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## Arlington approves purchase of new tanker truck

By Kurt Menk  
Editor

The Arlington City Council, during its recent regular meeting, unanimously approved a motion for the Arlington Fire Department to proceed with the purchase of a new tanker truck in 2019/2020.

City Council members

Michelle Battcher, Adam Cowell, Tom Hatlestad, Jim Heiland and James Jaszewski all voted in support of the motion.

The township officials have already given their approval for the purchase of the new tanker truck, according to Arlington Fire Chief John Zaske.

The local fire department serves the City of Arlington, Arlington Township, Dryden Township, Green Isle Township, Jessenland Township, Kelso Township and New Auburn Township.

Zaske has budgeted \$325,000 for the new tanker truck. However, the ultimate

goal is to purchase the new tanker truck for under \$300,000.

The purchase of the new tanker truck has been in the Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) for the last 10 years and Zaske has reminded the City Council about it every year.

The new tanker truck,

which will be able to haul 3,500 gallons of water, will replace the current 1990 tanker truck, according to Zaske. The frame on that tanker truck has been repaired three times. If the frame is repaired again, the tanker truck will be red flagged.

Zaske said if the City Coun-

cil had waited another year to purchase the new tanker truck, the overall cost would have been 7 1/2 percent higher than this year.

The local fire department hopes to take possession of the new tanker truck during April 2020.



Enterprise photo by Kurt Menk

### Sweetheart & Hunk

Isabel Figueroa and Lucas Dose were crowned as Sweetheart & Hunk during a coronation ceremony at the Sibley East High School in Arlington on Monday afternoon, Feb. 11. Isabel is the daughter of Angelica

Rose, Arlington. Lucas is the son of Jason and Amanda Magers, Gaylord, and Scott and Kristi Dose, Becker.

## Sibley County approves letter of support for Carver County U.S. Hwy. 212 federal funds

By Amy Newsom  
Correspondent

The Sibley County Board, at its regular meeting in Gaylord on Tuesday morning, Feb. 12, unanimously approved a letter of support for the U.S. Highway 212 Rural Freight Access Project for consideration of federal financial assistance under the Infrastructure for Rebuilding America (INFRA) Program. The project will expand 10 miles of U.S. Highway 212 in Carver County, Minnesota from a two-lane undivided rural highway to a four-lane divided expressway facility extending from the City of Norwood Young America (County Highway 34) to the City of Cologne (County Highway 36 western intersection) and from the City of Cologne (County Highway 36 eastern intersection) to the City of Carver (County Highway 11).

### Advertise For Bids

The County Board unani-

mously approved Sibley County Public Works Director Tim Becker to prepare the advertisement of bids for 2019 Bituminous Resurfacing Plans projects on CSAH 5 and CSAH 10.

Bids will be received by the Sibley County Public Works until 10 a.m. on Thursday March 21, at which time they will be publicly opened by two or more persons in the North Sibley Room located in the Sibley County Service Center. Each bid shall be accompanied by a bidder's bond naming the County of Sibley as obligee, certified check payable to the County Treasurer of the County of Sibley or a cash deposit equal to at least five percent of the amount of the bid, which shall be forfeited to the County of Sibley in the event that the bidder fails to enter into a contract.

The County Board also unanimously approved the advertisement for bids for CSAH 6 Box Culvert Reconstruction. Bids will be re-

ceived by the Sibley County Public Works until 10:15 a.m. on Thursday March 21, at which time they will be publicly opened by two or more persons in the North Sibley Room located in the Sibley County Service Center.

### Surveyor

The County Board also unanimously approved resolution #2019-17 and appointed Avery Grochow as county surveyor for a one-year term from Jan. 1, 2019 to Dec. 31.

County Board members would like Grochow to provide a report to the County Board in the next month or so and explain the projects he has been working on. The County Board also directed County Administrator Roxy Traxler to work with Grochow to prepare a contract outlining what the Board expects the county surveyor to accomplish. Sibley County Attorney David Schauer will review the contract before Board approval.

## There were 121 building permits in City of Arlington during 2018

By Kurt Menk  
Editor

The Arlington City Council, during its recent meeting, reviewed the Arlington 2018 Building Permit Report.

According to the report, there were 121 total building permits. The total valuation was \$978,657.32.

The total project types, number of permits and valuation were one new construction (\$40,000), nine additions/remodels (\$237,000), 45 roofs/sidings/windows (\$265,810.74), zero garage/-

accessory (\$0), 32 plumbing and mechanical (\$211,474), 21 miscellaneous (\$192,500) and 13 land use (\$31,876.58).

### Other News

The City Council voted 4-1 to deny a final pay request in the amount \$70,000.43 to OMG Midwest Inc. for work on the 2017 Street & Utility Improvement Project. City officials said some small items still need to be completed.

City Council members Michelle Battcher, Adam Cowell, Tom Hatlestad and

James Jaszewski all voted in favor of the motion. City Council member Jim Heiland voted against the motion.

The Arlington City Office will be closed for the President's Day holiday on Monday, Feb. 18.

The Arlington City Council will hold its next regular meeting at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 19.

The Arlington City Council, Arlington EDA and Arlington Planning & Zoning will hold a joint meeting on Thursday, Feb. 21.

## Sibley County Board approves settlement agreement county attorney's salary appeal

By Amy Newsom  
Correspondent

The Sibley County Commissioners, during their meeting in Gaylord on Tuesday, Feb. 12, approved a settlement and judgment with County Attorney David Schauer regarding his salary appeal.

According to the stipulated settlement, on Dec. 11, 2018, Sibley County Commissioners set the elected officials

salaries, including County Attorney David Schauer's. Schauer's salary at \$122,138 or \$58.72 per hour. On Dec. 26, 2018, Schauer served his notice of appeal and filed it with Sibley County District Court. On or about Jan. 8, 2019, the Sibley County Board had a telephone conference with Susan K. Hansen of Madden Galanter Hanson LLP and retained her to represent the County Board. The

County Board and the county attorney have entered into extensive settlement discussions and reached a resolution.

The salary of the county attorney for the year of 2019 is established as follows: \$58.72 per hour for January to May and \$61.00 per hour for June through December of 2019. This equals an annual wage of \$124,892.

## Arlington appoints alternate city attorney

By Kurt Menk  
Editor

The Arlington City Council, during its recent meeting, unanimously approved a motion to appoint Racheal Holland and Quinn O'Reilly from Melchert, Hubert, Sjoedin Office, Waconia, as the alternate attorney for the City of Arlington. Their hourly rate is \$160.

City Council members

Michelle Battcher, Adam Cowell, Tom Hatlestad, Jim Heiland and James Jaszewski all voted in favor of the motion.

The City Council made the move because current City Attorney Ross Arneson may have a perceived conflict of interest since his family has interest in a significant portion of land surrounding the city.

Prior to the meeting, Mayor Rich Nagel, City Administrator Patrick Melvin and Arneson held a discussion and all agreed that in some situations it may be wise to work with an alternate attorney and avoid any perceived conflict of interest.

The County Board will hold its next regular meeting at 9 a.m. Tuesday, Feb. 26.

## Board approves moving the emergency management position to Sheriff's Office

By Amy Newsom  
Correspondent

The Sibley County Board, during its regular meeting in Gaylord on Tuesday morning, Feb. 12, unanimously approved moving emergency management position to the Sheriff's Office

After the resignation of Sibley County Emergency Management Director Kim Flanagan in January 2019, Sibley County has decided to combine the Emergency Management position with a Sheriff's Deputy position.

According to County Administrator Roxy Traxler, after discussion with Sheriff Pat Nienaber, a job description was developed that will move the emergency manager duties to the Sheriff's Office. The safety duties that were removed will be

moved back to Human Resources/Administration. The new job description is basically 50 percent emergency management (as the priority) and 50 percent sheriff deputy.

Under the general direction of the sheriff and chief deputy, the emergency management director/deputy sheriff is responsible for planning, directing, and monitoring programs to assist the public in emergency or disaster conditions (for example, storms, flooding, major fires, chemical spills). Duties of the job involve coordinating and collaborating disaster plans and programs with federal, state, local agencies along with non-profit, private and other non-governmental agencies (for example, county offi-

cial, local law enforcement, fire departments, emergency management system, and/or federal emergency management agencies and officials) to ensure compliance with requirements as well as address the needs of the county. The deputy sheriff is responsible for enforcing all federal, state and local laws, statutes, and ordinances within the county to serve and protect citizens of the county and to promote public safety. According to Human Resources Manager Jodi Coleman, the position will be posted internally soon.

The Sibley County Board of Commissioners will hold their next regular in Gaylord at 9 a.m. Tuesday, Feb. 26.

## News Briefs

### Accident in Kelso Township

A one-vehicle accident reportedly occurred on 391st Avenue about six miles west of Le Sueur in Kelso Township at 11:02 a.m. Tuesday, Feb. 5, according to the Sibley County Sheriff's Department.

A 2015 Chevy Silverado driven by Nathan S. Farber, 23, Arlington, was southbound on 391st Avenue, according to the report. Farber lost control of the vehicle on the icy roadway. The vehicle entered the east ditch and rolled over. The truck sustained severe damage.

Farber, who was wearing a seatbelt, suffered minor injuries, according to the report.

### New place to dump snow

The continuous snowfalls have caused a dilemma for the City of Arlington. The lot by the city shop where trucks haul and dump snow is already three-quarters full, according to Maintenance Supervisor Kirby Weckworth.

City officials have reached out to Cemstone officials and have received permission for trucks to haul and dump snow on their property located beyond the out-field fence at the Arlington Baseball Park. That property is already half full, according to Weckworth. The new area is only for city trucks to haul and dump snow.

### Branding Breakfast set

A Branding Breakfast will be held in the Sibley County Commissioners Room from 8 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. Friday, Feb. 22.

What is branding? How does it affect a small business? How does your logo fit in? What should you look for in creating and using a logo? Logo do's and don'ts. How does branding fit in with your marketing plans?

For more information, contact Sibley County Community Development Program Manager Amy Newsom at 507-237-7800 or amyn@co.sibley.mn.us.

### Kreft named to President's List

Alexus Kreft, a 2018 graduate of the Sibley East High School in Arlington, was recently named to the President's List at Drake University in Des Moines, Iowa.

This academic honor is achieved by earning a perfect 4.0 grade point average during the fall 2018 semester. She is the daughter of Jim and Holly Kreft, Arlington.

### Crash in Henderson Twp.

A one-vehicle accident reportedly occurred along County Road 8 near County Road 20 in Henderson Township on Monday, Feb. 11, according to the Sibley County Sheriff's Department.

A 2004 Chevy Malibu driven by Sierra L. Andrews, 23, Arlington, was westbound on County Road 8, according to the report. Andrews lost control of the vehicle and the Chevy Malibu entered the south ditch. The vehicle overturned and then landed back on its wheels. There was moderate damage to the vehicle.

There were no reported injuries, according to the report. Ridgeview Ambulance assisted with the call.

### Kroells is college graduate

Seth Kroells, a graduate of Minnesota Valley Lutheran High School, graduated from the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point during recent commencement exercises.

Kroells received a Bachelor of Science Degree in Accounting and Business.

### Theft of public assistance

In October 2018, the Sibley County Sheriff's Office with the assistance of Sibley County Public Health and Human Services, conducted the investigation into the theft of public assistance at 208 North Carver Street in Winthrop. Robin Gardner was paid \$9,392.62 in public assistance benefits that she was not eligible for. This investigation found Gardner concealed all of her 2017 and 2018 income.

People who suspect fraud is occurring in their area should please contact the Welfare Fraud Hotline 24/7 at 800-627-9977 or 651-431-3968. People may remain anonymous.

### News about grandchildren

Do you have exciting news about your grandchildren who live outside of the Sibley East area?

Submit your news/photos to Editor Kurt Menk at kurtm@arlingtonmnnews.com.

### Gaylord man is sentenced

A Gaylord man will spend 15 days in the McLeod County Jail and three years on probation after pleading guilty for possession of a controlled substance.

McLeod County District Court Judge Jody Winters sentenced James W. Braunworth, 48, after he pleaded guilty to third-degree drug possession, a felony.

Along with jail time, conditions of Braunworth's probation includes 15 days of work release or sentence-to-serve, have no same or similar offenses, remain law abiding, complete a chemical dependency evaluation and follow the recommendations of the evaluation. Braunworth may not use or have possession of alcohol/drugs (with the exception of prescribed medications). He must submit to random drug testing, and pay a fine/surcharge in the amount of \$825.

### Blood drive in Gaylord

The American Red Cross will hold a blood drive at the American Legion in Gaylord from 12:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 21. The address is 329 Main Street.

### Enterprise seeking news

The *Arlington Enterprise* always welcomes birth announcements, college news, engagement pictures and wedding pictures.

People can e-mail their news and pictures to kurtm@arlingtonmnnews.com.



Enterprise photo by Kurt Menk

### Dress Up Day

These students dressed up on Meme Day as part of Sweetheart and Hunk Week at the Sibley East High School/Middle School in Arlington on Monday, Feb. 11. Left to right: Cassidy Schoener, Robert Wear and Montana Krueger. Tuesday, Feb. 12 was Twin/Teacher Day. Wednesday, Feb. 13 was Character Day.

Thursday, Feb. 14 is Camo Day. Friday, Feb. 15 is Generation Day. A Sadie Hawkins Dance will be held in the Commons Area from 8 p.m. to 11:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 15.

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We would like to thank you for the Anniversary cards and calls. Also to our family who made our day really special

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The GI Lions would like to say Thank you to all the local business and private parties whom donated to the 2019 Dinner Show. We would also like to send a very special thank you to Peter Trocke & Sam Ediger for doing the live auction. With your help we can continue our work and dedication to the area parks.

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Multi-year bid proposals will also be accepted (i.e. 2020-21 season; 2021-22 season) and may be submitted in writing also.

All bids must be received by **4:00 pm TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 26th**. The City Council will review all bids at their March 4th meeting. For more information and/or an application, please contact the Arlington City Office at 204 Shamrock Drive, or call 507-964-2378. Applications also available on the city's website: [www.arlingtonmn.com](http://www.arlingtonmn.com)

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**Community Calendar**

**Thursday, Feb. 14th** – Golden Age Club, Lions Center at Four Seasons Park, Noon meeting and entertainment. New members welcome!

**Monday, Feb. 18th** – Arlington City Council, council chambers, 6:30 p.m.

- Sibley East School Board, room 149, Arlington campus, 6:30 p.m.
- VFW Post #6031 Veterans Building at the fair grounds, 8:00 p.m.
- Arlington AA & Alanon, 8:00 p.m. St. Mary's Catholic Church.

**Tuesday, Feb. 19th** – Knights of Columbus at St. Mary's Parish Hall, 6:30 p.m. Officers meeting, 7:00 p.m. mass, 7:30 p.m. General KC meeting.

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### Newly Elected Lions District Governor

Rural Green Isle resident Brian Thies, a member of the Green Isle Lions Club, was recently elected as the District Governor for 5M2 Lions. His term will begin on July 1, 2019. The Thies family posed for a photo at the event. (Left to right) Nick Thies, Rose Thies,

Brian Thies and Liz Thies. Other Lions from this area who have served as district governor include Maynard and Eunice Rucks, Darwin and Nancy Mathwig, and Mike Vos.

### Snow plowing facts in Sibley County

By Kurt Menk  
Editor

Sibley County Public Works Director Tim Becker provided some very interesting tidbits about snow plowing in Sibley County.

#### Did You Know?

- Sibley County plows nearly 770 lane miles of road each snow event.
- Sibley County uses 11 tandem trucks and four motor graders to plow the routes which is an average of 52 lane miles per maintenance worker.
- Many snow plow routes take between two to three

hours to complete a single round and sometimes much longer due to low visibility.

- The maintenance crew often starts snow removal at 5 a.m. and often works 12-hour days during snow storms.

- The equipment uses more fuel during large snow events. One piece of equipment can use between 80 to 120 gallons of diesel fuel during a 12-hour day of snow plowing. Public Works will use between 1,500 to 2,000 gallons of diesel during a large heavy snow event.

The county estimates its salt needs during the summer months for next year's salt needs. During an average winter Sibley County will use

1,600 tons of salt on its roadways. Additional salt is required during low temperatures, high winds, and ice events. Sibley County purchases its salt through the state contract pricing. During an average year, the county will spend \$150,000 for salt.

Most plow trucks use several blades for snow removal. They have a front plow blade, an underbody plow blade, and a wing plow blade. Each snow plow blade uses carbide edges which require replacement as they wear. There is often over 30 feet of carbide edges of snow plow blade on each truck.

## Lions Fish Fry is Friday, Feb. 22

The 2019 Arlington Lions Fish Fry will be held at the Arlington Community Center on Friday, Feb. 22. The event will begin at 11 a.m. and run continuously until 7:30 p.m. or until fish are gone.

For the fifth year, the Lions will be serving Wild Catch Alaskan Pollock Fish Fillets along with homemade potato salad, courtesy of the HoHo Shrine Auxiliary, and homemade coleslaw. Take-outs are available and containers are supplied.

The local Girl Scout troop will have desserts available for sale during the hours of 4:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

The proceeds from this year's fish fry will go to the Arlington Fire Department for the purchase of particulate hoods. These hoods are worn underneath the firefighters' helmets to help prevent being burned. According to Fire Chief, John Zaske, it is well documented that with the chemicals now being used in manufacturing the goods found in homes and businesses, the firefighters are at a higher risk of cancer diagnosis (nine percent - National Fire Protection Association) and cancer-related deaths (14 percent - NFPA) than the general population. These new

particulate hoods are one of the many ways the community can help keep its firefighters safe while fighting a fire.

The ninth annual Darwin Mathwig Community Service Award will be presented at 5:00 p.m.

Ridgeview Sibley Medical Center Foundation will be selling tickets for their spring foundation event.

The Arlington Ambulance Service will be set up in the Council Chambers to train interested community members in the current hands only CPR method.

## Jim Pederson will be presented with the Darwin Mathwig Community Service Award

The ninth annual Darwin Mathwig Community Service Award will be presented to James "Jim" Pederson during the Arlington Lions Annual Fish Fry on Friday, Feb. 22. Nancy Mathwig, wife of the late Darwin Mathwig, and City Council member Jim Heiland will present the award at the Arlington Community Center at 5 p.m.

Jim Pederson has been a community member of Arlington for most of his life and has served the community in many ways - Arlington Ambulance Service, Arlington City Council, Arlington Park Board, Arlington Sportsmen's Park Board, Sibley East school events and Zion Lutheran Church.

Jim Pederson recently retired after serving the community as an emergency medical

technician with the Arlington Ambulance Service for the past 21 years. During many of the years that he served on a crew, crew members were many times limited and those limited, dedicated members spent many additional hours each week being on call to cover the emergency medical needs of the Arlington area.

Jim Pederson also spent many years as a member of the Arlington Sportsmen's Park Board and served as its treasurer before the park became part of the City of Arlington park system. He served on the City Council for four years and was a representative on the Park Board during that time and has spent an additional eight years on the Park Board.

In addition to his direct service to the City of Arling-

ton, Jim Pederson has been active in school events such as after prom and chaperoning school trips.

Jim Pederson is a long-time member of Zion Lutheran Church in Arlington and has served the church as a deacon for six years, taught Sunday School, and participated in the Ecumenical Community Passion Play.

On a wider volunteer basis, Jim Pederson has packaged food for Feed My Starving Children, which feeds needy children throughout the world.

The online dictionary defines community service as "voluntary work intended to help people in a particular area." Jim Pederson has shown that he believes in giving to his community.

## Developer is interested in City of Arlington

By Kurt Menk  
Editor

A developer is interested in building some town homes in the City of Arlington.

Arlington Economic Development Authority (EDA) Di-

rector Amy Newsom announced the news at the EDA meeting on Monday evening, Feb. 11.

The developer, according to Newsom, has purchased some lots north of the race track.

The town homes will be valued at approximately \$230,000 each.

Newsom added that the developer will start to build once the first town home is sold.

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# Opinions

## Amy Klobuchar announces her presidential run

### Our View: Klobuchar is too centrist for the Democratic Party

Minnesota is not only known as the Land of 10,000 Lakes. The Gopher state is also known for its poor track record when it comes to presidential hopefuls.

Former Governor Harold Stassen unsuccessfully ran for president an amazing 10 times. That was followed by unsuccessful runs by then Senator Hubert Humphrey, then Senator Eugene McCarthy and former Vice President Walter Mondale. The two latest politicians were former Governor Tim Pawlenty and then U.S. State Representative Michele Bachmann. These politicians all have something in common with the Minnesota Vikings. They were unable to win the big one.

Current Senator Amy Klobuchar is the latest Minnesota politician to join that list of presidential hopefuls. She made an announcement to add her name to the Democratic presidential race last Sunday.

Klobuchar is a popular political figure in Minnesota. She recently won a third term in the U.S. Senate with over 60 percent of the votes. In addition, Klobuchar is known for working across the aisle to find common ground.

However, it will be an uphill battle for Klobuchar for four primary reasons. First, Klobuchar has virtually no name recognition outside of Minnesota. Second, a report recently surfaced and alleged that Klobuchar has mistreated her staff in the past. Through 2016, Klobuchar had the highest turnover of staff in the U.S. Senate. Third, Klobuchar has the reputation of speaking out on popular issues and distancing herself from the controversial ones. Fourth, and most important, Klobuchar is too centrist for the current Democrat Party which has gone so far left that it is about to fall into the Pacific Ocean.

It is fun to have a local politician in the early race for the White House and it will be interesting to follow Klobuchar as her campaign heads to Iowa.

-K.M.



## Guest Column

### Tapping into Greater Minnesota's can-do attitude

By Ron Eibensteiner

All the political talk about "Two Minnesotas" in this past campaign season inspired me to think long and hard about what exactly that means—and what we at the Center can do about it. To me, the first Minnesota consists of a political aristocracy, mostly urban, totally liberal, a political nobility composed of unionists, academics, social engineers and media whose attitude about governance can be summed up in three words: "We know better. Forget the real-world costs of coping with our lofty policies."

The other Minnesota is, well, the rest of us, who have to cope with the real-world costs of living with their lofty policies. The people in Greater Minnesota are especially lost between these increasingly dissimilar political groups. The urban orientation of government is keeping us from hearing valuable input.

A couple of years ago, while I was co-authoring a chapter on job creation in American Experiment's Minnesota Policy Blueprint, I developed an interest in how the impending skills gap might disrupt Minnesota's economy. So, a few of us drove north on I-94 for town meetings in Alexandria and Fergus Falls to learn how these forward-looking communities were collaborating to ensure their manufacturers would find enough skilled labor to sustain their local economies.

The trip became a plot-point experience. On the one hand, we collected real-world feedback about the potential impact of the impending worker shortage and what could be done to combat it; on the other hand, we learned how personal input from local leaders could enrich the applicability of our policy recommendations.

At the time, the skills gap had not yet developed into the full-blown crisis that economists now anticipate, but the seeds were sprouting. Large numbers of Baby Boomers were suddenly starting to retire, taking with them generations of informal institutional knowledge. For their part, educators were doing little

to help fill that gap. Teachers, counselors, and administrators continued to advise high school students (and their parents) that a challenging, well-paying career could be achieved exclusively through a four-year college degree. Anything less would be settling for second best. Complicating the situation were demographic projections: The rising generation of potential employees—Gen Z—just didn't have enough people to neutralize the number of retiring Boomers. And even if they did, they didn't have the interest.

The folks in Alexandria helped us convene a roundtable to explain how they were confronting this challenge. We learned how the local business community, led by manufacturers, organized a coalition of educators, business activists, and parents to plan out financing a massive manufacturing center that would be located in Alexandria's new high-tech high school. The facility would include state-of-the-art machinery donated by local manufacturers, who also volunteered their employees to help show students how to operate it. Coalition members showed us how their high-visibility, city-wide campaign would showcase the kinds of challenging, satisfying, and well-paid career opportunities available in modern manufacturing. It reminded Alexandrians manufacturers were essential to the prosperity of their local economy and that their ongoing success depended on an adequate pool of well-trained employees.

Parents got the message. As they did in Fergus Falls, where a similar initiative renovated and equipped a manufacturing center in their district's well-established high school. Most memorable in Fergus Falls was how more than 60 locals jammed into a meeting room at the school, eager to tell us how they endorsed the project and shared in the responsibilities of pulling it off.

These two meetings helped inspire a couple programs at Center of the American Experiment that are enjoying great success. One, Great Jobs Without a Four-Year Degree, is our attempt to seek out and implement

relevant market-based solutions to the skills gap statewide.

Our visits to Alexandria and Fergus Falls also inspired us to create American Experiment's Greater Minnesota Advisory Board, a personal favorite of mine. By convening meetings with conservative thought leaders statewide, we hope to infuse better insights and greater relevance to our sphere of policy and public affairs by reclaiming the lost art of listening.

Why Greater Minnesota? Two reasons. First, we think the growing urban orientation of our policymakers in St. Paul shortchanges Minnesotans who choose to live outside our metropolitan areas. Our state as a whole deserves representation that transcends the influence of simple population density. I personally intend to reach out to Advisory members for examples of these disparities, what they mean, and what we can do about them.

Second, our attraction to Greater Minnesota is based in part on the legacy of the "farm kid" economy. Many manufacturing executives have told me the ideal employee exhibits the traits of a farm kid: They show up. They listen. They don't know the meaning of a sick day. And when something breaks, they fix it. As a former farm kid, I never tire of hearing this. And I know first-hand how this kind of "can-do" personal responsibility represents the mindset of community leaders all across Greater Minnesota. We witnessed it in Alexandria and Fergus Falls as we listened to people describe market-based, locally organized solutions to a potential problem. Neither group started by reaching out to the government for recommendations, guidance, or funding. When something breaks, they fix it.

We (all) need to tap into that wisdom.

Ron Eibensteiner is Chairman of the Center of the American Experiment in Golden Valley.

## Too Tall's Tidbits

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

**February 16**  
None.

**February 17**  
In Memory Of Schmitt, Riley Drexler, Oliver Gustafson and Jean Schmidt.

**February 18**  
Michael Bullert, Kayleigh Dietel, Nolan Fisher, Jayden Melsha and Grant Pichelmann.

**February 19**  
Marion Godwin, Clay Vos and Britney St. John.

**February 20**  
James Kube, Bob Utendorfer, Gwen Utendorfer, Riley Zila, Avyn Halverson, and Mr. and Mrs. Brian Mehlhop.

**February 21**  
Paul Grabitske, Dr. John Gustafson, Linda Haupt, Tina Larsen, Rachel Ling, Joshua Sorenson, and Mr. and Mrs. Brian Thomes.

**February 22**  
Michelle Malarz, Jim Melsha, Kim Quast, Corey Kistner, and Mr. and Mrs. John Zaskie.

**I feel like we are stuck inside a snow globe and some jerk keeps shaking it.**

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

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

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

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

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

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

A man called his children together,

held up a chocolate bar and asked them who should get it.

"Me . . . me . . . me," they chorused.

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

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

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

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

Two old friends had three days together.

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

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

**If you don't believe in eternity, just ask a Democrat how long it is until 2020.**

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

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

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

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

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

**When you get something for nothing, you just haven't been billed yet.**

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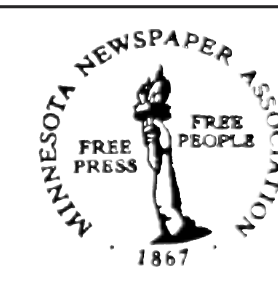
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## Obituary

### Thelma Sorenson, 79, Chaska

Thelma Sorenson, age 79, of Chaska, formerly of Arlington, passed away at Auburn Manor in Chaska on Sunday, Feb. 3.

A memorial service will be held at the Chapel at Auburn Manor in Chaska at 2 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 16. A time for relatives and friends



Thelma Sorenson

to gather will be one hour prior to service time at the Chapel.

Thelma Jean (Brichnac) Sorenson was born in Bagley to Frank and Alma (Johnson) Brichnac on June 29, 1939. On Nov. 21, 1959, she married Gordon Delano Sorenson in Bagley. Thelma was primarily a homemaker, though she also worked at several companies during her lifetime. She loved floral gardening, woodworking with her husband, being outdoors, and

fishing with her family.

She is survived by her daughter, Tracy (Jim) Kappes of Kerkhoven; sons, Talley Sorenson and Brian Sorenson both of Shakopee; grandsons, Thomas and Christopher Kappes; and three siblings.

Thelma is preceded in death by her husband; parents; and grandson, John Christian Kappes.

Memorials preferred in lieu of flowers.

## Death Notice

### David A. Kahle, 63, Hutchinson

David A. Kahle, age 63, of Hutchinson, passed away at his home in Hutchinson on Friday, Feb. 8.

A Memorial Service will be at the Dobratz-Hantge Funeral Chapel in Hutchinson at 3

p.m. Friday, Feb. 15.

Interment will be in Fort Snelling National Cemetery in Minneapolis at a later date.

A Gathering of Family and Friends will be held one hour prior to the service at the

chapel.

Arrangements are with the Dobratz-Hantge Funeral Chapel in Hutchinson.

Please visit [www.hantge.com](http://www.hantge.com) for obituary and guest book information.



Enterprise photo by Kurt Menk

The Lido Theatre, located along the 300 block of West Main Street in Arlington, was opened on Feb. 5, 1949.

## Lido Theatre opened 70 years ago

*Editor's Note: Information for this article was provided by Dwight Grabitske, Larry Fisher and past editions of the Arlington Enterprise.*

The Lido Theatre, located along the 300 block of West Main Street in Arlington, was built by Melvin and Wayne Ehlers in late 1948. The Lido Theatre was opened on Feb. 5, 1949.

The theatre opened with a showing of "A Date With Judy" starring Wallace Beery and Jane Powell. Other stars in the movie were Elizabeth Taylor, Carmen Miranda, Robert Stack and Xavier Cugat and his orchestra.

The theatre had four continuous showings beginning at 1 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 5.

There was one movie shown on Sunday evening, Feb. 6. This movie, "Every Girl Should Be Married," starred Cary Grant.

The opening weekend was a great success with an estimated 2,000 people attending the five performances the first weekend. In 1949, the theatre offered movies every night of the week.

Over the years since it opened, the Lido Theatre has had other owners. In 1975, Pat and Kathy Vossen bought the Lido from and Ralph and Ella Soeffker who had operated the theatre for over 11 years. The Vossens sold the Lido Theatre to the current owners, Stan and Carol Batten, well over a dozen years

ago.

In spite of the passing years and the changes in ownership, the exterior of the Lido Theatre today appears exactly as it did in 1949. The art deco designs, which was new and modern in 1949, gives the building a classic theatre appearance. The marquee was retored by the Arlington Historical Society during the summer of 2010. The interior has been remodeled providing more spacious seating. A new digital projection system with seven speaker surround sound was added during February of 2013. The current owners also offer first run movies at reasonable prices.

## History

### 100 Years Ago

February 13, 1919  
Louis Kill, Editor

International Harvester Company's instructors gave farmers valuable help on tractors. All who attended the Tractor School which closed Saturday after a two day session in Arlington, held under the Auspices of Mueller Bros., were well satisfied in every respect. All that we were able to talk to, said that they were so well pleased that should a school be held within a reasonable distance another year, they will be sure to attend. It was timely both from the standpoint that there are many new tractor owners and also from the absolute necessity of keeping all the tractors working this following season.

John Bertrang who purchased the Sweeney farm last fall, closed a deal recently thru which he disposed of 100 acres of the same to Henry Jahr, for \$146 an acre. The land adjoins Mr. Jahr's farm.

The danger of an ice famine in this community is apparently past as our store houses are rapidly being filled. Hauling was started last week and the ice is now about 16 inches thick. Silver Lake furnished most of it while considerable icw is also being shipped from Waconia and New Ulm. It is all apparently of a poor quality.

### 80 Years Ago

February 19, 1939  
Louis Kill, Editor

Fire of undetermined origin destroyed the Crystal Theater at Glencoe Sunday night. The blaze was discovered at about two o'clock by Geo. Gould when he returned home from Norwood. Firemen fought the blaze for sev-

eral hours with three streams of water but the entire interior of the brick structure was burned out. We understand the theater owned by the Goulds, will be rebuilt.

Mumps has made its annual invasion of the community and there are a number of cases in the village. At the Mrs. Mary Sweeney home three members of the family have contracted the ailment.

Noticeable improvements were made the past week on the interior of the local municipal liquor store. The bar was moved to the east side of the building and a new top was placed on it. Painting and re-decorating will follow.

### 60 Years Ago

February 12, 1959  
Val C. Kill, Editor

A public hearing on the subject of a sewage disposal plant for the city of Arlington was held on Monday evening at the power house. Officials from H. M. Noack and Sons and from Big Stone Canning Company were present and asked questions on various aspects of the proposed disposal unit. As there were no serious objections the council passed a resolution ordering engineer Larson to proceed with detailed engineering plans. They also moved to authorize the City Attorney Robert Major to negotiate for an easement and the purchase of land for a sewage disposal plant.

Karen Ann Brueggemeier was named the 1959 Betty Crocker Homemaker of Tomorrow at Arlington-Green Isle high school. Her examination paper will be entered in competition with those of other school winners in the state to name the state Betty Crocker Homemaker of Tomor-

row.

Five inches of snow blanketed this area Tuesday-the most we have had so far this winter. The snow was whipped up by a good breeze causing some big drifts. The A-GI public schools were closed Tuesday. Snow removal equipment was put into use for the third time this winter.

### 40 Years Ago

February 14, 1979  
Val C. Kill, Editor

Brenda Sickmann, a junior at Arlington-Green Isle High School served as a High School Page with the Minnesota House of Representatives January 22-26.

Some 1,400 persons attended the Sibley County Pork Producers Banquet held on Feb. 5th at the Gibbon Ballroom. Just for this banquet 1 1/2 tons of smoked pork loins (3,000 lbs.) or 100 pigs were dressed. A large group of people from Arlington and the surrounding areas attended the banquet which is held every year at the Gibbon Ballroom.

Three members of the Arlington ambulance crew Arden Kreft, Greg Goblirsch and Wayne Kramer posed with the service's van type ambulance and the newly acquired Cadillac ambulance. The 1973 Cadillac was purchased for \$9,975 without equipment. It is now fully equipped except for a radio. The Ambulance Service will be holding its first annual fish fry Friday, Feb. 16 from 4 to 9 p.m. at the Community Hall to raise money for the radio for the new ambulance.

## Show your community some love this Valentine's Day

By Quint Studer, author of *Building A Vibrant Community: How Citizen-Powered Change Is Reshaping America*

Most of us love our community and want the best for it. It's our home. It's where we live, work, learn, play, and raise our families. And yet, it's easy to go about our daily lives without ever stopping to think, What can I do to make my community better?

I get it. We are all busy. And it's easy to assume that someone else will do what needs doing. But if there's one thing I've learned from my work with communities across the U.S., it's this: We are all owners. We don't need an official title. We don't have to be assigned a task. We don't have to be wealthy. We all have gifts to share and the ability to make a difference in the lives of others.

My dream is that, in honor of Valentine's Day, every citizen would do just one small thing to make their community better. We all know that random acts of kindness have positive ripple effects that reach far and wide, often unexpectedly so. Could you imagine the amazing results if everyone took part in a mass outpouring of love and positivity?

I'm not talking about big, complicated improvements. If you're a homeowner, you know something as simple as a fresh coat of paint can be a "quick fix" that makes a huge difference in how a room looks (and how you feel living in it). The same is true of

a community.

You might start by taking a slow drive around your city. What do you see that needs to be repaired or replaced? Is there a field that needs to be mowed? Does a city park need some shade trees? Do flowers need to be planted? Is there an empty lot that needs trash hauled away, or a dangerous road in need of a crosswalk?

Next, consider what resources you have at your disposal. Maybe you, personally, have the skills or the funding to fix something that's broken. If not, you may know someone who does. If you need proper permission, try to get it. There are always potential reasons why something "can't" be done, but it's often amazing what can happen when we just ask.

Maybe your way of showing your community some love is to serve on the school board, to head up a "housing for the homeless" committee, or to spend a day at your local food pantry or animal shelter. Not only will this single action serve a great practical need (everyone is desperate for volunteers!), it may inspire you to get involved on a deeper level.

This is a great opportunity for a group to work together on a project, but you don't have to join an organized effort. Individual acts of love and kindness are meaningful, too. You can offer to clean up a cluttered yard or place a bench under a tree at the park. Once you start looking, you'll find lots of simple things you

can do to make things better.

And we can all express our gratitude for what's right in our community. We can write a letter to the editor that celebrates the bright spots in our community. (Every community has them!) We can send a heartfelt thank-you note to the hospital that took care of our loved one. We can thank a maintenance worker for keeping the streets clean. Positivity and gratitude are contagious. They make a difference. And it feels good to practice them.

Making the decision to love our community is a powerful first step. It's a mind shift that truly changes the conversation around what's possible. I've seen it over and over: When a community decides "we are worth it" and takes control of their future, huge transformations can follow.

Happy Valentine's Day.

### About the Author:

Quint Studer is author of *Building a Vibrant Community* and founder of Pensacola's Studer Community Institute, a nonprofit organization focused on improving the community's quality of life and moving Escambia and Santa Rosa counties forward. He is a businessman, a visionary, an entrepreneur, and a mentor to many. He currently serves as the Entrepreneur-in-Residence at the University of West Florida. For more information, visit [www.vibrantcommunityblueprint.com](http://www.vibrantcommunityblueprint.com) and [www.studer.org](http://www.studer.org).

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# Sports



(Left Photo) Sibley East senior Aaron Deis looked to pass the ball against visiting St. Peter on Monday night, Feb. 11. (Right

## SE boys lose to St. Peter Saints 70-39

By Kurt Menk  
Editor

The Sibley East varsity boys basketball team behind early and lost to visiting St. Peter 70-39 in non-conference play on Monday night, Feb. 11.

Senior Kamron In scored 14 points in the loss. Junior JaBez Bates and senior Ty Knacke tossed in six and five points respectively while sophomore Caleb Dose had four points. Senior Brandon Donaldson, juniors Tony

Bullert, Lucas Dose and Lucas Tesch and sophomore Aaron Flieth added two points each.

The Wolverines hit 15 of 33 shots from two-point range for 45 percent and one of four long bombs for 25 percent. The host team also converted six of 11 charity tosses for 55 percent.

Sibley East collected only 23 rebounds in the setback. Bates pulled down four caroms. Senior Jens Lundstrom, Knacke and Caleb Dose had



(Right Photo) Sibley East senior Kameron In (2) drove to the basket against the Saints.

three rebounds each.

Lundstrom also contributed five assists and two steals while Lucas Dose had three assists.

The Wolverines, 1-7 in the Minnesota River Conference and 3-15 overall, will host Le Sueur-Henderson in MRC play at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 14. Sibley East will travel to Tri-City United in conference action at 7:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 15.

### B-squad

The Sibley East B-squad boys basketball team lost to visiting St. Peter 64-35 on Monday night, Feb. 11.

Lucas Tesch paced the Wolverines with 12 points. Aaron Flieth tossed in eight points while Brody Serbus scored four points. Ryan Wolverton, Cole Bauer and Ben Westphalen hooped three points each while Jordan Latzke and Devon Kumar added one point apiece.

## Sibley East girls fall to Jordan 71-40

By Kurt Menk  
Editor

The Sibley East varsity girls basketball team struggled early and lost to visiting Jordan 71-40 in Minnesota River Conference action on Monday night, Feb. 11.

Senior Rachel Rettmann led the Lady Wolverines with 13 points. Sophomore Audrey Parrott also hit double digits with 10 points. Junior McKenzie Latzke hit for eight points while junior Lexy Stock pumped in four

points. Sophomores Ellie Harens and Maddi Tuchtenhagen scored three and two points respectively.

The Lady Wolverines hit only seven of 39 two-point attempts and just six of 22 shots from three-point distance for 27 percent. Sibley East also canned eight of 10 free throw attempts for 80 percent.

Sibley East grabbed 32 rebounds in the loss. Parrott pulled down eight boards while Tuchtenhagen and

Rettmann had six and five caroms respectively.

Latzke and Parrott contributed three steals apiece and one assist each.

The Lady Wolverines, 1-10 in the MRC and 5-11 overall, will host Le Sueur-Henderson in conference action at 6 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 14. Sibley East will also host Norwood Young America in MRC play at 7:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 15.

### B-squad

The Sibley East B-squad

girls basketball team lost to visiting Jordan 34-27 on Monday evening, Feb. 11.

Ellie Harens pumped in 15 points while Libby Bartels scored four points. Gabbi Bates, Megan Weber, Rachel Widmer and Mariah Kranz hooped two points apiece.

Widmer yanked down nine rebounds while Harens had eight boards. Bartels and Bianca Mendez added five rebounds each.

Widmer also dished out three assists.



(Left Photo) Sibley East junior McKenzie Latzke dribbled to break the full court press against visiting Jordan on Monday



night, Feb. 11. (Right Photo) Sibley East senior Rachel Rettmann was set to take a three-point shot against Jordan.

## Section 4A Team Wrestling Tournament set for Feb. 15

By Kurt Menk  
Editor

The Sibley East varsity wrestling team will compete in the Section 4A Team Wrestling Tournament on Friday, Feb. 15.

Sibley East will face Kimball at Howard Lake-Waverly-Winsted (HL-W-W) at 5 p.m.

The winner will wrestle ei-

ther HL-W-W or Spectrum at 6:30 p.m.

The championship will follow at approximately 8 p.m.

The Wolverines, due to the recent cold and snowy weather, have not competed in a meet since the Minnesota River Conference Meet in Arlington on Saturday, Jan. 26.

Sibley East is directed by head coach Chris Koob.

## Local boys are playing hoops at Minnesota Valley Lutheran

By Kurt Menk  
Editor

Three local boys are playing hoops at Minnesota Valley Lutheran this winter.

Robert Rauh, son of Matthew and Janice Rauh, is a senior on the varsity boys basketball team. Rauh is a reserve and averages 1.5 points per game.

Leyton Brau, son of Rob and Angie Brau, is a sophomore on the junior varsity

boys basketball team. Brau starts and averages 16 points per game and 5.7 rebounds per contest. He is also shooting 50 percent from the field.

Connor Johnson, son of Gene and Jodie Johnson, is a freshman on the C-squad boys basketball team.

The MVL varsity boys basketball team currently has a 17-1 record overall and is ranked third in Class A.

## Bowling

The following is a list of results from Double Tap in Arlington.

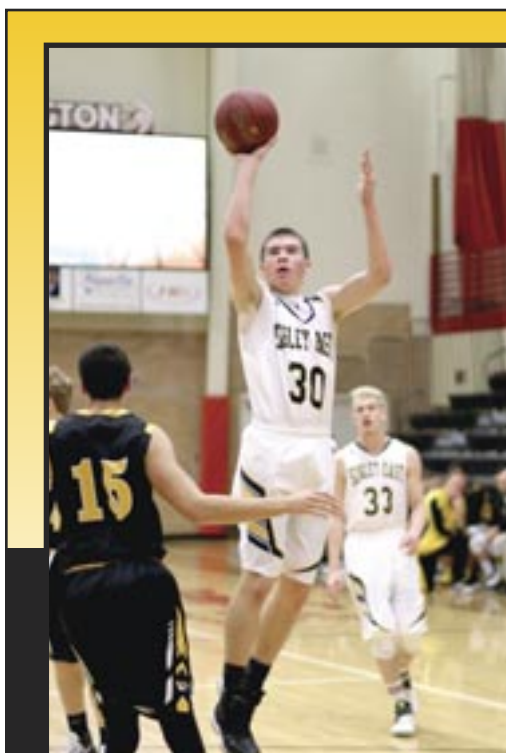
### Men's League

	Points Won	Points Lost
1. Ottomotive.....	137	72
2. Double Tap.....	117	90
3. Scott Equipment.....	107	101
4. Eckberg Tiling.....	95.5	112.5
5. Club New Yorker.....	93	110
6. Chef Craig's Catering.....	68.5	141.5
Scratch Game: Jessie Schauer - 247, Dan Thoele - 226, Craig Bullert - 221.		
Scratch Series: Jessie Schauer - 680, Nate Morreim - 601, Craig Bullert - 588.		

### Women's League

	Points Won	Points Lost
1. Club New Yorker.....	27	5
2. Good Samaritan.....	20	12
3. Woehler Seeds.....	18	14
4. Angie's Used Appliances.....	16	16
5. Belle Ame Salon.....	10	22
Scratch Game: Barb Herrmann - 180, Mary Von Eschen - 168, Bobbie Schleeve - 155.		
Scratch Series: Mary Von Eschen - 448, Janessa Rose - 447, Bobbie Schleeve - 424.		

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## Bowling Tournament

Five area bowlers who bowl in the youth league at El Toro Bowl advanced to the 2019 Minnesota Singles Youth Bowling Tournament District Level. They bowled at Concordia Lanes in New Ulm during early January. Front Row: (left to right) Michelle Meyer and

Brianna Kettner. Back Row: (l to r) Austin Allison, Ian Templin and Mason Meyer. Michelle Meyer, Mason Meyer and Ian Templin will now advance to the state level at Bowlero in Brooklyn Park.

# Shopko adds Glencoe and Hutch to stores it will close

Store's closing will eliminate 19 full-, part-time jobs here

By John Mueller  
McLeod County Chronicle Editor

About a month after it announced it would close 105 stores as part of Chapter 11 bankruptcy reorganization, Shopko has added another 139 stores it will be closing.

Unlike the announcement in January, the sting from the latest round of closures will be felt locally.

Shopko's latest round of closures announced Wednesday, Feb. 6, includes its Shopko Hometown stores in Glencoe and Hutchinson. They will both be closing May 5. The company began liquidating inventory Friday, Feb. 8. The company had already announced the pharmacy in the Glencoe store would be closing at a to-be-determined date. Shopko was auctioning off equipment and looking for another company to purchase prescription records.

As it looks for a suitor to purchase the stores it is closing, Shopko's decision on the latest round of closure was based on retaining the best performing stores and reduc-

ing the size and expense load of the company.

"Through our conversations with the potential buyers, it has become clear that it is in our best interest to operate with a significantly smaller store footprint," said Michelle Hansen, Shopko's public relations manager. "We remain hopeful that we will be able to emerge as a stronger company, and we believe that this is the best course of action to make ourselves more attractive to potential buyers and successfully emerge from Chapter 11."

Store managers were informed of the latest round of closures via a conference call, said Tim Utsch, manager of Glencoe's Hometown Shopko. After feeling relief in January the store would remain open, he said staff is disappointed over the company's corporate-level decision.

"I'm not going to lie. We're all feeling pretty rough. It hurts to lose a job," he said.

The Glencoe Shopko was initially among the stores the company would leave open, according to a Jan. 15 announcement. The store employs 19 full- and part-time staff. The 37,000-square-foot building was previously a Pamida before transitioning to Shopko in 2012.

Dan Ehrke, Glencoe's assistant city administrator, said

the city is committed to securing a viable future for the property. It will be assisting Shopko in its marketing efforts for finding a prospective business.

"The building is in good condition and its location is ideal, with access to U.S. Highway 212, which we believe will make it attractive for development opportunities," Ehrke said. "It's unfortunate when any business closes, particularly when one closes three locations in the immediate region. It's a loss of jobs and a recognizable business that provides goods and services for our residents."

Based in Green Bay, Wis., Shopko entered bankruptcy reorganization with about 370 stores. The first round of closures reduced it to about 265 stores. The latest round of announced closures would trim the company to around 126 stores plus 61 freestanding optical centers.

According to Shopko's Web site, Shopko was founded in 1962. It operates stores in 24 Central, Western and Pacific Northwest states. The Shopko Hometown brand was created to meet the needs of smaller communities.

# Principal's Note Pad

By Mari Lu Martens  
SE Elementary Principal

February is I Love to Read Month and so I'd like to share a few statistics about reading. Did you know? Reading just 20 minutes a day exposes your child to about 1.8 million words per year. Reading helps students develop a stronger vocabulary and in addition, students who read for pleasure average higher grades in English, mathematics, science and history! Why read 20 minutes a day? If student A reads 20 minutes it should result in 1,800,000 words read per year, and will score in the 90th percentile on standardized tests. Student B reads 5

minutes a day and will result in 282,000 words per year and will score in the 50th percentile on standardized tests.

Giving children a choice in what they read is also important. Reading should not be presented as a chore. Giving children choice empowers them and gives them a sense of being able to make their own decisions, these early experiences can set them up for success as lifelong readers, and can develop a sense of independence. We can learn about their dreams and interests when we provide them with a choice. We learn if they prefer fiction or non-fiction. This type of knowledge

can lead to healthy meaningful conversations.

This year to help us celebrate "I Love to Read" month we have invited author Mary Bleckwehl to help inspire our students along their literacy journey. Ms. Bleckwehl will be visiting our elementary school in the future. She will share with our students her writing process along with several of the books she has written.

Please help encourage the children in your life to develop a passion for reading by providing them with access to an abundance of books and the opportunity to read every day.

## MnDOT reminds public not to push snow on to roads

The Minnesota Department of Transportation reminds the public that it is illegal to deposit snow on or next to a public highway or street.

"Placing snow on or near a public road creates hazards, including drainage problems, drifting, sight obstruction and unsafe access," said Jed Falgren, MnDOT operations manager. "Keep crosswalks, intersections, entrances and exits clean and unobstructed."

Minnesota law and many local ordinances prohibit the plowing, blowing, shoveling or otherwise placing of snow on to public roads. This includes the ditch and right of way area along the roads.

Violations are considered misdemeanors, but civil penalties also apply if the placement of snow creates a hazard, such as a slippery area, frozen rut or bump, that contributes to a motor vehicle

or pedestrian crash.

The civil liability can extend to both the property owner and the person who placed the snow.

MnDOT maintenance crews plow and maintain about 12,000 miles of state highways and interstates in Minnesota.

For tips on safe winter driving, go to [www.mndot.gov/workzone/winter.html](http://www.mndot.gov/workzone/winter.html).

## Legals

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## Business Succession Planning

Over a dozen people braved the cold and windy weather to attend a Business Succession Planning event in the Sibley Room at the Sibley County Service Center in Gaylord on Friday, Feb. 8. Small Business Development Center Director Mike Hahn, pictured here, talked about a pilot project in Sibley County where businesses and lots for sale will soon be listed on a website called BizLinkNorth. The website will eventually be shared with

alumni from Minnesota State University, Mankato, and other colleges around Minnesota and the Midwest. The purpose of the website is to connect potential buyers with owners who wish to sell their businesses and city officials who want to sell their commercial lots. MSU intern Nate Tucek also spoke during the event which was planned by Sibley County Community Development Program Manager Amy Newsom.

## Sibley County Court

The following misdemeanors, petty misdemeanors and gross misdemeanors were heard in District Court January 25-February 1, 2019: Minnesota State Patrol (MSP); Sheriff's Office (SO); Department of Natural Resources (DNR); MN Department of Transportation (MNDOT).

Kristopher J. Hipp, 30, Arlington, uttering counterfeit currency, dismissed, attempted theft by swindle, stay of imposition, local confinement 10 days, begin serving sentence within 30 days, unsupervised probation one year, conditions other-file may be closed upon the completion of the jail sentence imposed, Arlington PD; Robert L. Tyler, 55, NYA, DAS, \$285, Arlington PD.

Ricardo Cantu, Sr., 49, Gaylord, disorderly conduct brawling or fighting, unsupervised probation one year, local confinement 30 days, stay 27 days for one year, credit for time served 3 days, pay restitution before fines, fees and surcharges, no same or similar, keep court/attorney informed of current address, remain law-abiding, \$1,091.51, domestic assault inflict attempt harm, 5th degree assault inflict or attempt harm, continued, unsupervised monitoring without conviction, six months, pay restitution before fines, fees and surcharges, no same or similar, keep court/attorney informed of current address, remain law-abiding, \$497.64, Gaylord PD; Corey J. Gostoczki, 44, New Ulm, no proof insurance (driver), dismissed, Gaylord PD; Darrell M. Grams, Jr., 51, Arlington, no proof insurance (driver), dismissed, Gaylord PD; Joel J. Neuville, 45, De Pere, Wis., driver must carry proof of insurance when operating vehicle, dismissed, Gaylord PD.

Kanji C. L. Wright, 44, Gibbon, regulation as to real property, continued, unsupervised monitoring without adjudication, six months, conditions other-vehicles must be removed within two weeks, if not, the City of Gibbon has permission to have the vehicles towed, keep court/attorney informed of current address, no same or similar, Gibbon PD.

Ryan E. Neal, 32, Shakopee, trespassing, conditions other-close file when the fines are paid in full, \$385, MSP; Joseph E. Bjorklund, 29, Saint Peter, speed, \$135, MSP; Jack L. Ballalatak, 21, Arlington, speed, \$125, MSP; Brian L. Beffert, 42, Hutchinson, speed, \$135, MSP; Steven M. Braulick, 68, Sleepy Eye, speed, \$125, MSP; William L. Dawson, 49, Green Isle, speed, \$125, MSP; Harley A. DeWalt, 22, New Haven, Mo., public nuisance-interfere/obstruct/render/dangerous public road/water, \$285, MSP; Mikala R. Dickerson, 23, Chaska, speed, \$145, MSP; Jason J. Hackett, 42, New Prague, speed, \$135, MSP; Ryan A. Hoffmann, 39, New Ulm,

speed, \$125, MSP; Margaret M. Holter, 59, Minneapolis, speed, \$135, MSP; Dakota D. Jacobson, 20, Arlington, speed, \$135, no proof MV insurance, dismissed, MSP; Joshua R. Lein, 21, Prior Lake, speed, texting/use of electronic device while driving, \$175, MSP; Holly E. McCoy, 56, Mankato, speed, \$125, MSP; Mohamed A. Noor, 24, Saint Peter, speed, \$135, MSP; Roger T. G. Tweedie, 60, Ontario, Canada, speed, \$135, MSP; Daniel A. Wilder, 74, Overland Park, Kan., speed, \$125, MSP.

Joe D. Benjamin, 19, Belle Plaine, third degree DWI, stay of imposition, local confinement 30 days, credit for time served 30 days, supervised probation two years, contact with probation, follow all instructions of probation, sign probation agreement, chemical dependency evaluation/treatment within 30 days, follow recommendations of evaluation, sign all releases of information, victim impact panel, no alcohol/controlled substance use, with the exception of prescribed medications, no possession of alcohol or drugs, with the exception of prescribed medications, random testing, remain law-abiding, no same or similar, \$660, domestic assault, dismissed, SO; Mckenzie M. Dyre, 24, Gibbon, identity theft-transfers/possesses/uses identity of other person, supervised probation three years, sentence to service 40 hours for indeterminate, contact with probation, follow all instructions of probation, sign probation agreement, no alcohol/controlled substance use, with the exception of prescribed medications, random testing, probable cause testing by law enforcement or if the law enforcement officer is acting on behalf of the probation agent, no same or similar, pay restitution before fines, fees and surcharges, aftercare, recommendations of House of Hope, sign all releases of information, remain law-abiding, \$1,210.00, SO; Dustin D. Hamilton, 30, Gaylord, DWI-operate motor vehicle under influence of alcohol, stay of imposition, unsupervised probation one year, chemical dependency evaluation/treatment, within 60 days, and provide proof to sibley County, follow recommendations of evaluation, sign all releases of information, no alcohol-related traffic offenses, no same or similar, remain law-abiding, keep court/attorney informed of current address, victim impact panel, already submitted, \$385, DWI-operate motor vehicle-alcohol concentration 0.08 within two hours, DWI-fourth degree driving while impaired, dismissed, SO; Antony J. Kicker, 19, Arlington, drugs-possess over 1.4 grams Marijuana in motor vehicle, dismissed, speed, \$225,

SO; Mary K. Koller, 60, Le Sueur, third degree DWI dismissed, fourth degree DWI, stay of imposition, supervised probation one year, sentence to service 40 hours for indeterminate, local confinement four days, credit for time served four days, contact with probation, follow all instructions of probation, sign probation agreement, chemical dependency evaluation/treatment, within 30 days, follow recommendations of evaluation, sign all releases of information, no alcohol/controlled substance use, with the exception of prescribed medications, no possession of alcohol or drugs, with the exception of prescribed medications, random testing, at the request of law enforcement or by the instructions of probation, victim impact panel, remain law-abiding, \$560, SO; Eric K. Miller, 47, Belle Plaine, speed, \$125, SO; Mitchell W. Seffens, 57, Belle Plaine, speed, continued, unsupervised monitoring without adjudication, six months, pay costs, no same or similar, remain law-abiding, keep court/attorney informed of current address, \$125, SO; Raul R. Vargas, 59, St. Peter, speed, driving after revocation, \$352, SO.

The following felonies were heard in District Court January 25-February 1, 2019.

Robert Bosma, 51, Winthrop, theft, stay of imposition, supervised probation four years, local confinement 15 days, to begin within 30 days, sentence to service 40 hours for indeterminate, follow all state and federal criminal laws, contact your probation officer as directed, tell your probation officer within 72 hours if you have contact with law enforcement, tell your probation officer within 72 hours if you are charged with any new crime, tell your probation officer within 72 hours if you change your address, employment or telephone number, cooperate with the search of your person, residence, vehicle, workplace, property, and things as directed by your probation officer, sign releases of information as directed, give a DNA sample when directed, do not use or possess firearms, ammunition or explosives, do not register to vote or vote until discharged from probation and your civil rights are fully restored, complete diagnostic assessment, sign all releases of information, follow recommendations of evaluation no same or similar, no alcohol/controlled substance use, no possession of alcohol or drugs, random testing, remain law-abiding, contact with probation, follow all instructions of probation, sign probation agreement, chemical dependency evaluation/treatment, \$2,571.00, SO.

## FSA Matters

By Dan Mahoney, CED  
Sibley County FSA  
Farm Reconstitutions

If you find yourself at the Sibley USDA Farm Service Agency you might notice each of us has a bright neon green sign on our desk. In big bold letters it says "What's new in 2019?" While we know we have a new farm bill to implement these particular signs focus on changes to the way our land owners and farmers are operating their land. Each year land changes hands, farmers retire or choose not to farm land they've operated for years. Land owners also get new renters or even sell their land. The only way USDA knows about these changes is if farmers and landowners keep USDA informed. Changes to the way land is operated makes a big difference in the implementation of USDA programs.

If you have changes to your agricultural land please keep the USDA Farm Service Agency informed. This could be a phone call, email, or simply a stop in the office. When land changes hands supporting documentation such as a recorded deed and or a new lease is often required. When changes in farm ownership or operation take place, a farm

reconstitution can be necessary. The reconstitution — or recon — is the process of combining or dividing farms or tracts of land based on the farming operation.

To be effective for the current Fiscal Year (FY), farm combinations and farm divisions must be requested by August 1 of the FY for farms subject to the Agriculture Risk Coverage (ARC) and Price Loss Coverage (PLC) program. A reconstitution is considered to be requested when all:

- of the required signatures are on FSA-155
- other applicable documentation, such as proof of ownership, is submitted.

Total Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) and non-ARC/PLC farms may be reconstituted at any time.

The following are the different methods used when doing a farm recon:

**Estate Method** — the division of bases, allotments and quotas for a parent farm among heirs in settling an estate;

**Designation of Landowner Method** — may be used when (1) part of a farm is sold or ownership is transferred; (2) an entire farm is sold to two or more persons; (3) farm

ownership is transferred to two or more persons; (4) part of a tract is sold or ownership is transferred; (5) a tract is sold to two or more persons; or (6) tract ownership is transferred to two or more persons. In order to use this method the land sold must have been owned for at least three years, or a waiver granted, and the buyer and seller must sign a Memorandum of Understanding;

**DCP Cropland Method** — the division of bases in the same proportion that the DCP cropland for each resulting tract relates to the DCP cropland on the parent tract;

**Default Method** — the division of bases for a parent farm with each tract maintaining the bases attributed to the tract level when the reconstitution is initiated in the system.

Because reconstitutions take time and a lot of changes occur each year to the way farmers and landowners operate their land, time is of the essence. The sooner USDA is notified of changes in operation and ownership the quicker records can be ready for enrollment in the programs being implemented under the new farm bill.

## The benefits of a windbreak/shelterbelt

By Jeremy Buckentin  
District Technician  
Sibley Soil and Water Conservation District

Living in or around Sibley County, winter can be a difficult time for people and wildlife due to the wind and relentlessly drifting snow. Often overlooked, trees and shrubs can be very effective for controlling wind, snow and aiding wildlife as they overwinter and wait for spring. A well thought out windbreak, tree line, wildlife planting, or windbreak/shelterbelt renovation can offer many of the following benefits:

### For Homes

- Can reduce the average rural home heating costs by 10-25 percent.
- Can effectively control drifting snow resulting in less accumulation of snow and ice on driveways and roads.

Enhances the aesthetic beauty to any property and depending on tree varieties, may offer more resources for example, syrup production, fruit/nut harvesting, thinning and harvesting for firewood.

### For Agriculture

- Protects livestock — helps to increase feed efficiency, increase weight gains, increase survival of newborns, improve animal health, and ultimately to increase profits.
- Reduce wind erosion on cropland.
- Increase crop yields by 5-20 percent and increase quality
- Reduces nutrient and pesticide drift, improves irrigation efficiency, and filters dust and other air pollutants.

### For Wildlife and the Environment

- Provides travel corridors, winter cover, warm season nesting habitat and can offer a

variety of food sources.

Each year the Sibley SWCD offers low cost tree seedlings to residents of Sibley County and the surrounding area to help with the establishment of windbreaks, shelterbelts and for wildlife habitat plantings. Tree orders are accepted anytime between December through April and are typically ready for pickup near the end of April, weather permitting. This year's Sibley SWCD open house is February 21st from 9:00am — 4:00 pm at the Sibley SWCD Office, 112 5th Street, Gaylord, MN 55334. If you would like more information on windbreak/shelterbelt designs or have any questions regarding trees or to place an order, give us a call at 507 702 7077 or visit us at [www.sibleyswcd.org/tree-program](http://www.sibleyswcd.org/tree-program).

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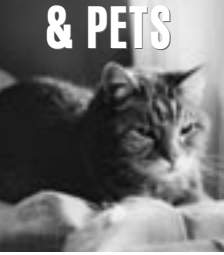
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