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Sweetheart & Hunk

Kasha Bates and Jens Lundstrom were crowned as Sweetheart & Hunk during a coronation ceremony at the Sibley East High School in Arlington on Monday afternoon, Feb. 12. Kasha is the daughter of Mark and Elaine Bates, Green Isle. Jens is the son of Mark and Bekah Lundstrom, Arlington.

Arlington Fire Department responded to 42 calls in 2017

By Kurt Menk
Editor

The Arlington Fire Department responded to 42 calls in 2017, 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.

The number of calls was one more than in 2016. The local fire department responded to 41 calls in 2016, 59 calls in 2015, 82 calls in 2014, 71 calls in 2013, 71 calls in 2012, 79 calls in 2011, 99 calls in 2010, 60 calls in 2009, 59 calls in 2008, 64 calls in 2007, 43 calls in 2006, 37 calls in 2005 and 28 calls in 2004.

According to Zaske, the local fire department responded to four fire calls, three alarms, two weather related calls, seven medical calls, six helipad calls, seven accident calls, two carbon monoxide calls, one gas smell call, two public assists, one power line

down call, one anhydrous leak call and two calls cancelled en route.

Overall, the fire department responded to 27 calls in the City of Arlington, four calls in Arlington Township, zero calls in Dryden Township, two calls in Green Isle Township, zero calls in Jessenland Township, four calls in Kelso Township and one call in New Auburn Township.

The Arlington Fire Department provided mutual aid to the Henderson Fire Department twice and to the Gaylord Fire Department and Green Isle Fire Department once each during 2017.

The Arlington Fire Department did not receive any mutual aid during 2017.

The Arlington Fire Department received a \$3,000 grant from Compeer Financial for a thermal imaging camera. It also received a \$2,500 grant from Center Point Energy for a thermal imaging camera. The Arlington Fire Relief Association paid the remaining cost on the thermal imaging

camera.

The Arlington Fire Department also received a private donation toward the purchase of the 2018 brush rig. The Arlington Fire Relief Association will cover any additional cost over the approved amount of the truck.

The officers for the local fire department include Fire Chief John Zaske, First Assistant Doug Mackenthun, Second Assistant Corey Carpenter, Secretary/Treasurer Neil Holmquist, and Safety and Training Officers Tom Pomplun and Tony Voigt.

The rest of the fire department consists of Grant Benning, Chad Carpenter, Keith Dressen, Luke Geib, Spencer Haggemiller, Tim Haggemiller, Ethan Henke, James Klingelutz, Curtis Ling, Jeff Otto, Jennifer Otto, Jeremy Otto, Trevor Otto, Josh Pflanz, Angelica Rose, Jon Rose, Rick Schmidt, James Soeffker, Paul Soeffker, Aaron Wisch and Bobbi Zaske.

EDA recommends move to waive water and sewer costs for all new construction in City of Arlington

By Kurt Menk
Editor

The Arlington Economic Development Authority (EDA), during its regular meeting on Monday night, voted 4-0 and approved a motion to recommend a move to waive the water access charge (WAC) and sewer access charge (SAC) for an new construction in the City of Arlington for one year.

The current WAC cost is \$1,325 while the current SAC cost is \$3,500 for a total of \$4,825.

Arlington Mayor Rich Nagel, who was in attendance

at the meeting, encouraged the EDA to recommend the move to the Arlington City Council.

The EDA hopes the move will encourage new residential and commercial construction in Arlington during 2018.

The Arlington City Council will act upon the recommendation during its next regular meeting on Tuesday evening, Feb. 20.

Other Business

The EDA voted 4-0 and approved a motion to approve an application from JB Services for the Facade Loan Pro-

gram. John and Bobbi Zaske plan to improve the exterior of the former Battcher Electric building located along the 300 block of West Alden Street.

The EDA also voted 4-0 and approved a motion to contribute \$500 and participate in the Marketing Home-town America program.

Other participants will be the Arlington Area Chamber of Commerce, Arlington Industries and City of Arlington.

The EDA will hold its next regular meeting at 5:30 p.m. Monday, March 12.

FEMA grant for Coachlight Inn near Henderson placed on hold until April

By Amy Newsom
Correspondent

The FEMA grant application to clean up the former Coachlight Inn property was tabled from the Sibley County Board agenda on Tuesday morning, Feb. 13.

County Administrator Roxy

Traxler reported to the County Board that the Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT) was interested in gaining right of way access near the Coachlight Inn and that she would work with MnDOT on its requests.

Traxler stated that the

County Board would not see the FEMA application again until April.

The Sibley County Board will hold its next regular meeting in Gaylord at 9 a.m. Tuesday, Feb. 27.

Marci Norell is new postmaster in Arlington

By Kurt Menk
Editor

Marci (Manzey) Norell is the new postmaster at the Arlington Post Office. She began her official duties on Monday, Jan. 29.

Norell, a 1981 graduate of St. Peter High School, received a degree in Elementary Education from the University of Minnesota at Duluth.

She was a Title I teacher at the Gaylord Public School from 1988 through 1992.

Norell then took off four years to stay home and raise her children.

She began her employment with the United States Postal Service as a part-time carrier in St. Peter during January of 1998. That was just two months before the tornado in St. Peter.

She became a full-time city carrier in St. Peter in 2000 and served in that role for seven years.

Norell later served as postmaster in Courtland from 2007 to 2012 and then postmaster in Montgomery from 2012 to Jan. 20, 2018.

"I'm just really happy that my commute is less," said

Norell, who resides near Norseland. "I've only met a few people in Arlington so far. I look forward to meeting more people in the future."

Norell added that she "loves the vibrant downtown" in Arlington. She also said it is "nice" to have the post office located on Main Street.

Norell and her husband, Bruce, have three daughters. Their daughter, Jonnica Norell, was a teacher at the Sibley East Elementary School in Gaylord from 2013 to 2015.



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Marci Norell is the new postmaster at the Arlington Post Office. She previously served as the postmaster in Courtland and Montgomery.

News Briefs

Chimney fire in Arlington

The Arlington Fire Department responded to a chimney fire at the Wendy Royce residence along the 700 block of West Chandler Street in Arlington at 9:51 p.m. Friday, Feb. 9, according to Arlington Fire Chief John Zaske.

There was no damage to the chimney, according to Zaske. The local fire department, however, did clean the chimney while it was at the scene.

The local fire department was on the scene for approximately 10 minutes, according to Zaske.

Blood drive set for Gaylord

The American Red Cross will hold a blood drive at the American Legion in Gaylord from 1 p.m. to 7 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 22.

The American Legion is located 339 Main Street in Gaylord.

Grill fire in Arlington Twp.

The Arlington Fire Department responded to a grill fire inside a garage at the Mike Callahan residence in Arlington Township at 6:41 a.m. Tuesday, Feb. 13, according to Arlington Fire Chief John Zaske.

There was no damage, Zaske said. However, there was slight smoke in the house and a high level of carbon monoxide.

The local fire department was on the scene for approximately 40 minutes, according to Zaske.

Valentine's Day-Ash Wednesday

This year's Valentine's Day and Ash Wednesday fell on the same day for the first time since 1945.

The two days will merge again in 2024 and 2029.

Kreft on President's List

Alexus Kreft, a 2017 graduate of the Sibley East Senior High School, 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 2017 semester at Drake.

She is the daughter of Jim and Holly Kreft, Arlington.

Snowstorm buried Sibley County

A snowstorm buried Sibley County with 12-foot drifts on Feb. 13, 1872, according to an online weather column written by meteorologist Paul Douglas through the *Star Tribune*.

Many people perished in the storm, according to Douglas.

Award to be presented Feb. 23

The eighth annual Darwin Mathwig Community Service Award will be presented during the Arlington Lions Fish Fry at 5 p.m. Friday, Feb. 23.

City Council tables agenda item

The Arlington City Council, during its recent regular meeting, unanimously approved a motion to table action on membership in the Minnesota Valley Council of Government at a cost of approximately \$5,300.

The City Council will research and decide whether or not the City of Arlington can receive the same services through the League of Minnesota Cities for free.

Ridgeview scholarship

Each year, Ridgeview offers \$2,000 scholarships to area college-bound high school seniors interested in pursuing a career in the health care field. This year the Ridgeview Health Care Scholarship Program is expanding to a system-wide program that will support all three of its hospitals: Ridgeview Medical Center, Ridgeview Sibley Medical Center and Ridgeview Le Sueur Medical Center. The three hospitals will work together to award scholarships to one student from each of the 19 local area high schools in the Ridgeview service area. Additionally, there will be one scholarship awarded to a nontraditional high school student, as well as a scholarship for a child of a Ridgeview employee.

Enterprise seeking news

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

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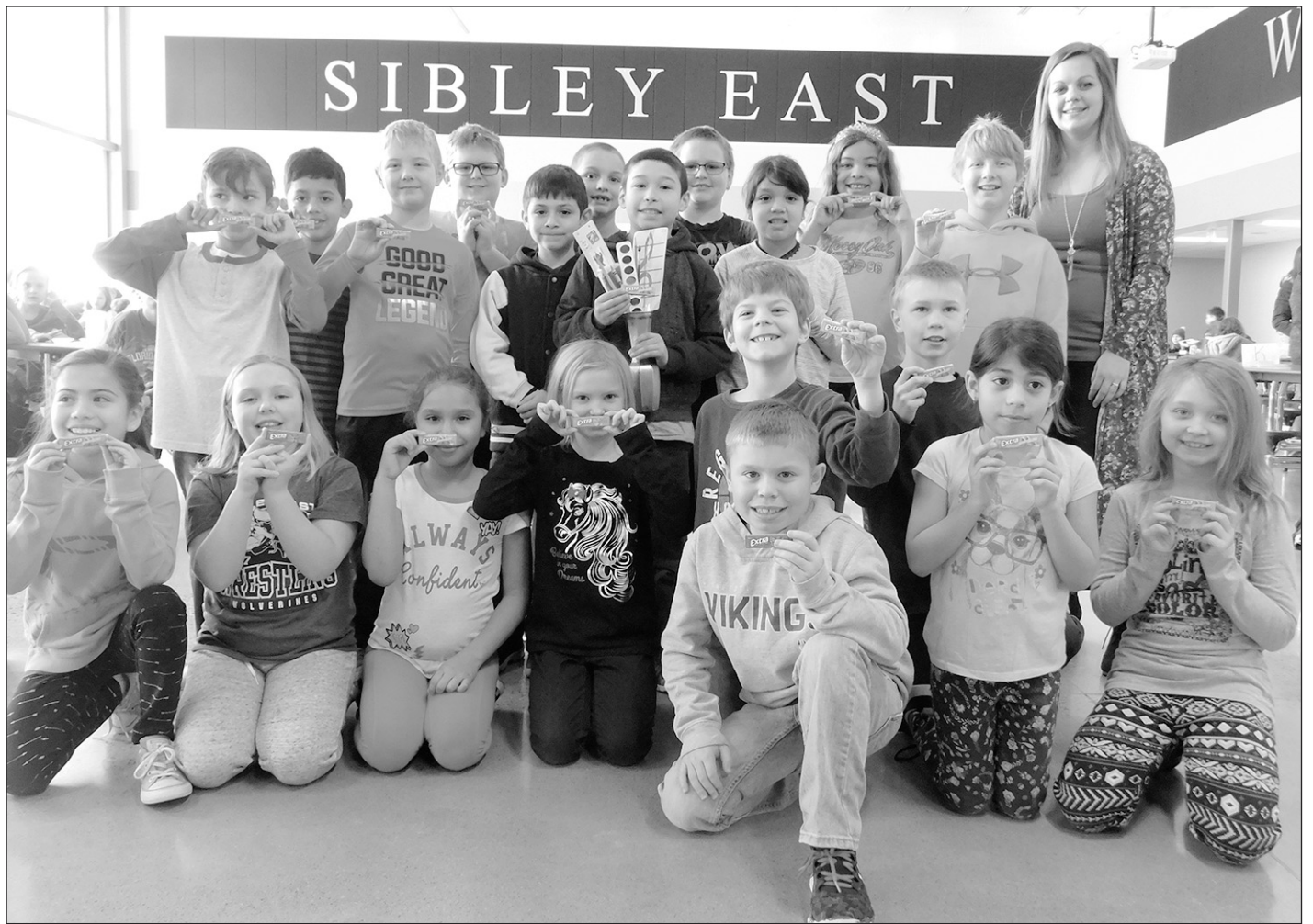
News about grandchildren

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.

Sibley County Business Expo

The third annual Sibley County Business Expo will be held at the Arlington Community Center from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. Thursday, April 19.



Submitted Photo

Golden BAMS Award

The Golden BAMS Award is given out by the specialists (B.O.O.K.S., Art, Music and STEM...which is why it is called BAMS!) each month. The specialists are looking for the class that exhibits the character trait of the month. This past month the students at the Sibley East Elementary School in Gaylord focused on responsibility. The winner for January was Kara More's third grade classroom. Front Row: (left to right) Anahii Alvarado, Alivia Uhlenkamp, Yaricza Bello Perez, Paisley Lin-

demann, Carter Podratz, Maite Delgado-Alvizo, and Grace Papke. Middle Row: (l to r) Dhari Al Sattam, Hayden Grochow, Jeremy Navarro, Julio Alejandro, Samuel Workman, Lizbeth Herrera Acevedo and Ashton McCue. Back Row: (l to r) Alexander Acevedo, Jameson Perschau, Aiden Bauer, Talon Rebers, Aryanna Spurlock, Nathan Schauer and teacher Kara More.

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Community Calendar

Monday, Feb. 19th – 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. 20th – 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

Wednesday, Feb. 21st – Arlington Good Samaritan Auxiliary, Fairview Assisted Living, dining room, 9:00 a.m.

Friday, March 2nd – Arlington Veteran's Steak Fry, Veterans Building at the fair grounds, 5:30-7:30 p.m.

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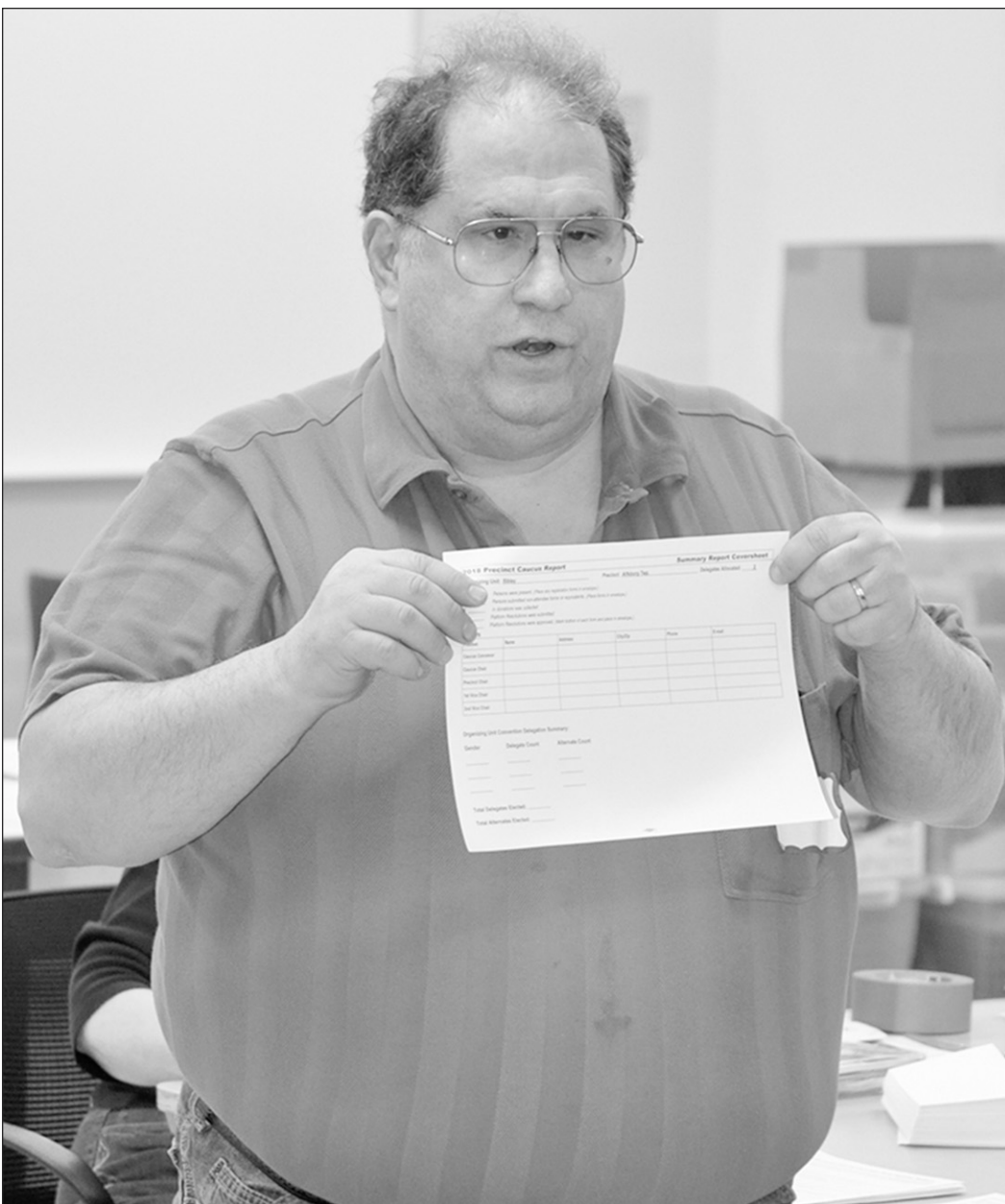
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—Thank You—

The Arlington Enterprise staff would like to thank the Arlington VFW Auxiliary for their annual plate of Valentine cookies. They are very much appreciated and enjoyed by our staff & customers.



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Sibley County DFL Caucus

Pat Sonnek served as the facilitator during the Sibley County DFL Caucus at the Sibley East Elementary School in Gaylord on Tuesday

night, Feb. 6. All Democrats from Sibley County gathered at the school in Gaylord.

Teenager pleas guilty to misdemeanor in distracted driving fatality near Belle Plaine

Paige E. Narveson, 17, Belle Plaine, recently pleaded guilty to gross misdemeanor reckless driving in Sibley County Juvenile Court, according to an article in *The Free Press*. A felony criminal vehicular homicide charge was dismissed in a plea deal. She is expected to be sentenced to community service and probation.

Narveson killed Philip Ilg, 56, New Prague, on Highway 25 near Belle Plaine in June of 2017. A witness said Ilg was on the gravel shoulder when Narveson went off the road and hit him, according to

the charging petition.

Narveson's cellphone data showed she was sending and receiving Snapchat messages moments before the crash, according to the charging petition. She had a provisional license at the time that prohibited her from using a cellphone in any manner while driving.

The plea agreement calls for Narveson to be required to complete 200 hours of community service, including talking to groups about the dangers of distracted driving, and possibly also participating in a State Patrol safety campaign.

The deal also places Narveson on probation until her 19th birthday and prohibits her from driving until 2019. It also requires Narveson to pay restitution. The amount is yet to be determined.

Philip Ilg's widow told KSTP-TV she did not support the plea agreement.

A sentencing hearing is scheduled for Wednesday, April 11.

Because Narveson was 16 at the time of the crash and originally charged with a felony, her court records are public under state law.

Chamber launches new website

By Kurt Menk
Editor

The Arlington Area Chamber of Commerce has a new website.

The new website was launched during the regular monthly meeting on Monday afternoon, Feb. 12, according to Chamber President Matt Nelson.

The new website, which is located at arlingtonmn-chamber.org, has been in the works for several months. It is an updated website that is mobile and user friendly.

Nelson said the new website is exciting and "kicks off the marketing campaign."

The Marketing Committee will update the new website moving forward.

Farmer's Market

The Chamber unanimously approved a motion to contribute \$2,500 for the Farmer's Market in Arlington during the 2018 season.

The event will be held in the west parking lot at the Arlington Community Center on Monday nights starting in June.

Donation

The Chamber unanimously approved a motion to donate \$500 to the Arlington Garden Club.

Other Business

The Chamber learned that no date has been set yet for the second annual Spring Into Arlington event.

There was talk that the event should be held one week later and in the first week of May this year.

The Chamber also unanimously approved a motion to sponsor a table at the Tour of Tables for a cost of \$144.

Juliann Shaw will decorate the table to promote the Farmer's Market.

The Tour of Tables event is sponsored by the Good Samaritan Society - Arlington. The event will be held at the Arlington Community Center on Saturday, March 24.

The Arlington Area Chamber of Commerce will hold its next regular monthly meeting at noon Monday, March 12.

Commissioners vote 5-0 against special permits for road construction materials in Sibley County

By Amy Newsom
Correspondent

The Sibley County Board, during its regular meeting on Tuesday morning, Feb. 13, voted 5-0 against creating a special permit road construction materials up to 99,000 pounds for 6 and 7 axle trucks.

Minnesota Statute 169.389 came into effect this year and allows counties to create a special permit. Public Works Director Tim Becker spoke out against creating a special permit stating that the additional weights will cause damage and maintenance costs to the road system. He stated that the county would need to designate and create a special oversize truck weight map

and that most of the County's roads and bridges are not designed for the additional weight. He also stated that it would be difficult to keep trucks on the oversized routes.

Grants Available

Ron Otto of the Sibley County Soil and Water Conservation District provided information to the County Board on a grant received for septic treatment upgrades.

The grant will allow low income people to upgrade their septic systems when there is an imminent health threat. Four grants will be available for septic upgrades to cover 48 percent of the costs up to \$6,231 and \$1,007 will be used to administer the funds.

Sibley County Soil and Water will administer the program.

\$40,500 Grant

According to Sibley County Auditor Marilee Peterson, Sibley County was awarded a \$40,500 grant for modernizing the historical drainage records and improving the attributes of the ditch layer used in Drainage DB. As a stipulation for receiving the grant funds, BWSR requires that those drainage authorities that use the template make their hydrographic data, which includes: ditch/tile centerlines, drainage structures, profile points, and watershed boundaries available annually to the public via the Geospatial Commons.

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Opinions

Minnesota's top political leaders promise to get along this session Our View: It would be great, but don't count on it

The top lawmakers from Minnesota posed for a selfie and visited about their strong working relationship at the State Capitol in St. Paul on Tuesday, Feb. 13.

Most people would first think it is fake news, but it really did happen as the trio previewed the upcoming legislative session which begins on Tuesday, Feb. 20.

Demoractic Governor Mark Dayton, Republican Senate Majority Leader Paul Gazelka and Republican House Speaker Kurt Daudt claim they have moved past their previous squabbles.

That is hard to believe since the leaders of both major political parties have done nothing but fight in court the last eight months. The fight has been over funding for the legislative staff, the governor's veto powers and whether or not the president of Senate can also serve as lieutenant governor.

As always, there will be plenty of issues on the agenda that politicians from both sides of the aisle will need to address in this session. It will be interesting to see if the politicians will compromise on these issues for the good of the people or revert to their normal gridlock at the State Capitol.

As stated in previous editorials, the number one goal for most politicians is loyalty to their party. The second priority for most politicians is their own re-election campaign. The average citizen always seems to be a distant third.

The hope is that this session will be different, but people should not hold their breath. Gridlock over compromise has been the standard at the State Capitol for many years.

-K.M.

Too Tall's Tidbits

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

February 16
None.

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

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

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

February 20
James Kube, Bob Utendorfer, Gwen Utendorfer, Riley Zila, Aryn Halverson, and Mr. and Mrs. Brian Mehlpoh.

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

February 22
Corey Kistner, Michelle Malarz, Jim Melsha, and Mr. and Mrs. John Zaske.

A girl brought her new boyfriend home to meet her parents. They were horrified by his greasy hair, tattoos, dirty language and air of hostility. After he left, the mother said, "Dear, he doesn't seem like a very nice person."

The daughter replied, "Mother, if he wasn't a nice person, why would he be doing 500 hours of community service?"

A new business opened, and one of the owner's friends sent flowers for the occasion. But when the owner read the card with flowers, it said, "Rest in peace."

The owner was angry, and he called the florist to complain.

After he told the florist about the obvious mistake, the florist said, "Sir, I'm sorry for the mistake, but rather than getting angry, you should imagine this: somewhere there is a funeral taking place today, and they have flowers with a notice saying, "Congratulations on your new location."

"Start every day with a smile, and get it over with." - **W.C. Fields**

A man's wife asked him to buy organic vegetables from the market. He went and looked around but couldn't find any. So he grabbed a tired looking employee and said, "These vegetables are for my wife. Have they been sprayed with any poisonous chemicals."

The produce guy looked at him and replied, "No. You'll have to do that yourself."

An Army recruit who wasn't meant to be a soldier went out to the rifle range for the first time. He missed every target and most of the hills behind them. Despondent, he said to the sergeant, "I think I'll just go and shoot myself."

"Better take a couple of extra bullets," the sergeant replied.

If raising kids were easy, it wouldn't start with something called 'labor.'

At a local bar, a young woman told her idea of the perfect mate to some friends.

"The man I marry must be a shining light among company. He must be musical, tell jokes, sing and stay home at night."

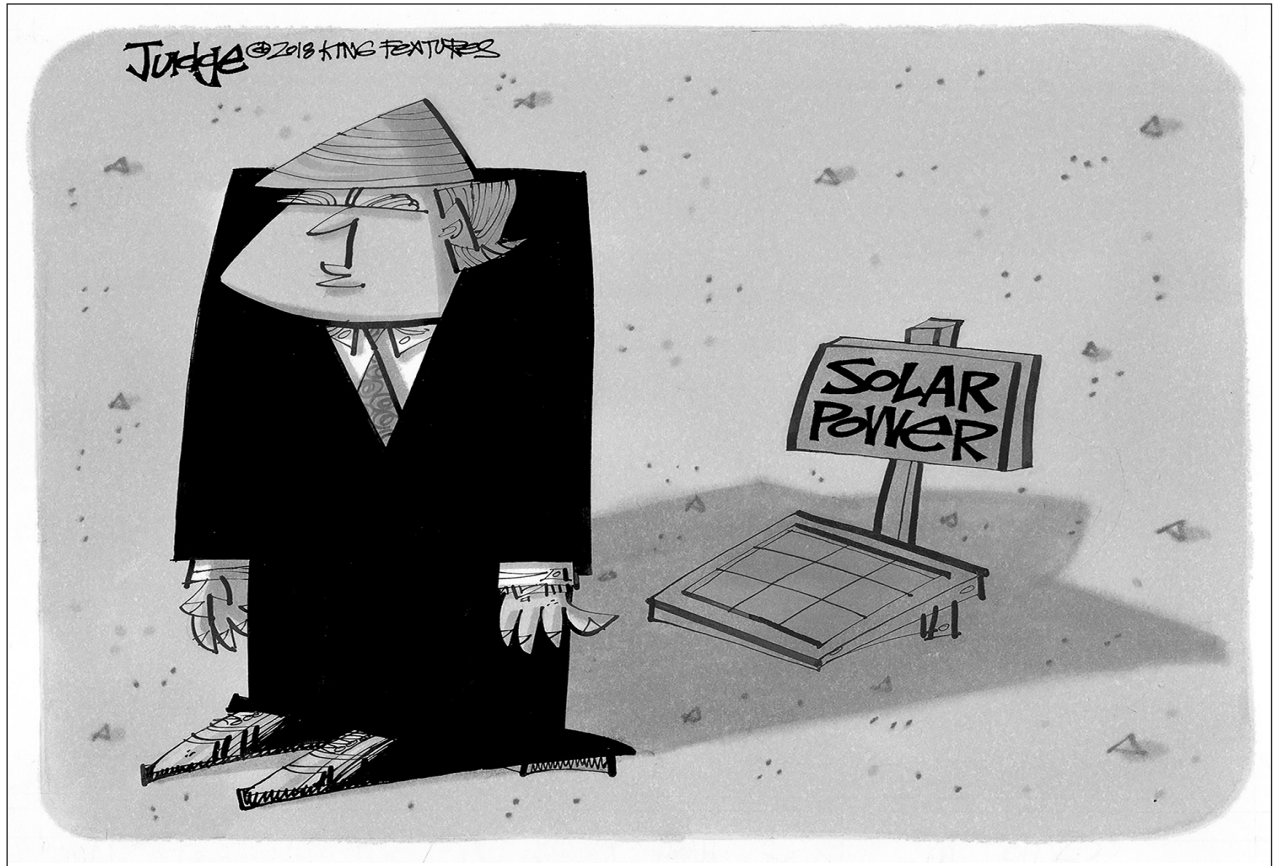
A cynical man overheard and spoke up, "Lady, what you really want is a television set."

A man attends a show at an art gallery and is looking at the paintings. One is a huge black canvas with yellow blobs of paint splattered all over it. The next painting is a murky gray color with purple paint streaked across it. The man walks over to the artist and says, "I don't understand your paintings."

"I paint what I feel inside me," the artist explains.

The man responds, "Have you ever tried Alka-Seltzer?"

"There are certain signs when you're old. I walked past the cemetery the other day, and two guys ran after me with shovels." - **Rodney Dangerfield**



Guest Column

Trump's monthly box of food for our poor

By Dr. Glenn Mollette

Back in the seventies my dad brought some delicious cheese home from our local town. "They were giving this cheese out in front of the courthouse so I picked some up" he said. The cheese was all part of the so called fight against poverty. My dad was a hard-working coal mining man so we had food to eat. However, who is going to turn down free cheese? The cheese was actually pretty good.

Processed cheese developed by James L. Kraft of Illinois in 1916 became a mass production of Colby and cheddar with curds and emulsifiers that tasted good and had a very long shelf life. The cheese would become a staple of the American diet but also a symbol of American poverty. Through the Temporary Emergency Food Assistance Program a significant portion of America's low income people were eating cheese packaged and distributed by our government.

The seventies were a while back but today we are hearing that America is going to advance to a new solution for feeding our hungry. The current administration is proposing that America help the hungry with government-picked, nonperishable food every month instead of food stamps or at least replacing some of the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program known as SNAP. Of course this sounds better than passing out cheese to low income families. Digestive systems respond differently to the intake of cheese. Distributing healthy food to low income families sounds interesting. We all need to eat healthy.

When I was a child my first en-

counter with helping out the hurting was watching advertisements on television about donating for CARE packages to the poor in other countries. We now are hearing about a CARE package from Uncle Sam to America's low income people. I do not know what the packages will contain but I have heard canned fruit, chicken or fish, beans and among other things peanut butter. You can never go wrong with peanut butter. What about nuts? I've heard a handful of nuts every day are good for you? What about salmon? Alaska has a lot of salmon. I would like to see more wild Alaska salmon distributed in America instead of all the farm raised salmon which is not supposed to be very healthy.

Unfortunately, I don't think the CARE package to America's low income families is the solution to saving America. The idea behind this new endeavor is to cut America's costs. We are trillions of dollars in debt and now the current administration with this new budget is recommending increasing our debt even more so we can increase defense spending. I'm not opposed to increasing our defense spending. I am very opposed to all of the wars in the Middle East and nation-building which is driving us further into debt. Why would we jump on America's most vulnerable hurting people to solve our nation's economic woes?

I agree the food stamp or SNAP program needs help. The overhaul should limit Americans to five years of lifetime use of the program. No one should be allowed to buy soda pop, cookies and candy on the program. I suppose ice cream might be okay. The emphasis should be buy-

ing healthy food at the stores. Americans are already very obese and buying junk food through the SNAP program is adding to America's debilitation. I also hear stories of Americans buying a lot of soda pop and selling it cheap for cash to buy drugs. There definitely must be some reform on how much junk food can be bought through the SNAP program.

Sending low income Americans a box of food or requiring them to line up at a government distribution center reminds me of something I've seen on television maybe like from Russia or Germany. Are we going to force our poor to line up and get their food rations for the month?

I think the idea of America's corporations paying less in tax dollars should be good for America if it will keep factories in our country. I agree with this move. We need the jobs. However, if we are going to make up the difference by cutting back on Social Security, Medicare and SNAP recipients then we are not a very good people. The idea of corporations paying less in taxes is to stimulate our economy which should mean more cash flow, more tax dollars to help our nation and more money to pay down our debt if that's how we are going to use the extra money.

Charities across America give out water, food baskets and used clothing. Most of them provide a respectful service. The government of the United States of America can do better by our poor than a monthly box of food.

Dr. Glenn Mollette is the author of 12 books. His syndicated column is read in all 50 states.

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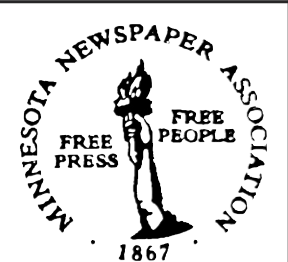
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Ben Franklin wrote in the Pennsylvania Gazette in 1731: "If printers were determined not to print anything till they were sure it would offend nobody there would be very little printed."



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Obituary

Arden Tessmer, 81, Green Isle

Arden Tessmer, age 81, of Green Isle, passed away at the Good Samaritan Society in Arlington on Friday, Feb. 9.

A Memorial Service will be held at the Egesdal Funeral Home in Gaylord at 1 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 17. Rev. Eric W. Rapp will officiate.

A Gathering of Family and Friends will be held at the Egesdal Funeral Home in Gaylord from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 17.

Interment will be in the Zion Lutheran Cemetery, Green Isle Township.

Military Honors will be provided by the Green Isle American Legion Post #408.

Arden Laverne Tessmer was born in Green Isle on January 27, 1937. He was the son of William and Laura (Ziegler) Tessmer. Arden was

baptized as an infant on Feb. 21, 1937, and was later confirmed in his faith as a youth on May 13, 1951, both at Zion Lutheran Church in Green Isle Township. He received his education through the eighth grade.

Arden entered active military service in the United States Army on May 11, 1960. He received the Good Conduct Medal. Arden was Honorably Discharged on May 7, 1962.

Arden farmed in Green Isle Township, was a lead and supervisor at Glencoe Manufacturing, and bartended at the Grey Fox Tavern for 15 years.

Arden was a member of Zion Lutheran Church in Green Isle Township. He was also a member of the Green Isle American Legion Post #408 and the Green Isle Lions Club.

Arden enjoyed farming, gardening, his pets, watching the Minnesota Twins and the Vikings, watching westerns

on TV and talking with people at his last job as bartender at the Grey Fox Tavern.

Arden is survived by his niece, Gail (Kenneth) Bittner of Minnesota City; nephew, Randy (Susan) Becker of Garfield; great nieces and nephews, Becky (Jeremy) Zens, Ryan (Jenni) Becker, Lori (Chris) Gillespie, Amy (Eric) Evavold, David (Brooke) Bittner and Erin Bittner; other relatives and many friends.

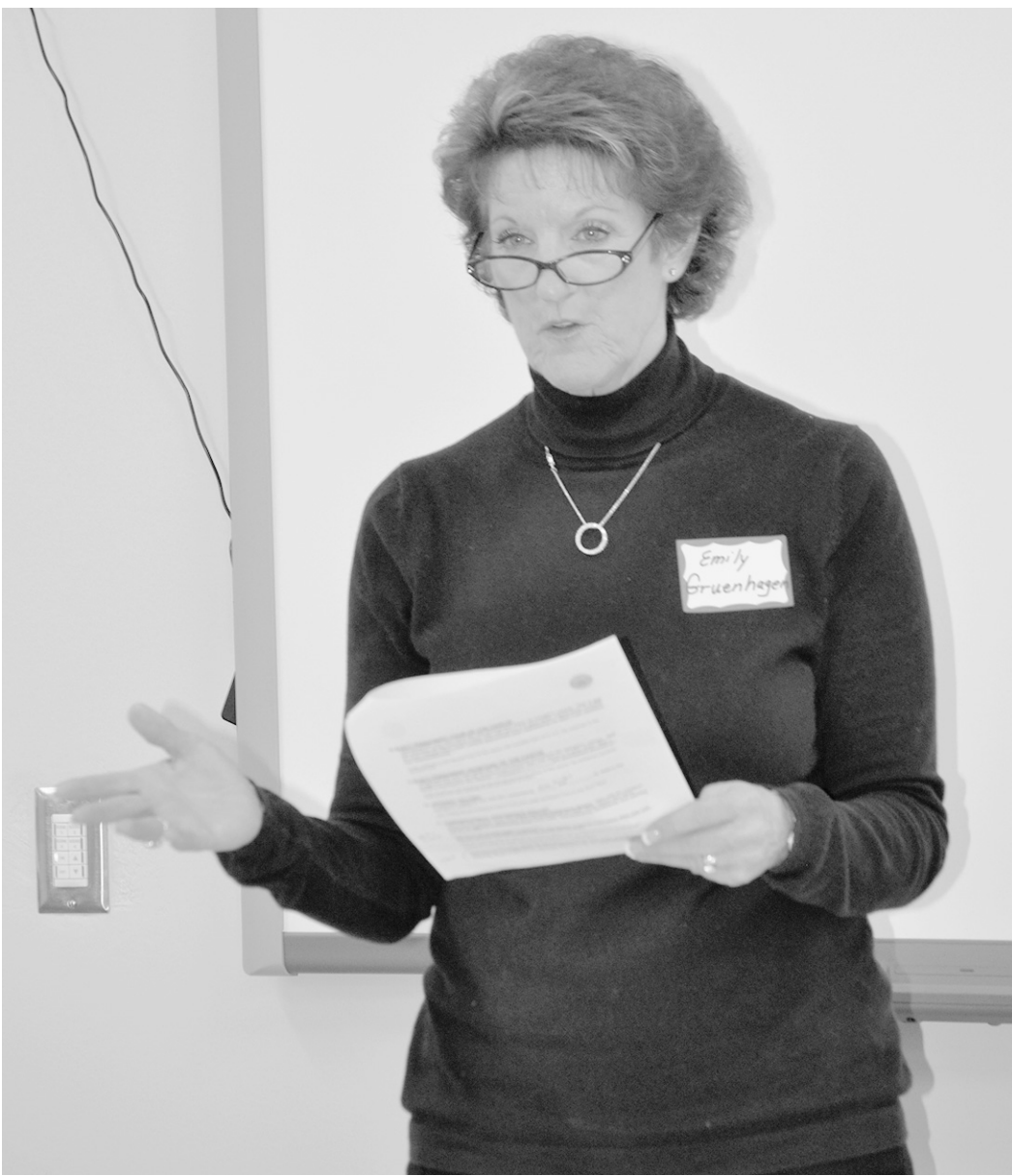
Arden was preceded in death by his parents, William and Laura Tessmer; brother, Melvin (Marlys) Tessmer; and sister, Melva (Gerhard) Becker.

Friends and family are invited to a lunch and remembrance at the Grey Fox Tavern following his interment.

Arrangements by Egesdal Funeral Home in Gaylord, Minnesota. Online obituaries and guest book available at www.hantge.com. Please click on obituaries and guest book



Arden Tessmer



Enterprise photo by Kurt Menk

Sibley County Republican Caucus

Emily Gruenhagen served as the facilitator during the Sibley County Republican Caucus at the Sibley East Elementary School in Gaylord on Tuesday night, Feb. 6. There were several Republican caucus sites throughout Sibley County on that evening.

History

90 Years Ago

February 16, 1928
Louis Kill, Editor

A special meeting of the Arlington Association was held at the Community Hall Monday evening to discuss the sewer proposition and meet with Mr. Wolff, an engineer from St. Paul, who furnished a plat together with an estimate of the cost of a proposed sewer system for Arlington. The estimate submitted shows that a complete system would cost about \$38,000, which includes the cost of a disposal tank. \$1.27 per front foot would be the cost to the property owners.

Sunday was an exceptionally warm day and the snow banks disappeared rapidly. At several places on the Gaylord road the water overflowed the ditches and crossed the highway, while the cut at the Mueller farm was filled to a depth of 12 inches.

The local village water supply was recently tested by the Minnesota State Board of Health and was found to be in a very healthful condition. Samples were taken at the Arlington Oil Co., the Arlington Hotel and the village pump house. The analysis of these samples proved that the water was pure.

78 Years Ago

February 15, 1940
Louis Kill, Editor

Today is the last day that you can order your 1940 automobile

or truck license plates without penalty.

Leo Hudinsky of the Breezy Hill Tavern at St. Boni, was fined \$35 for allowing school children to dance in his place of business.

One of Arlington's most beloved and respected pioneer couples are observing their golden wedding anniversary today (Thursday). They are Mr. and Mrs. Fred Schulenberg, and their children are holding an open house at their home. Visitors will be welcome from 2 to 5 o'clock in the afternoon and from 7:30 to 9 this evening. Mr. and Mrs. Schulenberg are both enjoying fair health, we are pleased to state, and fully able both physically and mentally to enjoy the day and the congratulations of their many friends to the utmost.

60 Years Ago

February 13, 1958
Louis Kill, Editor

A number of hunters were arrested this week near Rush River in Kelso Township by game warden Carl Stone. They were fined by justice of the peace George Bandelin Tuesday afternoon in Arlington. Herbert Chilman of St. Peter, Robert Pfarr of Le Sueur were both fined \$50 and costs for taking pheasants in closed season. Myron Schultz of Le Sueur was fined \$20 and costs for transporting a loaded firearm.

Local firemen have been busy painting the interior of the village hall prior to their dance. A piano

was also purchased for the hall. Plans are to have the hall open for recreation purposes one or two nights each week with several firemen supervising.

Pvt. Richard Hebeisen has been transferred to Fort Wood, Texas, following completion of his basic training. He writes that he is enjoying the warm temperatures.

35 Years Ago

February 17, 1983
Val C. Kill, Editor

A-GI's one act play and its director Chris Moore, achieved the ultimate award in one-act plays when they starred at the class "A" state competition. A-GI was the only school, out of 16 regional festival winners, that was entered for the first time.

Six students from the Sibley County Vocational Center's Office Education Association (OEA) received first place trophies at the Region 11 Spring Leadership Conference. The local OEA chapter had 19 members entered in various business and office competitive events. Beside the first place winners they received five second place trophies, three third place trophies, two fourth place certificates, one fifth place certificate and six sixth place certificates.

Ken Wiemann was pictured with a 2-lb. crappie which he caught in "Beatty's Lake." Ken said they don't bite too often but when they do, "it's a big one!"

Sibley County Social Media Breakfast to be held in Gaylord on Friday, Feb. 23

By Kurt Menk
Editor

A Sibley County Social Media Breakfast will be held in the Commissioners Room at the Sibley County Courthouse from 8 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. Friday, Feb. 23. The event is being sponsored by Sibley County Community Development.

Sibley County website and social media consultant Shannon Frost will be the guest

speaker and answer questions regarding Facebook.

How people market themselves and their businesses have changed in the past several years.

• There are approximately 66,000 people between the ages of 13 and 65 on Facebook within a 34-mile radius of Gaylord.

• Fifty-nine percent of Americans with social media accounts think that customer

service through social media has made it easier to get questions answered and issues resolved.

The event is free and open to the public, but registration is appreciated. To register, e-mail Sibley County Community Development Manager Amy Newsom at AmyN@co.sibley.mn.us or call 507-237-4117.

Authors to visit Arlington Public Library in March

There will be author visits at the Arlington Public Library in March.

Authors Dennis and Karen Vinar and Andrew and Jean Voxland will visit the local public library at 12:30 p.m. Saturday, March 10. The title of their book is "How did you find me...after all these years?"

The book is a remarkable account of perseverance, faith and overwhelming love.

People are invited to meet the authors and hear their personal heartwarming story as

only they can tell it.

The event, which is free and open to the public, is sponsored by the Arlington Public Library League and Arlington Public Library.

Author Doug Ohman will visit the local public library at 10 a.m. Friday, March 16.

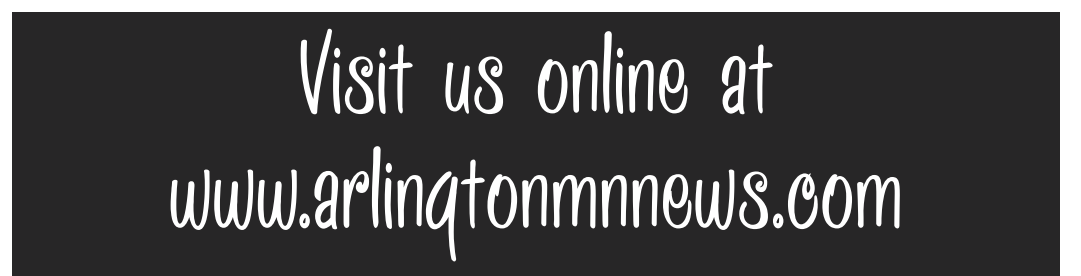
The title of his book is "Historic Preservation Through Photography."

Ohman is a popular speaker, storyteller and photographer with strong roots in Minnesota. He is well known for his Minnesota Byways Series

of six books. Ohman will tell the stories behind the pictures and make the photos come to life for his audience with humor and insight.

The event is free and open to the public.

This program is made possible by the voters of Minnesota through a grant provided by the Traverse des Sioux Library Cooperative, thanks to a legislative appropriation from the arts and cultural heritage fund.



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Sibley East PreK-2 Wrestlers

The following athletes are PreK through second grade wrestlers in the Sibley East Youth Wrestling Program. Front Row: (left to right) Hunter Kuphal, Brayden Hoffman, Michael Sutton Jr, Evan Donnay, Ryker Lietzau and Dustin Tollefson. Middle Row: (l to r) Hunter Deno, Alex Thomes, Camden Hus-

ton, Callen Petty, Mady Steele, Caden Willett and Donovan Salonek. Back Row: (l to r) Coaches Dave Strack, Julio Alejandro, Kevin Deno, Brian Thomes and Ben Tollefson. Missing from the photo are Quentin Schulte, Damian Diaz, Frank Carney and Lucas Schulte

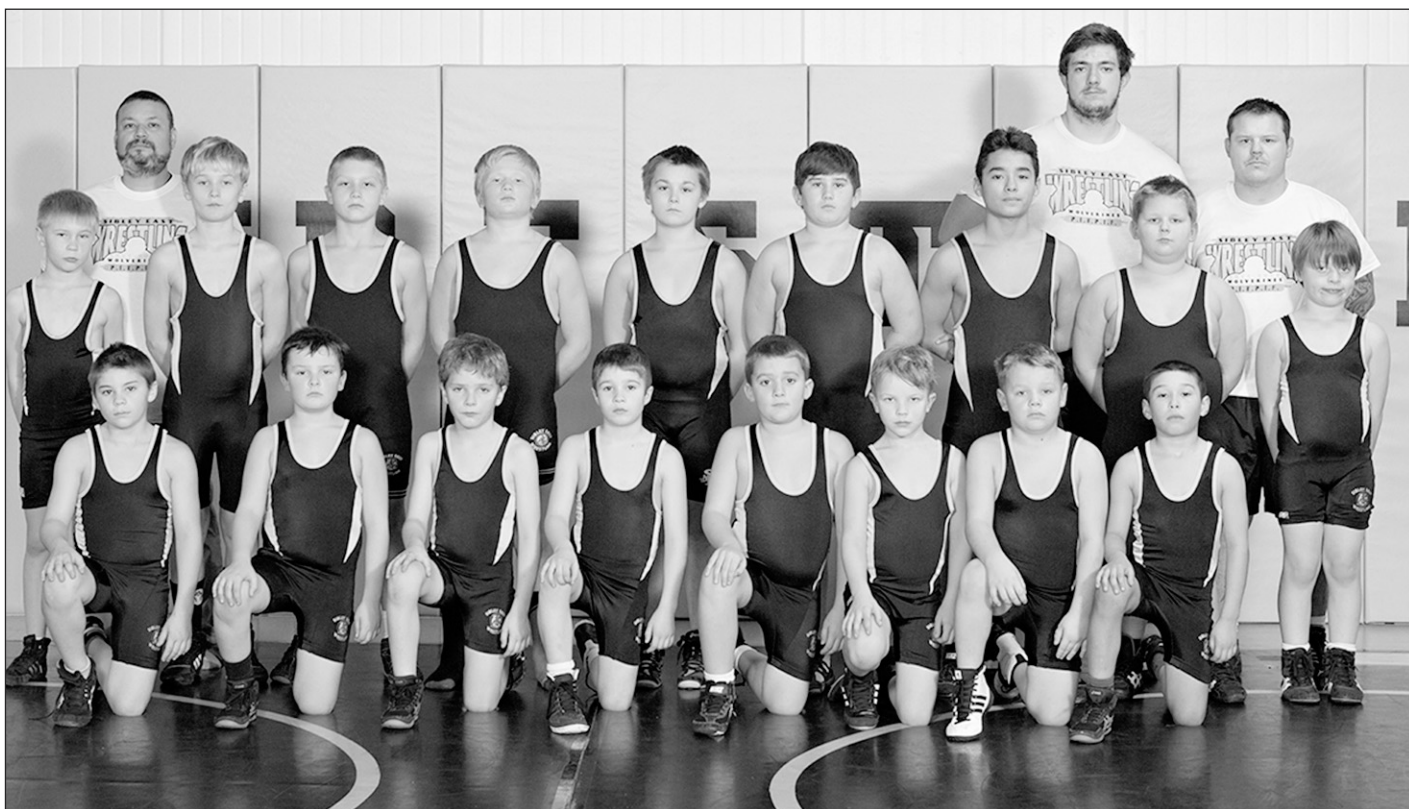


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Sibley East Grades 3-6 Wrestlers

The following athletes are grades 3-6 wrestlers in the Sibley East Youth Wrestling Program. Front Row: (left to right) Mason Whitson, Isaac Donnay, Tanner Johnson, Brayden Lindsmeier, Trent Wisch, Reece Nelson, Atley Strack and Julio Alejandro. Middle Row: (l to r) Ashton McCue, Caden Willmsen, Riley

Drexler, Owen Utendorfer, Bryce Klancke, Will Feterl, Mario Solares Palacios, Jameson Perschau and Lincoln Templin. Back Row: (l to r) Coaches Julio Alejandro, Jaden Podratz and Dave Strack. Missing from the photo are Carter Podratz and Benito Diaz.

Southeast Minnesota landowner deer permit effective now

Sampling results from special late-season hunt reveal no new cases of chronic wasting disease

Landowner deer permits in portions of southeastern Minnesota's chronic wasting disease management zone become effective this week as the Department of Natural Resources works with eligible landowners to reduce the possibility of disease spread.

"We're targeting our efforts this year and contacting eligible landowners via letter with the details they need to participate," said Lou Cornicelli, DNR wildlife research manager. "With their help, we want to lower deer densities in

core chronic wasting disease locations and remove potentially infected deer."

Only landowners within 2 miles of any CWD-infected deer discovered in 2016 or 2017 are eligible to receive a shooting permit, which will be effective from mid-February to mid-March. Only landowners or their authorized designees can take deer. There is no public hunting opportunity.

The DNR will sample all deer taken, including fawns. Participating landowners are required to submit heads for testing at designated collection boxes located in the disease management zone.

To encourage participation,

the Minnesota Deer Hunters Association will conduct a drawing for a muzzleloader. A person will be entered in the drawing each time they take a deer and submit the head for sampling.

If any deer taken during the landowner shooting phase test positive for CWD, the landowner or designee will be contacted and results posted on the DNR's CWD website at mndnr.gov/cwd.

The special late-season hunt in southeastern Minnesota revealed no new instances of CWD. Late season participation and harvest was down from 2017. Participants harvested 374 deer, down from

the 2017 late hunt harvest of 900.

The total number of CWD positive wild deer sampled in this disease management area remains at 17, with six new positives identified in the fall of 2017.

A map of the disease management zone and additional information about the DNR's efforts to keep Minnesota's wild deer healthy are available on the DNR website at mndnr.gov/cwd. Because disease information can change rapidly, people are encouraged to regularly check back for updates.

Legals

CITY OF ARLINGTON PLANNING & ZONING COMMITTEE PUBLIC HEARING

The Arlington Planning & Zoning Committee will hold a public hearing on Thursday, March 1, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. or as soon thereafter, in the City Hall Council Chambers, 204 Shamrock Drive to consider the following matter that requires a public hearing.

APPLICANTS

Jeff Yohnke
Jim Heiland

PURPOSE

To review and consider the application for a Conditional Use Permit to allow minor auto repair in addition to vehicle and retail sales at 307 5th Avenue Northwest, in the B-1 Service Business District, at the following described location:

Legal: Lots 8-10 & 15-18, Blk 3, Charles Hillemann Addition, City of Arlington, Sibley County MN. Parcel # 31.0401.000.

Any person desiring to comment on these matters is invited to do so in writing or orally at the time of the public hearing. Inquiries should be directed to Cynthia Smith Strack, Zoning Administrator, at 507-964-2378 during normal business hours. Written comments should be sent to the Zoning Administrator at 204 Shamrock Drive, Arlington MN 55307.

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CITY OF ARLINGTON PLANNING & ZONING COMMITTEE PUBLIC HEARING

The Arlington Planning & Zoning Committee will meet and conduct a public hearing on Thursday, March 1, 2018 at 7:03 p.m. or as soon thereafter, in the City Hall Council Chambers, 204 Shamrock Drive to consider an amendment to Chapter 31 of the City Code pertaining to auto body repair and sales in the B-2 Central Business District.

The proposed code amendment, if approved, will amend Chapter 31, Section 8, Subd. 3 by adding language allowing auto body repair, service, and sales in the Central Business District. Additional information relating to the proposed amendments is available at City Hall. Copies of the proposed ordinances will be posted on the City's website prior to the hearing.

Any person desiring to comment on these matters is invited to do so in writing or orally at the time of the public hearing. Written comments should be directed to Cynthia Smith Strack, Zoning Administrator, 204 Shamrock Drive, Arlington MN 55307. A complete copy of the proposed ordinance amendment is available for review at Arlington City Hall during normal business hours.

/s/

Cynthia Smith Strack,
Zoning Administrator
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St. Paul's Geography Bee Winners

These three students were winners in the local Geography Bee at St. Paul's Lutheran School in Arlington. Left to right: Dominick Olson (first place), Kendra Schmidt (second place) and

Yliah Rendon (third place). Olson will now take a qualifying test with the National Geography Association.

Sibley County Court

The following misdemeanors, petty misdemeanors and gross misdemeanors were heard in District Court January 26-February 2, 2018: Minnesota State Patrol (MSP); Sheriff's Office (SO); Department of Natural Resources (DNR); MN Department of Transportation (MNDOT).

Michael R. Hodges, 46, Plato, issued dishonored check, dismissed, Arlington PD; David E. Stuedemann, 45, Shakopee, drive under influence of alcohol, stay of imposition, unsupervised probation one year, chemical dependency evaluation/treatment, follow recommendations of evaluation, sign all releases of information, keep court/attorney informed of current address, no same or similar, remain law-abiding, \$335, DWI-third degree driving while impaired; one aggravating factor, dismissed, Arlington PD; Gregory W. Thomsen, 30, Arlington, drug possession, possession of drug paraphernalia, dismissed, Arlington PD.

Matthew J. Beranek, 29, New Brighton, speed, \$125, Gaylord PD; David D. Gartner, 47, Redwood Falls, no proof insurance (driver), dismissed, Gaylord PD; Gilberto Moreno, 18, Gaylord, instruction permit violation over 18, continued, unsupervised monitoring without adjudication one year, obtain driver's license, provide proof to the prosecutor, no same or similar, pay costs, no driver license violations, \$100, no proof insurance, dismissed, Gaylord PD; Gerald H. Seifert, 78, Sleepy Eye, speed, \$135, Gaylord PD; Robin G. Stegner, 67, Redwood Falls, no proof insurance (driver), dismissed, Gaylord PD; Ryan M. Thielbar, 40, Faribault, speed, \$125, Gaylord PD; Charmaine M. Villalon, 27, Las Vegas, Nev., speed, \$125, Gaylord PD. Samuel M. Stenson, 23, Min-

netrista, speed, \$125, Henderson PD.

Gafar O. Ayodele, 23, Brooklyn Park, speed, \$135, MSP; Jennifer A. Cameron, 27, Inver Grove Heights, speed, \$145, MSP; James T. Egesdal, 47, Gaylord, speed, unsupervised monitoring without adjudication one year, pay costs, no same or similar, keep court/attorney informed of current address, remain law-abiding, \$125, MSP; Trent A. Egland, 19, Dennison, speed, \$135, MSP; Jessica L. Green, 37, Becker, speed, \$135, MSP; Michael J. Gross, 31, Le Sueur, speed, \$135, MSP; Jesusa Hernandez, 33, Winthrop, speed, \$135, MSP; Justin R. Hieb, 24, Middleburg Heights, Ohio, no proof MV insurance, dismissed, MSP; LeRoy E. Lyke, 60, Plymouth, speed, \$135, MSP; Shawn D. Meyer, 44, Winthrop, speed, \$125, MSP; Emily J. Rath, 37, Sartell, speed, \$125, MSP; Ryder K. Schlagel, 19, Walker, speed, \$125, MSP; Charles B. Smith, 47, New Prague, no proof MV insurance, dismissed, MSP; Rachal L. Smith, 19, Shakopee, speed, \$225, MSP; Darnell J. Vickers, 50, Sioux City, Iowa, speed, \$130, log book not current, dismissed, MSP; Shelby L. Weber, 21, Glencoe, speed, \$125, MSP; Ramon M. Zuniga, 35, Green Isle, speed, continued, unsupervised monitoring without adjudication one year, pay costs, no same or similar, nospeeding, keep court/attorney informed of current address, \$135, MSP.

Shane W. Hanson, 32, Henderson, drive under influence of alcohol, DWI-fourth degree driving while impaired, dismissed, DWI-operate motor vehicle-alcohol concentration 0.08 within two hours, stay of imposition, unsupervised probation one year, keep court/attorney informed of cur-

rent address, follow recommendations of evaluation, 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, sign all releases of information, chemical dependency evaluation/treatment within 60 days and file proof with Sibley County Court Administration, victim impact panel, file proof with Sibley County Court Administration, \$535, SO; Michael J. Ivorsen, 48, Arlington, tamper with motor vehicle/enter without owner permission, stay of imposition, unsupervised probation six months, no same or similar, remain law-abiding, keep court/attorney informed of current address, \$285, SO; Ronald J. Medford, 35, Spicer, speed, \$145, SO.

Ross P. Bauth, 43, Winthrop, DAR, continued, unsupervised monitoring without adjudication one year, pay costs, obtain driver's license within the year, no same or similar, remain law-abiding, keep court/attorney informed of current address, \$275, failure to produce proof of insurance-additional penalty, dismissed, Winthrop PD; Nicole M. Friedges, 35, Winthrop, uninsured vehicle-driver, dismissed, Winthrop PD; Cady M. Unger, 25, Winthrop, uninsured vehicle-owner violation, \$285, Winthrop PD.

The following felonies were heard in District Court January 26-February 2, 2018.

Michele E. Gadbar, 35, Winthrop, storing methamphetamine paraphernalia in the presence of a child, fifth degree possession of a controlled substance, stay of imposition, supervised probation five years, local confinement 180 days, credit for time

served 27 days, community work service 16 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, contact with probation, follow all instructions of probation, sign probation agreement, sign all releases of information, chemical dependency evaluation/treatment, follow all recommendations of Rule 25 dated 10/09/17, follow recommendations of evaluation, mental health evaluation, 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, conditions other- obtain a female sponsor with at least 4 years sobriety and maintain weekly contact, complete treatment, successfully complete high intensity outpatient treatment at New Ulm Medical Center and follow all discharge recommendations, \$235, Winthrop PD.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

Maria Dela Luz Rogriguez and Juan Miguel Mancera Cortes, both of Gaylord, 01/11/2018

Century Farm applications being accepted until April 2

Minnesota families who have owned their farms for 100 years or more may apply for the 2018 Century Farm Program. Produced by the Minnesota State Fair in conjunction with the Minnesota Farm Bureau Federation, the Century Farm Program was created to promote agriculture and honor historic family farms in the state. More than 10,000 Minnesota farms have been honored since the program began in 1976.

Family farms are recognized as a Century Farm when three requirements are met. The farm must be: 1) at least 100 years old according

to authentic land records; 2) in continuous family ownership for at least 100 years (continuous residence on the farm is not required); and 3) at least 50 acres and currently be involved in agricultural production.

A commemorative certificate signed by State Fair Board of Managers President Paul Merkins, Minnesota Farm Bureau Federation President Kevin Paap and Governor Mark Dayton will be awarded to qualifying families, along with an outdoor sign signifying Century Farm status.

\$750 scholarships available

The Nicollet/Sibley County Corn and Soybean Growers are offering six \$750 scholarships for students enrolled in two or four year colleges and majoring in ag business, ag production, ag engineering, ag education or any ag related field of study.

Scholarship applicants must be a resident of Sibley or Nicollet County and their family must be a Minnesota Corn or Soybean

Grower Association member.

Two \$500 adult scholarships for adults enrolled in an ag education program are also being offered.

For a scholarship application contact the Nicollet/Sibley County Corn & Soybean Growers at 507-237-4100 or check with your local high school. The deadline for submitting applications is April 13.

Young Producers Evening Out

University of Minnesota Extension, in collaboration with the Minnesota Dairy Initiative- SouthCentral Region, have announced the upcoming Winter Dairy Series in an effort to bring dairy production education to the region.

The 2018 "Young Producers Evening Out" event will be held at Neisen's Bar and Grill in Biscay on Thursday, Feb. 22.

The featured speaker of the evening will be Megan Roberts from the University of Minnesota Extension. The evening's focus is to discuss the role of communication in farm businesses and the strategies young producers can use to ensure future success. This event will run from 7:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. and is free to attend, however pre-registration is requested. Snacks and appetizers will be provided.

Megan Roberts, University

of Minnesota Extension Educator in Agricultural Business Management, understands the many challenges young producers face today. With high startup costs and a low commodity price outlook, farm transitions and succession have become one of the few remaining ways young people have to enter and build a business in the dairy industry.

In this discussion, Roberts will address many of the obstacles young producers experience, from handling simple everyday decisions to intergenerational transition planning. This event will leave the audience with a better understanding of different communication styles, techniques to use in order to ensure their voices are being heard, and why having farm business conversations around the kitchen may not be the best idea.

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