) Alyssa Weber (Defensive Player of the Year Award), Jordan Thomes (Senior Award and Co-Most Spirited Player Award), McKenzie Sommers (Leading Scorer Award and Co-Leading Rebounder Award) and Megan Eckberg (Co-Leading Rebounder Award and Most Valuable Player Award). Missing from the photo is Briana Reiersen (Senior Award).



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Boys Basketball Awards

The following members of the Sibley East varsity boys basketball team received major awards during a year-end awards night event in Arlington on Sunday evening, March 24. Front Row: (left to right) Cordell Bates (Wolverine Award), Andrew Grack (Wolverine Award), Zac Weber (Most Improved Player Award) and Brody Rodning (Free Throw Award). Back Row: (l to r)

Steve Haefs (Sixth Man Award), Max Grabow (Most Rebounds Award and Defensive Player of the Year Award), Sam Harrison (Most Inspirational Award) and Tyler Bates (Offensive Player of the Year Award and Most Valuable Player Award). Missing from the photo is Logan Highland (Wolverine Award).

Bald eagles on spring migration back to MN

Bald eagles are migrating back to Minnesota and may be seen in large numbers across parts of the state over the next few weeks, according to the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (DNR).

"It's definitely time for folks to keep their eyes out," said Lisa Gelvin-Innvaer, DNR regional nongame wildlife specialist. "It all depends on the weather. It's typical to see eagles coming through our area in mid-to-late March, as waters begin to open up and snow melts."

Only two states, Florida and Alaska, have greater nesting populations of bald eagles than Minnesota. In 2005, researchers estimated there are

more than 1,300 active nests in Minnesota.

Fall migration typically occurs as lakes and rivers freeze over, since most eagles prefer a diet of fish. Bald eagle wintering grounds ideally contain open water, ample food, limited human disturbance and protective roosting sites.

Not all bald eagles migrate southward in the fall, Gelvin-Innvaer said. In southern Minnesota, it's common for some eagle pairs to stay the winter, especially during milder winters.

"This winter has been a mixed bag," she said. "We've had more snow and cold temperatures than last year, making carrion a bit harder for eagles to find. However, this

has been interspersed with periods of thawing and some open water."

Bald eagles that stay local may begin courting and nesting as early as December or January. Other bald eagles return to their breeding territories, as soon as a food source is available.

"Eagle migration hotspots are a bit of a moving target, so it's hard to say where the eagles are right now," Gelvin-Innvaer said. "In Minnesota, the biggest migrations tend to be along the Minnesota River corridor, the north shore of Lake Superior and around Lake Pepin in southeastern Minnesota."

Adult bald eagles are easily identified by a white head

and tail contrasting with a dark brown body. Bald eagles attain full adult plumage in their fourth or fifth year. In flight, bald eagles are sometimes confused with turkey vultures. However, bald eagles have a tendency to soar on flat, board-like wings, while turkey vultures fly with their wings in a v-shape.

Bald eagles are an example of how they and many other wildlife species benefit directly from donations made to the nongame wildlife checkoff on Minnesota tax forms. Checkoff dollars fund research, surveys and education for more than 700 nongame wildlife species.

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Concert At Peace Lutheran Church

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

Church News

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Gaylord
Bob Holmbeck, Pastor
Sunday, March 31: 8:30 a.m. Easter Sunday breakfast, pot blessing. 9:30 a.m. Sunday school. 10:00 a.m. Sunday worship service.
Wednesday, April 3: 6:30 p.m. Evening Bible classes and Youth Focused.

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Thursday, April 4: 6:30 p.m. Women's Guild.

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Thursday, March 28: 7:00 p.m. Maundy Thursday worship with Communion.
Sunday, March 31: 6:30 a.m. Sunrise worship. 7:30 a.m. Easter breakfast - free will donations accepted. 9:00 a.m. Worship with Communion.
Tuesday, April 2: 7:00 p.m. Finance Ministry team.
Wednesday, April 3: 7:00 p.m. HS Youth Group.
Thursday, April 4: 2:00 p.m. Women's Guild.

ST. MARY, MICHAEL AND BRENDAN AREA FAITH COMMUNITY

Fr. Keith Salisbury, Pastor
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.
Saturday, March 30: 8:30 p.m. Holy Saturday (Mar).
Sunday, March 31: No elementary religious education. 7:30 a.m. Mass (Bre). 9:00 a.m. Mass (Mic). 9:45 to 10:30 a.m. Pre-K/K/First grade elementary religious education (Mic). 10:30 a.m. Mass (Mar).
Monday, April 1: 8:30 a.m. Mass (Bre); Word and Communion (Mar). 8:00 p.m. AA and AlaNon (Mar).
Tuesday, April 2: 8:30 a.m. Mass (Bre and Mar). 9:30 a.m. Mass (Arlington Good Sam). 3:30 p.m. Region I priest meeting (Winthrop).
Wednesday, April 3: 7:30 a.m. Mass (Mar). 8:30 a.m. Mass (Bre). 9:00 a.m. Word and Communion (Oak Terrace). 7:00 p.m. Jr./Sr. high religious education (Mar); KC officers meeting (Mar).
Thursday, April 4: 7:30 a.m. Mass (Mar). 8:30 a.m. Mass (Bre). 9:00 a.m. Mass (Oak Terrace). 7:00 p.m. Administrative Council meeting (Mar). 7:30 p.m. Narcotics Anonymous (Mic).

TRINITY LUTHERAN

32234 431st Ave., Gaylord
Rev. James Snyder,

Interim Pastor
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.
Sunday, March 31: 6:00 a.m. worship.

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

Pastor William Postel
Phone 507-964-2400
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.
Sunday, March 31: 7:00 a.m. Easter sunrise service. Easter breakfast.
Thursday, April 4: 5:30 p.m. Deadline for bulletin information.

ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN Green Isle

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.
Sunday, March 31: 9:00 a.m. Easter Sunday Worship without communion and Sunday school. Guest Pastor Martin Teigen.
Wednesday, April 3: 3:45 p.m. Confirmation at Peace Lutheran, Arlington. 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Wednesday school for grades 1 to 5 at St. Paul's. 8:00 p.m. Joint choir practice at St. Paul's.

PEACE LUTHERAN (Missouri Synod), Arlington

Kurt Lehmkuhl, Pastor
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.
Sunday, March 31: 7:00 a.m. Easter Sunday sunrise service with Holy Communion. 8:00 a.m. Easter breakfast. 9:30 a.m. Easter Sunday worship service with Holy Communion.
Wednesday, April 3: 3:45 p.m. Catechism. 5:00 p.m. Junior Bell Choir.

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James Carlson, Pastor
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.
Sunday, March 31: 6:30 a.m. Worship with Holy Communion. 9:00 a.m. Worship with Holy Communion.

ZION LUTHERAN Green Isle Township

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.
Sunday, March 31: 7:00 a.m. Easter sunrise service at Zion. Guest Pastor Martin Teigen. 8:00 a.m. Easter breakfast at Zion.

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Friday, March 29: 6:30 p.m. Good Friday worship service.
Sunday, March 31: 9:15 a.m. Easter breakfast. 10:30 a.m. Easter worship celebration.
Wednesday, April 3: 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. Kids club for 4-year-olds - 6th graders. Registration begins at 6:00 p.m. 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. REACH youth group at Shogren's.

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Friday, March 29: 7:00 p.m. Good Friday worship.
Saturday, March 30: 8:00 a.m. A-Men men's group. 10:00 a.m. Women's Bible study at Bette Nelson's.
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Thursday, March 28: 9:30 a.m. Women's Bible study. 4:30 p.m. Exercise. 7:00 p.m. Maundy Thursday service.
Friday, March 29: 7:00 p.m. Good Friday service at St. Francis.
Sunday, March 31: Sunrise service. 9:30 a.m. Worship.

ST. PAUL LUTHERAN (WELS), Arlington

Bruce Hannemann, Pastor
WEBSITE:
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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.
Sunday, March 31: 6:30 a.m. Sunrise service. 7:30 a.m. Easter breakfast. 9:00 a.m. Easter service.

MONDAY, APRIL 1: NO SCHOOL.

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Tuesday, April 2: No school. 8:45 a.m. M.O.M.'s at school. 7:00 p.m. Adult Bible course at school.
Wednesday, April 3: 2:00 p.m. Bible study. 3:45 p.m. Public school confirmation class.
Thursday, April 4: 10:00 a.m. Bulletin information due. 11:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. Service on cable TV, channel 8. 3:30 p.m. KFC at school. 6:30 p.m. Worship Committee.

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Thursday: Muffin, cheese stick, juice, milk.
Friday: oatmeal bar, seeds, juice, milk.

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Monday: No school.
Tuesday: Sea shapes, oven fries, peas and carrots, fruit. Alternate: Ravoli.
Wednesday: Mexican haystack, fixings, rice, green beans, salsa, fruit. Alternate: Meatballs.
Thursday: Mini corn dogs, oven fries, baked beans, fruit. Alternate: Cold sandwich.
Friday: Sub sandwich, chips, tomatoes, lettuce, pickles, onions, fruit. Alternate: None.

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Gaylord
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Monday: No school.
Tuesday: Sea shapes, oven potatoes, peas and carrots, fruit, whole grain bread slice. Alternate: Roast beef sandwich.
Wednesday: Taco, tomatoes with romaine lettuce, refried beans, green beans, applesauce. Alternate: Baked chicken.
Thursday: Mini corn dogs, oven potatoes, baked beans, pear slices. Alternate: Mostaccioli.
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Sibley County is surprised by low bids for sealcoat project

By Dave Pedersen
Correspondent

The bid of \$628,284.75 for the 2013 Sibley County bituminous sealcoat and crack sealing project came in at 26.37 percent under estimate, according to Public Works Director Darin Mielke. He relayed the news to the county board of commissioners during the meeting on Tuesday morning, March 26.

The contract was awarded to Morris Sealcoat, a company the county has worked with in the past. The engineer's estimate was \$864,000.25. Three other companies bid on the project and all were under the estimate.

Mielke said the sealcoat project will be 10 percent under his budget and added, "We expected a seven to eight percent increase in the cost. The low bid was less than last year's pricing, which surprised us."

Residents can go to the county website to see what roads will be seal-coated over the next five years.

Debate

Plans and specs were approved by the board for the

2013 bituminous overlays project and for a bridge construction project in New Auburn Township. An advertisement for bids was ordered with an opening date of May 9 for both projects.

Prior to approval of the bituminous overlay improvement project, there was a discussion in regard to how much to spend on CSAH 8.

County Administrator Matt Jaunich said the transportation committee reviewed the possible plans and decided to look for guidance from the board.

One option is to spend about \$1.3 million on CSAH 8, including a two-inch overlay of existing driveways on a 14-mile stretch. The other option is to do a road reclamation project that would greatly increase the cost.

County Commissioner Harold Pettis said he would like to see the bigger recycling project because it would double the life of the road.

Jaunich said the recycle project would not be in the current budget and the board could opt to hold off until it gets into budget discussions. County Commissioner Bill Pinske said the county tax

levy cannot support a big increase in one year.

The board agreed that the road needs to be improved now and voted for the two-inch overlay project.

Parking Lot

Mielke was asked to look into the possibility of putting in a parking lot on the west side of the county food shelf in Gaylord.

Pinske said he was told that clients use the door on the side where there is no hard surface and mud gets dragged into the facility. He added that the volunteer workers do not want to spend time cleaning mud off the floor.

The size of the parking lot is estimated to be 20 feet wide by 80 feet long. Mielke estimated a cost of under \$10,000.

Mielke will bring back information about the driveway possibility at the next meeting.

Other Business

In other public works business, the board approved an agreement with Imperial Porta Palace to provide county parks with portable restrooms at a cost of \$2,511.57.

Refuse in the parks will be picked up by Waste Management at a cost of \$495.00, plus tax.

Public works expenditures included \$6,946.87 for the purchase of a Kuhn ditch mower from Arnolds of Glencoe and \$22,745.00 for the purchase of a Bobcat tracked skid loader from Lano's, Inc. of Norwood-Young America.

Approved was a road relocation agreement for CSAH 6/60 with Leroy Chard, who can bring plans to the board for approval.

The board entered into a master partnership agreement with the Minnesota Department of Transportation that runs for five years.

Commissioners supported a grant application for the local trail program that will cover the remaining \$140,000 in costs left from the county match.

Meeting

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



Submitted Photo

Presidents Club Award

Arlington resident Dan Schrupp, left, was awarded a trip to Cape Coral, Fla., where he received the 2012 Presidents Club Award from Wells Enterprises CEO Mike Wells, right. The Presidents Award is given to the Regional Manager that over achieved sales and profits for the company. Wells Enterprises - Le Mars, Iowa, manufactures Blue Bunny ice cream which is distributed throughout the United States.

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