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'Buy The Farm' bill a small victory, but future still in doubt for affected farmers

By Kurt Menk
Editor

Farmers who are affected by the CapX 2020 Project earned a small victory with the recent passage of an amendment to the Minnesota "Buy The Farm" bill.

The Senate passed the amendment by a 49-16 bi-partisan vote on Sunday, May 19, while the House passed the amendment on a 114-18 bi-partisan vote on Monday May 20. The bill was later signed into law by Governor Mark Dayton.

"Buy The Farm" is a bill that basically gives farmers the option to elect to have the power companies pay them not only for their land, but for the true cost of relocation. This often includes the loss of business, land, moving expenses and start up fees.

In addition, the new law says utilities acquiring land via eminent domain must file challenges to a landowner's request the utility buys the farm within 60 days.

If an objection is raised by the utility, the district court must uphold or reject the claim within 90 days.

Supportive lawmakers said the original law passed in 1977 had lost some of its teeth over the years. They hope it will help businesses impacted by utility proposals. It is basically a clarification of the law.

Dale and Julie Schwartz, rural Arlington, and Brad and Jackie Odenthal, rural Arlington, are just two of many area farmers who are affected by the CapX 2020 transmission line.

Jackie testified at one of the conference committee hearings at the State Capitol in St. Paul a few months ago.

Julie testified "many, many times" at the State Capitol during the past four months.

Dale and Julie Schwartz own an 80-acre farm which is about eight years shy of century status 1 1/2 miles north of Arlington. They also operate a 100-cow dairy and have 575 acres of land overall.

Eight poles ranging from 146 feet to 164 feet in height have been installed on 475 acres of land that the couple owns.

"Every time we go to get the mail, go to town or out to the field we have to drive directly under these lines," said Julie.

The couple has elected to sell their home, farm buildings and 160 acres through "Buy The Farm" to avoid living and raising their dairy

herd near the CapX line, but the process has taken months.

"We don't want to give up any of our land, but we can't live here and farm here with these transmission lines," said Julie, who commented that the couple had only 60 days to decide to make the election for Buy The Farm. "It's not our choice. Basically, we feel like we're being pushed out. We feel like we don't have a choice."

A big problem for the couple is there are not any dairy farms for sale in the area. "And we've been looking for two years," said Julie. "We have to stay in the area because our farm is here."

If the couple is unable to relocate the dairy operation, they will have to sell off its herd.

A huge concern for the couple is the potential health hazards they believe the transmission line will cause.

"We can't watch our dairy herd fall apart," said Julie. She added that it would also be unhealthy for the family to remain there too.

"We just don't know honestly what we're going to do," said Julie. "This is our kids' livelihood too. It's a family farm."

According to Julie, a 2012 state Appeals Court ruling bars landowners like the Schwartzes from collecting relocation and other expenses, which are allowed in other types of condemnation proceedings. The "Buy The Farm" bill will undo that court decision, which also is on appeal.

Brad and Jackie Odenthal own a 205-acre farm about 4 1/2 miles west of Arlington. They have a 4,000-head pig nursery and also raise beef cattle.

Four poles run along the west side of their farm while three poles have been installed on the north side.

The couple has elected to sell their farm, but has not been accepted. The matter will be decided in district court.

"We wanted to retire in about five to eight years, but now we have to start all over again," said Jackie. "We have to relocate and find another farm."

The couple, who has farmed there for 22 years, had planned to turn the farm over to their son and keep it in the family.

The Odenthal family, like

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Memorial Day in Arlington

Despite the cold weather and the threat of rain, a big crowd turned out for the Memorial Day Program in Arlington on Monday morning, May 27. (Top Photo) The Folding of the Flag was featured during the program. Left to right: Arden Kreft (at the podium), Blackie Schwirtz, Earl Brockhoff, Carl Dykhoff (back turned) and Lowell Nagel. (Right Photo) These veterans stood at attention during the National Anthem which was played by the Sibley East Band under the direction of James Callahan. Left to right: Morris Mesebring, Gene Schultz, Roger Diemel and Duane Weckwerth. Following the program, a SOS breakfast was served by Phyllis Kroehler to veterans and program attendees at the Veterans Building which is located at the Sibley County Fairgrounds in Arlington.



Sibley East to graduate 80 seniors on Sunday, June 2

By Kurt Menk
Editor

Eighty seniors will graduate during commencement exercises at the Sibley East Senior High School in Arlington at 1:30 p.m. Sunday, June 2.

Immediately following the exercises, the graduates will receive families, relatives and friends on the sidewalk by the front entrance of the school.

In case of inclement weather, the receiving line will be held in the hall in

front of the administrative office.

Graduation information is included in the annual graduation supplement which is inserted into this week's edition of the *Arlington Enterprise*.

Update given on Safe Routes To School Project

By Kurt Menk
Editor

City Engineer Jason Femrite presented an update on the Safe Routes To School Project to the Arlington City Council during its regular meeting on Monday night, May 20.

Under the proposed schedule, the City Council is expected to act upon the plans and specifications for the project during its regular meeting on Monday evening, June 3, according to Femrite.

The City Council is expected to open bids during a special

meeting on Thursday, June 27, Femrite said.

Femrite suggested that the City Council could hold an open house for adjacent property owners sometime between Monday, July 8 and Friday, July 12. He said this is not a requirement, but a good move to keep adjacent property owners updated on the project.

Femrite said the City Council is expected to award the bid during its regular meeting on Monday night, July 15.

He added that the 45-day construction project is sched-

uled to start on Thursday, Aug. 1.

Grant

The City of Arlington, with Sibley County as a sponsor and the Sibley East Public Schools and St. Paul's Lutheran School as cooperative partners, received a federal \$199,980 Safe Routes To School grant during the late summer of 2011.

Arlington, at that time, was one of 16 Minnesota projects funded by the federal program and announced by the Minnesota Department of

Transportation (Mn/DOT).

Of the 16 projects, 12 are in Greater Minnesota and the rest are in the Twin Cities metropolitan area. All of the grants will be used to improve or build trails and sidewalks for walking and biking. The total was \$3.8 million.

"These projects will make walking and biking to school easier for children and more acceptable to their parents," Mn/DOT Commissioner Tom Sorel said at the time the grants were announced. "The grants will mean safety improvements in routes to

school so students will be more inclined to walk to school. And walking to school is another way to increase exercise for healthier kids."

Overall, there were 82 applications representing \$83 million in projects.

Local Project

The largest portion of the project will be along both sides of Second Avenue Northwest where sidewalks will be improved or added to create continuous sidewalk from Adams Street to High-

way 5. The project will also tie into the Prairie Line Trail segment, which is scheduled for 2014. That portion will include St. Paul's Lutheran School.

Three alternate segments to the project, which lead from the Sibley East athletic complex, were not funded. One or more of these alternate segments could be completed depending on the outcome of the overall bid.

The project has to be completed by the end of 2013.

News Briefs

Vehicles egged near school

An individual or individuals reportedly threw eggs at three vehicles parked near the Sibley East Public Schools in Arlington on Thursday, May 23, according to the Arlington Police Department.

The three vehicles were owned by Nancy Battcher, Jill Mogard and Bates Dairy.

Another vehicle was reportedly egged on the driver's side and then wrapped in plastic, according to police. In addition, the air was let out of a tire on the same vehicle.

Students graduate from MSU

A number of area students graduated from Minnesota State University, Mankato, during recent commencement exercises.

The students from Arlington included Kelli Allen, MS, Counseling and Student Personnel; Kari Dietel, BS, Correction; Mary Doehling, BS, Finance, Magna Cum Laude; and Laura Schuneman, BS, Exercise Science. Gaylord resident Jacob Johnson received a BS Degree in Mass Communications.

Riebe attends conference

Vicki Riebe, a 2012 graduate of the Sibley East Senior High School in Arlington, was one of 13 Bemidji State University students who recently attended the 34th annual Pi Mu Epsilon conference at St. John's University near St. Cloud.

Riebe is a sophomore majoring in mathematics education and business administration.

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

Work to begin on roundabout

Construction on a roundabout on Highway 15 at the intersection of County Road 115, just south of Menard's in Hutchinson, as well as a mill and overlay of Highway 15 from Highway 212 to Denver Avenue in Hutchinson will begin on Monday, June 3, according to an article in the *McLeod County Chronicle*.

The goal is to have the roundabout open by Aug. 10, in time for the McLeod County Fair. The Highway 15 work is slated to be completed by Sept. 1.



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Memorial Day Program in Green Isle

(Large Group Photo) Members of the Green Isle Honor Guard stood at attention during the National Anthem at the Memorial Day Program on Monday morning, May 26. (Above Photo) Sibley East junior Maren Miner, left, and senior Nathan Thomes, right, played taps during the Memorial Day Programs in both Green Isle and Arlington. (Right Photo) Green Isle American Legion members Ron Ott, left, and Dan Brown, participated in the Reading of the Scroll during the Memorial Day Program in Green Isle. The program was held in the gymnasium at the Green Isle Community School.



Birth Announcement

Robert and Allison (Fenske) Neubarth, Arlington, announce the birth of their son, Zane LeRoy, who was born on Wednesday, April 10. Zane weighed nine pounds, one ounce and measured 19.5 inches.

Zane is also welcomed home by his big sister, Ava, age 6.

The paternal grandparents are Dale and Rachelle Neubarth, Arlington. The maternal grandparents are Mike Fenske, Gaylord, and Lee Duffy, Minneapolis.

The paternal great-grandmother is Berdina Petzel, Ar-



Zane Neubarth

lington. The maternal great-grandmothers are Gladys Fenske, Gaylord, and Beverly Shingledecker, Minneapolis.



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New director is needed for the G-F-W School Board

G-F-W School Board Chairperson Greg Wickenhauser recently announced that he has moved his residence to the City of

Winthrop. Since he represents the Gibbon precinct on the School Board, Wickenhauser stated that he regretfully had to resign his position as of

June 30, according to an article in the *Winthrop News*.

The School Board will begin a search for a new director from the City of Gib-

bon or surrounding townships.

The School Board hopes to appoint a new director at its June meeting.

Gaylord City Council agrees to move forward with a new water tower

The Gaylord City Council, during a recent meeting, moved forward with seeking Public Facilities Authority (PFA) funding for a new

300,000 gallon water tower on the west end of Gaylord and approved SEH to begin the preliminary design work, according to an article in The

Gaylord Hub.

The proposed site for the new water tower is across the highway from Unidor and will replace the 70,000 gal-

lon tower built in 1917.

The estimated cost of the project is \$1.675 million.

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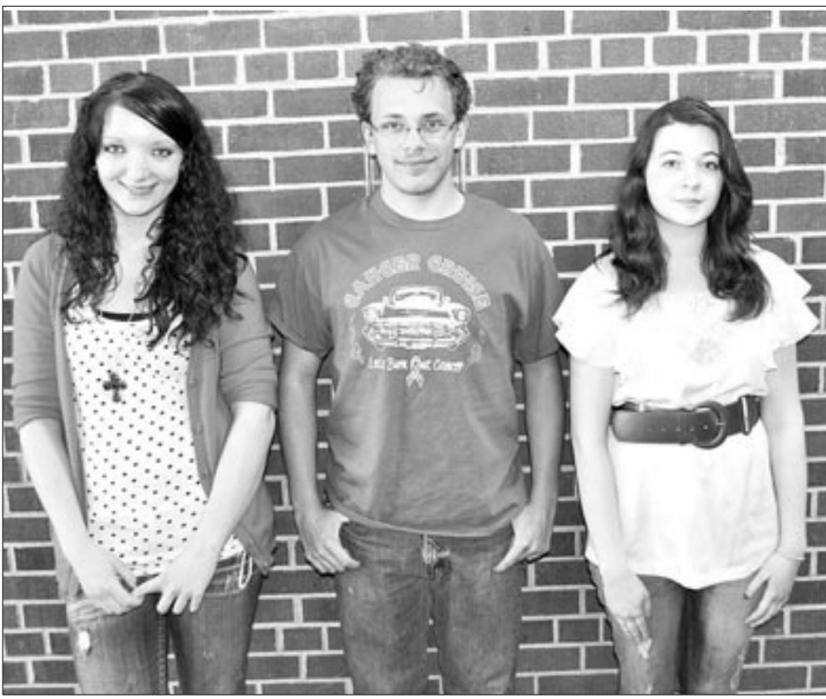
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STRIVE Students of the Quarter

The following students were selected as STRIVE Students of the Quarter at the Sibley East Senior High School during the 2012-2013 school year. Left to right: Stephanie Shimota (first quarter),

Brandon Stoeckman (third quarter) and Alleyce Somerville (fourth quarter). Missing from the photo is Katelyn Reid (second quarter).

Proposed SE activity fee hike is tabled to explore options

By Karin Ramige Cornwell
Manager

The Sibley East School Board, during its recent monthly meeting, tabled a discussion to increase the district's activity fees until the Extracurricular Committee can meet with Activity Director Randy Walsh to discuss options.

The proposed increase of five to 10 dollars per category is due to an increase of \$1000 in the athletic contract with Ridgeview Medical Center.

The increase in the contract is for the required ImPACT concussion testing.

The proposed activity fees for varsity sports (grades 9-12) would increase from \$100 to \$110, junior high sports (grades 7-8) and cheerleading from \$80 to \$90.

The fee for other activities, such as plays, DECA, Knowledge Bowl, Speech, Jazz Band and Swing Choir would increase from \$25 to \$30.

The activity fees for students that qualify for free and reduced lunches would increase by five dollars.

Students qualifying for reduced lunches would pay a fee of \$75 for varsity sports and \$60 for junior high sports and cheerleading.

Fees for students in the free lunch category would be \$40 for varsity sports and \$35 for junior high and cheerleading.

There is no reduced fee schedule for activities.

The family maximum for athletics would increase \$50 to \$450 excluding any fees paid for activities.

School Board member Scott Dose asked about the possibility of charging admission for sporting events such as track and baseball that do not currently have an admission fee. "It's starting to get a little ridiculous what we

charge for fees," he added.

School Board member Missy Weber said she was not supportive of the fee hike and had looked at the fee schedules from other schools in the conference.

Other districts include activity fees for non-athletic activities into the maximum.

She also noted that some districts have higher fees for those sports such as football that are more costly and also bring in more revenue.

She said there are already sports and activities that the district doesn't have due to lack of participants and is concerned that raising the fees would further hinder participation.

Dose made a motion to table the item until the June board meeting until the committee could meet with Walsh to discuss other options to make up the additional \$1,000 for the concussion testing.

Members of the Extra Curricular Committee are Ann Karl, Brian Brandt, and Scott Dose.

Staffing

The School Board approved the hiring of Tim Schellhammer as the high school principal effective July 1, 2013.

The salary was set at \$85,000 for the 2013-14 school year. Conditions of employment and benefits are in accordance to the principal's master contract.

A resolution relating to the termination and nonrenewal of the teaching contract of probationary teacher Carl Bratsch was also approved.

In further action, the board also accepted the resignations of elementary teachers Molly and Travis Raske who are currently on unpaid leave, ESFE paraprofessional Amy

Koch, Todd Warzecha as assistant football coach and Mike Feterel as head boys basketball coach.

Other Business

In other action the board: Approved May bills and payments totaling \$1,063,970.23.

Unanimously approved a motion to renew the Ridgeview Sports Medicine agreement for the 2013-14 at an annual cost of \$6,700, an increase of \$1,000 from the previous year.

Approved an increase in the district's school lunch prices by \$.10 for the 2013-14 school year with the intent to move forward to full compliance with the Federal Health Hunger Free Kids Act of 2010.

Renewed the 2013-14 Adult Basic/Literacy Education Agreement through the Area Adult Learning Cooperative.

Approved a resolution to renew the district's membership in the Minnesota State High School League for the 2013-14 school year.

Renewed the lease for usage of Walsh Field and tennis courts in the Gaylord City Park at a cost of \$1,500 per year through August 1, 2018.

The lease also includes an additional \$250 payment to the Gaylord Baseball Association.

The total cost to the district will be \$8,750 for the five year period.

Accepted, with great appreciation, a \$2,500 donation from the Gaylord Game Protective Account for the purchase of football helmets and a \$450 donation from the New Auburn VFW Post 7266 to the Gaylord School to help defray costs for Twins tickets.

Sibley County votes to give CSAH 8 a better upgrade at regular meeting

By Dave Pedersen
Correspondent

Sibley County will advance forward the County State Aid Highway (CSAH) funding for road improvement projects in 2014 to provide a higher quality of surface on some roads this year.

Public Works Director Darin Mielke brought the proposal to the board of commissioners at the meeting on Tuesday, May 28.

At a previous meeting, the county awarded the CSAH bituminous overlays contract to Wm. Mueller & Sons, Inc.

"At that time I mentioned that with such low bids we could explore the possibility of doing something more with CSAH 8," Mielke told the board. "We did do some investigation on CSAH 8 and talked to Wm. Mueller & Sons."

Mielke asked for a supple-

mental agreement for Wm. Mueller & Sons to add on to the current project. Plus, Mielke asked for a resolution to advance next year's state funding.

The low bid for the overlay project was close to 25 percent under the engineer's estimate of around \$3,030,000, or about \$700,000 lower than expected.

That was the reason why Mielke returned to the question about a possible more expensive and longer lasting upgrade to CSAH 8, after the board decided to go with a less expensive overlay project.

In his research, Mielke did discover one concern. The pavement that was poured on part of CSAH 8 east of State Highway 12 was much thicker than thought it would be and was disqualified from the pavement reclamation project

involving grinding up of existing pavement.

However, the part west of Highway 15 is still a good option for reclamation. The proposed project addition involves reclamation on CSAH from CSAH 3 to TH 15. Plus, there will be a slightly thicker overlay on CSAH 8 from TH 15 to CSAH 23.

"Looking at the financial part, the project will actually stay within our 2014 state aid allotment," said Mielke. "There are no other local costs incurred at all and we don't have to dig into reserves."

The county voted to take \$1,466,000 out of the 2013 state highway fund which is expected to be about \$1.6 million. That leaves about \$150,000 leftover. Mielke said there are no other CSAH funded projects planned for next year.

Veterans Walking Path Of Honor currently features over 700 pavers

By Kurt Menk
Editor

The Veterans Walking Path Of Honor in Memorial Park currently has 707 pavers, according to Arlington VFW Commander Blackie Schwirtz and Arlington American Legion Commander Arden Kreft.

Only a few pavers represent veterans who served in multiple wars or in several branches of service, according to accumulated paver statistics originating in 2004.

The pavers include Army (516), Navy (107), Air Force (62), Marines (38), Army Air Corps (16), Army Nurse Corps (1), Women's Army Corps (1), Merchant Marines (1), Killed In Action (7),

Missing In Action (1) and Prisoners Of War (1).

The pavers also include World War II (240), Korea (176), Vietnam (146), Peace Time (53), World War I (37), Operation Iraqi Freedom (31), Persian Gulf (19), Operation Enduring Freedom (11), Civil War (11), Granada (8), Lebanon (5), Iraq (3), Panama (2), Operation Noble Eagle (2), Kosovo (1), Panama Canal Zone (1), Panama Invasion (1), Desert Storm (1) and Afghanistan (1).

Originally, the available space for pavers would take many years to fill. However, opening the walking path to veterans from anywhere added to the consumption of a few of the available spaces.

The orders placed before Memorial Day 2014 will completely fill all remaining spaces in the Veterans Walking Path Of Honor.

Schwirtz and Kreft said plans are being formulated for a possible expansion in the fall of 2013. The funding for this endeavor will be made possible by paver purchases, veterans donations and private donations.

The Veterans Walking Path Of Honor accepts no city, county, state or federal funds in taxes or grants.

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Opinions

Legislative session ends and campaigning starts Our View: Some things never change

The 2013 Minnesota legislative session recently ended and campaigning for the next election is already underway.

Politicians from both major parties are now taking their case to the people and outside groups are preparing to pour millions of dollars into those campaigns.

The House and governorship will be on the ballot during the general election in 2014. Senate members, who were elected or re-elected to four-year terms in 2012, will be on the ballot in 2016.

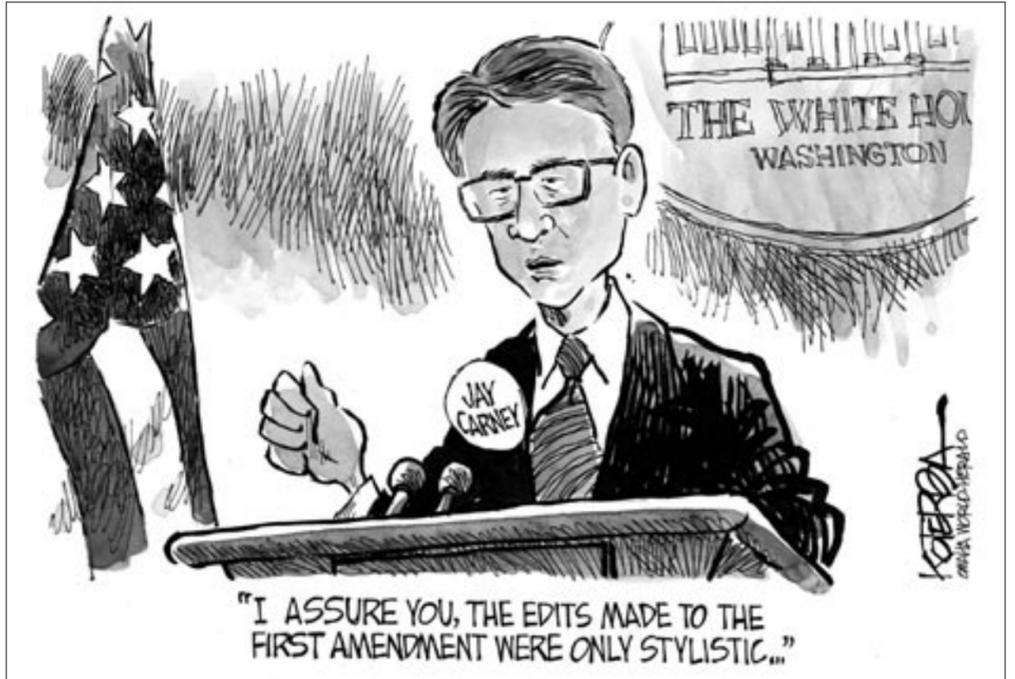
The DFLers, who are in full control of state government for the first time since 1990, are happy because they will be able to boast about their long list of accomplishments during the recent session.

The Republicans, who are trying to regroup after losing many seats in the House and Senate in the last election, will no doubt try to use some of these same accomplishments as potent political issues in the next election.

Unfortunately, it's all a game and the people are the losers again. Rather than work together and compromise for the good of all Minnesotans, politicians from both major parties want it their way or no way at all. The Republicans showed this last year while the Democrats did it this year. This should come as no surprise to citizens across the state.

Politicians from both parties at the state level have always had other priorities. Their top priority is to get re-elected. Their second goal is party loyalty while the third objective is to keep special interest groups happy. The citizens sadly are fourth on the list. Until politicians from both parties decide to put citizens first, Minnesotans as a whole will suffer.

-K.M.



Guest Columns

How politics has changed

By Lee H. Hamilton

When two senators recently got into a spat over whether the Boston Marathon bombings were being politicized, the news was everywhere within minutes. Reams of commentary quickly followed. In the maneuvering over gun-control legislation, every twist and turn was instantly reported and then endlessly debated. As the effects of the federal sequester start to make themselves felt, outlets in every medium — print, television, online — are carrying both the news and the inevitable partisan sniping over its meaning.

This is political reality today, and when people ask me how politics has changed since I first ran for Congress in 1964, it's the first thing that comes to mind. Back then, when you spoke to the Rotary in a small town, you were speaking to a few members of the Rotary. Today, you might well be speaking to the world. A debate on Capitol Hill back then might or might not have made the news, but even if it did, days could go by before the rest of the country reacted. Today, the response is instantaneous, often hot-blooded, and almost inconceivably far-reaching.

It's not just the sheer proliferation and aggressiveness of the media that have ratcheted up the intensity of political life. Almost every facet of politics is more complicated and hard-edged. Voters want instant results. Consultants are everywhere. Lobbyists have multiplied and become immeasurably sophisticated at finding ways to get what they want. Well-funded, highly organized inter-

est groups enrich the DC region's economy, while in the rest of the country grassroots organizations try to influence policy on every cause under the sun. All of this, in turn, has created an unending flood of money. Politics is now big business.

Perhaps because of the scrutiny that political decisions now get — and the speed with which organizations turn those decisions into fundraising opportunities — it is much harder to do the basic work of politics: finding common ground. I don't think I'm being overly rosy in saying that a generation ago, when politicians of differing views met to hammer out their differences, they actually hammered out their differences. It was not easy, but they believed that as elected officials they had a responsibility to find their way out of difficult problems together. They understood that this usually meant accepting a solution that was less than perfect.

Today, the first words out of a politician's mouth when presented with a new proposal are, "It doesn't measure up." Incremental achievements have come to be seen as shameful concessions, to be avoided if at all possible. In a Washington that is more ideological, more partisan, and less pragmatic than it used to be, the bedrock notion that politicians would come together to make the country work seems quaint. It hasn't disappeared entirely, but it's certainly endangered.

Which may be one reason there's been another change I've seen in politics over the years. I first went to Congress at a time when Americans

had faith in the institutions of government. The year I ran for office, Lyndon Johnson was campaigning for President on a platform that the country could successfully wage a war against poverty. Today, it seems inconceivable that a politician would be so bold or so naive — it's not just that Americans have been chastened in their ambitions in the nearly 50 years since, but that they would have very little confidence that government could deliver. Congress can't even get a normal budget done on time. A "war" on anything seems beyond its grasp.

I don't mean to be entirely negative. Politics' greater intensity also has its bright spots. There are more and often better sources of information. Ordinary Americans are highly engaged, with more avenues of entry into the system. If you want to understand even the most complex issues facing Congress, it's possible to learn about them far more easily than just a few decades ago.

Perhaps that's something to build on. With greater public sophistication about a complex system, Americans might also show more patience with politicians trying in good faith to resolve our challenges. And if that happens, who knows? Maybe we'll even discover that government can, in fact, successfully tackle the big problems.

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.

Too Tall's Tidbits

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

May 31

Evan Battcher, and Mr. and Mrs. Tony Overson.

June 1

Gary Streich, Rachel Pichelmann, Mr. and Mrs. Mitch Koepf, and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Pichelmann.

June 2

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June 3

Ashton James Rickert, Dale Bode, Drew Eckbert, Kevin ZumBerge, Lawrence Duenow, Ordination of Father Keith Salisbury, and Mr. and Mrs. Kurt Lehmkuhl.

June 4

Ethan Reetz, Kierstyn Dietel and Sherri Sickmann.

June 5

In Memory Of Ernie Menk, Dustin Voight, Ellie Adema, Grant Lensing, Jordan Wiederhoeft, Mick O'Brien Thomes, Steven Brau, Zachary Utendorfer, Mr. and Mrs. David Hennies, and Mr. and Mrs. James Gieseke.

June 6

Aaron Mathwig, Brett Pioske, Harvey Eggert, Olivia Breyer, Ray Haggenmiller, Mr. and Mrs. Aaron Stender, Mr. and Mrs. Luverne Bergs, and Mr. and Mrs. Scott Schmidt.

A man burned his finger so he decided to go to the doctor. When he arrived at the office, the nurse directed him to remove all his clothes, and wait in the next room.

"It's just my finger," complained the man. "Why do I need to take off my clothes?"

"Everyone who sees the doctor has to undress," explained the nurse. "It's our policy."

"Well, I think it's a stupid policy!" answered the man.

From the next room, another

man's voice piped in, "That's nothing! I just came to fix the heat."

A couple was driving their teenaged daughter to the hospital where she was scheduled to undergo a tonsillectomy. They discussed how the procedure would be performed.

"Dad" the teenager asked, "how are they going to get me to keep my mouth open the whole time?"

Her Dad looked through the rear view mirror and chuckled, "They're going to give you a phone."

When an instructor was giving driving classes to a bunch of teenagers, he had one smart kid who always had something to answer back. So one day he says to the class, "You know that 90 percent of accidents happen within three miles of your home!"

So this smart kid raises his hand. "What do you want Tommy?" the instructor asks.

Tommy grins and replies, "Big deal. I'll move!"

A mechanic called one of his customers after a check bounced. "The check you sent me to pay your bill came back!" he yelled!

The customer replied, "Well, so did all my car problems that you fixed!"

A boy came home from school one day with a note that said he was given detention.

His father asked him, "What happened, son?"

The son replied, "I was punished for something I didn't do!"

"Okay," the father said. "I will have to talk to the teacher, but by the way, what was it that you didn't do?"

The son looked and his father and said, "Oh, my homework!"

A boy brought home his test scores from school and his Dad was very disappointed. He called his son over for a chat. "Whats going on?"

The son looked at his Dad and said, "Dad, at least you know I never cheat on the tests!"

Who's sorry now?

By Phil Krinkie

Now that the 2013 legislative session has concluded there may be a lot of Minnesota voters who are sorry now. Sorry about how they voted or maybe sorry that they didn't vote. Just like the words of that 1958 hit record sung by Connie Francis, "Who's Sorry Now?" about their decision last November.

Many voters who went to the polls last November didn't truly know the individual for whom they voted. Perhaps they voted by party label, or maybe they voted based on a key issue or it could have been a campaign ad. But as the saying goes, "elections have consequences."

Upon review of this year's legislative actions, these words certainly ring true. Most Minnesotans had no concept of what would happen to their liberties, their livelihood or their wallets once this group of legislators gathered in St. Paul last January. By the time the Democrat controlled Legislature adjourned in

May, they had raised taxes by over \$2 billion and increased state general fund spending by \$3 billion, or more than eight percent.

They also increased the state's debt by \$175 million and failed to deliver on their promise to re-pay the K-12 school shift. Many voters supported the Democrats in November because of a belief they would erase the school payment delay. With the session now concluded, despite the \$2 billion tax increase, there was no change in the school re-payment plan. Who's sorry now?

Another charge leveled against Republicans in the fall elections was budget mismanagement. The fact is our state budget problems were caused by a Democrat controlled legislature the previous four years. By the time Republicans gained the majorities in the Minnesota House and Senate in 2011 there was a \$5 billion budget hole left by the Democrats. Despite the liberals' claims of budget cuts the reality is that state general fund spending in-

creased by \$8 billion over the previous ten years, about 30 percent.

During the 2011 legislative session there was a protracted budget battle with Governor Mark Dayton over the 2012-2013 budget, which ultimately erased the \$5 billion deficit without raising taxes. This budget challenge was handled in large part due to the fiscal restraint exerted by the Republicans. The results of their efforts were demonstrated in February 2013 when the following budget forecast projected only a \$627 million shortfall. The Democrat's solution to solve this budget imbalance was to raise taxes by over \$2 billion. The absence of a balance of power allowed them to grow state government by over eight percent. In the last four months the Democrats rush to grow government pales in comparison to anything that has occurred in the last 20 years. Who's sorry now?

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Obituaries

Gerald V. Schultz, 77, Gaylord

Gerald V. Schultz, age 77, of Gaylord, died at the Ridgeview Medical Center in Waconia on Sunday, May 26.

Funeral services were held at the Peace Lutheran Church in Arlington at 11 a.m. Wednesday, May 29. Rev. Kurt Lehmkuhl officiated the services.



Gerald Schultz

Visitation was at the church from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. Wednesday, May 29.

Burial was in Arlington Public Cemetery in Arlington.

Gerald was born to Victor & Rosa (Laabs) Schultz in Belle Plaine on July 19, 1935. He was baptized as an infant and later confirmed by Rev. P.J. Haupt at St. John Lutheran Church in Belle Plaine. He attended Belle Plaine Public Schools while growing up. He enlisted in the Minnesota National Guard at a young age and worked for Battcher Electric in Arlington. He met Marcella "Marcie" Mae Olfert at the Gaylord roller rink on May 29, 1955, and was engaged the following

Christmas. They were married at St. John Lutheran Church in Belle Plaine by Pastor O.F. Herder on Sept. 22, 1956. Their marriage was blessed with three children, Craig, Cathy and Douglas. Gerald later attended Dunwoody Institute and received his Master Electrician's License. He started Schultz Electric in Arlington and operated it for 21 years before selling his business to Nuessmeier Electric, Inc. on Dec. 31, 1986.

Gerald served on the Arlington City Council, St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church Council and Arlington Ambulance Service. He was especially proud of his service on the Arlington Fire Department from 1969-1996. The past 15 years he and Marcie wintered in Yuma, Ariz. They attended Christ Lutheran Church together with their dear friends Glenn and Ramona Meyer of Arlington whom they traveled with to Arizona. He enjoyed fishing, playing cards and being with family and friends. His fishing trips up north with friends were always special to him.

Gerald loved the Lord and all his family and he will be greatly missed by all.

He is survived by his wife, Marcella; children, Craig (Judy) Schultz of Faribault, Cathy (Steve) Stien of Gaylord, and Douglas (Melanie) Schultz of Winthrop; grandchildren; Tanya (Chris Bick) Schultz, Jeremy (Tara) Schultz, Michael (Tisha Hamblin) Stien, Kent Stien and his fiancé, Dana Messner, Danielle (Cory) Johnson, and Dana and Anthony Schultz; great-grandchildren, Haley Burgart, Gunnar Bick, Justice, Jasmine and Triton Schultz, and Michael and Maddilyn Stien; sister, Pearl Bruesehoff of Young America; brother, Lyle (Carol) Schultz of Jordan; sisters-in-law; Charlotte Schultz of Lakeville, Julie Schultz of Welcome, Violet (Harold) Hamblin of St. James, and Carolyn (Bruce) Boettcher of Belle Plaine; brothers-in-law, Delano Olfert of Henderson, Larry (Phyllis) Olfert of Mankato, and other extended family and winter family and friends.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Victor & Rosa (Laabs) Schultz; brother, John Schultz; niece, Sheryl Haas; nephew, Lyndon Haas; and father-in-law and mother-in-law, Henry and Adella Olfert.

Kenneth A. Voigt, 74, Arlington

Kenneth A. Voigt, 74, of Arlington, passed away at the Oak Terrace Healthcare Center in Gaylord on Sunday, May 19.

Funeral services will be held at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Arlington at 11 a.m. Saturday, June 1.

Visitation will be held two hours prior to the service at the church on Saturday, June 1.

No interment is scheduled at this time.

The family is handling all of the arrangements.

On Feb. 23, 1939, God blessed Alford and Evelyn (Soeffker) Voigt of Green Isle in Helen Township, McLeod County, with the gift of a little boy.

These Christian parents demonstrated their faith in God's baptismal grace by bringing him into God's family of believers through the Sacrament of Holy baptism on Feb. 24, 1939. Rev. R. W. Rottmann administered the sacrament in their home and the name Kenneth Alford Voigt was recorded in God's book of life.

On April 26, 1953, Ken was confirmed in the Confessional Lutheran Christian

faith at St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church in Green Isle. Rev. R. Arndt assigned Proverbs 23:26 as his commemoration passage: "My son, give me your heart and let your eyes keep to my ways."

On June 27, 1959, Ken was joined in holy matrimony to Patricia Jane Jacobson at the United Methodist Church in Arlington. Rev. Morgan officiated. The Lord blessed this union with the gift of two sons and one daughter, granting them just shy of 54 years together as husband and wife.

Ken received his elementary education at St. Paul's Lutheran School in Green Isle and received two years of high school education at the Glencoe High School in Glencoe, before entering the work force. Ken used his God-given talents to provide for his family through employment in general construction, and for a number of years as an employee of Superior Tile and Terrazzo, Inc. Ken enjoyed gardening and woodworking, and spending time with family and friends.

Ken was preceded in death by his parents; two brothers, Duane and Darrel; and four

brothers-in-law, Loyd Jacobson, Lyle Latzke, Alloyd Hebeisen and Larry Voigt; and a sister-in-law, Lucy Jacobson.

Ken is survived by his wife, Pat; his son, Brad (Stacy) of Maple Lake; his son, Perry (Chris) of Coon Rapids; his daughter, Korri Zila of Farmington; sisters Elaine Hebeisen of Gaylord, LaVonne (Melvin) Beyer of Norwood Young America, Betty Latzke of Sherburn, and Cindy (Lee) Johnson of Aitkin; seven grandchildren, Sam and Alex Zila, Kim (Gabe) Schroeder, Matt and Brooke Voigt, and Nick and Joslyn Voigt; and three great-grandchildren, Elias, Micah and Jude Schroeder along with nieces and nephews and other relatives and friends.

Ken was a member in good standing of St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church at the time the Lord summoned him to Heaven. The Lord called Ken to his eternal place of rest early Sunday morning, May 19, at the Oak Terrace Healthcare Center in Gaylord, at the age of 74 years, two months and 26 days.

Guido Henry Lilienthal, 84, of Plato

Funeral services for Guido Henry Lilienthal, 84, of Plato, were held Wednesday, May 22, at St. John's Lutheran Church in Plato. The Rev. Bruce Laabs officiated.

Mr. Lilienthal died Sunday, May 19, 2013, at the Lutheran Home in Belle Plaine.

The organist was Yvonne Schuette, and soloist Lawrence Biermann sang "The Lord's Prayer" and "What a Friend We Have in Jesus." Congregational hymns were "Brief Life is Our Portion," "Let Us Ever Walk With Jesus" and "Rock of Ages."

Honorary pallbearers were his granddaughters, Payton Lilienthal, Meara Busse, Laria Busse and Cybil Busse. Pallbearers were his grandsons, Colton Lilienthal, Devin Lilienthal, Kaden Lilienthal, Rogan Lilienthal, Spencer Lilienthal, Beau Busse, Reid Busse and Quin Busse. Interment was in the church cemetery.

Mr. Lilienthal was born Aug. 3, 1928, at home near Plato, to Heinrich "Henry" and Lydia (Elling) Lilienthal. He was baptized as an infant on Aug. 19, 1928, by the Rev. Zwintocher, and confirmed in his faith as a youth on March 28, 1942, by the Rev. Ehlen, both at St. John's Lutheran Church in Plato. He received

his education at a country school in rural Plato.

On Nov. 27, 1965, Mr. Lilienthal was united in marriage to Olga Jopp by the Rev. Brill at Emanuel Lutheran Church in Hamburg. Their union was blessed with four children, Dennis, Deanna, Darren and Denise. The Lilienthals, who made their home in rural Plato, shared over 47 years of marriage.

Mr. Lilienthal was a farmer and loved working with his dairy cattle, hogs and planting the fields. His faith was very important, as was being a lifelong member of St. John's Lutheran Church in Plato, where he served in many capacities, such as a trustee, usher, a member of the cemetery board and Men's Club.

Mr. Lilienthal's passion and love was trapping. He also enjoyed dancing, reading, listening to old-time music, driving the three-wheeler and watching the Minnesota Twins, wrestling and boxing on television. He especially cherished the time spent with his children, grandchildren and friends.

Survivors include his wife, Olga Lilienthal of Plato; children, Dennis (Robert) Lilienthal of Plato, Deanna (Perry) Scott of Chanhassen,

Darren (Teri) Lilienthal of Plato, and Denise (Scott) Busse of Glencoe; grandchildren, Colton Lilienthal, Devin Lilienthal, Kaden Lilienthal, Rogan Lilienthal, Payton Lilienthal, Spencer Lilienthal, Beau Busse, Reid Busse, Quin Busse, Meara Busse, Laria Busse, and Cybil Busse; sister-in-law, Darlene Lilienthal of Plato; brother-in-law, LeRoy (Teri) Jopp of Lakeville; many nieces, nephews, other relatives and many friends.

Preceding him in death were his parents, Henry and Lydia Lilienthal; father-in-law and mother-in-law, Paul and Gertrude Jopp; siblings, Verona Lilienthal, Vernon Lilienthal and his wife, Lena, Audrey Neseth and her husband, Robert, Milan Lilienthal and his wife, JoAnn, Victor Lilienthal, and Richard Lilienthal; sisters-in-law, Evangeline Tober and her husband, Fred, and Bonnie Lou Barlau and her husband, William; and brother-in-law, Roger Jopp.

Arrangements were by the Johnson-McBride Funeral Chapel of Glencoe. Online obituaries and guest book are available at www.hantge.com. Click on obituaries/guest book.

Anna Kienitz, 98, Arlington

Anna Kienitz, age 98, of Arlington, died at the Arlington Good Samaritan Society on Sunday, May 19.

Funeral services will be held at Zion Lutheran Church in Arlington at 11 a.m. Saturday, June 1. Pastor James Carlson will officiate.

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

Interment will be at the church cemetery in New Auburn Township.

Anna was born to Ole and Karen (Knutson) Ramon in Bigwoods Township near Oslo on Sept. 12, 1914. She was baptized and confirmed at Bigwoods Lutheran Church in Oslo. Anna was a

1932 graduate of the Oslo High School. After high school, she received training in Warren and Moorhead Teacher's College to become a teacher. After her education, she taught at country schools in Marshall and Sibley County in Minnesota.

Anna was united in marriage to Raymond Kienitz in Oslo on June 28, 1947. After their marriage they made their home on the farm in Sibley County until 1981. Anna joined Zion Lutheran Church in 1948, and also enjoyed her memberships in the Arlington Garden Club, the Arlington VFW Auxillary, and Arlington Hospice.

Anna is survived by her

foster brother, Clifford (Trudy) Thompson of Grand Forks, N.D.; sisters-in-law, Neoma Kienitz of Mankato, and Ramona Palmquist of Denver Colo.; and nieces and nephews.

Anna was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Raymond; her sister, Clara Swanson; and brother-in-law Roman Kienitz.

In lieu of flowers, Anna's family has designated Zion Lutheran Church, Arlington, and Lutheran World Relief for memorial contributions.

Kolden Funeral Home of Arlington handled the arrangements.

Dustin R. Michaelis, 32, Glencoe

Funeral services for Dustin Richard Michaelis, 32, of Glencoe, were held on Tuesday, May 28, from First Evangelical Lutheran Church in Glencoe.

The Rev. Daniel Welch officiated.

Mr. Michaelis died on Wednesday, May 22, 2013, at



Maria Michaelis Steiner Kelting Hospice Home in Chaska after a courageous fight with alveolar soft part sarcoma.

Organist was Dawn Wolter, and the quartet of Mary Haag, Lois Goode, Rhonda Schauer and Lindsey Drexler sang "Amazing Grace." The duet of Mary Haag and Lois Goode sang "The Lord's Prayer." Congregational hymns were "How Great Thou Art" and "I Know That My Redeemer Lives."

Honorary pallbearers were "The Crew at Kakivik." Pallbearers were Scott Perschau, J.J. Schauer, Sean Drexler, Pat Haggemiller, Jon Mackenthun, Marc Mackenthun, Corey Fisher and Nathaniel Doehling. Interment was at the church cemetery.

Mr. Michaelis was born on Jan. 25, 1981, in Waconia to James Michaelis and Peggy (Mielke) Drentlaw. He was

baptized as an infant on Feb. 8, 1981, at St. John's Lutheran Church in Helen Township, and confirmed in his faith as a youth on April 30, 1995, by the Rev. Harvey G. Kath and Vance Becker at First Evangelical Lutheran Church in Glencoe.

He grew up in Glencoe and Arlington and was a graduate of the Sibley East High School Class of 1999. Mr. Michaelis furthered his education by attending Ridgewater College in Hutchinson, where he received a non-destructive testing degree.

On May 14, 2005, Mr. Michaelis was united in marriage to Jodi Schauer by the Rev. Terry Brandenburg at First Evangelical Lutheran Church in Glencoe. Their union was blessed with two children, Tarin and Cody. The Michaelis family made their home in Glencoe, sharing eight years of marriage.

Mr. Michaelis worked at Michael Foods while attending school and started working for Kakivik Asset Management at the site location in North Slope, Alaska, for 10 years.

He was a member at First Evangelical Lutheran Church in Glencoe and participated in 4-H growing up.

Mr. Michaelis enjoyed boating, bicycling and restoring tractors. He cherished the time spent with his family and friends.

Survivors include his wife, Jodi Michaelis of Glencoe; children, Tarin Michaelis and Cody Michaelis; mother, Peg Drentlaw and husband, Ken, of Green Isle; father, Jim Michaelis and his wife, Judy, of Glencoe; mother-in-law and father-in-law, John and Rhonda Schauer of Green Isle; maternal grandmother, Glenna Mielke of Arlington; paternal grandparents, Ernie and Evelyn Michaelis of Glencoe; sister, Randi (Scott) Perschau of Arlington; step-sisters, Katie (Mike) Hillesheim of Shakopee, Becky (Kelly) Lipinski of Coon Rapids; step-brothers, Jeremy (Anbita) Drentlaw of Prior Lake, Jason Drentlaw of New Prague, Jake (Greta) Drentlaw of New Prague; sister-in-law, Lindsey (Sean) Drexler of Arlington; brother-in-law, J. J. (Kari) Schauer of Green Isle; nieces and nephews, Jameson, Cady, Cole, Maggie, Owen, Isaac, Riley, Harper and Nathan; numerous aunts, uncles, cousins, other relatives and many friends.

Preceding him in death was his maternal grandfather, Norman Mielke.

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the Schwartz family, is not going after CapX 2020 to make a profit. Both families just want to be fairly compensated and not take a huge loss.

"We don't know where we're going or what we're doing," said Jackie. "Our life

is in limbo. We're in between a rock and a hard place. There is nothing we can do."

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Sports

SE blanked by GSL 2-0 in opening round of the playoffs



Enterprise photo by Kurt Menk

Sibley East senior catcher Cody Doetkott flied out to deep right field during the top of the fifth inning against Glencoe-Silver Lake on Saturday afternoon, May 25.

**By Kurt Menk
Editor**

The visiting Sibley East varsity boys baseball team was blanked by Glencoe-Silver Lake 2-0 during the opening round of the Sub Section 2AA North Baseball Tournament on Saturday afternoon, May 25.

The game was a pitching duo between Sibley East lefty Brody Rodning and Glencoe-Silver Lake southpaw Ethan Maass who combined for 23 strikeouts.

Sibley East had its only chance to score in the top of the third inning when leadoff hitter Austin Brockhoff drilled a single and swiped second base. Maass, however, struck out the next three batters and ended the threat.

The Panthers touched Rodning and the Wolverines for the only two runs of the game in the bottom of the fifth inning.

Carter Pinske started the Panther rally with a leadoff walk and advanced to second base after Sibley East committed an error on a pickoff play. After Rodning struck out Derek Bratsch, a bunt by Brody Bratsch moved Pinske to third base.

After Brody Bratsch

swiped second base, Teddy Petersen was unsuccessful in three consecutive suicide squeeze bunt attempts and struck out.

The Wolverines then intentionally walked Maas as GSL loaded the bases with two outs.

The Panthers then executed a successful baserunning play which plated its first run.

Brody Bratsch intentionally wandered off second base too far after a Rodning pitch to home plate. Rodning, after the return throw from Sibley East catcher Cody Doetkott, threw the ball to second baseman Nathan Thomes in an attempt to tag out Brody Bratsch. The throw and tag were too late and Pinske ran home with the first run of the game.

Brody Bratsch scored moments later when Nolan Lepel followed with an RBI single which gave GSL a 2-0 lead.

After Rodning hit Reed Dunbar with a pitch, the Sibley East lefty retired Brandon Ebert on a comeback groundout.

Neither team mounted a serious rally after the fifth inning.

Brockhoff, a rightfielder for the Wolverines, con-

tributed an outstanding sliding catch up against the fence in foul territory during the bottom of the sixth inning.

Rodning pitched the entire game and suffered the mound loss. The lefty yielded two earned runs on just five hits. He also fanned eight, walked four and hit one batter.

Brockhoff collected the only hit for the Wolverines who struck out 15 times in the loss.

"We ran into a very good pitching performance by Ethan Maass," said Sibley East head coach Dan Tackmann. "It's hard to score with only one hit and 15 strikeouts. We had a chance to get the lead early on GSL with Austin Brockhoff reaching second base, but we weren't able to advance him."

Tackmann added, "Brody Rodning kept us in the game with his pitching, and our defense for the most part did, too. Hopefully, the experience gained by our younger players this season will be very valuable for next year."

The Wolverines concluded the season with a 6-8 mark in the Minnesota River Conference and a 7-10 record overall.

Boys are 6th at sub section track meet

**By Kurt Menk
Editor**

The Sibley East varsity boys track team placed sixth during the Sub Section 8A Boys Track and Field Meet at Le Sueur on Thursday afternoon, May 23.

Jordan captured top honors with 172 team points while Belle Plaine placed second with 165 team points. Tri-City United (138), St. Peter (130), Le Sueur-Henderson (121) and Sibley East (87) rounded out the field of six teams.

The top four individuals and the top two relay teams in each category will advance to the Section 2A Boys Track and Field Meet at Mankato West on Saturday, June 1.

Nick Bruss placed second in the 110 meter hurdles with a time of 15.71 seconds.

Shayne Danielson placed second in the 200 meter dash with a time of 24.25 seconds.

Erik Danielson also placed second in the pole vault event with an effort of 11 feet.

Third place winners were Miah DuFrane (discus 132'3") and Sam Thies (1600

meter run 4:56.38).

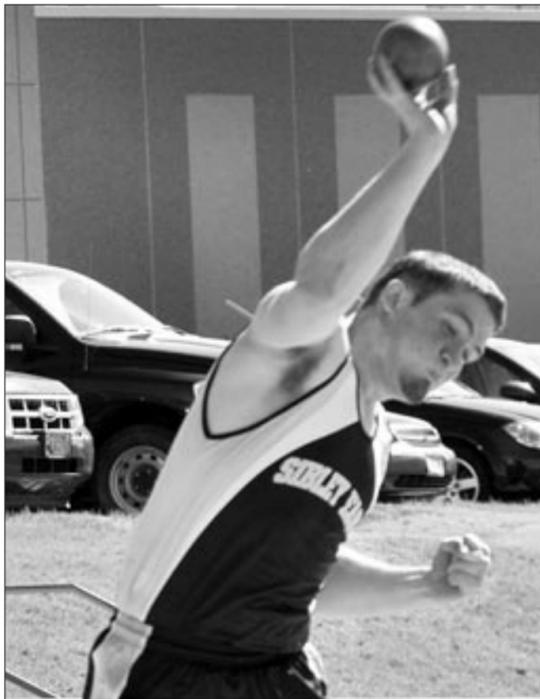
The Sibley East 4 X 800 meter relay team placed fourth. The foursome included Jack Ballalatak, Justin Bennett, Cole Bruhn and Chase Ellwood.

Fifth place winners were Nick Bruss (300 meter hurdles), Cole Bruhn (3200 meter run), the 4 X 100 meter relay team (Mason Latzke, Zachery Peterson, Mitchel Wentzlaff and Zac Latzke),

Sixth place winners were Miah DuFrane (shot put), Shayne Danielson (100 meter dash), the 4 X 200 meter relay team (Mason Latzke, Zachery Peterson, Mitchel Wentzlaff and Zac Latzke) and the 4 X 400 meter relay team (Mitchel Wentzlaff, Ben White, Sam Bullert and Chris Johnson).

Seventh place winners included Sam Thies (3200 meter run) and Nick Bruss (triple jump).

Eighth place winners were Chase Ellwood (800 meter run), Ben White (110 meter hurdles) and Aaron Kapke (pole vault),



Enterprise photo by Kurt Menk

Sibley East senior Miah DuFrane placed sixth in the shot put event during the sub section meet. He also placed third in the discus event

Girls place 6th at sub section track meet

**By Kurt Menk
Editor**

The Sibley East varsity girls track team, behind first place performances from Megan Eckberg and Megan Krentz, placed sixth during the Sub Section 8A Track and Field Meet at Le Sueur on Thursday afternoon, May 23.

Belle Plaine captured top honors with 247.5 team points while St. Peter placed second with 200 team points. Tri-City United (152), Jordan (89.5), Le Sueur-Henderson (65) and Sibley East (62) rounded out the field of six teams.

The top four individuals and the top two relay teams in each category will advance to the Section 2A Girls Track and Field Meet at Mankato West on Saturday, June 1.

Eckberg captured top honors in the 100 meter hurdles with a showing of 15.94 seconds.

Krentz also captured top honors in the discus event with a throw of 116'1."

Sibley East did not have any second or third place winners.

Fourth place winners were Alyssa Weber (400 meter dash 1:01.14), Megan Eckberg (long jump 15'3.5"), Megan Krentz (shot put 32'1.5"), Alyssa Weber (400 meter dash 1:02.14) and the Sibley East 4 X 800 meter relay team (Ella Lundstrom, Alison Eibs, Karley Lind and Karina Robeck).

Alison Eibs placed fifth in the 800 meter run with a clocking of 2:38.39.

The 4 X 200 meter relay team also placed fifth. The foursome included Megan Eckberg, Megan Krentz, Kelli Martens and Alyssa Weber.

Sixth place winners were the 4 X 100 meter relay team (Sara Peterson, Natalie Mesker, Megan Krentz and Sarah Shimota) the 4 X 400 meter relay team (Alyssa Weber, Ella Lundstrom, Alison Eibs and Kelli Martens).



Enterprise photo by Kurt Menk

Sibley East trackster Karina Robeck ran the anchor for the 4 X 800 meter relay team at the sub section meet.

Petzel and Thies are honorable mention

**By Kurt Menk
Editor**

Sibley East golfers Jordan Petzel and Liz Thies recently finished among the top 16 players in the Minnesota River Conference and received honorable mention honors.

The MRC season concluded with a meet at the Glencoe Country Club on Wednesday,

May 22.

Petzel sparked the Sibley East boys team with a 96 in that event over 18 holes.

Matt Davis carded a 99 while Mike Bostelmann shot a 108. Levi Pfarr added a 114.

Thies led the Sibley East girls team with a 112 over 18 holes.

SE sends 4 golfers to the section meet

**By Kurt Menk
Editor**

Sibley East will advance four golfers to the section golf tournament at the New Prague Country Club on Monday, June 3.

The four golfers earned advancement after they posted qualifying scores during sub section golf tournament at the Le Sueur County Club on Tuesday, May 28.

The four golfers are Jordan Petzel, Mike Bostelman, Levi

Pfarr and Liz Thies.

Petzel led the Sibley East boys team with a 95 over 18 holes while Bostelman shot a 97 and a 98 respectively.

The medalist shot an eight-over par 80. The cut line to qualify for the section was 98.

Thies led the Sibley East girls team with a 112 over 18 holes.

The co-medalists shot an 85 each.

A's lose to Shakopee 9-0

**By Kurt Menk
Editor**

The Arlington A's baseball team lost to visiting Shakopee 9-0 during a game shortened to six-plus innings due to rain on Friday night, May 24.

Craig Dose and Blake Henke led the A's with one single apiece in the loss.

Pitcher Matt Pichelmann,

who was hurt by early errors in the field, pitched the entire game and was tagged with the mound loss.

The A's will travel to New Ulm at 7:30 p.m. Friday, May 31. Arlington will also travel to Henderson at 4 p.m. Sunday, June 2. The A's will host Cleveland at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, June 4.

Irish fall to Young America 11-9

**By Kurt Menk
Editor**

The Green Isle Irish baseball team lost to visiting Young America 11-9 on Monday evening, May 27.

Young America scored nine of its 11 runs in the final two innings.

Nate Pilacinski led Green Isle's 10-hit attack with two singles and drove in three runs. Pat Moriarty belted a solo home run while Zach Herd contributed a double. Marcus Hahn, Zac Weber, Lucas Herd, Jeremy Ische, Ed Reichbach and Matt Breyer collected one single apiece.

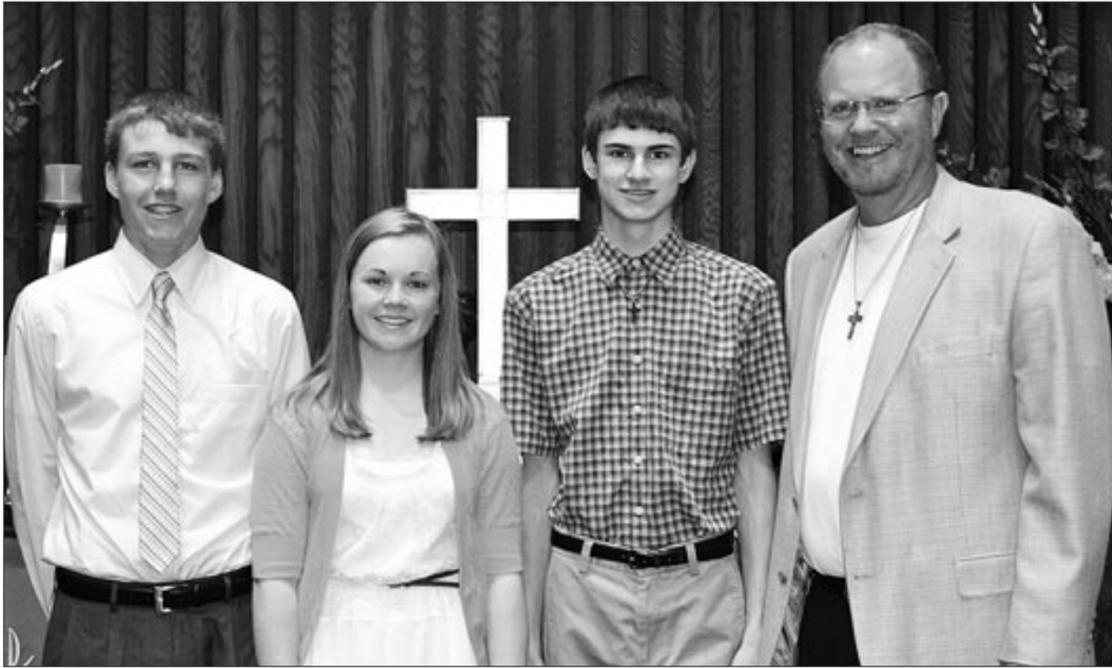
Cody Hallahan pitched the

first six frames and surrendered two earned runs on seven hits. The right hander also fanned 10 and walked one.

Matt Breyer followed for the next 1 2/3 innings and yielded three earned runs while Dylan McCormick hurled the final 1 1/3 innings and gave up six earned runs.

The Irish will travel to Loretto at 7:30 p.m. Friday, May 31. Green Isle will also travel to Chaska at 6 p.m. Sunday, June 2. In addition, the Irish will host New Germany at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, June 4.

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Three young people were confirmed at Arlington United Methodist Church on Sunday, May 19. Left to right: Collin Pautsch, son of Jason and Amy Pautsch;

Rachel Sorenson, daughter of Scott and Brenda Sorenson; Casey Samletzka, son of Glen and Christine Samletzka; and Pastor Wayne Swanson.

Church News

ZION LUTHERAN
Green Isle Township
Sunday, June 2: 10:30 a.m. Worship with Communion. Pastor Bob Hines.
Thursday, June 6: Private Communion.

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Ben Lane, Pastor
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Sunday, June 2: 10:30 a.m. Worship service with the Lord's Supper. Potluck lunch to follow.
Wednesday, June 5: 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. Leader training meeting.

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Pastor Robert Brauer
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Wayne Swanson, Pastor
www.arlingtonunitedmethodist.org
Saturday, June 1: 8:00 a.m. A-Men men's group.
Sunday, June 2: 9:00 a.m. Grad recognition. 9:00 and 11:00 a.m. Worship with Communion. 10:15 a.m. Fellowship time.
Tuesday, June 4: 6:30 p.m. Worship team.
Thursday, June 6: 10:00 a.m., 2:00 and 7:00 p.m. Worship on cable TV. 1:00 and 7:00 p.m. Bible study at Jean Olson's.

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Monday, June 3: 7:30 a.m. Walking at the track.
Wednesday, June 5: 9:00 a.m. Prayer coffee.
Thursday, June 6: 7:30 a.m. Walking at the track.

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Bruce Hannemann, Pastor
WEBSITE:
www.stpaularlington.com
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Bruce.Hannemann@stpaularlington.com
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Monday, June 3: 7:30 p.m. Worship service with Communion.
Tuesday, June 4: 7:00 p.m. Elders meeting.
Thursday, June 6: 10:00 a.m. Bulletin information due. 11:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. Service on cable TV, channel 8.

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Tuesday, June 4: 9:00 a.m. ZCW Tuesday group at Mary Albrecht home. 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. TOPS in church basement.
Wednesday, June 5: 5:30 p.m. Board of Worship and music meeting. 7:30 p.m. ZCW Wednesday group to Bernadotte ice cream social/Bible study at church following (will leave church at 5:00 for ice cream social). 7:30 p.m. Deacons meeting.
Thursday, June 6: 9:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. Zion service on cable. 7:00 p.m. ZCW Thursday group at Lorraine Mielke home.

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Pastor William Postel
Phone 507-964-2400
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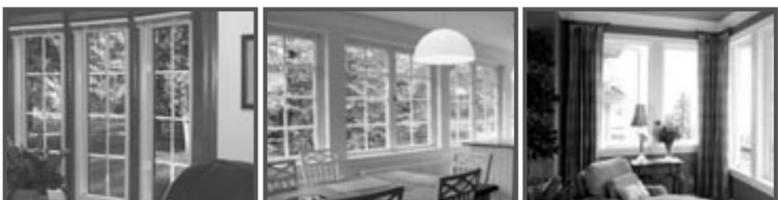
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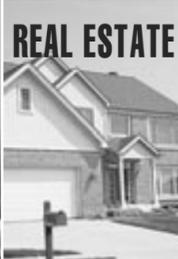
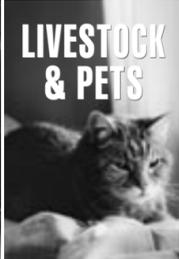
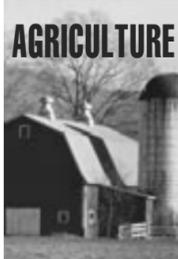
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Elementary Carnival

The annual Sibley East Elementary Carnival was held at the Gaylord school site on Thursday night, May 23. Jopheth Walker from Bampton, Ontario, Canada, took his turn at this game during the carnival. His parents are Kevin and Cindy Walker. He was visiting his grandparents Wally and Janet Lind in Gaylord.

BP City Council approves alley vacation for church

Although some parking issues still need to be ironed out, the Belle Plaine City Council recently approved the conditional use permit and site plan for the upcoming expansion of Our Lady of the Prairie Catholic Church and School at 200 East Church Street, according to an article in the *Belle Plaine Herald*.

OLP is planning to con-

struct an 11,335-square-foot addition this summer on the southeast side of the existing church. The existing school building, one of Belle Plaine's oldest structures, will be demolished after the completion of the new building.

The estimated cost of the project is \$1.8 million, much of which was raised by various fundraisers by the church and its members.

Sibley County Court

The following misdemeanors, petty misdemeanors and gross misdemeanors were heard in District Court May 17-24: Minnesota State Patrol (MSP); Sheriff's Office (SO); Department of Natural Resources (DNR); MN Department of Transportation (MNDOT):

Felicia L. Norby, 37, Mankato, speed, \$135, Arlington PD; Michael L. Bentson, 36, Morton, speed, \$145, Gaylord PD; Barbara J. Brindle, 53, Nicollet, speed, \$125, Gaylord PD; Jorge Carrio Echenique, 51, Gaylord, driving after cancellation, dismissed, speed, continued, unsupervised probation one year, no moving violations, pay costs, no drivers license violations, \$135, Gaylord PD; Gerardo R. Godinez, 45, Gaylord, disorderly conduct, \$185, Gaylord PD; Daniel L. Mercado, 33, Gaylord, driving without a valid license or vehicle class/type, \$185, Gaylord PD; Cindy C. Dietrich, 57, Gibbon, No dog license-one, no dog license-two, continued, unsupervised probation one year, no same or similar, Gibbon PD; Lance D. Heine, 42, Gibbon, no dog license-one, no dog license-two, \$185, Gibbon PD; Melissa D. Pate, 36, Gibbon, no dog license, continued, unsupervised probation one year, no same or similar, Gibbon PD; George D. Peichel, 52, Fairfax, speed, \$125, Gibbon PD; Corynne A. Rieke, 26, Gibbon, parking in snow removal zone, \$32, Gibbon PD; Larisa R. Hein, 18, Veseli, liquor consumption by persons under 21, \$185, Henderson PD; Jason J. Kimpston, 38, Belle Plaine, proof of insurance, dismissed, Henderson PD; Dustin J. Matz, 30, Arlington, disorderly conduct-offensive/abusive/noisy/obscene, continued, unsupervised probation one year, no assault, no same or similar, pay costs, \$50, Henderson PD; Elizabeth J. McNaughton, 20, New Prague, seat belt, \$110, Henderson PD; Kara, C. Vanbuskirk, 27, Henderson, disorderly conduct-offensive/abusive/noisy/obscene, continued, unsupervised probation one year, no same or similar, pay costs, \$50, Henderson PD;

Samuel J. Adams, 23, North St, Paul, speed, dismissed, proof of insurance, continued, unsupervised probation one year, no driving without insurance, no drivers license violations, no misdemeanor moving violations, \$200, MSP; Chadley O. Doering, 50, Brownton, annual inspection of commercial vehicle required, \$185, MSP; Delmar C. Emmel, Jr., 61, Minneapolis, speed, \$125, MSP; Bobby J. Fassberger, 34, speed, \$145, MSP; Derek J. Gerasch, 42, Maple Grove, speed, \$125, MSP; Amanda L. Gray, 20, Marshall, seat belt, \$110, MSP; Liberato Guaman-Chimborazo, 35, Minneapolis, exceeded vehicle weight limit on restricted route, gross weight exceeds registered limit, continued, unsupervised probation one year, no same or similar, pay costs, \$2,085, MSP; Joshua T. Kraby, 22, Glencoe, seat belt, \$110, MSP; Dustin J. Kroells, 42, Green Isle, seat belt, \$110, MSP; Jacob L. Kulberg, 21, Burnsville, speed, \$125, MSP; Brock T. Linsmeier, 22, Okabena, no annual inspection, operate unregistered vehicle/without plates displayed on public street/highway, \$285, MSP; Paul A. Moen, 60, Fergus Falls, speed, \$125, MSP; Christopher J. Reed, 28, Havre, Mont., speed, \$285, MSP; Darian J. Schulte, 17, Gaylord, speed, \$145, MSP; Ronaldo Soares, 26, Richfield, speed, \$125, proof of insurance, dismissed, MSP; Matthew K. Vorwerk, 28, Gibbon, seat belt, \$110, MSP; Roxanne K. Wendlandt, 60, Brownton, speed, \$125, MSP; Michael J. Bozich, 50, Norwood Young America, receiving stolen property, continued, unsupervised probation one year, no same or similar, pay costs, no theft, \$200, SO; Lawrence P. Filippi, 45, Little Falls, speed, \$125, SO; Peter J. Hoehcherl, 64, New Auburn, DWI dismissed, DWI-refuse to submit to chemical test, dismissed, driving restrictions-Alcohol/controlled substance violation, stay of imposition, supervised probation two years, local confinement two days, credit for time served two days, chemical dependency eval-

uation/treatment, sign all releases of information, sign probation agreement, follow all instructions of probation, victim impact panel, no alcohol/controlled substance use, no possession of alcohol or drugs, random testing, off of EAM today, keep court/attorney informed of current address, remain law-abiding, no drivers license violations, no alcohol-related traffic offenses, comply with ignition interlock program, \$485, SO; Scott R. Kubes, 39, Belle Plaine, water pollution violations, dismissed, SO; Danielle N. Marengo, 26, Lafayette, speed, \$125, SO; Brandon L. Paa, 20, New Ulm, liquor consumption by persons under 21, \$200, SO; Ryan J. Sprengeler, 18, Plato, liquor consumption by persons under 21, \$185, SO; Matthew J. Wherley, 20, Plato, liquor consumption by persons under 21, \$185, SO; Gregorio Zuniga-Vallejo, 22, Le Sueur, driving after revocation, local confinement two days, credit for time served two days, \$285, speed, dismissed, SO; Dennis F. Fenske, 72, Lafayette, uninsured vehicle, continued, unsupervised probation one year, no driving without insurance, pay costs, no same or similar, no driver license violations, pay restitution, restitution reserved, within 15 days, \$100, Winthrop PD.

The following felonies were heard in District Court May 17-24:

April J. Alexander, 20, Watertown, drugs-procure/possess/control by fraud of deceit, stay of imposition, supervised probation three years, local confinement 60 days, credit for time served 12 days, sign probation agreement, follow all conditions set forth in the probation agreement, no alcohol/controlled substance use, no possession of alcohol or drugs, except by prescription, random testing, chemical dependency evaluation/treatment, follow recommendations of evaluation, sign all releases of information, do not leave Minnesota without written court approval, psychological evaluation/treatment, SO.

History

98 Years Ago

June 3, 1915
Buck & Didra, Publishers

Mr. Fred Bethke, one of the prominent young farmers of Kelso, has forsaken the ranks of the Bachelorhood and joined the Benedicts. He was united in marriage Wednesday afternoon, May 26, to Miss Clara Kuhn, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Kuhn, at their home in Town Pella, near Clintonville, Wis. The newlyweds arrived home Tuesday evening and will go to housekeeping on the groom's fine farm in Kelso.

The visit of the delegates of the Civic and Commerce Association of Minneapolis to our city Monday was the occasion of a large gathering here at noon, at least 1,000 people being present to welcome them. A procession of 25 horsemen with the local band met them at the depot and escorted them up Main Street to the City Hall square, where President Vesta of the Commercial Club introduced Rev. Fr. Rant who addressed the gathering on our home resources and welcomed the guests to our beautiful little city.

Arlington will henceforth be a dustless town. The new sprinkler was put to work yesterday and is a great improvement.

68 Years Ago

May 31, 1945
Louis Kill, Editor

Robert W. Mueller, of Arlington, and his bride, the former Lorraine Andersen, of Minneapolis, were married May 26th at Mt. Olivet Lutheran Church in Minneapolis. The bride attended St. Olaf College, Northfield, and Mr. Mueller is a graduate of that college. The couple will be at home at 2886 James Avenue South after July 1.

John Huberty, Jr., 37, of LeSueur, was killed instantly last Thursday afternoon when struck by a bolt of lightning while fishing on Dog Lake near Winsted. He was standing in the boat with fishing rod in hand during the thunder storm when the bolt struck him.

Mrs. John O'Meara, one of Green Isle's oldest and most beloved pioneer women, passed away yesterday morning at 10:30 o'clock, at the home of her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Groetsch. She was 86 years of age.

38 Years Ago

May 29, 1975

Val Kill, Editor

The Minnesota Environmental Quality Council (EQC) will hold informational meetings on the Northern States Power Company site proposals for an electric generating plant in either Sherburne or Sibley County. A meeting will be held on Thursday, June 5, at 8:30 p.m. in the Arlington Community Hall. EQC staff and representatives will answer questions about the proposed sites at the meetings.

Harris Robeck of Arlington caught a 20-pound northern at Pine Mountain Lake near Brainerd on Memorial Day. He also caught a seven pound northern and four three-pounders. His big one is 40-inches long and he plans to have it mounted.

Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock the Arlington A's will play host to the New Ulm Kaiserhoff team in the opening baseball game of the 1975 Ara Wilson League. Playing for the team this year are Dan O'Brien, Scott Dooner, Mike and Dave Hartmann, Craig and Kim Glieden, Dave Ott, Jack Menzel, Greg Kubal, Greg Thomes, Larry Marquardt, Greg Odegaard, Curt Erickson, Bill and Jim O'Brien and manager Moose Meyer. The A's are the defending league champs, losing out in the playoffs to Gaylord.

8 Years Ago

June 2, 2005
Kurt Menk, Editor

Myrtle (Sander) Lundberg, a resident at Highland Commons in Arlington, celebrated her 100th birthday on Friday, May 20, 2005. Myrtle was born to William and Mary (Lehnert) Sander on the family farm in Kelso Township about 8 miles south of Arlington. She was married to Bernard Lundberg on May 1, 1941. The couple had one child, Mary.

Gilbert Mathwig received a 50-year pin as a member of the Green Isle American Legion Post # 408. Mathwig received his pin during the Memorial Day Program in Green Isle on Monday. His brother, Manley Mathwig, was also recognized as a 50-year member, but was unable to attend the program.

Tom and Vicki Pomplun, Arlington, are proud to announce the birth of their daughter, Samantha Jo Pomplun, who was born at the Ridgeview Medical Center in Waconia on Friday, May 20, 2005. She weighed seven pounds and measured 19 inches long. Samantha was welcomed home by her big sister, Mackenzie, age 5.



Krinkie

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The Democrats whopping tax increase will move Minnesota's income tax rate to the fourth highest in the nation with the new fourth tier rate of 9.85 percent, starting at \$150,000 of income for individuals. In their Tax Bill, sales taxes are added to interstate purchases as well as satellite subscribers and commercial warehouse fees. Cigarette smokers will get hammered with an added \$1.60 per pack and businesses with foreign operating income will pay more in state taxes.

Governor Dayton's promise from last year not to use general tax dollars to pay for the new billion dollar Vikings stadium went up in smoke, with the use of cigarette taxes as a back-up plan to pay for the facility. In addition to this private business subsidy, tens of millions more in taxpayer dollars will be given to other private businesses like 3M, the Mall of America and Baxter International.

Let's not forget we will all be paying more for electricity because of mandates on electric companies imposed by DFL legislators. Then of course there is the legislation that calls for the unionization of independent daycare providers and personal care attendants, which in turn will drive up child care and health care costs. Who's sorry now?

But it's not only what Democrat legislators were able to pile on already overburdened Minnesotans taxpayers this year but what they have on deck for next year. Despite the enormous tax increases that did become law

this year, DFL legislators still have an entire laundry list of taxes and regulatory items that they didn't pass this year.

Taxes they proposed but didn't enact this year include a sales tax on clothing, increased taxes on alcohol as well as higher gas taxes. Also left on the sideline was a four percent income tax surcharge. And last but certainly not the least is Governor Dayton's "snow bird" tax which would make anyone who resides in Minnesota for more than 60 days pay state income taxes.

The voters who are sorry now about supporting the Democrats could include thousands of people, but a list would certainly include small business owners, daycare providers, farmers, smokers, internet shoppers and electricity consumers. Due to the Democrats massive tax increases virtually everyone will pay more in taxes as well as more for most goods and services. Few if any will escape the tax impact of the 2013 legislature's actions.

Just like the lyrics in the song state, "Right to the end just like a friend, I tried to warn you somehow; you had your way, now you must pay." Who's sorry now? Thousands of hard working Minnesotans.

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.

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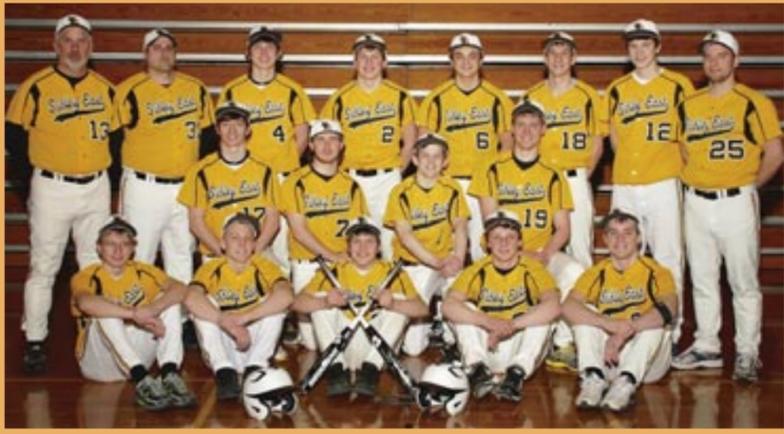
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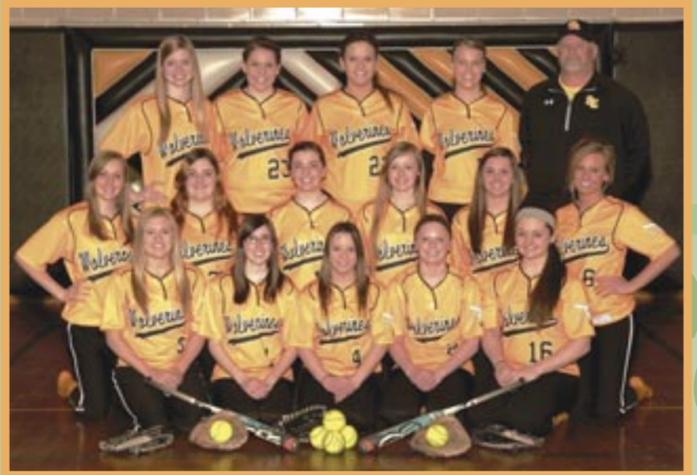
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Sibley East Spring SPORTS 2013

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SIBLEY EAST GIRLS VARSITY SOFTBALL

Front row, from left: Kimberly Kurtzweg, Karissa Sorenson, Haylee Loncorich, Shelby Voight, Abigail Reinert. Second row, from left: Britany Reieron, Libby Densmore, Breann Walsh, Briana Reieron, Paige Nelson, Jordan Thomes. Back row, from left: Jordyn Polzin, Mikayla Perschau, Sara Borchert, Kayle Seeman, and head coach Rod Tollefson.



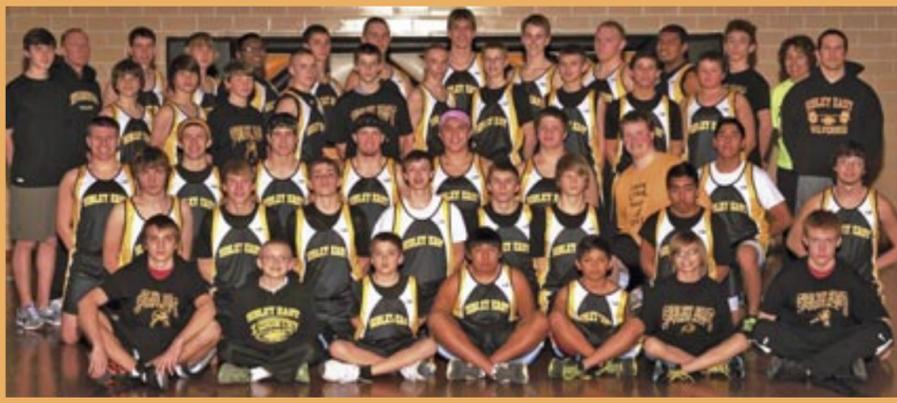
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Front row, from left: Brent Walters, Jackson Rose, Neyland Ott, Jacob Strack. Middle row, from left: Devan Tupa, Mark Brinkmann, Zach Bremer, Brad Ziegler, Aaron Strack. Back row, from left: Co-head coach Mike Feterl, Matt Davis, Zach Bostelman, Levi Pharr, Jordan Petzel, Mike Bostelman, Andy Davis, and co-head coach Doug Flieth.



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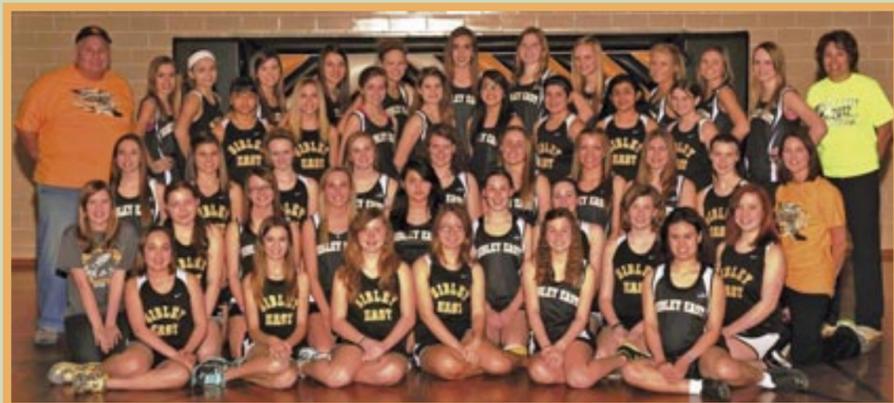
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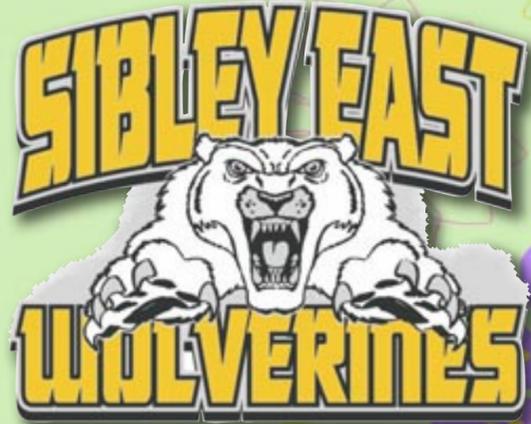
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