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## Finalists chosen for city administrator position

By Kurt Menk  
Editor

The Arlington City Council, during its regular meeting on Monday night, April 1, selected five finalists for the open city administrator position.

The City Council, at the meeting, did not release the names until the individuals agreed to be finalists.

Mayor Jim Kreft released

the names of the five finalists to the *Arlington Enterprise* on Tuesday evening.

### Finalists

The five finalists are Dana Hedberg, Scott Weske, Kerry Venier, Liza Bonabauer and Abraham Algadi.

Hedberg is the operations manager for Ramsey County.

Weske is the city administrator for the City of

Clarkville.

Venier is the city clerk-treasurer for the City of Silver Lake.

Bonabauer is the city clerk-department head for the City of Clearwater in Kansas.

Algadi's most recent position was as the city administrator for the City of Pine Island.

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.



Enterprise photo by Kurt Menk

Electronic signs at two locations on West Main Street inform motorists that the traffic signal will be turned off on Thursday, April 4.

## Traffic signal at Highway 5, Main Street in Arlington to be deactivated on April 4

By Kurt Menk  
Editor

The lone traffic signal along Highway 5 in Arlington will be deactivated on Thursday, April 4, according to the Minnesota Department of Transportation (Mn/DOT).

The deactivation was originally scheduled for March, but was delayed so MnDOT forces could repaint the pedestrian crosswalk markings on Highway 5.

Motorists on Highway 5 in Arlington will no longer need to stop at the intersection with Main Street, according to Mn/DOT. However, motorists and cross traffic on Main Street will need to heed a stop sign before entering the intersection when it is clear.

Mn/DOT crews will cover the signal lights on Thursday,

April 4 and add the following signs:

- Traffic Control Change Ahead signs on all four approaches (Highway 5 and Main Street)
- Stop Ahead warning signs on both Main Street approaches
- Stop signs with flashing LED lights on both Main Street approaches
- Cross traffic does not stop signs on both Main Street approaches below the stop signs
- Temporary pedestrian crossing signs on the northerly Highway 5 approach

In conjunction with the traffic signal deactivation, MnDOT will be evaluating the intersection's operations over a 90-day period. If no adverse impacts to traffic operations are observed from

the traffic signal deactivation, the traffic signal will be removed as part of this summer's resurfacing project on Highway 5. In addition to expected crash reduction benefits, the removal of the traffic signal would also result in cost savings to both the City of Arlington and MnDOT.

As part of the proposed removal of the signal, MnDOT is currently working with the City of Arlington on the placement of pedestrian-activated flashing warning signs to facilitate the crossing of Highway 5.

Mn/DOT said the evaluation and potential removal of the signal is to improve traffic flow and safety. The current and forecasted traffic is not high enough to warrant the traffic signal at Highway 5 and Main Street that has been

in place for at least 30 years, according to MnDOT records.

The replacement of the traffic signal with through-stop control (a two-way stop) is expected to reduce the frequency and severity of crashes, based on crash records from other urban through-stop controlled intersections on the state highway system, with similar volumes of traffic, according to Mn/DOT. It is believed that through-stop controlled intersections have fewer crashes because motorists are required to be attentive and actively look for a safe gap in traffic, rather than relying on a traffic signal indication that does not tell the motorist if it is safe to enter the intersection.

## Health care reform will impact county provider

By Dave Pedersen  
Correspondent

The expected expansion of Medicaid as part of the federal government's Affordable Care Act could result in an increase of 9,000 individuals who would qualify to be served by the South Country Health Alliance (SCHA).

The news came from Leota Lind, CEO of SCHA in her report to the Sibley County Board of Commissioners at the meeting on Tuesday, March 26.

South Country Health Alliance is a county-based purchasing health plan that began operating in 2001. It now provides health care benefits for about 23,700 men, women and children of all ages.

Lind said there is a bill moving in the legislature that would convert the MinnesotaCare program to a basic health plan as part of the affordable health care act.

If the legislation passes, the poverty guidelines will change and more members could be enrolled in SCHA programs. There will be certain benefits that must be provided, also impacting health care providers.

### Mission

As the first multi-county based purchasing health plan in the nation, South Country's mission is to empower and engage members to be as healthy as they can be, build connections with local agencies and providers who deliver quality services to the 11 counties served.

Benefit programs include AbilityCare, SeniorCare Complete, Minnesota Senior Care Plus, MinnesotaCare and Medical Assistance.

As of December, Sibley County had 1,275 members, which is five percent of the organization's total, which has remained consistent. Gaylord has the most with 348 members, followed by Arlington at 286 and both Henderson and Winthrop at 165.

### Care Coordinator

SCHA funds a community care connector in Sibley County, Rachel Fruhwirth, who acts as a local resource for both county workers and members and helps improve the efficiency and quality of service provided in the integrated care model.

"The community care coordinator is unique to South Country Health Alliance," noted Lind. "It brings tremendous value to members, providing a local expert who knows the resources that are available and offered by public health and human services."

Lind added that Fruhwirth has worked in the county for five years and that her role will change with the coming health care reform.

In Sibley County, South Country is the sole health plan option for residents eligible for all programs listed above except for MinnesotaCare.

### Financial Status

Lind reported a positive SCHA year end fund balance of about \$4 million, a major gain after three years of significant losses. Lind took over as CEO about two years ago.

Lind plans to present two yearly reports to the counties. One in the spring will focus on enrollment and demographics. In the fall, Lind will return to present more information about services and claims.

A major goal this year for SCHA is to locate more dental providers. The shortage of participants is a state-wide issue with only one in Sibley County (Dr. Howard Noack).

Lind added that many dentists are not accepting new patients. SCHA has contracted with the Open Door Mobile Dental Clinic.

Primary care clinics are used by half of the members in the Sibley County area, attending clinics in Arlington, Gaylord, Glencoe and Winthrop. Others go to Mankato, New Ulm and other neighbor counties.

### Programs Offered

The Medical Assistance program that provides health and prescription drug coverage for low-income people covers 73 percent of the county members.

AbilityCare (five percent) is for members age 18-64 who are certified disabled and eligible for medical assistance. MinnesotaCare (nine percent) is a health care program for residents who do not have access to affordable coverage.

SeniorCare Complete (12 percent) is a program for seniors that combine Medicaid and Medicare coverage under one plan. MSC+ (1 percent) is for low income seniors eligible for medical assistance.

### Living Arrangements

Lind said SCHA tries to identify living arrangements of its members. There are three main groups including those in nursing homes (29 percent), those living at home but are supported by health services (48 percent) and those living at home with no

Health Care  
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## Sibley East deficit spending continues into the next budget year as general operating fund decreases, report says

By Karin Ramige Cornwell  
Manager

Is a deficit budget becoming the norm at Sibley East?

It looks like it will be the case again for the 2013-14 school year, but Interim Superintendent John Langenbrunner challenges the board to work towards a balanced budget.

The Sibley East School Board reviewed the district's 2012-13 revised budget and saw the initial proposed budget for the 2013-14 school year at a special meeting held on Tuesday, April 2.

The special meeting was held in place of the regular March board meeting that was canceled due to weather on March 18.

District Business Manager

Janna Tessmer reviewed the current year's budget along with the general operating, food service operating, and community service operating funds.

District Technology Director Cathy Wills also presented an update on the district's technology budget.

In the district's adopted budget that was effective July 1, 2012, revenues were projected to be \$12,574,745.

The revised budget projects revenues for the year at \$12,765,404.

One reason for the almost \$200,000 increase is an increased enrollment of 24 students.

Expenses in the adopted budget were projected at \$12,982,393, which left total

spending at a negative \$407,648.

The expenses in the revised budget decreased by \$123,412 to \$12,858,981 decreasing the projected deficit for the year to minus \$93,577.

Tessmer reported that there was no one big thing, but rather a number of factors that contributed to the decrease in the expenses including fewer long-term subs and contract negotiations that reduced expenses.

### General Fund

The general operating fund balance continues to decrease. The fund balance is expected to be \$2,180,515 when the fiscal year comes to an end on June 30, 2013.

The balance in this fund was \$2,984,809 at the end of the 2010-11 school year and \$2,702,701 as of June 30 2012.

The general operating fund balance is projected to be \$1,983,649, a decrease of more than one million dollars over two years.

The biggest factor in the significant decrease in the general operating fund is the Project Ed.21 iPad initiative that the board approved last year.

### Food Service

The food service operating budget continues to grow. Langenbrunner said the con-

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## News Briefs

### Shed destroyed in fire

A shed at the Duane Baggenstoss residence, southwest of Gaylord, was destroyed in a fire at around 7:54 a.m. Saturday, March 30, according to Arlington Fire Chief John Zaske.

The Arlington Fire Department was called to the scene and provided mutual aid to the Gaylord Fire Department.

### Accident in City of Henderson

A two-vehicle accident reportedly occurred at the intersection of Main Street and Fifth Street in Henderson on Monday, April 1, according to the Sibley County Sheriff's Department.

A vehicle driven by Margaret Parks, 70, Redwood Falls, was exiting the Wager's Red Owl parking lot and collided with a westbound 1998 Ford Ranger driven by Terry Lind, 58, Braham.

Lind suffered minor injuries. Parks and her passenger were transported to the New Prague Community Hospital where they were held for evaluation.

Both vehicles were a total loss, according to the sheriff's department.

### Burglary at storage shed

Some tools were reportedly taken from a storage shed in rural Winthrop on Thursday evening, March 28, according to the Sibley County Sheriff's Department.

Darwin resident Bert Bauer reported the incident to authorities on Friday, March 29.

The incident is under investigation by the Sibley County Sheriff's Department.

### Scharpe is a new member

Caleb Scharpe, Arlington, is a new junior member of the American Angus Association, reports Bryce Schumann, CEO of the national organization with headquarters in Saint Joseph, Mo.

Junior members of the Association are eligible to register cattle in the American Angus Association, participate in programs conducted by the National Junior Angus Association and take part in Association-sponsored shows and other national and regional events.

The American Angus Association is the largest beef breed association in the world, with more than 25,000 active adult and junior members.

### Chamber meeting is April 8

The Arlington Area Chamber of Commerce will hold its regular monthly meeting in the conference room at the Sibley Medical Center on Monday, April 8. A luncheon will be held at 11:45 a.m. while the meeting will follow at 12:15 p.m. Vice President Todd Sandberg will grill the food.

The meeting will center around plans for the Town & Country Days which are planned for Friday, June 14, Saturday, June 15 and Sunday, June 16. Committee chairperson Matt Carney will share the various funding sources and the approximate expenses for the celebration.



Enterprise photo by Kurt Menk

### CapX 2020 Transmission Line

Construction on the CapX 2020 Transmission Line continues about one mile north of Arlington. CapX 2020 is a joint initiative of 11 transmission-owning utilities in Minnesota and the surrounding region to upgrade and expand the electric transmission grid to ensure continued reliable and affordable service, according to the Sibley County website. The CapX2020 projects include three 345 kV transmission lines and a 230 kV line. It is the largest development of new transmission in the upper Midwest in 30 years. The projects are projected to cost approximately \$1.9 billion and cover a distance of more than 700 miles in Minnesota, North Dakota, South Dakota and Wisconsin.

The new infrastructure will provide a foundation for the region's projected electric growth as well as connect into renewable energy sources in southern and western Minnesota and the Dakotas. Generally, the utility poles will consist of single pole structures that are between 140 feet and 170 feet in height and spaced approximately 800 feet to 1000 feet apart. The proposed transmission route in Sibley County will be constructed in the following townships: Moltke, Bismarck, Transit, Dryden, Arlington, Jessenland, Washington Lake, and Faxon. Great River Energy will be the lead agency for the construction of the project in Sibley County.

### Amanda Feterl is finalist for Teacher of the Year

By Kurt Menk  
Editor

Sibley East elementary art teacher Amanda Feterl has been chosen as one of 10 finalists for the 2013 Minnesota Teacher of the Year program. A selection panel of 25

leaders in the areas of education, business, government and non-profits selected the finalists from a group of 39 semifinalists. There were 135 Teacher of the Year candidates for this program year. The selection panel meets

again May 4 to conduct individual interviews with the 10 finalists and to cast votes for the 2013 Minnesota Teacher of the Year. The 2012 Minnesota Teacher of the Year, Jackie Roehl of the Edina School District, will announce this

year's honoree at a banquet at the Minneapolis Marriott Northwest in Brooklyn Park on Sunday, May 5. This is the 49th anniversary of the program. Feterl is a 1997 graduate of the Sibley East Senior High School.

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Sadly missed by her family

**Spring Luncheon & Bake Sale**  
**Sun., April 7**  
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We would like to thank to all who were involved in our fundraiser for Jared Allen's Homes 4 Wounded Warriors on Saturday March 23rd. Especially all those that donated prizes, helped work the event, bought a raffle ticket, sold raffle tickets, attended the event, and the Arlington Dugout for hosting and helping. All of you helped raise \$22,500 that will go towards making a home handicap accessible for one of our injured veterans. **THANK YOU!**  
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**Community Calendar**  
**Thursday, April 4:** Arlington Ambulance Service, 7 p.m.  
Arlington Lions Club, Arlington Haus, social 6 p.m., meeting 7 p.m.  
**Friday, April 5:** Arlington Veteran's Organization's Steak Fry, Veteran's building at fairgrounds, 5:30-7:30 p.m.  
**Monday, April 8:** Arlington Chamber of Commerce, Arlington City Tech Center, 110 4th Ave., noon luncheon.  
Arlington Township Board, Arlington Community Center, 7:30 p.m.  
Arlington VFW Post 6031, Veteran's building at fairgrounds, 7:30 p.m.  
**Tuesday, April 9:** American Legion Post #250, Veteran's building at fairgrounds, 7 p.m.  
**Wednesday, April 10:** The Minnesota River Area Agency on Aging trained health insurance are available from 10:30-11:30 a.m. at the Sibley Medical Center in Arlington. To schedule help at a different time or location, contact the Senior Linkage Line at 800-333-2433.  
Arlington A's Baseball board, Arlington Haus, 7 p.m.  
**Thursday, April 11:** Golden Age Club, senior citizen's building at Four Seasons Park, noon luncheon followed by meeting and entertainment.  
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## Easter Bunny

Paris Kube, 7, visited with the Easter Bunny during an event sponsored by the A-GI Women of Today at the Sibley East Senior High School on Saturday morning, March 30. She is the daughter

of Jason and Hilary Kube, Arlington. She is also the granddaughter of Howard and Deb Brinkman, Robert and Stella Meyers, and Wayne and Wendy Kube, all of Arlington.

## County clarifies who makes hay in road ditches

By Dave Pedersen  
Correspondent

In order to get the word out, the Sibley County Board of Commissioners passed a resolution announcing the official policy for who can harvest hay from county road ditches during the meeting on Tuesday morning, March 26.

The policy says the land owner adjacent to the ditch has rights to the hay unless written permission is given to someone else to take it. This policy involves county highways and township roads. Contracts are let out for state highways.

County Commissioner Jim Nytes gave an example of a situation of someone claiming hay in a ditch because many years ago someone let them have it. Nytes wants a simple policy so everyone is on the same page.

County Attorney David Schauer said the county could create an ordinance, which is more binding and has more teeth than a policy. The board thought a policy would work at this time.

Nytes said this has become an issue because farmers are talking about thousands of dollars generated from ditch hay these days when it used to be worth very little.

County Commissioner Jim Swanson said this also can be discussed at the upcoming annual meeting of township officers on Friday, April 19.

## Other Business

In other news, County Administrator Matt Jaunich introduced Diana Karau as his part-time clerical assistant.

The board approved rescinding the policy of how items are put on the county board agenda. Jaunich wants it to be his job to filter information given by staff.

Jaunich also wants to put more items on a consent agenda, passed at the start of meetings to help save time. This includes routine items presented each month such as minutes and license approvals.

County Commissioner Bill Pinske asked for one exception that audited claims be considered separately. Jaunich said anything can be talked about or changed in the consent agenda, but he is willing to make it separate if the board feels more comfortable.

Jaunich presented a resolution that he received prior to the meeting from the Association of Minnesota Counties regarding support for transportation funding.

The resolution passed by the board notes that Minnesota counties have had to rely increasingly on the property tax to maintain roads and bridges. The annual funding gap for counties has resulted in deferring basic maintenance, delaying expansion

projects with resulting safety concerns, mounting congestion and missed economic growth for businesses and commuters.

The document says that transportation-related jobs put over \$2.8 billion in the pockets of Minnesotans and generated almost \$195 million in income tax revenue in 2011.

According to the Federal Highway Administration, every \$1 billion invested in highway construction would support about 27,800 jobs.

In commissioner reports, County Commissioner Joy Cohrs attended the AMC legislative meeting where she learned that 75 percent of all 911 calls are from cell phones. If your phone has a GPS capacity you will have a better chance of being found.

Nytes attended the Rural Energy Board meeting involving 18 counties. He said his motion to oppose a state legislative bill proposing a renewable energy standard that includes four percent solar energy was passed unanimously.

Nytes said the new standard would cause a hardship of increased electric bills in the future.

Pinske said the Trailblazer Transit Joint Powers Board conducted a special meeting where it increased the pay for drivers and dispatchers.

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# Opinions

## Two inmates walk away from a prison which lacks a fence in Duluth

**Our View: It is a wonder more prisoners don't walk away**

Two scam artists apparently walked away from a minimum-security federal prison camp in Duluth last Saturday, according to an article in the *Star Tribune*. It did not take much of an effort as the prison camp lacks a fence and operates on the honor system.

The prison camp, which houses approximately 840 male inmates in dormitory-style buildings near the Duluth airport, has a gym, a theater and a recreational center. In addition, the facility has a hobby craft area where inmates can participate in ceramics, drawing and leather craft activities.

One individual, who was an inmate there in the 1980s, wrote in an online memoir, "Anybody can walk out at any time." He further commented that half of the prisoners who left while he was there walked back in voluntarily, "usually coming from a (forbidden) trip to the local liquor store or a clandestine conjugal visit at a nearby motel." The prisoners, one warden said, have themselves for a guard.

A few years ago, Forbes magazine rated this prison as one of the top dozen places to do federal time.

It is an embarrassment for any state, especially Minnesota, to have a prison of this type. However, what is worse is that the Bureau of Prisons authorized one of these escaped inmates to be housed there in the first place. This escaped inmate has a history of breaking the law and walking before a trial. In addition, this escaped inmate bilked investors out of \$26.3 million and evaded income taxes and he gets sent to a federal prison camp which has no fence and apparently no supervision.

The purpose of a prison is to punish and rehabilitate the offender and protect the rest of society. This federal prison camp does none of that and the Bureau of Prisons does not help matters either with its idiotic placements.

It is a wonder more inmates don't walk away from this federal prison camp for good. However, with the plush living conditions and lack of security and supervision, maybe those are the reasons these prisoners stay there.

-K.M.



## Letter To The Editor

### April is Child Abuse Prevention Month

**To The Editor,**

April is child abuse prevention month and the Sibley County chapter of the Child Abuse Prevention Council (CAPC) is placing blue ribbons on trees, pinwheels outside libraries, and messages on community boards throughout Sibley County to raise awareness about child abuse and to advocate for abuse prevention.

Minnesota's future prosperity depends on our ability to produce strong, caring children who can lead tomorrow's communities. If we expect solid outputs we have to invest in solid inputs. The latest science says that nurturing relationships early in life literally build the architecture of maturing brains and establish the foundation for all future development.

Unfortunately, for many kids, exposure to "toxic stress" through abuse and/or neglect can undermine that development.

Preventing child abuse and neglect is the responsibility of every community member. Members of CAPC encourage everyone to find a way to reach out to friends, family, and neighbors to support children and families in our area

- Be a friend to a parent who is stressed – offer to babysit, let them vent, offer to get support for them.
- Be a friend to a child you know – smile and say hello, ask them how they are, show you care.
- Volunteer your time to organizations that support children and families.
- Report suspected abuse to your

county social service agency; Sibley County Public Health & Human Services: 507-237-4000.

Through promoting positive parenting and healthy families, supporting our communities and respecting and valuing our children, we believe we can all make a difference and stop abuse and neglect from happening.

For more information on how you can get involved, please contact Barb Bertrand (Sibley County Children's Collaborative/Child Abuse Prevention Council) at 507-276-8230.

**Kris Rosenfeld**  
CAPC Member/Sibley County Child Care Provider

## Guest Column

### E-funding source for stadium has E-vaporated

**By Phil Krinkie**

Last year in May after 10 years of acrimony and debate over the public funding of a new Vikings stadium, the State Legislature passed a financing package, one which calls for the state paying \$348 million of the \$960 million in estimated total construction costs. It was a long and arduous process for Vikings owner Zygi Wilf who had seen numerous funding proposals twist in the wind and eventually fail to gain legislative approval. But 2012 proved to be different with two persistent bill authors, Senator Julie Rosen (R-Fairmont) and former Representative Morrie Lanning (R-Moorhead). Through numerous committees and several different funding mechanisms, they finally came up with a bill that garnered enough support to win the necessary votes to pass the stadium funding package.

Because of strong public opposition to the use of state general fund revenue, the financing for the state's \$348 million portion of the \$960 construction cost was to be paid for with revenues from a new form of gambling – referred to as E-pull tabs or electronic pull tabs. The concept was that if E-pull tabs were permitted in bars and VFW locations across the state there would be an overwhelming response to the game and millions of dollars would flow into the state treasury. The calculation was that this new gambling device would soon be in over two thousand locations and generate more than \$30 million in new revenue every year, enough over 30 years to pay the state's share of the cost. However, 10 months after legislators voted for this mirage of a funding source, the E-funding source for the new billion dollar

Viking stadium has E-vaporated. Instead of 2,500 locations with E-pull tabs there are only two hundred, and instead of estimates of over \$30 million in new revenue there is less than \$2 million flowing into the state coffers.

Despite the fact that estimates for revenue have fallen woefully short of expectations, no one at the State Capitol seems the least bit concerned. In the last three months, state lawmakers have proposed to increase state spending by over three billion dollars fueled by more than two billion dollars in new taxes. But no one has stepped forward to suggest how the Legislature is going to pay for last year's enormous expenditure to build a new stadium. The DFL majority has proposed lots of new spending throughout the state budget, yet not one dollar has been budgeted or even proposed to cover the \$30 million stadium funding gap. Legislators don't seem to have the slightest concern for how the state will make the payments to cover the costs of the new Vikings stadium, which many of them voted to fund. Legislators seem to have turned a deaf ear to the fact that stadium construction plans are moving forward with groundbreaking scheduled for next fall. The authors of the stadium funding bill along with Governor Dayton have conveniently avoided discussing the shortfall in E-pull tab revenues. They also don't bring up the fact that any shortfall to pay for the new billion dollar stadium will come directly from the state's general fund. That's right, payments for the new Zygi Dome will come from general tax revenue – not the elusive E-pull tabs, as many legislators were led to believe.

Everyone with an IQ above room

temperature knew last year this sham of a funding source would never produce the revenue needed to pay for Zygi's billion dollar playground. That's why the funding legislation contained a provision termed "Appropriation Bonds." These are bonds that will have the backing of the state's general tax revenue; for example, the state's income and sales tax revenue. Therefore, when the E-pull tab revenue comes up short, as is currently the case, the money needed to pay off the bonds will come from the state's general fund. No overdraft notice, no shortage of funds for the billionaire's Taj Mahal stadium, just another I.O.U. to the state taxpayers. Whether duped or dumb, the funding source that legislators promised they wouldn't use to build a new stadium, general fund dollars, is indeed the ultimate source of the funding.

This should serve as an emergency for a new Vikings stadium bill. This new legislation should rightfully have Mr. Wilf paying for more of the stadium costs. It should also serve as a warning for much needed third party evaluation when legislation involves taxpayer money funding private business. Just because legislators dreamed that E-pull tabs would fund the project, doesn't make it a reality. Before lawmakers spend billions more this legislative session, they should first determine how they will fund their past obligations.

*Phil Krinkie, a former eight-term Republican state representative from Lino Lakes who chaired the House Tax Committee for a while, is president of the Taxpayers League of Minnesota. People can contact him at philk@taxpayersleague.org.*

## Too Tall's Tidbits

Happy Birthday and Happy Anniversary to the following local and area residents compliments of the Arlington Lions Club Community Calendar.

**April 5**

Helen Vos, Isaac Rabe, Mike Stock, James Grabitske, Mia Stender, Scott Pepin, and Mr. and Mrs. James Kube.

**April 6**

In Memory Of JoAnn Kley, John Burtyk, Laura Meyer, Marshall Rabe, Rachel Machetemes, Megan Koepf, and Mr. and Mrs. Curt Reetz.

**April 7**

Amanda Nerud, Brennen Sandburg, Ray Farniok, Jr. and Stacy Pauly.

**April 8**

Dusty Matz, Josh Jenneke, Steve Roth, Jr., Vaughn Tackmann, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Dieball, and Mr. and Mrs. Chad Dose.

**April 9**

Diane Andrade, Frank Carney, Mr. and Mrs. Brendan Reilly, and Mr. and Mrs. Tyler LeBrun.

**April 10**

Billy McCormick, Chloe Ling, Jolene Breyer, Karissa Lynn Vos, Mary Goheen, and Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Otto.

**April 11**

Aaron Rose, Chris McCarthy, Harrison Roger Schneider, Jeffrey Quast, Laura Kloeckl, Lawrence Godwin and Sara Schultz.

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Although he was a qualified meteorologist, Hopkins ran up a terrible record of forecasting for the TV news program. He became something of a local joke when a newspaper began keeping a record of his predictions and showed that he had been wrong almost 300 times in a single year.

That kind of notoriety was enough to get him fired.

He moved to another part of the country and applied for a similar job.

One blank on the job application called for the reason for leaving his previous position.

**Hopkins wrote, "The climate didn't agree with me."**

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The boss joined a group of his workers at the coffee urn and told a series of jokes he had heard recently. Everybody laughed loudly. Everyone, that is, except Mike.

When he noticed that he was getting no reaction from Mike, the boss said, "What's the matter, Mike? No sense of humor?"

**"My sense of humor is fine," he said. "But I don't have to laugh. I'm quitting tomorrow."**

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There was a captain sailing on the sea during a battle. His servant came up to him and the captain said, "Bring me my red shirt."

So, the servant did as the captain said.

After that the servant came up to the captain and said, "Why did you say bring me my red shirt?"

The captain said, "Well, if I get shot they won't see the blood."

The next day the servant came up to the captain and said, "There are 50 ships on the horizon."

**The captain said, "Bring me my brown pants."**

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My brother is a terrible musician. The other day he asked my sister if she had heard his last recital.

**She replied, "I certainly hope so."**

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"You can always observe a lot by watching." - **Yogi Berra**

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"Nothing sucks more than that moment during an argument when you realize you're wrong." - **Unknown**

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## History

### 98 Years Ago

April 8, 1915  
Buck & Didra, Publishers

The newly elected council met Thursday evening and all officers elected at the annual village election qualified except Joe Sullivan as constable. H. McGovern was elected marshal and his salary increased to \$50 per month. John H. Luhring was again appointed engineer and electrician at the same salary as last year. For street commissioner there was only one applicant, that of Paul Soeffker for \$100 per month for man and team. The council has agreed to pay him \$95 per month, which he has decided to accept. Dr. M. E. Bushey was appointed health officer for three years and John Theis was appointed a member of the Board for two years to take the new councilman Chas. Reichert's place.

Arlington markets were as follows: Wheat - 1.39-1.36, rye - .99, flax - 1.73, barley - .57, oats - .47, corn - .57, corn, shelled - .59, eggs - .16, cream - .28, butter, creamery - .32, dairy butter - .28.

The railroad trestle east of town has been covered with galvanized sheet iron so as to protect it from fire. It is also safer for pedestrians to cross as they cannot now step through between the ties.

### 68 Years Ago

April 5, 1945  
Louis Kill, Editor

A spring snow storm, which recalled to the minds of old timers, a similar squall of some 45 years ago, and which assumed the proportions of a blizzard, died down yesterday afternoon after spreading a blanket of about six inches of wet snow. It came on the heels of a premature spring, and just when most of the farmers in the community had finished planting the small grain.

Otto Meyer and James Mullen of Green Isle recently bought the old elevator at Plato and will wreck it. The building contains about 75,000 feet of lumber and other equipment.

One of the large semi-trailer tank trucks operated by the milk drying plant at Belle Plaine crashed through a small bridge near the Irvin Beseke farm, east of town Sunday afternoon. The plank bridge was completely wrecked and the truck was also badly damaged.

### 38 Years Ago

April 3, 1975  
Val Kill, Editor

Fingerhut Corporation plans to re-open two of its manufacturing plants, it was announced today. Plants in Bird Island and Gaylord - closed earlier this year - will be re-opened during the month of April. The Fingerhut plant in Gaylord employed about 300 people, mostly women, before closing a month ago. An estimated 50 of these women were from the Arlington area.

A birthday party was held at the Tony Kloeckl Hall on Sunday, March 30th, in honor of Frank (Grandpa) Kloeckl's 86th birthday. Many relatives and friends attended the event. Grandpa Kloeckl now has 74 grandchildren and 22 great grandchildren. He resides at the Arlington Boarding Home.

A winter snow storm struck this area last Wednesday night and all day Thursday. This followed similar conditions Sunday and Monday of last week. Only Tuesday was not stormy. Four inches of snow fell Wednesday and Thursday and it was driven into high drifts by a wind which gusted 20 to 50 miles per hour.

### 8 Years Ago

April 7, 2005  
Kurt Menk, Editor

The Sibley County Choral Society presented its Silver Anniversary Concert in the area last weekend. The Silver Anniversary Concert featured choir favorites from the past 25 years.

The names of four local residents were recently drawn as winners in the first Cabin Fever promotion sponsored by the Arlington Area Chamber of Commerce. Winners were Lisa Aguilera - \$25, Lori Jackels - \$15, Melba Meffert - \$10 and Pete Glieden - \$10.

The Arlington Raceway, which is located on the Sibley County Fairgrounds, is set to begin its 25th season under the promotion of Bob and Susan Allen. Since 1981, the track has been redesigned and resurfaced and new retaining wall has been placed around the track. The pit area now is on the north side of the track rather than the inside. Also, new lights, bleachers on the west side of the grandstand, VIP tower, control tower, message board and score board and the grandstand refreshment stands have been remodeled.

## Sibley Medical Foundation will present Alive & Kickin' on Saturday night, April 13

The Sibley Medical Foundation will present Alive & Kickin' at the Arlington Community Center on Saturday evening, April 13.

The social hour will begin at 5 p.m. while a live auction will start at 5:30 p.m. A chicken dinner will be served at 6 p.m. The show will follow at 7 p.m.

The group of 27 to 30 members ranges in age from 63 to 94.

This inspirational group of

high spirited, charismatic seniors spread their musical message as they explore contemporary genres of music ranging from rock and roll to pop, gospel and Motown.

Tickets are available at the Sibley Medical Center and all clinics. In addition, tickets are available from Sibley Medical Foundation members Deb Brinkman, Mary Seeman, Kim Quast, Chris Paulsen, Tom Frank, Gail Estenson and Jeri Odenthal.

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Enterprise photo by Kurt Menk

## Students of the Month

The following students were recently selected as Students of the Month at the Sibley East Senior High School in Arlington. Front Row: (left to right) Morgan Setterman, Jordyn Polzin, Melanie Gerold and Megan

Eckberg. Back Row: (l to r) Britany Reiersen, Edmundo Barrera, Nathan Langworthy, Beau Swenson, Karley Lind and Hayley Loncorich. Missing from the photo is Eduardo Herrera.

## Good Samaritan Society - Arlington to participate in Learning Collaborative

Good Samaritan Society - Arlington has joined the Stratis Health Acting Together to Achieve Excellence campaign (ATTAX).

Good Samaritan Society - Arlington will participate in this campaign which is designed to ensure that every nursing home resident receives the highest quality of care.

The ATTAX campaign will instill quality and performance improvement practices

aimed at attacking and eliminating healthcare acquired conditions and improving resident satisfaction in Minnesota nursing homes. Supporting the development of strategies for overall quality will be at the heart of this work as well as specific emphasis and resources on improving dementia care and preventing pressure ulcers, falls, and urinary tract infections. Successes and best practices from the group will be shared with the

Minnesota nursing home community over the next few years.

Administrator Lori Bussler said, "Being a part of this group gives us the opportunity to focus even more intently on improving the lives of the people who live and work in our nursing home."

This work is supported by the federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS), and is being led by Stratis Health, Minneso-

ta's Medicare Quality Improvement Organization.

"CMS has made transformational quality improvement a priority across the country, and this is such exciting work that we are able to continue as the quality improvement organization with nursing homes in Minnesota," said Jane Pederson, M.D., director, medical affairs, Statis Health.

## Benefit for Anna Hamblin is Sunday, April 7

Arlington resident Anna Hamblin was diagnosed with lung cancer on Feb. 16, 2009. She went to the Mayo Clinic in Rochester for a second opinion. That is when she was told it was stage 3 lung cancer and non-curable. Anna began chemotherapy in March of 2009. She had been receiving a treatment every three weeks. She was doing very well living an active life and doing the things she loved.

In August of 2012, Anna and her husband, Darrell, went on a vacation to visit family in Colorado and Arizona. She began having trouble drinking water and eating. When they returned home to Arlington, Anna made a doctor's appointment. She was very dehydrated and her kidneys were not functioning. She was immediately admitted into the hospital and given IVs of fluids and nutrition. After one week, she was released and able to go home. Anna continued once again to receive the chemotherapy treatments as usual, but this time experienced side effects.

Anna has had a CAT scan every six weeks (since her ordeal began) to check for



Anna Hamblin

growth of the cancer cells. The last scan showed the cells had not grown and there were no new cells. On Nov 11, 2012, her doctor said she could take a break from the treatments so she could enjoy the holidays with her family.

Anna has not been strong enough to start the chemo treatments again. Her appetite is poor. She now takes medication to help increase her appetite. She is fighting to get her strength back, but her body will not tolerate treat-

ments again. She will begin taking a pill form of the chemotherapy drug.

Anna has been able to stay home with the help of her husband, Darrell, and her family. On March 21, 2013, Anna was admitted into the Ridgeview Medical Center, Waconia, after falling at home. She was given IVs with fluids to get her strength back up. After an MRI test showed that she has had a slight stroke (at some point in the last couple of months), Anna was moved to the Sibley Medical Center in Arlington. There she is receiving therapy to strengthen her left leg which has been affected by the stroke.

A Blessed Memories Benefit for Anna Hamblin will be held at the Arlington Community Center on Sunday, April 7. A spaghetti dinner will be served from 10:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. In addition, there will be a silent auction, pie auction, bake sale and entertainment.

The proceeds will go to help with medical expenses acquired in Anna's fight against cancer.

## VFW Auxiliary to meet on Monday, April 8

The monthly meeting of the Ladies VFW Auxiliary was called to order by President Dorothy Brockhoff on Monday, March 11. Nine members were present, according to Secretary Debbie

Panning. Old Business: Marge Kloeckl gave a brief report on the Valentine cookies. She said everyone was very appreciative.

New Business: The elec-

tion of officers will be held at the next meeting.

Esther Kuebler won the door prize.

The next meeting will be held at 7:30 p.m. Monday, April 8.

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## Sports



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Six letterwinners return for the Sibley East varsity girls softball team this season. Left to right: Kim Kurtzweg, Jordan Thomes, Sara Borchert, Jordyn

Polzin and Briana Reierson. Missing from the photo is Kayle Seeman.

## Softball team returns 6 letterwinners

By Kurt Menk  
Editor

Six letterwinners return for head coach Rod Tollefson and the Sibley East varsity girls softball team this spring.

The Lady Wolverines have high hopes to rebound from last season when the squad posted a 2-12 mark in the Minnesota River Conference and a 4-16 record overall.

The returning letterwinners include seniors Sara Borchert, Briana Reierson, Kayle Seeman and Jordan Thomes; junior Kim Kurtzweg; and sophomore Jordyn Polzin.

The remaining senior high athletes are senior Kristine Dorweiler; juniors Britany

Reierson and Libby Densmore; and sophomores McKayla Perschau, Hayley Loncorich, Paige Nelson, Abigail Reinert, Karissa Sorenson, Shelby Voight and Breann Walsh.

"Our numbers are down a little, but our quality is up," said Tollefson. "I'm looking forward to an exciting season from these young ladies. They are very dedicated and work hard. We have a good core group of players coming back from last year's team, so we should be pretty solid on defense."

Tollefson added, "My senior leadership is excellent and all the ladies have been very coachable this year. We

should be a much improved team."

The Lady Wolverines, who have been confined to the gym in Arlington for practice due to the inclement weather, will open up their season against visiting Watertown-Mayer in conference action at 5 p.m. Tuesday, April 9.

Tollefson is assisted by B-squad coach Stephanie Schultz.

The freshmen include Cloey Anderson, Sami Carpenter, Kayla Charter, Ashley Grack, Kelsie Johnson, Racheal Kamps, Maddie Kjellesvig, Sadie Quast, Jerri-ica Rosenlund, Stephanie Jonason and Rachel Sorenson.

## Nathan Rose chosen as 1 of 3 KNUJ Radio Wrestlers of the Year

Kurt Menk  
Editor

Sibley East junior Nathan Rose was selected as one of three KNUJ Radio Wrestlers of the Year during a banquet in New Ulm on Tuesday night, March 26.

It was the first time ever that three different athletes received the wrestling award. The other two winners were Taner Trembley, Lake Crystal-Wellcome Memorial, and Adam Cooling, Madelia-Truman-Martin Luther.

It was the second major award for Rose in the last couple of weeks.

Rose was also recently chosen as one of three athletes to receive the All Journal Wrestler of the Year Award.

Rose, a 195-pounder, posted a 45-0 record and captured the Class A state championship last month. He currently has a 90-match winning streak.

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

## Bear hunt applications available

Applications for Minnesota bear hunting licenses are now available and will be accepted through Friday, May 3, the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) said.

A total of 3,750 licenses are available in 11 permit areas. The number of available licenses for 2013 is about 35 percent fewer than the 6,000 licenses available in 2012.

The 2012 bear harvest was 2,604. That was a 22 percent increase from 2011, despite 15 percent fewer bear quota licenses being available. The increase in harvest for 2012 was largely due to poorer fall food conditions, making bears more attracted to hunters' baits.

The DNR's goal with the lower license quotas is to

allow for a gradual increase in the current bear population.

Notification to successful lottery winners will be made in mid- to late May. The deadline to purchase licenses awarded by lottery will be Thursday, Aug. 1. Any remaining unpurchased licenses will be available to any eligible persons starting at noon on Wednesday, Aug. 7.

Application for a bear license can be made at any DNR license agent, the DNR License Center in St. Paul, online at [www.mndnr.gov/buylicense](http://www.mndnr.gov/buylicense) or by phone at 888-665-4236. Bear licenses cost \$44 for residents and \$250 for non-residents. There is a \$4 application fee.



Enterprise photo by Kurt Menk

The Sibley East varsity boys baseball team returns four letterwinners this season. Left to right: Nathan Thomes,

Andrew Grack, Cody Doetkott and Brody Rodning.

## Strong pitching will aid young and inexperienced SE baseball squad

By Kurt Menk  
Editor

Head coach Dan Tackmann hopes strong pitching will help a young and inexperienced baseball team which has only four returning letterwinners this spring.

The four returning letterwinners include seniors Cody Doetkott, Andrew Grack and Nathan Thomes and junior Brody Rodning.

"We will definitely be young and inexperienced at the varsity level this year," said Tackmann. "However, we return three important pitchers with experience, and if we can play defense behind them, we should have success.

The three pitchers include Rodning, who threw a pair of no-hitters last season; Grack,

who saw a lot of action on the mound last year; and sophomore Zac Weber, who pitched the first game in the playoffs last season.

In addition to the four returning letterwinners and Weber, the remaining senior high athletes include senior Jordan Herd; juniors Nick Haupt, Colin Mehlhop and Beau Swenson; and sophomores Robert Acciari, Alex Bessel, Austin Brockhoff, Andrew Bullert, Lukas Bullert, Ben Freitag, Austin Hahn, Justin Korson, Kevin Johnson, Jason Meyer and Hunter Voight.

The freshmen consist of Sam Abraham, Nick Doetkott, Paul Glisczinski, Michael Grove, Nolan Herd, Logan Jorgenson, Mitchell Mathews, Lucas Messner,

Dylan Pauly, Collin Pautsch, Travis Schmidt, Tristin Von Eschen and Jake Wentzlaff.

"We're excited to get outside when the weather permits because we know we will be playing a lot of games in a short amount of time," said Tackmann.

The Wolverines will open the season against visiting Watertown-Mayer in conference action at 5 p.m. Monday, April 8.

Tackmann is assisted by B-squad coach Nathan Kube.

### Notes

People interested in umpiring Sibley East junior high baseball and softball games are encouraged to contact Athletic Director Randy Walsh at [rwalsh@sibley-east.k12.mn.us](mailto:rwalsh@sibley-east.k12.mn.us).

## Tyler Bates chosen all conference

By Kurt Menk  
Editor

Tyler Bates, a senior on the Sibley East varsity boys basketball team, was recently chosen to the Minnesota River Conference All Conference Boys Basketball Team.

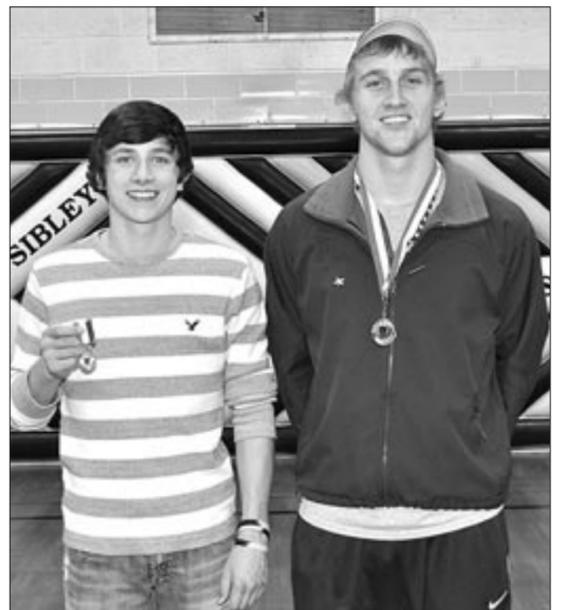
Bates, a repeat all conference selection, averaged nearly 18 points per game this season. The 6'6" post player also averaged 10 rebounds per contest this year. In addition, Bates averaged over one assist and one steal per game this season.

"Tyler was a player we relied on for easy baskets," said Sibley East head coach Mike Feterl. "He was an inside and outside player and always a tough matchup for opposing teams. He also had 14 double-doubles on the year."

Sibley East junior point guard Brody Rodning, meanwhile, was selected as honorable mention to the all conference team.

Rodning averaged just over 14 points and nearly four assists per game this season. In addition, he averaged nearly three rebounds and over one steal per contest this year.

In addition to Bates, the remaining all conference players were Nate Beckman, Jake Anderson and Brian Hartman, all of Jordan; Tanner Luebke, Anthony Gruenhagen and Chad Anenson, all of Mayer Lutheran; Tom Messner and Trevor Groschen, both of Norwood



Enterprise photo by Kurt Menk

Senior Tyler Bates, right, was chosen as all conference while junior Brody Rodning, left, was selected as honorable mention.

Young America; Luke Sandquist and Jacob Wandersee, both of Watertown-Mayer; Gavin Dauwalter and Aaron Bigaouette, both of Belle Plaine; Alex Turgeon, of Tri-City United; and Ty O'Brien, of Le Sueur-Henderson.

In addition to Rodning, the remaining honorable mention selections were Zach Busch, Jordan; Sam Schlueter, Mayer Lutheran; Luke

Marschall, Norwood Young America; Mark Sandquist, Watertown-Mayer; Alex Koopp, Belle Plaine; Andrew Feddema, Tri-City United; and Matt Rinehart, Le Sueur-Henderson.

Jake Anderson, Jordan, was selected by the MRC coaches as their Most Valuable Player.

Matt Urbanek, Jordan, was chosen by the MRC coaches as their Coach of the Year.

## Health Care Continued from page 1

support services (12.3 percent).

"We are a one stop shop to get health care services," said Lind about the programs offered that are meeting the needs of members.

### Child Exams Down

The county did see a decrease in child comprehensive exams from 53.85 percent to 35.29. The state average is 44.3. Lind noted that the Sib-

ley County population numbers are very small compared to other counties.

Sibley County showed an increase in child immunization from 64.29 percent to 70.83, which is still below the state average of 76.2.

Lind noted that the state has increased efforts to offer blood lead testing for children between the ages of nine and 30 months. Working closely with Sibley County public health and human services, the percentage rose to 82.50 percent in 2012, surpassing

the state goal of 80 percent.

### New Program

SCHA is developing a new partnership with the New Ulm Medical Center's health care coordinator to provide a social worker for at-risk patients.

The project targets patients who have social service needs, mental health needs or other barriers to getting appropriate health care. The program has been operating for six months and Lind reports seeing some promising results so far.



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## Legals

### Assessment Notice

**Washington Lake Township**  
Notice is hereby given that the Board of Equalization of the Township of Washington Lake in Sibley County, Minnesota will meet at the Green Isle Community Room at 1 p.m. on Tuesday, April 16, 2013 for the purpose of determining if taxable property in the jurisdiction has been properly valued and classified by the assessor, and to determine whether corrections need to be made.

If you believe the value or classification of your property is incorrect, please contact your assessor's office to discuss your concerns. If you are not satisfied with the valuation or classification after discussing it with your assessor, you may appear before the local board of appeal and equalization. The board shall then review the valuation, classification, or both if necessary, and shall correct it as needed. An appearance before the local board of appeal and equalization is required by law before the appeal can be taken to the county board of appeal and equalization.

Diana Kroells,  
Township Clerk  
**Publish April 4, 2013**

### Assessment Notice

**Green Isle Township**  
Notice is hereby given that the Board of Appeal and Equalization for the township of Green Isle shall meet on Tuesday, April 16, 2013 at 10 a.m. at the Green Isle Town Hall.

The purpose of this meeting is to determine whether taxable property in the jurisdiction has been properly valued and classified by the assessor, and to determine whether corrections need to be made.

If you believe the value or classification of your property is incorrect, please contact your assessor's office to discuss your concerns. If you are still not satisfied with the valuation or classification after discussing it with your assessor, you may appear before the local board of appeal and equalization. The board shall review the valuation, classification, or both if necessary, and shall correct it as needed. Generally, an appearance before your local board of appeal and equalization is required by law before an appeal can be taken to the county board of appeal and equalization.

If you have any questions, please contact the Sibley County Assessor's Office at 507-237-4078 or assessor1@co.sibley.mn.us.  
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### NOTICE

The regular monthly meeting of the High Island Creek Watershed District Board of Managers during the months of April 2013 through October 2013, will be held on the fourth Monday of each month commencing at 8 p.m. at the Sibley County Service Center, 111 8th Street, Gaylord, Minnesota, 55334, EXCEPT the month of May, 2013 which meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 28, 2013 at 8 p.m. at the Sibley County Service Center, 111 8th Street, Gaylord, Minnesota 55334.

If anyone objects to such meetings being held at such time and place for the months noted, please attend the next meeting on April 22, 2013, at 8 p.m. to be heard on that issue.

**HIGH ISLAND CREEK WATERSHED DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS**  
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### Important Information Regarding Assessment And Classification of Property

#### This may affect your 2014 property tax payments

Notice is hereby given that the Open Book meeting of the Board of Appeal and Equalization for Arlington City, Gaylord City, Green Isle City, Winthrop City, Arlington Township, Kelso Township, Moltke Township and Severance Township shall meet on Tuesday, April 23, from 3 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the Sibley County Assessor's Office. The purpose of this meeting is to determine whether taxable property in the jurisdiction has been properly valued and classified by the assessor, and to determine whether corrections need to be made. Please make an appointment by calling the Sibley County Assessor's office at 507-237-4078 or e-mail Assessor1@co.sibley.mn.us.

If you believe the value or classification of your property is incorrect, please contact your assessor's office to discuss your concerns. If you are still not satisfied with the valuation or classification after discussing it with your assessor, you may appear before the local board of appeal and equalization. The board shall review the valuation, classification, or both if necessary, and shall correct it as needed. Generally, an appearance before your local board of appeal and equalization is required by law before an appeal can be taken to the county board of appeal and equalization.

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## Sibley East Youth Wrestlers

A dozen Sibley East youth wrestlers participated in the Lakeville Regional Wrestling Tournament on Saturday, March 23. The wrestlers who placed in the top three in their weight and grade division qualified for the NYWA State Tournament in Rochester from Thursday, April 4 through Sunday, April 7. The wrestlers who placed fourth through sixth in their weight and grade division qualified for the NYWA State Invitational Wrestling Tournament which is held in conjunction with the state tournament. Front Row: (left to right) Riley Drexler (first and second grade - second place), Jake Lucas (first and second grade - fifth place),

Drayden Morton (third and fourth grade - second place), Gannon Rosenfeld (third and fourth grade - second place), Derek Steele (third and fourth grade - fourth place and also advanced to state) and Logan Steele (first and second grade - sixth place). Back Row: (l to r) Lincoln Carpenter (fifth and sixth grade - fourth place), Brandon O'Hara (did not place), Cody Voight (seventh and eighth grade (second place), Mason Voight (seventh and eighth grade - third place) and Dayne Morton (seventh and eighth grade - second place). Missing from the photo is Zach Pazdernik (did not place).

## Classes of 1960-63 from Gaylord High School are sought for a landmark Project Talent study

Fifty-three years after the landmark Project Talent study was first administered, researchers are seeking the classes 1960-63 from the Gaylord High School to discover what became of their lives.

In 1960, Project Talent assessed the aptitudes and abilities, hopes and expectations of 440,000 high school students from across America. The study was conducted by the American Institutes for Research (AIR) and the United States Office of Education.

"The Project Talent generation is very important in the history of this country," said Sabine Horner, Project Talent's Director of Outreach and Communications. "They came of age during an era of great upheaval and they transformed the United States as we knew it. Project Talent is an opportunity to share their perspectives and experiences in a meaningful way that can benefit future generations."

Large studies that follow people from adolescence to retirement are both rare and

extremely valuable. They allow researchers to make connections between early life experiences and later life outcomes. A new follow-up study can tell us how family and educational background impact the life course, up to and including the retirement process. Researchers can also learn why certain people stay healthier and happier and are more able to enjoy their later life.

Members of the classes of 1960-1963 from Gaylord High School are asked to

contact Project Talent to register their interest and provide details of where they can be contacted to receive further information. The study is also interested in any information that can be provided about the whereabouts of other classmates. Participants can call the project at 1 866-770-6077 or send an email to projecttalent50@air.org. They can also visit the Project Talent website at www.projecttalent.org.

## Budget Continued from page 1

tinued increase in this fund is due to the fact the district has had to increase lunch prices over the last couple of years in order to meet federal compliance for the free and reduced lunch programs.

The district is currently around \$.25 below the required minimum price and another increase will be proposed to the board in the upcoming months.

The money in this fund can only be used for food service related expenses.

### Community Service

The community service operating fund continues to decrease.

The balance of this fund at the end of the 2011-12 school year was minus \$8,001. The projected balance for the end of the current budget year is minus \$79,183 and minus \$155,000 at the end of the 2013-14 school year.

Langenbrunner said the indoor pool is a big factor in this fund contributing 60 to 70 percent of the fund.

Though current numbers were not available, Langenbrunner shared a report from 2009-10. In 2009-10, pool expenses surpassed revenue by \$56,158. Langenbrunner said it is safe to estimate that current expenses are higher and revenues are lower.

He added that usage of the pool has declined possibly due to the economy and the opening of the city pool in

Gaylord.

While the pool is a valuable asset for physical education classes, the board will have to seriously consider if it is feasible to maintain it in the future, advised Langenbrunner.

The City of Arlington had previously contributed \$20,000-plus per year in support of the summer pool programs. The city has since discontinued its support.

Another factor in community service fund is early childhood education.

Current bills in the legislature could add funding for these programs which could drastically change the outlook of the fund.

### Technology

District Technology Director Cathy Wills also presented an update on the district's technology budget at Tuesday's meeting.

The areas of the technology budget are equipment, software, repairs, supplies, other, and iPad project.

The two big technology related initiatives this year were networking the former Sibley Medical Clinic and the main campus and the iPad project.

Most areas of the budget are currently at or under the budgeted amount.

Though included on the proposed budget Wills submitted to former Superintendent Steve Jones, expenses related to the iPad project were not included in the final adopted budget.

These expenses total over

\$86,000. The cost of the lease for the iPads was included.

Salary and benefits related to technology in the district totals \$288,326.

### What's Ahead?

Langenbrunner reported that he is currently working on the 2013-14 budget and expects to have it for the board to adopt in May once the legislative session is complete.

He said a big unknown factor in next year's budget is what legislation will be passed on school funding.

There is discussion at the legislature of increase pupil formulas, more special education and pre-K funding.

These factors are a big determination on the district's revenues.

He did present an initial proposed 2013-14 budget that shows expenses exceeding revenues by \$264,306.

Total revenues are currently projected at \$12,873,645 with expenses at \$13,137,951.

Factors that have already been included into the projected budget are an anticipated health insurance increase of more than 10 percent, salary increases and other insurance increases.

Langenbrunner added this is the best estimate right now of what the 2013-14 budget will look like.

Over the last year he has worked to reduce expenses in hopes that the trend will carry over in the coming years.

While making the changes will not happen immediately,

he challenged the board to seriously look for ways to reduce expenses and increase revenue to achieve a balanced budget each year.

The over spending will continue to decrease the general fund balance which should be maintained at 15-20 percent of the district total revenue which currently would be around \$2.175 million.

### Other Business

• Approved March 2013 bills and payments totaling \$1,098,102.11.

Board member Missy Weber questioned a few of the payments made including large expenses for transportation.

District Business Manager Jenna Tessmer explained the district's bus fleet is aging and expenses in the month of March included a transmission and towing expenses.

• Granted a one-year unpaid leave of absence for elementary teacher Jenna Wibstad.

Wibstad is currently on maternity leave.

• Approved a fundraiser request by varsity baseball coach Dan Tackman for the team's annual cookie dough sales.

The money from the sales is used to purchase baseball equipment.

Weber inquired if the board ever sees a report of all the fundraisers that are approved.

Tessmer said that the information is available and could be provided.

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## Sibley County Dairy Princess and Ambassadors

The Sibley County Dairy Princess Coronation was held on Saturday, March 9. Victoria Riebe was crowned as the 2013 Sibley County Dairy Princess and is eligible to compete to be one of 12 Princess Kay of the Milky Way finalists in May. Victoria is the daughter of Dean and Deedee Riebe, Arlington. The

Sibley County Dairy Ambassadors are pictured with reigning Dairy Princess Victoria Riebe. Left to right: Madison Krueger, Nolan Herd, Hayley Riebe, Victoria Riebe, Jennifer Oelfke, Camerae Kellermann, and Chloey Kellermann.

## Area hams install UHF repeater on Green Isle water tower

The Sibley County Emergency Radio Team was in action at the Green Isle water tower this past weekend.

The area hams installed a new UHF Repeater on the water tower at 135 feet that will serve Sibley County and neighboring communities for the skywarn season. It will also be used for such local events as the Arlington Arli-Dazzle, Belle Plaine's

Scenic Half Marathon and BBQ Days.

The area hams who came to help raise this new repeater included Willie Macris and his son, Griffin Macris, of New Prague; Mike Castor of Henderson; Chad Parrish of Henderson; Denton Larson of Arlington; Mark Jones of Chaska; and Don Burgess of Green Isle.

With warmer weather moving up from the gulf in

the next few weeks and some similar weather patterns from the season of 1965 starting to show their features, Sibley County residents can be assured they will have that layer of spotters in the field for skywarn or other emergency situations with the benefits of this repeater.

The Sibley County Emergency Radio Team would like to recognize the Green

Isle City Council, Mayor Dale ZumBerge and City Clerk Bert Panning for their support on this project.

People who would like more information on amateur radio or skywarn are encouraged to contact Don Burgess at kc0qna@yahoo.com or call 612-578-7561.

## High Island Clovers 4-H Club is active in the community

The High Island Clovers 4-H Club met for its monthly meeting at the Veterans Building in Arlington on Sunday, March 17.

Games were played and prizes were given to the members who wore the most

green for St. Patrick's Day.

High Island Clovers 4-H members continue to be involved with community service projects. The members recently hosted a bingo party for area senior citizens and helped at the "Tour of Tables"

event. Community service projects are made possible through annual fundraising efforts.

Members are currently selling pastry puffs for a fundraiser. Orders can be placed with any club member

before Saturday, April 20.

People who are interested in finding out more about joining High Island Clovers should please contact Jodie Johnson at 507-964-2905.

## 4-Hers participate in Job Interview Contest

You're hired! Those are the words 22 4-Hers were hoping to hear when they showed their job interview skills at the Sibley County Extension Office on Monday,

March 25.

Contestants filled out an application or resume and were interviewed by age category for a job that interested them. Jobs they could pick

from included jobs from the Minnesota State Fair.

Judges for the evening were Donna Trebelhorn, Joy Cohrs and Lisa Klenk.

Senior Division winners First place - Marisa Kroells, AC; Second place - Sam Thies, HIC; and Third place - Zack Klaers, RRR.

Intermediate participants winners: First place - Jacob Wemeier, HIC; Second place - Ben Klaers, RRR; and Third place - Branstyn Peterson, BWS. Participation went to Kaitlyn Unger, BWS; Lauren Roiger, TT; John Niebuhr, BWS; and Brent Walters, HIC.

Beginner participants winners: First place - Alyson Dieball, AC; Second place - Baleigh Peterson, BWS; and Third place - Emma Niebuhr, BWS. Participation went to Jordan Mueller, AC; Kylie Unger, BWS; Cody Sievert, BWS; and Connor Johnson, HIC.

Cloverbuds participants were Shelby Dieball, AC; Mary Niebuhr, BWS; Brennr Peterson, BWS; Joey Mueller, AC; and Nicole Sievert, BWS.



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Front Row: (left to right) Connor Johnson, Brennr Peterson, Mary Niebuhr, Joseph Mueller and Nicole Sievert. Middle Row: (l to r) Cody Sievert, Jordan Mueller, Kylie Unger, Baleigh Peterson

and Emma Niebuhr. Back Row: (l to r) Marisa Kroells, Sam Thies, Kaitlyn Unger, Lauren Roiger, Branstyn Peterson and Brent Walters.

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## FSA Matters

By Lori Weckwerth  
Sibley FSA

**CRP Acreage Reports**

CRP participants are reminded that they must annually file an acreage report (FSA-578) with FSA in order to timely receive their CRP annual rental payments in October. Due to budget constraints FSA will no longer be able to mail out CRP acreage reports to producers. If you want your CRP acreage report sent to you via e-mail or fax, please contact the FSA County Office and we will e-mail or fax your CRP acreage report to you so you can complete it and return it to the FSA County Office by mail, e-mail or fax. You may also pick it up and deliver it in person if you like.

**45th CRP General Sign-Up**

USDA will conduct a four-week general sign-up for the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP), beginning May 20 and ending on June 14.

CRP protects the nation's natural resources through voluntary participation, while providing significant economic and environmental benefits to rural communities across the United States.

Currently, about 27 million acres are enrolled in CRP. Producers that are accepted in the sign-up can receive cost-share assistance to plant long-term, resource-conserving covers and receive an annual rental payment for the length of the contract (10-15 years).

Contracts on 3.3 million acres of CRP are set to expire on Sept. 30, 2013. Producers with expiring contracts or producers with environmentally sensitive land are encouraged to evaluate their options under CRP.

For more information on CRP and other FSA programs, visit a local FSA service center or [www.fsa.usda.gov](http://www.fsa.usda.gov)

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## Sibley East Band Concert

The Sibley East High School Band performed during a concert in Arlington on Monday evening, March 25. The group is directed by James Callahan.

## Parenting series is scheduled at Arlington United Methodist Church

A parenting series called, "Effective Parenting in a Defective World" by Chip Ingram, will be held at the Arlington United Methodist Church. This study will give people insight into how they can raise successful children even in this fallen world.

"You don't have to keep your children in a plastic bubble," said Ingram. "And you don't have to fear what the world throws at you. We live in a time of unprecedented challenges for parents. However, the good news is that when there is darkness, God's light of truth appears even brighter. God can take your desire for His will and use it to make you an effective parent in a defective world."

The series will guide people through basic principles that will change their understanding of their role as a parent and how to apply God's process for teaching and nurturing children.

Each session begins with a video tape followed by small group discussions.

These parenting study nights will begin on Sunday, April 14 and continue each Sunday night for four sessions from 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. Childcare will be provided during the sessions.

People may sign up by email at rmatz@frontiernet.net or 320-905-0121.

Please register early as space is limited.

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## Church News

**ST. PAUL'S EV. REFORMED CHURCH**  
15470 Co. Rd. 31, Hamburg  
Dan Schnabel, Pastor  
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Sunday, April 7: 8:30 a.m. Sunday school and adult Bible study. 9:30 a.m. Worship service. Choir practice after worship.

Wednesday, April 10: 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. Catechism class. 7:30 p.m. Youth Fellowship.

Thursday, April 11: 7:00 p.m. Consistory meeting.

**ORATORY OF ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE**  
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507-248-3550  
Fr. Sam Perez  
Thursday: Weekly Mass at 5:00 pm.

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Henderson  
(507) 248-3594 (Office)  
Rev. Brigit Stevens, Pastor  
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Sunday, April 7: 8:00 a.m. Family worship with Communion. 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Spring brunch.  
Tuesday, April 9: 7:00 p.m. Church Council.

**ST. MARY, MICHAEL AND BRENDAN AREA FAITH COMMUNITY**  
Fr. Keith Salisbury, Pastor  
Friday, April 5: 8:30 a.m. Mass (Mar). 4:30 to 8:00 p.m. Jump For Joy (Mar).  
Saturday, April 6: 5:00 pm. Mass (Mar).  
Sunday, April 7: 7:30 a.m. Mass (Bre). 9:00 a.m. Elementary religious education (Mar); Mass (Mic). 10:30 a.m. Mass (Mar). 1:30 p.m. CHWC bingo (Mar).  
Monday, April 8: St. Arthur's spring clothing drive April 8-14 (Mar). 8:30 a.m. Word and Communion (Mar). 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. Eucharistic Adoration (Mar). 8:00 p.m. AA and AlaNon (Mar).  
Tuesday, April 9: 8:30 a.m. Word and Communion (Mar).  
Wednesday, April 10: 8:30 a.m. Word and Communion (Mar). 9:00 a.m. Word and Communion (Oak Terrace). 7:00 p.m. Jr./Sr. high religious education (Mar).  
Thursday, April 11: 8:30 a.m. Word and Communion (Mar). 9:00 a.m. Scripture study (Srs. residence in Gaylord). 7:30 p.m. Narcotics Anonymous (Mic).

**TRINITY LUTHERAN**  
32234 431st Ave., Gaylord  
Rev. James Snyder, Interim Pastor  
Thursday, April 4: 1:30 p.m. Oak Terrace Communion.  
Sunday, April 7: Uplifting celebration at St. Paul's. 9:00 a.m. Worship. 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Turkey buffet dinner.  
Tuesday, April 9: 5:30 p.m. MN Valley spring gathering at Grace Lutheran, Brownston.  
Wednesday, April 10: 1:30 p.m. WELCA. 6:00 p.m. Confirmation at St. Paul's.

**ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN**  
(Missouri Synod), Arlington  
Pastor William Postel  
Phone 507-964-2400  
Saturday, April 6: 9:00 a.m. LWML rally at Immanuel,

Courtland.  
Sunday, April 7: 9:00 a.m. Bible class. 10:00 a.m. Worship with Holy Communion.  
Monday, April 8: 7:00 p.m. Church Council meeting.  
Tuesday, April 9: 10:00 a.m. Nursing home, Arlington.  
Wednesday, April 10: 7:00 p.m. Ladies Aid white elephant with Bible study.  
Thursday, April 11: 5:30 p.m. Deadline for bulletin information.

**ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN Green Isle**  
Friday, April 5: 10:00 a.m. Deadline for Sunday bulletin.  
Sunday, April 7: 7:45 a.m. Worship without Communion. Guest Pastor Martin Teigen. 9:00 a.m. Sunday school.  
Tuesday, April 9: 12:00 p.m. Senior citizens at Green Isle.  
Wednesday, April 10: 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  
Sunday, April 7: 8:15 a.m. Sunday school. 9:30 a.m. Worship service. 10:15 a.m. Spring luncheon and bake sale.  
Wednesday, April 10: 3:45 p.m. Catechism. 5:00 p.m. Junior Bell Choir.

**ZION LUTHERAN**  
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James Carlson, Pastor  
Thursday, April 4: 9:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. Zion service on cable TV. 7:00 p.m. ZCW Thursday group at Bobette Schauer home.  
Sunday, April 7: 8:00 a.m. Choir. 9:00 a.m. Worship with Holy Communion, with first Communion. 10:00 a.m. Sunday school and fellowship.  
Tuesday, April 9: 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. TOPS in church basement.  
Wednesday, April 10: 3:45 p.m. 7th and 9th grade confirmation. 4:30 p.m. 8th grade confirmation. 7:00 p.m. Church Council.  
Thursday, April 11: 9:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. Zion service on cable.

**ZION LUTHERAN Green Isle Township**  
Friday, April 5: 10:00 a.m. Deadline for Sunday bulletin.  
Saturday, April 6: 4:00 p.m. "Blooming with New Life" Christian concert and bake sale.  
Sunday, April 7: 9:00 a.m. Worship with Communion. Guest Pastor Martin Teigen.  
Monday, April 8: 8:00 p.m. Voters' meeting.  
Tuesday, April 9: 12:00 p.m. Senior citizens at Green Isle.  
Wednesday, April 10: 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.

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Thursday, April 4: 10:00 a.m., 2:00 and 7:00 p.m. Worship on cable TV; 1:00 and 7:00 p.m. Bible study at Jean Olson's.  
Saturday, April 6: 8:00 a.m. A-Men men's group.  
Sunday, April 7: 9:00 and 11:00 a.m. Worship with Communion. 10:15 a.m. Sunday school. 6:30 p.m. Marriage series.  
Tuesday, April 9: 6:30 p.m. Education Outreach.  
Wednesday, April 10: 7:00 p.m. Confirmation and choir.  
Thursday, April 11: 10:00 a.m., 2:00 and 7:00 p.m. Worship on cable TV. 1:00 and 7:00 p.m. Bible study at Jean Olson's.

**ST. PAUL LUTHERAN (WELS), Arlington**  
Bruce Hannemann, Pastor  
WEBSITE: www.stpaularlington.com  
EMAIL: Bruce.Hannemann@stpaularlington.com  
Sunday, April 7: 8:45 a.m. Sunday school. 9:00 a.m. Family Bible study. 10:00 a.m. Worship with Communion.  
Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, April 8, 9 and 10: Pastors' conference at Alexandria.  
Monday, April 8: 7:00 p.m. Council meeting.  
Tuesday, April 9: 6:00 p.m. Counting Committee. 7:00 p.m. Adult Bible course at school.  
Wednesday, April 10: 2:00 p.m. Bible study. 3:45 p.m. Public school confirmation class. Belle Plaine spelling bee. 7:30 p.m. Choir practice.  
Thursday, April 11: 10:00 a.m. Bulletin information due. 11:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. Service on cable TV, channel 8.

**GAYLORD ASSEMBLY OF GOD**  
Gaylord  
Bob Holmbeck, Pastor  
Sunday, April 7: 9:00 a.m. Sunday school. 10:00 a.m. Sunday worship service with Communion  
Wednesday, April 10: 6:30 p.m. Evening Bible classes and Youth Focused.

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