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## Struggles at Trailblazer Transit continue

By Amy Newsom  
Correspondent

At the regular Sibley County Board meeting on Tuesday, Jan. 24, County Commissioner Jim Swanson updated the group on the continuing issues at Trailblazer Transit.

Swanson said the Trailblazer Board meeting scheduled for Thursday, Jan. 26 was

canceled by Chair Ron Shimanski because Wright County Area Transportation (WCAT) told him that they had other commitments.

Swanson said that WCAT doesn't want the Trailblazer Board to conduct business because WCAT is afraid that the first order of business will be to fire Director Gary Ludwig.

Swanson said that it is not on the agenda, and that Sibley and McLeod still wanted to meet. Swanson also said that Shimanski is serving as the chairperson of a board in which he was not re-appointed. Shimanski feels that he is chairperson of the board until they have a meeting to elect new officers. Swanson said

that per the joint powers agreement, one representative from each entity must be at the meeting to conduct business. WCAT is requesting to have a workshop to mediate differences before they will come to a board meeting. Swanson said that WCAT is leaving the board with no choice but to wait for the me-

diation workshop in February.

### \$10,000 grant

The County Board accepted a \$10,000 grant from the Department of Human Services (DHS) to assist with outreach to the Hispanic population for the county's ACT on Alzheimer's program.

The funds will be used to

hire a cultural consultant, Maria Munoz of Gibbon, who will conduct community meetings and perform one on one interviews within the Hispanic community.

The County Board will hold its next regular meeting at 9 a.m. Tuesday, Feb. 14



Enterprise photo by Kurt Menk

### Construction Continues

Construction continues on the renovation/addition project at the Sibley East Public School in Arlington. This picture shows the construction on the north side of the building. The band, choir and art rooms, along

with a couple other special education classrooms, will be completed soon, according to school officials.

## Green Isle EDA to apply for grant to establish a revolving loan fund

By Kurt Menk  
Editor

The Green Isle Economic Development Authority (EDA) plans to submit an application to the USDA Rural Development through the Rural Business Development Grant (RBDG) Program and establish a revolving loan fund.

Members of the EDA and business owners discussed this goal during a gathering in the Green Isle City Office on Monday night, Jan. 30.

According to Sibley County Community Development Program Manager Amy Newsom, a maximum of \$10,500 is available through this program. No matching funds are required. Newsom, however, said the chances are better with matching monies.

The deadline for this grant

application is Friday, April 14, according to Newsom.

RBDG is a competitive grant designed to support targeted technical assistance, training and other activities leading to the development or expansion of small and emerging private businesses in rural areas that have fewer than 50 employees and less than \$1 million in gross revenues, according to a news release. Programmatic activities are separated into enterprise or opportunity type grant activities.

Funding is available to public bodies, non-profit organizations, and federally recognized Tribes to finance and facilitate business opportunity or business enterprise projects that serve rural areas, according to a news release. Examples of business oppor-

tunity projects include, but are not limited to community or technology-based economic development, feasibility studies and business plans, and leadership and entrepreneur training. Examples of business enterprise projects include, but are not limited to acquisition or development of land, project planning, technical assistance, pollution control and abatement, feasibility studies and business plans, capitalization of revolving loan funds, and distance adult learning for job training and advancement.

In fiscal year 2016, USDA awarded nearly \$400,000 for six grants to help support the start-up or expansion of rural Minnesota small businesses through the RBDG program, according to a news release. For example, the City of

Madelia was awarded a \$99,000 grant to establish a revolving loan fund that they leveraged with donations and funding from local financial institutions, private contributors and other regional, state and federal programs. Funding was used to provide financial assistance to help Main Street businesses rebuild and repair after a fire destroyed nearly half of its buildings. This grant was provided through Section 6025 set-aside funds.

The 2014 Farm Bill provides up to 10 percent set-aside funds for RBDG projects that support strategic economic development or community development plans through Section 6025 and requires a separate application.

### Board receives an update from County Treasurer Mary Fisher

By Amy Newsom  
Correspondent

Sibley County Treasurer Mary Fisher updated the Sibley County Board on taxes collected, license center use, and investment information at the regular Board meeting on Tuesday morning, Jan. 24.

According to Fisher, the amount of taxes due in Sibley County for 2016 was \$29,767,625.49. The amount collected by the end of the year was \$29,420,521.57. That's a collection rate of 98.83 percent. Fisher said that amount was "right in the ballpark" with other years. The 2015 collection rate was 98.60 percent. Fisher stated that 265 parcels make up the \$347,103.92 still owed to the county.

Fisher reported that transactions were down in 2016 at the Sibley County License Center. 16,183 transactions were completed in 2015 and only 16,022 transactions were completed in 2016. Even

though transactions were down, the amount of sales in Sibley County were up from \$1,854,710 in 2015 to \$1,861,996 in 2016. Fisher said that credit card sales were up from 814 in 2015 to 987 in 2016. Credit card sales made up 4.09 percent of all sales in 2016. Fisher could not give a final number on wheelage taxes because the county has not received the taxes from the state yet. She expects to receive the wheelage tax sometime in January.

Fisher reported that the county earned \$203,126.02 in interest income in 2016. That was slightly more than the budgeted amount of \$200,000. Fisher said it was because the county received better interest rates through brokers, but mentioned that she has not seen an increase in interest rates from local banks yet.

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## Green Isle EDA plans to reorganize and be more active

By Kurt Menk  
Editor

The Green Isle Economic Development Authority (EDA) plans to reorganize and be more active in hopes of retaining and attracting new businesses to the community.

The first step in that goal was to invite business owners and Sibley County Community Development Program Manager Amy Newsom to a gathering at the Green Isle City Office on Monday night, Jan. 30.

"We want to show everybody that we're trying to do

something," said former Green Isle Mayor and current EDA President Randal Bruegger.

Scott Vos, a member of the Green Isle EDA, called the gathering a "rebirth of the Green Isle EDA" that has not been real active since the renovation of the Green Isle Community School almost a dozen years ago.

Vos said the EDA is currently working with Sibley County on a revolving loan grant. The process is just starting, he added.

Newsom, in a 20-minute

presentation to the group, explained the services, resources and funding options which are available to all current and potential new businesses in the Green Isle community.

The options, which were neatly placed in a packet for all attendees, ranged from the Sibley County Revolving Loan Fund to tax abatement, Southern Minnesota Initiative Foundation and Small Business Development Center at Minnesota State University at Mankato.

Green Isle City Council member Mark Wentzlaff, who

is also a member of the EDA, was impressed with the packet which included all of the services, resources and funding options.

"At least we have this packet to get going when current and potential new businesses come in," said Vos.

Newsome added that the EDA could also add its own materials to the packet.

Newsom, who announced that she is available to meet with business owners, reported that she has visited almost every business in Green Isle.

The main concerns from

business owners, according to Newsom, are the high taxes and the hope to find a business for the open lot by JIT Companies.

Vos said the EDA also needs to market the available lots in town.

Bruegger agreed and said "updating the lots is critical."

Newsom responded that she can list the open lots on the county website.

Green Isle Mayor Kreger said the marketing of the lots is important, but he reminded the group to not forget about "the businesses we have" who

could potentially expand.

City Council member Diane Brown and a computer technician will work to update the city website.

"Anything we can do to retain or attract new businesses would be great for the community," Vos said.

The EDA consists of Randal Bruegger, Brian Oelfke, Mark Wentzlaff, Bert Panning, Scott Vos, Mark Miller and Scott Beebe.



## News Briefs

### Accident near Gaylord

A two-vehicle accident reportedly occurred at the intersection of 320th Street and 441st Avenue about six miles southwest of Gaylord at 7:53 a.m. Tuesday, Jan. 24, according to the Sibley County Sheriff's Department.

Kelly Norell, 58, St. Peter, was driving a 2012 Ford Explorer westbound on 320th Street and Marilyn Wills, 68, Gaylord, was driving a 1997 Chevy Lumina northbound on 441st Avenue, according to the report. The two vehicles collided at the intersection.

Norell and Wills were not injured in the accident, the report said. Both vehicles sustained substantial damage.

### Accident south of Arlington

Icy roads reportedly caused a one-vehicle accident along County Road 8 near 401st Avenue about nine miles south of Arlington at 5:30 a.m. Thursday, Jan. 26, according to the Sibley County Sheriff's Department.

Mark Thoele, 56, Gaylord, was driving a 2002 Ford F-150 when the vehicle left the roadway and rolled over in the ditch, according to the report.

Thoele, who was wearing a seatbelt at the time of the crash, was not injured, the report said.

### County conducting park survey

Sibley County is considering improvements to the Sibley County Park System. These improvements include enhanced campsites with public restrooms, showers, and electricity at the Clear Lake Park located approximately five miles south of the City of Gibbon.

Please fill out our survey on your thoughts on Sibley County Park improvements before March 1, 2017. The survey, which consists of 10 questions, is located at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/BXJNM7Y> <<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/BXJNM7Y>>.

### Bus strikes parked vehicle

An accident involving a Sibley East school bus and a parked vehicle reportedly occurred along the 300 block of Fifth Avenue Northwest at 3:45 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 24, according to the Arlington Police Department. The accident was reported to authorities on Wednesday, Jan. 25.

The school bus, driven by Sandra Klaers, 44, side swiped the parked vehicle as it was pulling into a driveway, according to the report. The vehicle, owned by Sharon Adelmann, was parked on the street. There were no reported injuries.

### Garden Club to meet Feb. 7

The Arlington Garden Club will meet at the home of Deb Gieseke at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 7.

New members are welcome. For more information, contact Chris Heiland at 507-964-5177.

### Mask Theatre to be offered

The Homeward Bound Theatre Company will offer "Mask Theatre" at the Sibley East Public School in Gaylord from 3:30 p.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesdays from Feb. 7 through Feb. 28.

Students in grades 7-9 will have fun making a mask of their own face. Theatrical masks are physical, they are able to impress others by making things come out of a dream and allow it to become a reality. Participants will create their own face mask, then use their creation while performing a drama together. Family and friends will be invited to attend the theatrical production on the last day of class.

For more information and/or cost of registration call Sibley East Community Education at 507-237-3322 extension 4.

### Larsen named to Dean's List

Arlington resident Tina Larsen was recently named to the Dean's List at the University of Minnesota at Duluth.

Students on the Dean's List have achieved a grade point average of 3.5 or higher.

### Fire alarm at Sibley East

The Arlington Fire Department responded to a fire alarm at the Sibley East Senior High School in Arlington at 7:16 p.m. Friday, Jan. 27, according to Arlington Fire Chief John Zaske.

A contractor was grinding floors in the new addition on the north end of the school and the dust allegedly caused the fire alarm to go off, according to Zaske.

The local fire department was on the scene for about 50 minutes, he said.

### Students honored at Ridgewater

A number of local and area students were recently named to the Dean's List at Ridgewater College, Willmar Campus.

The students from Arlington included Michaela Mefert, Joel Mercier and Casey Samletzka.

The students from Green Isle were Trevor Damlow and James Schealler.

In order to be included on the Dean's List, a student must maintain a grade point average of 3.5 or higher and be enrolled in at least 12 credits.

### New Ulm man killed in accident

A New Ulm man was killed in a farm accident in rural Courtland on Sunday afternoon, Jan. 29, according to KNUJ Radio.

According to the Nicollet County Sheriff's Office, 27-year-old Kyle Ross Segelstrom was helping a friend work on an end dump style grain wagon. The two individuals were attempting to lower the box of the wagon when the hydraulic cylinder holding the box up suddenly failed, causing the box to drop down, pinning Segelstrom between the box and the frame of the wagon. Segelstrom was pronounced dead at the scene.

### 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](mailto:kurtm@arlingtonmnnews.com).



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### Peace Poster Contest

Morgan Thoele, left, and Tora Stainbrook, right, were the winners in the Arlington and Green Isle Lions Clubs' Peace Poster Contest. Thoele also placed second and received a \$200 award at the district level.

Students in Amanda Feterl's sixth grade art class participated in the Peace Poster Contest.

## A-GI Women of Today offering two \$750 scholarships

The Arlington-Green Isle Women of Today is offering two \$750 scholarships to graduating seniors residing in the communities of Sibley County who have had an emphasis in community service.

The guidelines are as follows:

1. Recipients must be a

graduating senior residing in Sibley County.

2. Candidates must include proof of grade point average (transcript).

3. Candidates must complete the required application form.

4. Include one letter of recommendation.

Applicants must be mailed to the AGI Women of Today Scholarship, P.O. Box 1095, Arlington, MN, 55307.

Applications must be postmarked before April 14, 2017

A committee selected by the AGI Women of Today will review the applications to determine the scholarship

recipients. Scholarships will be presented in May.

For more information on the AGI Women of Today organization, please visit its website at [www.agi-womenoftoday.org](http://www.agi-womenoftoday.org)



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**Thursday, February 2nd** – Arlington Lions Club, Arlington Haus, 6 p.m. social, 7 p.m. meeting.

**Friday, February 3rd** – Arlington Veteran's Steak Fry, Veteran's building at the fair grounds, 5:30-7:30 p.m.

**Monday, February 6th** – Arlington City Council, council chambers, 6:30 p.m. Arlington AA and Alanon, 8 p.m. St. Mary's Catholic Church. Speaker Night, Open to the public. Arlington Ambulance Service, EMS Building 7:00 p.m.

**Tuesday, February 7th** – Arlington Garden Club, 7 p.m. at the home of Deb Gieseke. New members welcome. For more information contact Chris Heiland at 507-964-5177

**Wednesday, February 8th** – Arlington A's Baseball board, 7 p.m. Arlington Haus.; Green Isle Senior Go-Getters, Green Isle Community Room, Noon potluck. All Senior Citizens Welcome!

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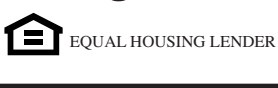







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## New Director

Sibley East graduate Alyssa Swanson, daughter of Dan and Maria Swanson, is the new director of the Richfield Historical Society. An article on Swanson and her new position was recently featured in the Richfield Sun Current. In this photo, Swanson holds up a sign she found while digging through the tool shed of the Riley Bartholomew House, which will be

a top priority for Swanson as she leads the historical society. Swanson said the sign was from the 1960s during a period when the Bartholomew House was subject to vandalism. Swanson graduated from Valley City State University in North Dakota where she majored in history and library science.

## State Auditor Rebecca Otto to hold statewide listening tour in Gaylord on Saturday, Feb. 4

Minnesota State Auditor Rebecca Otto will be at the Prairie House Restaurant in Gaylord as part of a statewide listening tour from 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, Feb. 4. State Auditor Otto has announced she is running for Governor in 2018.

“My campaign is going to look a little bit different,” Otto said in making the announcement. “I think there’s been a lot of talk lately and

not enough listening and truly understanding voters’ concerns throughout the state.”

Rather than just telling people what she thinks, Otto wants to hear from people as to what their hopes and dreams are for Minnesota, and what they would like to see changed. Several listening sessions have already been held across the state, including Rochester, Redwood Falls, Duluth, and the Twin

Cities, as well as sessions via Facebook Live and phone (Tele-Town Hall).

Otto is a winner of the National Award for Excellence in Accountability, was elected President of the National State Auditors Association, and has been named one of the fifteen most influential Government Auditors in America.

## Sweetheart and Hunk Coronation on Monday, Feb. 6

The Sweetheart and Hunk Coronation and Winter Sports Recognition Program will be held at the senior high school in Arlington at 2:30 p.m. Monday, Feb. 6.

The junior candidates for Sweetheart are Faith Young, Hanna Steffer, Lacey Scharping, Morgan Stearns and Taylor Brinkman.

The junior candidates for

Hunk are Austin Weckwerth, Kevin Durham, Jr., Lucas Chavez, Gavin Bates and Jaden Podratz.

Elementary Ag Day will be held on Tuesday, Feb. 7.

A staff breakfast will be served on Wednesday, Feb. 8.

Ag Olympics will be held from 2:30 p.m. to 3:11 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 9.

A dance will be held at the

senior high school in Arlington from 8 p.m. to 11:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 11.

Dress Up Days will be PJ Day on Monday, Feb. 6; Hawaiian Day on Tuesday, Feb. 7; Camo Day on Wednesday, Feb. 8; Jersey Day on Thursday, Feb. 9; and Seniors (Pink), Juniors (Red) and Sophomores (White) on Friday, Feb. 10.

## Delegation for proposed Gaylord Medical School to present in Arlington on Thursday night, Feb. 2

By Kurt Menk  
Editor

A delegation for the proposed Gaylord Medical School will make a presentation in Arlington on Thursday night, Feb. 2. The gathering will be held at the Community Center from 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m.

The presentation will be made to the Arlington City

Council, Arlington Economic Development Authority, Arlington Planning & Zoning Committee and Arlington Area Chamber of Commerce. The public is also invited to the presentation.

The delegation toured three medical schools during late October.

The group visited medical schools in Harrogate, TN

(population 4,324), Pikeville, KY (population 6,905), and Lewisburg, WV (population 3,955).

The delegation included Phil Keithahn, Sue Keithahn, Chuck Klimmek, Pauline Marlinski, Avery Grochow, Don Boeder, Jerry Hahn, Allen Bartels, Todd Sandberg, Jim Landaas, Roxy Traxler and Tim Kloeckl.

## Charges in attempted burglary of foreclosed house

Two Le Sueur men face criminal charges after allegedly trying to burglarize a foreclosed house, according to an article in the *Le Sueur News Herald*.

A neighbor called Nicollet County dispatch around 6:50 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 22 and reported that a house, which recently had been subject to foreclosure, had two people inside it who were using flashlights.

Nicollet County sheriff’s deputies and St. Peter police reportedly arrived to find Nathan Eldred Manteufel, 22, and Fidencio Flores, 31, going through the house and detached garage. Flores was using a headlamp and Manteufel was using a flashlight function on his cellular phone, the criminal complaint said.

The property had been

through foreclosure and sold at a sheriff’s auction July 20 to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems and Countrywide Bank. But the two men told law enforcement that the previous owner told them they could go through and take whatever they wanted and that the lights had not worked. The previous owner denied this to law enforcement.

A deputy found that the power was still active in both the house and garage and that the buildings were mainly empty. A deputy also found a rear door had been propped open and the frame’s metal trim had fresh marks on it, consistent with a screwdriver or pry bar.

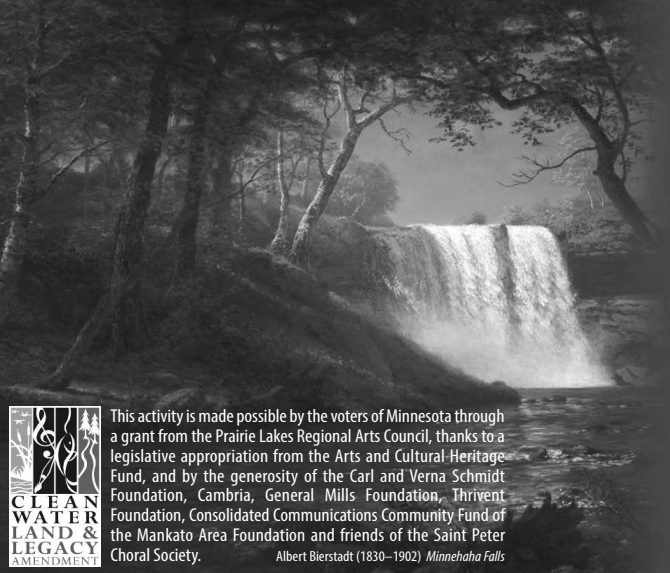
The two men had apparently come in an orange sports utility vehicle with a trailer attached. The SUV had numer-

ous items, the criminal complaint said, including tools, radio equipment and electronics. The trailer did not have a license plate and the registration information had been rubbed off.

After obtaining a search warrant, investigators found a pry bar in the SUV on the front passenger footwell.

Manteufel and Flores were each charged with two counts of second-degree burglary, aiding and abetting second-degree burglary and third-degree burglary, all felonies, as well as misdemeanor theft and attempted theft.

Manteufel will have an omnibus hearing in Nicollet County District Court on Tuesday, Feb. 14. Flores will have an omnibus hearing on Tuesday, March 14.



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**THANK YOU**



I would like to thank Coach Jim DeSart and the Sibley East Girls Basketball Team for honoring me at their recent Coaches vs. Cancer night. The support and awareness raised for cancer research is so important and I really appreciate the cobalt blue t-shirts that the team and many fans wore in recognition of colon cancer. Our family continues to be touched and amazed by the ongoing support from the wonderful people in the Sibley East communities as my cancer battle continues - small towns, HUGE hearts!

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Opinions

Closed lunch program is topic at SE School Board meeting  
Our View: Closed lunch program would hurt some businesses in Arlington

Sibley East Junior High Principal Steve Harter, in his recent administrative notes to the School Board, wrote that he would like to implement a closed lunch program.

Harter cited healthy meals, academics and safety as reasons for a closed lunch program. These are valid reasons and always worthy of a debate. However, the School Board should be mindful of the economic impact on local businesses as Superintendent Jim Amsden pointed out.

A closed lunch program would hurt Arlington businesses who depend on students to visit their restaurants and convenience stores over the noon hour five days a week for nine months each school year. These are also the same people who are paying additional property taxes on their businesses and homes for the new and renovated schools.

Under the current rules, students in grades 7-9 cannot leave the junior high campus in Gaylord for their approximate 30-minute lunch period without permission from their parents and the principal, according to school officials. Students in grades 10-12 can leave the senior high campus in Arlington from their approximate 30-minute lunch period, school officials said.

Safety should always be taken seriously, but there have been no serious problems in Arlington over the years, according to local enforcement records. It is also difficult for students to drive out of town for food and return to school in time during a 30-minute lunch period.

Healthy meals and academics are also very important, but why are these reasons now and not in the past?

One area not mentioned is freedom. Some seniors, who are 18 years of age, would be old enough to vote, but could not walk a block or two to eat lunch under a closed period.

It would be simple to implement the same lunch period policy when all students in grades 6-12 are housed at the soon-to-be renovated middle school and high school in Arlington starting next fall. Students in grades 6-9 could have a closed lunch period while students in grades 10-12 could have an open lunch period. The School Board, in turn, could always reserve the right to revisit this issue at the conclusion of every school year.

-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 3**  
Jackie Hilgers and Kevin Menk.

**February 4**  
Ross Bergs, Ryan Bergs, Angie Brau, Alfred Burdorf, Eric Paggen, Pam Roth and Carter Thomes.

**February 5**  
Megan Dose, Kiley Quast, Adam Kleist, Sara Kleist and Zachary Vos.

**February 6**  
Scott Deno, Tim Schmidt, and Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Schuetz.

**February 7**  
Mary Kistner, Maiya Haggerty, and Mr. and Mrs. Rick Schmidt.

**February 8**  
Jacob Brueggemeier, Marie Kreft, Mabel Meyer, Cody Voight, Mary Pioske, Mike Scharping and Katelyn Ures.

**February 9**  
Aleyhna Pedraza, Drew Berger, Logan Brau and Zach Goheen.

When a daughter was in high school, she went out with the captain of the chess team. **The parents loved him because they figured any guy who took three hours to make a move was okay.**

**They say 70 percent of accidents occur in the home. The rest occur in voting booths.**

Lena decided that she and Ole needed a bit of culture so she bought tickets to the ballet. That evening, after watching the performance for about 30 minutes, Ole learned over to Lena and whispered in her ear.

**"I don't see why they dance on their toes," said Ole. "Why don't they just get taller dancers?"**

A patient was always late to the dentist office for his appointment. The dental assistant called him one day to remind him about an upcoming

appointment.  
The man said, "I'll be about 15 minutes late. That won't be a problem, will it?"  
"No," replied the dental assistant. "We just won't have time to give you anesthetic."

**The man arrived early!**  
A polar bear walks into a bar and says, "Give me a Scotch and.....Coke."  
"Why the long pause?" asks the bartender.

**"I don't know," replies the bear. "I've always had them."**

A newly established lawyer wanting to impress the first client coming into his office, picked up the phone and said, "I'm sorry, but I have a tremendous case load and won't be able to look into this for at least a month."

He then hung up, turned to his visitor and asked, "What can I do for you, sir?"

**"Nothing," replied the man. "I'm just here to hook up your phone."**

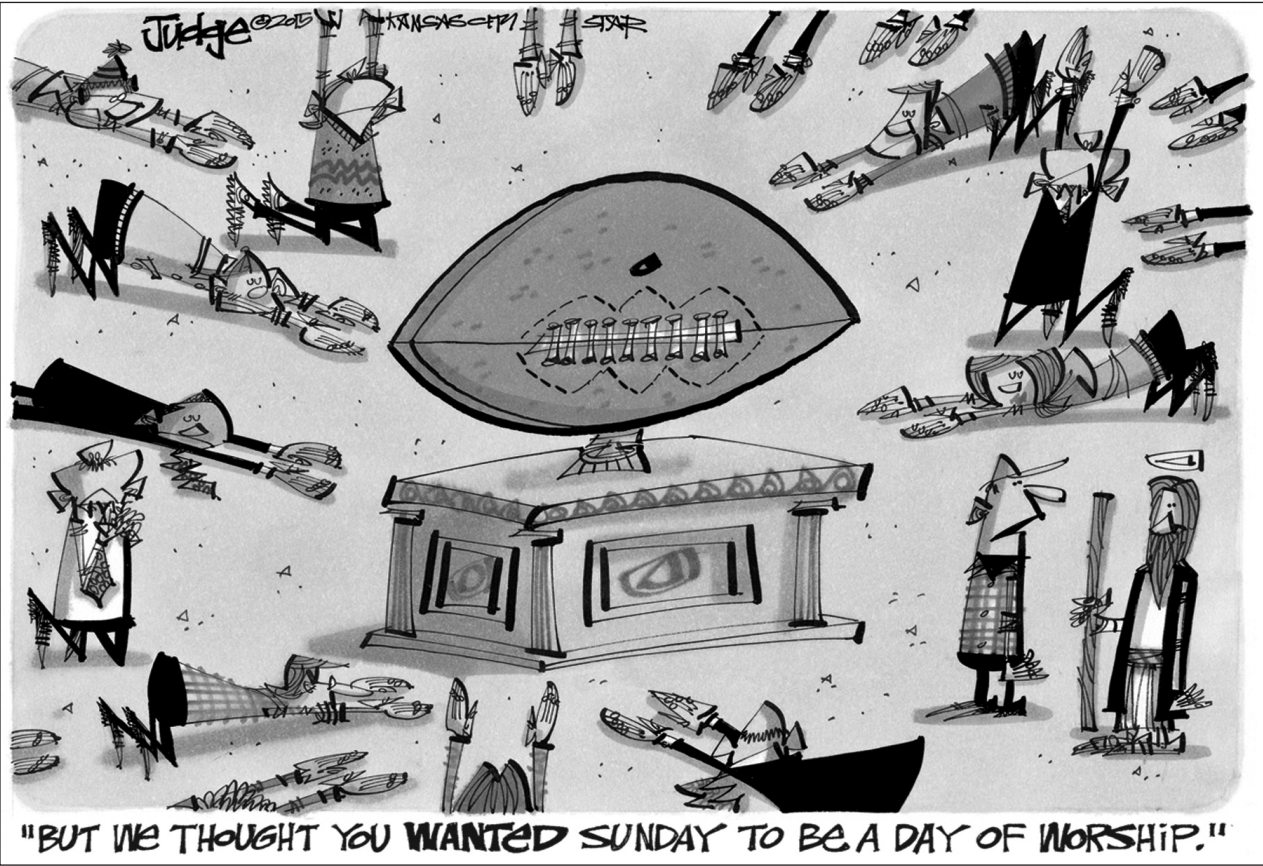
Government surveyors came to Ole's farm in the fall and asked if they could do some surveying. Ole agreed and Lena even served them a nice meal at noon time.

The next spring, the two surveyors stopped by and told Ole, "Because you were so kind to us, we wanted to give you this bad news in person instead of by letter."

Ole replied, "What's the bad news?"

The surveyors stated, "Well, after our work we discovered that your farm is not in Minnesota, but is actually in South Dakota."

**Ole looked at Lena and said, "That's the best news I have heard in a long time, why I just told Lena this morning, 'I don't think I can take another winter in Minnesota.'"**



Guest Column

Beyond Equality: Equity as an economic driver

By Tim Penny  
President/CEO  
Southern Minnesota Initiative Foundation

In a recent interview, I was asked to reflect on what it looks like for rural voices to "be heard," which has been a big talking point during this last election cycle. I referenced an op-ed from a friend of mine, former Congressman Dick Swett of New Hampshire. He stated "don't insist that everybody worship at the altar of global warming, just talk to them about common sense approaches to conservation. We don't need to sing out of the same songbook to be singing in harmony." Dick's advice could apply to a lot of issues where emotions often get in the way of solutions.

Naturally, I don't think we're going to agree 100 percent on many things, but I do think we agree a lot more than we're letting ourselves think. One of these issues is that of equity; rural folks strive for equity with urban dwellers, just like within both urban and rural communities we seek equity between genders, races, generations, and more. As Minnesotans, we have typically done a good job of agreeing that our state does better when everyone succeeds. This includes all kids getting a good education, businesses of all sizes being able to succeed, and all residents no matter their skin color or religious background having access to economic opportunity.

Statistics, however, continue to show that we have work to do. For example, we know that 14 percent of Minnesota kids ages 0-4 live in poverty (39 percent for black children and youth, 26 percent for Hispanic children and youth, and 25 percent for Native Americans) and that 8 of Southern Minnesota Initiative Foundation's (SMIF) 20 counties are in the highest range of income inequality in the state. When SMIF surveyed minority business owners in our 20-county region, we found that the main barrier to success was access to capital. Yet, studies continue to show women and people of color, especially new immigrants, are driving entrepreneurship.

Economic inequalities and educational achievement gaps are not solely issues affecting the urban core. Earlier this month, MPR News host Tom Weber interviewed Dane Smith, President of Growth & Justice, which is a think tank that advocates for equity through policy, as well as Granite Falls Mayor Dave Smiglewski. They pointed out that there are areas of great inequality in parts of Greater Minnesota.

They mentioned issues ranging from access to high-speed internet and good infrastructure to racial disparities. Today, Greater Minnesota is more racially diverse than most people realize. I share the view put forward by Dane Smith that "community leaders are addressing this and embracing this issue," because I see evidence of it every day.

The Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis is another institution undertaking a study on equity, and lack thereof, as a cause for economic concern. In that same vein, here at SMIF, we have launched The Prosperity Initiative to give minority-owned businesses one-on-one technical assistance. We received an Emerging Entrepreneur Loan Program allocation from DEED to supplement our business lending to

groups that have trouble accessing traditional bank financing. SMIF's Early Childhood team and partners are driving the conversation around affordable, quality child care in rural communities. All of our resources help rural populations trying to make a difference in their community.

As Neel Kashkari, President of the Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis, noted when announcing their new Opportunity and Inclusive Growth Institute, "A lack of economic opportunity does not know racial or ethnic or even geographic boundaries. There are people in all communities who are struggling to get a fair chance at a good education and a good job."

Investing in people of color, new Americans, women, veterans, people with disabilities, low-income people, young leaders and other historically under-resourced groups across all Minnesota communities is a win-win proposition. It can lead to increased economic opportunities for all Minnesotans. By creating welcoming communities that people want to move to and start businesses, raise families and volunteer their time, we create a state that is vibrant and strong.

My colleague Diana Anderson, President of SMIF's sister foundation, Southwest Initiative Foundation, has the following African proverb on her office wall: "If you want to go quickly, go alone. If you want to go far, go together." As we go forward, who can we bring along?

As always, I welcome your comments and questions. You can reach me at timp@smifoundation.org or 507-455-3215.

Principal's Notepad

Principal discusses Infinite Campus

By Steve Harter  
SE Junior High Principal

There are several very useful aspects of our administrative software program (Infinite Campus) here at Sibley East.

The one that most parents are aware of is the gradebook feature. Parents and students can view up-to-date grades at any time. We really encourage parents to use this feature (and all of the features) to make sure that they keep up with their student's academic progress.

Another feature that is associated

with the grade book is the student planner. The planner is just what it sounds like...a planner that lists all of the upcoming tests and assignments; we encourage students and parents to look at this regularly. Teachers will usually have their assignments, tests, etc. entered by Monday evening; sometimes teachers may need to change or update the information but it is usually accurate. In addition to the academic aspects of the Infinite Campus program, parents can check attendance, teacher emails and many other features.

Additionally, parents can use the infinite Campus program (in combination with the website) to pay for their student's hot lunch program; this is a very useful feature.

We encourage parents and students to take advantage of the valuable features on both the Infinite Campus program and the school's website (www.sibleyeast.org). If any parent still does not have access to their child's Infinite Campus portal please call the office at 507-237-3314.



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SHIP training and coaching help child care providers give young children a healthy start

Family and small, independent child care providers were more likely to offer vegetables, increase kids’ physical activity and support infants’ breastfeeding after receiving trainings and coaching from Minnesota’s Statewide Health Improvement Partnership (SHIP).

SHIP grantees covering all 87 counties across the state provided training, coaching and follow-up with 768 child care providers between 2013 and 2015. An evaluation study of this initiative focused on its impact among family and small, independent child care providers, which more commonly serve lower income and rural families. Smaller child care providers also often lack access to such training. The study found that child care providers who received this locally based training and support through SHIP were significantly more likely to adopt policies and practices that help protect against childhood obesity.

36 daycare providers in Meeker-McLeod-Sibley participated in the Twist and Sprout program through a partnership between Providers Choice and SHIP. Through this program, the providers were able to learn new or enhanced skills such as menu planning, family-style meals, incorporating nutrition and physical activity into daily routines and how to set up a family child care environment to optimize indoor and outdoor active play.

Child care providers have also had the opportunity through SHIP to participate in learning how to bring locally grown foods into their menu planning, as well as how to support working moms that are also breastfeeding.

“Minnesota was among only four states to see obesity rates fall between 2014 and 2015. The SHIP program was a big part of this success by increasing access to healthy foods and exercise,” said Lt. Governor Tina Smith. “I thank the Department of Health and Minnesota child care providers for their ongoing efforts to give our children a healthy start and combat childhood obesity.”

The study found that training and support provided through SHIP resulted in these practice and policy changes:

- 13 percent increase in providers offering vegetables to children at least twice per day (from 40 to 53 percent);
- 21 percent increase in providers giving toddlers at least 90 minutes of active play time daily (from 57 to 78 percent); and
- 25 percent increase in providers meeting at least six recommended practices for breastmilk storage, labeling and handling (from 68 to 93 percent).

“More than two-thirds of Minnesota’s infants, toddlers and preschoolers regularly attend child care,” said Minnesota Commissioner of Health Dr. Ed Ehlinger. “This SHIP support of child care

providers is an effective investment in the current and future health of the state’s youngest generation.”

Childhood obesity is a serious health and economic concern in Minnesota. Being overweight puts children at risk of physical and psychosocial health problems such as type 2 diabetes, asthma, and depression, and increases their chance of becoming overweight or obese as adults. Obese children who become obese adults face more severe health consequences and incur roughly \$19,000 more in direct medical costs over the course of their lifetime compared to children who remain normal weight into adulthood.

The best practices promoted by SHIP contribute to high quality child care and are a quality indicator for Minnesota’s child care quality improvement and rating system, Parent Aware. The study also found significant increases in the proportion of providers who adopted written policies reflecting current practice on healthy eating, physical activity and breastfeeding. Written policies help to institutionalize and sustain practice changes. They can also serve as communication tools for talking with parents about healthy eating and activity practices that have been implemented in the child care program.

Read the full study at Statewide Health Improvement Partnership Evaluation Studies.

History

100 Years Ago

February 1, 1917  
Adam C. Buck, Editor  
Another severe blizzard struck us Tuesday night and Wednesday, the second within ten days, and threatens to cause a worse blockade than the first one did. The storm is said to be especially sever in South Dakota, altho the weather is rather mild compared to the former storm.

Mrs. Thomas Forcier of Stewart died Jan. 17, age 96 years. She was born in Quebec, Canada, and was a resident of Grafton this county, until about a year and a half ago. She is survived by six children, 50 grand children and 50 great grand children and 10 great grand children.

Hugo Gruening, Owen Keefe and Geo. Locher had the time of their lives Sunday, when they chased down and captured a full grown wolf of the timber variety. It was a female and the hunters will realize a good day’s wages from the bounty and sale of the pelt.

80 Years Ago

February 4, 1937  
Louis Kill, Editor  
It’s going to be pretty tough on traffic law violators within the village limits in a few weeks hence. The town dads are preparing to have tags printed covering every type of violation and have given Marshall McGovern and Officer Stahl strict orders to tag every vehicle that is involved in any of the following infractions: reckless driving; driving at a dangerous and un-

reasonable rate of speed; passing at intersection; passing on wrong side; making U turn in middle of the block; parking too close to hydrant; failure to stop on entering a thru street. Beware fellows!

Miss Emily Deterling is caring for the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Mueller while they are away on a month’s tour of the Southwest. Mr. and Mrs. Louis Kill, who are also traveling with the Muellers have secured Mrs. James Doheney and daughter, Lucille, to care for the house and children during their absence.

Rexall 34th Birthday Sale at Scharping’s Drug Store. Here are some of the Anniversaries Bargains:

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60 Years Ago

January 31, 1957  
Louis Kill & Son, Publishers  
Open house at the new Arlington Clinic attracted a throng of visitors last Sunday, in fact there were times when the place was literally packed with people who came to look and congratulate Doctors Kath and Gridley on their commodious quarters and excellent equipment. Many business establishments sent beautiful floral bouquets which were conspicuous in the various rooms and lobby. Favorable weather also helped to make the opening day a grand success and estimates place the total attendance at about 700.

The Arlington and Green Isle

Sportsmen Clubs are again going after the fox. Reports were that they were well pleased with the last hunt. February 3 is the date they set. All interested are asked to meet at the Fire Hall in Arlington at 12:25.

40 Years Ago

February 2, 1977  
Val Kill, Editor  
H. W. Lynch, president and chairman of the board of Arlington State Bank, announced the following officer changes at the Arlington State Bank following its annual meeting. Marie M. Phillips, with the bank since 1953, has been advanced to senior vice president. Larry Sorenson was promoted to executive vice president and cashier. Mr. Sorenson has been with the bank for 14 years.

The Main Inn, a restaurant and bar, will open Monday, February 7th at 3 p.m. in the building that formerly housed Freddie Voight’s tavern on Main Street in Arlington. The building has been remodeled inside and out. The owners of the new business are Darwin & Nancy Mathwig.

The sun made a valiant effort to shine Friday morning in the midst of the worst winter storm we have had this year. High winds combined with low temperatures to produce a wind chill factor of minus 70 and lower. Blowing snow cut visibility to zero at times on the highways. Schools were closed here on Wednesday thru Friday. Storm conditions persisted from Wednesday thru Saturday.

Obituary

Megan E. Bening, 22, Arlington

Megan Elizabeth Bening, age 22, of Arlington, died unexpectedly in Rapid City, S.D., on Saturday, Jan. 28.



Megan Bening

Mass of Christian Burial will be held at St. Mary’s Catholic Church in Arlington on Saturday, Feb. 4. Father Keith Salisbury and Deacon Tim Dolan will officiate.

Visitation will be held at St. Mary’s Catholic Church from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Friday, Feb. 3. It will continue one hour prior to the Mass at St. Mary’s Catholic Church on Saturday, Feb. 4.

Megan was born to Allan and Jean (Moore) Bening in Glencoe on April 15, 1994. She was baptized, received

her first communion and was confirmed at St. Mary’s Catholic Church in Arlington. She was a 2012 graduate of Sibley East Senior High School and graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in Computer Information Technology from Minnesota State University-Mankato (MNSU) in December of 2016. She was currently working towards her Masters Degree and was also employed by Bureau 507 at MNSU as a User Experience Manager. Megan loved to downhill ski and experienced a spontaneous brain hemorrhage while enjoying her biggest passion, skiing at Black Hills Ski for Light. She enjoyed water skiing, sky diving and spending time with family and friends. She was the secretary for the MN student division of the National Federation of the Blind. She espe-

cially enjoyed bonding and friendship while involved in Girl Scout Troop # 3074 and also participated in speech, plays, singing in Opus One.

She is survived by her parents, Allan and Jean Bening; her guide dog, Cori; and her grandma, Sylvia Bening, all of Arlington. Also surviving are aunts and uncles, Curtis Bening, Nancy Bening, Rose Kuenzel, Jerry Moore, Carol (Duane) Hacker, Jo Moore and Rick (Kim) Moore as well as loving cousins and close friends.

Megan is preceded in death by grandparents, Carroll and Betty Moore and Alfred Bening; uncles, Elwood and Mark Bening; and cousin, Jordon Liebhard.

Kolden Funeral Home is assisting the family with arrangements.

Death Notice

Milo Quast, 88, Gaylord

Milo Quast, age 88, of Gaylord, passed away at the Oak Terrace Health Care Center in Gaylord on Monday, Jan. 30.

Funeral service will be held at Immanuel Lutheran

Church in Gaylord at 11 a.m. Friday, Feb. 3.

Visitation will be held at the Egesdal Funeral Home in Gaylord from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 2. Visitation will continue one hour

prior to the service at the church on Friday, Feb. 3.

Interment will be in the church cemetery. Military Honors by the Manthey-Asmus American Legion Post #433 in Gaylord.

Class on how to recognize a scam

Is it a scam? Do you get calls asking for donations for what seem to be worthy causes? How can you be sure it’s a legitimate cause or if it’s a scam?

The Sibley County Extension Home Study Program is hosting a class on

how to recognize a scam. The class will be held at the Sibley County Service Center located at 111 Eighth Street in Gaylord on Thursday, Feb. 16.

Rodney Drexler with the Sibley County Sheriff’s Department will present the

class.

To RSVP for the class, call the Sibley County Extension Office at 507-237-4100 by Tuesday, Feb. 14.

This class is free of charge and open to the public to attend.

Ridgeview Sibley Medical Center and Foundation is accepting health care scholarship applications

The Ridgeview Sibley Medical Center and Foundation offers high school students who reside in Sibley County the opportunity to receive a \$2,000 college scholarship.

Qualified students must have maintained a minimum high school grade point average of 2.8 and completed the

requirements of the application by the scholarship deadline. Scholarships will be awarded to three qualified applicants.

To be eligible, students must submit the following application components by April 1 (or postmarked by this date), including the completed application (which in-

cludes two essay questions), a high school transcript and a minimum of two letters of recommendation.

Scholarship applications are currently available from the guidance office at all Sibley County high schools or from the Ridgeview Sibley Medical Center website (www.sibleymedical.org).

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Sports



Senior Connor Kranz, 22, kept a watchful eye on Belle Plaine guard Brody Curtiss, left, during action on Friday night, Jan. 27.

Sibley East boys fall to Jordan, beat BP in conference action

**By Kurt Menk Editor**  
The Sibley East varsity boys basketball team split a pair of games in Minnesota River Conference action last week.

The Wolverines, 6-2 in the MRC and 11-3 overall, will travel to Norwood Young America in conference play at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 2. Sibley East will host Le Sueur-Henderson in MRC action at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 7.

Jordan 77  
Sibley East 50

The visiting Sibley East varsity boys basketball team fell hard to Jordan 77-50 in Minnesota River Conference action on Tuesday evening, Jan. 24.

The Wolverines, who trailed 50-27 at halftime, were outscored by four points in the second half.

Junior Gavin Bates led Sibley East with 17 points in the loss. Senior Connor Kranz tossed in seven points while senior Scott Holmquist and juniors Austin Weckwerth and Holden Lindquist netted six points each. Junior Connor Deis had four points

while juniors Alex Sell and Jacob Willmsen hooped two points apiece.

No individual statistics were available from this contest.

Sibley East 74  
Belle Plaine 72

The Sibley East varsity boys basketball team, after an early lead, withstood a late rally and slipped past visiting Belle Plaine 74-72 in Minnesota River Conference play on Friday night, Jan. 27.

The Wolverines, who raced to a 10-2 lead early, held a 36-24 advantage at halftime.

Junior Gavin Bates paced four players in double figures with 17 points. Junior Austin Weckwerth dropped in 15 points while seniors Connor Kranz and Devon Schultz hooped 14 points each. Senior Scott Holmquist hit for five points while juniors Jaden Podratz and Kevin Durham scored four and three points respectively. Junior Holden Lindquist added two points.

Schultz also pulled down 14 rebounds and blocked one shot. Weckwerth contributed six caroms, six assists and two steals. Bates had four as-

sists, three boards and two thefts.

Brody Curtiss and Nathan Herman paced Belle Plaine with 22 points each.

B-squad

The Sibley East B-squad boys basketball team split two games in action last week.

Visiting Sibley East lost to Jordan 66-39 on Tuesday night, Jan. 24.

Jacob Willmsen and Austin Snyder hit for eight points each while Lukas Dose scored five points. Ty Knacke and Kameron In netted four points each while Jens Lundstrom, Aaron Deis and Alex Sell added two points apiece.

Sibley East rebounded with a 52-26 win over visiting Belle Plaine on Friday night, Jan. 27.

Sell and In sparked the Wolverines with 10 points apiece. Lundstrom hooped eight points while Willmsen had seven points. Dose netted six points while Max Bartels and Knacke scored four points each. Snyder collected four points while Christian Becksted added one point.

Sibley East girls defeat LCWM, fall to Norwood Young America

**By Kurt Menk Editor**  
The Sibley East varsity girls basketball team split a pair of games in action during the past week.

The Lady Wolverines, 3-5 and 6-10 overall, will travel to Nicollet in non-conference play at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 2. Sibley East will host Sleepy Eye St. Mary's at 7:30 p.m. Monday, Feb. 6.

Sibley East 54  
LCWM 48

The visiting Sibley East varsity girls basketball team, after a sluggish first half, defeated Lake Crystal-Wellcome Memorial 54-48 in non-conference action on Monday night, Jan. 23.

Senior Hannah Wentzlaff and junior Morgan Stearns paced Sibley East with 14 and 12 points respectively. Junior Ali Stock, sophomore Rachel Rettmann and freshman McKenzie Latzke hooped six points each. Junior Taylor Brinkman netted five points while senior Alli Harter had three points. Junior Taylor Perschau added two points.

Wentzlaff and Rettmann also pulled down 15 and 14 rebounds respectively. Stearns snared seven boards while Harter collected five caroms.

"LCWM started out with more energy and outthusted us in all three phases of the game, but mostly on the offensive end of the floor and transition," said Sibley East head coach Jim DeSart. "We

were struggling in our man defense getting beat off the dribble along with their interior post play."

DeSart continued, "We had a brief chat as a team at half-time as they were aware I was not pleased with our first half and the players knew it. I left them in the locker room for a couple minutes to figure out if they were going to wake up and execute the game plan with better decisions on the floor. I was much more pleased with the second half, but at the end of the day, you will always take wins regardless of our play on the floor. It was just an overall sub-par night for us. We can play better, especially at this point in the season."

NYA 74  
Sibley East 37

The visiting Sibley East varsity girls basketball team fell hard to Norwood Young America 74-37 in Minnesota River Conference action on Thursday evening, Jan. 26.

Senior Hannah Wentzlaff pumped in 24 points for the Lady Wolverines. Juniors Taylor Brinkman and Morgan Stearns netted five and four points respectively. Junior Taylor Perschau and freshman McKenzie Latzke added two points each.

Wentzlaff also pulled down a dozen rebounds. Rettmann snared six boards while Stearns and Perschau had three caroms each.

"NYA is the full package and well deserving of their number three ranking in the

state," said Sibley East head coach Jim DeSart. "They have balanced scoring, strong defense and coach Gary Lemke has them playing well."

DeSart added, "NYA is a solid program going all the way down to the youth program and you can see the playing experience over the years when they take the floor."

B-squad

The Sibley East B-squad girls basketball team split two games in play during the past week.

The visiting Lady Wolverines edged Lake Crystal-Wellcome Memorial 25-24 on Monday night, Jan. 23.

Lexy Stock tossed in eight points while Sydney Schott scored seven points. Abby Widmer and Donnae Morton hooped four points each while Madisyn Petree netted two points.

Lillian Beneke contributed six rebounds, two blocked shots and one steal while Schott had five caroms, two assists, one steal and one blocked shot.

Visiting Sibley East then lost to Norwood Young America 41-19 on Thursday night, Jan. 26.

Stock pumped in eight points while Beneke and Widmer scored five and four points respectively. Schott added two points.

Widmer also collected six rebounds and four steals.

Wrestlers defeat 3 of 4 opponents

**By Kurt Menk Editor**  
The Sibley East varsity wrestling team defeated three of four opponents during the past week.

The visiting Wolverines defeated Le Sueur-Henderson 38-30 on Tuesday night, Jan. 24.

Sibley East also defeated visiting Kimball 56-6 and St. Agnes 57-9 on Thursday evening, Jan. 26.

The visiting Wolverines lost to Scott West 51-9 on Friday night, Jan. 27.

Sibley East will compete in a triangular meet at Waseca at 5 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 2.

Sibley East 38  
Le Sueur-Henderson 30

106-pounds: Derek Steele (SE) pinned Jordan Grinde (LSH) 4:48.

113-pounds: Dayne Morton (SE) won by a major decision over Keon Naranjo (LSH) 13-2.

120-pounds: Both teams forfeited this match.

126-pounds: Mario Hernandez (SE) was pinned by Jorge Hernandez (LSH) 0:52.

132-pounds: Tanner Pasvogel (SE) decisioned Dalton Pauly (LSH) 8-4.

138-pounds: Tommy Wentzlaff (SE) pinned Dylan Pauly (LSH) 2:42.

145-pounds: Keegan Efertz (SE) was pinned by Chris Healy (LSH) 3:44.

152-pounds: Mason Voight (SE) won by a major decision over Trevor Block (LSH) 10-0.

160-pounds: Logan Tesch (SE) was decisioned by Luke Wilson (LSH) 7-0.

170-pounds: Tim Lewis (SE) was pinned by Tucker Colling (LSH) 5:13.

182-pounds: Andrew Schauer (SE) decisioned Jordan Carlson (LSH) 3-1.

195-pounds: Cody Voight (SE) won by a forfeit.

220-pounds: Ramiro Rivera (SE) was pinned by Trenton Rogich (LSH) 5:27.

285-pounds: Tanner Kurtzweg (SE) pinned Jacob Wacker (LSH) 0:57.

106-pounds: Derek Steele (SE) was pinned by Cody Leither (KA) 1:00.

113-pounds: Dayne Morton (SE) pinned Brandon Guggisberg (KA) 1:17.

120-pounds: Kevin Melger (SE) won by a major decision over Josh Donnay (KA) 12-2.

126-pounds: Lincoln Carpenter (SE) pinned Austin Donnay (KA) 2:28.

132-pounds: Tanner Pasvogel (SE) decisioned Zack Holtz (KA) 6-2.

138-pounds: Tommy Wentzlaff (SE) decisioned Payton Schiefelbein (KA) 10-7.

145-pounds: Mason Voight (SE) pinned Michael Donnay (KA) 1:56.

152-pounds: Jose Felipe (SE) pinned Carter Holtz (KA) 0:27.

160-pounds: Logan Tesch (SE) won by a major decision over Adam Theis (KA) 11-2.

170-pounds: Tim Lewis (SE) pinned Anthony Zongo (KA) 1:32.

182-pounds: Andrew Schauer (SE) pinned Nicholas Bowen (KA) 1:16.

195-pounds: Both teams forfeited this match.

220-pounds: Ramiro Rivera (SE) pinned Jim Wicker (KA) 4:18.

285-pounds: Both teams forfeited this match.

Sibley East 57  
St. Agnes 9

106-pounds: Derek Steele (SE) won by a technical fall over Luke Wallisch (STA) 17-0.

113-pounds: Dayne Morton (SE) won by a technical fall over Luke Johnson (STA) 17-2.

120-pounds: Kevin Melger (SE) was decisioned by Tommy Jackson (STA) 4-3.

126-pounds: Both teams forfeited this match.

132-pounds: Tanner Pasvogel (SE) won by a forfeit.

138-pounds: Both teams forfeited this match.

145-pounds: Mason Voight (SE) pinned Dominick Cummings (STA) 1:10.

152-pounds: Logan Tesch (SE) pinned Justin Hernandez (STA) 3:57.

160-pounds: Jose Felipe (SE) was pinned by Max

Cummings (STA) 3:41.

170-pounds: Tim Lewis (SE) won by a technical fall over Pasha Hickman (STA) 17-3.

182-pounds: Andrew Schauer (SE) pinned Nickolas Knack (STA) 0:31.

195-pounds: Cody Voight (SE) pinned Elie Doby (STA) 0:41.

220-pounds: Ramiro Rivera (SE) pinned Jared Scott (STA) 4:24.

285-pounds: Andrew Streich (SE) pinned Kyle Gordon (STA) 0:55.

Scott West 51  
Sibley East 9

106-pounds: Derek Steele (SE) was decisioned by Colton Bahr (SW) 8-2.

113-pounds: Dayne Morton (SE) decisioned Jacob Strack (SW) 8-3.

120-pounds: Kevin Melger (SE) was pinned by Justin Stauffacher (SW) 0:41.

126-pounds: Lincoln Carpenter (SE) lost by a major decision to Jackson Stauffacher (SW) 8-0.

132-pounds: Tanner Pasvogel (SE) decisioned Tyler Shackle (SW) 7-4.

138-pounds: Tommy Wentzlaff (SE) lost by a major decision to Parker Huss (SW) 11-3.

145-pounds: Mason Voight (SE) decisioned Jeffery Kapsner (SW) 5-0.

152-pounds: Jose Felipe (SE) lost by a major decision to Trent Rasmussen (SW) 9-1.

160-pounds: Logan Tesch (SE) lost by a major decision to Tariq Smith (SW) 17-9.

170-pounds: Tim Lewis (SE) lost by a technical fall to Jon Huss (SW) 22-7.

182-pounds: Andrew Schauer (SE) was decisioned by Deshawn Carter (SW) 5-1.

195-pounds: Cody Voight (SE) was pinned by Tyler Buesgens (SW) 1:50.

220-pounds: Ramiro Rivera (SE) was pinned by Calvin Menke (SW) 2:35.

285-pounds: Tanner Kurtzweg (SE) was pinned by Ben Alexander (SW) 2:49.

Bowling

The following are the standings from the Men's and Women's Leagues at Double Tap in Arlington.

Men's League

Standings	Points Won	Points Lost
1. Club New Yorker.....	87	57
2. Scott Equipment.....	85 1/2	58 1/2
3. Double Tap.....	84	60
4. Pro Landscaping.....	73 1/2	70 1/2
5. Chef Craig's Catering.....	63	81
6. Goetsch Insurance.....	39	105
Last Week's Top Scores		
Scratch Game: 822 Club New Yorker, 756 Chef Craig's Catering, 718 Double Tap		
Scratch Series: 2,316 Club New Yorker, 2,147 Chef Craig's Catering, 2,105 Double Tap		
Scratch Game: 278 Nate Morreim, 247 Taylor Johanson, 232 Ed Montiel		
Scratch Series: 701 Nate Morreim, 648 Ed Montiel, 589 Jessie Schauer		

Women's League

Standings	Points Won	Points Lost
1. Woehler Seeds.....	14 1/2	5 1/2
2. A & N Radiator.....	10	10
3. Club New Yorker.....	8 1/2	11 1/2
4. Busse Construction.....	7	13
Last Week's Top Scores		
Scratch Game: 446 Woehler Seeds, 411 Club New Yorker, 398 Busse Construction		
Scratch Series: 1,306 Woehler Seeds, 1,202 Club New Yorker, 1,163 Busse Construction		
Scratch Game: 202 Nikki Braunworth, 170 Barb Herrmann, 168 Bobbie Schleeve		
Scratch Series: 514 Nikki Braunworth, 468 Barb Herrmann, 453 Bobbie Schleeve		

DNR officials to discuss hunting, fishing licenses

The Minnesota Department of Natural Resources will host an informational meeting and question and answer session to discuss Governor Mark Dayton's proposed increases to hunting and fishing license fees.

The meeting will be held at the Snell Motors Community Room from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 7. The community room is located at 1900 Madison Avenue in Mankato.

DNR officials will discuss the need for fee changes and how license money is used. Area hunters, trappers, anglers and wildlife enthusiasts are encouraged to attend.

More information is on the DNR's website at [mndnr.gov/aboutdnr/legislativeinfo](http://mndnr.gov/aboutdnr/legislativeinfo).







Enterprise photo by Kurt Menk

## Halftime Basketball Skills

Youngsters had an opportunity to show their basketball skills during halftime of the Sibley East varsity boys basketball game in Gaylord on Friday

night, Jan. 27. Montgomery Halquist, left, and Ty Winterfeldt, right, were two of the many youngsters who displayed their skills.

## Invasive java water dropwort found in Le Sueur County

The recent discovery of a non-native aquatic plant in Minnesota is a reminder that people should always dispose of aquarium or water garden plants or animals appropriately – not by releasing them into the environment.

Invasive species staff with the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources identified java water dropwort in an isolated small pond in Le Sueur County. The wetland plant is native to Southeast Asia and is sometimes sold for ornamental purposes. DNR staff said the plant was likely released into the wild by someone who didn’t understand the harm non-native plants can cause.

“People with aquariums or water gardens need to look for responsible ways to dispose or find a new home for unwanted

plants or animals, instead of putting them in the environment,” said DNR Invasive Species Specialist Allison Gamble. “It’s important to teach this to children as well as adults, and it’s a good opportunity to educate kids about invasive species.”

Gamble said people should contact a retailer or veterinarian to find out how to safely and humanely get rid of aquatic plants and pets they no longer want. It is illegal to release most non-native species into the wild in Minnesota.

One option is the aquatic animal and plant surrender event on Saturday, Jan. 28, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Redemption Lutheran Church (927 East Old Shakopee Road) in Bloomington, spon-

sored by Minnesota Sea Grant and the Minnesota Aquarium Society.

The Minnesota Aquarium Society will also auction off surrendered fish, plants and equipment from 11 a.m. until 6 p.m. People surrendering them receive a portion of the selling price.

Java water dropwort is sometimes sold as water celery or water parsley. It is rare in the United States outside of aquariums and water gardens. It has only been confirmed twice previously in the Midwest—both times in Wisconsin, where it is regulated as a prohibited invasive plant. DNR staff removed java water dropwort from the small pond and will monitor and contain the remaining plants.

## Legals

**NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE**  
**THE RIGHT OF VERIFICATION OF THE DEBT AND IDENTITY OF THE ORIGINAL CREDITOR WITHIN THE TIME PROVIDED BY LAW IS NOT AFFECTED BY THIS ACTION.**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that default has occurred in conditions of the following described mortgage:

DATE OF MORTGAGE: June 30, 2014

MORTGAGOR: Neil R. Holmquist, a single man

MORTGAGEE: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc.

DATE AND PLACE OF RECORDING: Recorded July 2, 2014 Sibley County Recorder, Document No. A233458

ASSIGNMENTS OF MORTGAGE: Assigned to: JPMorgan Chase Bank, National Association. Dated February 17, 2016 Recorded February 29, 2016, as Document No. A238184.

TRANSACTION AGENT: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc.

TRANSACTION AGENT’S MORTGAGE IDENTIFICATION NUMBER ON MORTGAGE: 10024890000081613

LENDER OR BROKER AND MORTGAGE ORIGINATOR STATED ON MORTGAGE: Rescue Mortgage, Inc. dba Mortgage Depot

RESIDENTIAL MORTGAGE SERVICER: JP Morgan Chase Bank, National Association

MORTGAGED PROPERTY ADDRESS: 719 Brooks Street West, Arlington, MN 55307

TAX PARCEL I.D. #: 31.0359.000

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY:

The South 142 feet of Lot 7, Streissguth’s Subdivision of the East 15 acres of the South 20 acres of the West 100 acres of the NW ¼ of Section 9, in Township 113, North of Range 27, West of the 5th Principal Meridian, Sibley County, Minnesota.

COUNTY IN WHICH PROPERTY IS LOCATED: Sibley  
ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF MORTGAGE: \$144,897.00

AMOUNT DUE AND CLAIMED TO BE DUE AS OF DATE OF NOTICE, INCLUDING TAXES, IF ANY, PAID BY MORTGAGEE: \$154,098.77

That prior to the commencement of this mortgage foreclosure proceeding Mortgagee/Assignee of Mortgagee complied with all notice requirements as required by statute; That no action or proceeding has been instituted at law or otherwise to recover the debt secured by said mortgage, or any part thereof;

PURSUANT to the power of sale contained in said mortgage, the above described property will be sold by the Sheriff of said county as follows:

DATE AND TIME OF SALE: March 10, 2017 at 10:00 AM

PLACE OF SALE: Sheriff’s Office, Sheriff’s Department, 319

Park Avenue, Gaylord, MN to pay the debt then secured by said Mortgage, and taxes, if any, on said premises, and the costs and disbursements, including attorneys’ fees allowed by law subject to redemption within six (6) months from the date of said sale by the mortgagor(s), their personal representatives or assigns unless reduced to Five (5) weeks under MN Stat. §580.07.

TIME AND DATE TO VACATE PROPERTY: If the real estate is an owner-occupied, single-family dwelling, unless otherwise provided by law, the date on or before which the mortgagor(s) must vacate the property if the mortgage is not reinstated under section 580.30 or the property is not redeemed under section 580.23 is 11:59 p.m. on September 11, 2017, unless that date falls on a weekend or legal holiday, in which case it is the next weekday, and unless the redemption period is reduced to 5 weeks under MN Stat. Secs. 580.07 or 582.032.

MORTGAGOR(S) RELEASED FROM FINANCIAL OBLIGATION ON MORTGAGE: None

“THE TIME ALLOWED BY LAW FOR REDEMPTION BY THE MORTGAGOR, THE MORTGAGOR’S PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVES OR ASSIGNS, MAY BE REDUCED TO FIVE WEEKS IF A JUDICIAL ORDER IS ENTERED UNDER MINNESOTA STATUTES, SECTION 582.032, DETERMINING, AMONG OTHER THINGS, THAT THE MORTGAGED PREMISES ARE IMPROVED WITH A RESIDENTIAL DWELLING OF LESS THAN FIVE UNITS, ARE NOT PROPERTY USED N AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION, AND ARE ABANDONED.”

Dated: December 29, 2016  
JPMorgan Chase Bank, National Association  
Mortgagee/Assignee of Mortgagee

USSET, WEINGARDEN AND LIEBO, P.L.L.P.

Attorneys for Mortgagee/Assignee of Mortgagee

4500 Park Glen Road #300  
Minneapolis, MN 55416  
(952) 925-6888  
30 – 16-008393 FC

THIS IS A COMMUNICATION FROM A DEBT COLLECTOR.

Publish: January 12, 19, 26, February 2, 9 and 16, 2017

### SIBLEY COUNTY, MINNESOTA

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON APPROVAL OF CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN AND ISSUANCE OF CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT BONDS PURSUANT TO MINNESOTA STATUTES, SECTION 373.40

Notice is hereby given that the County Board of Sibley County, Minnesota (the “County”), will meet at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, February 28, 2017, at the Sibley County Courthouse, 400 Court Avenue, Gaylord, Minnesota, to conduct a public hearing to obtain public comment on approval of the

County’s Capital Improvement Plan (the “CIP”) and to obtain public comment on the County’s intention issue capital improvement plan bonds (the “Bonds”) in an amount not to exceed \$6,500,000, pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, Section 373.40, for the purpose of financing improvements to the Courthouse and Annex and other improvements described in the CIP.

If a petition requesting a vote on the issuance of the Bonds is signed by voters equal to five percent of the votes cast in the County at the last general election and filed with the County Auditor within thirty (30) days after the public hearing, the County may issue the Bonds only after obtaining the approval of a majority of the voters voting on the question of issuing the Bonds.

Copies of the proposed CIP and corresponding resolutions are on file and may be inspected at the Sibley County Courthouse, Administration Office, during normal business hours. All interested parties are invited to attend the public hearing or to provide written comments to the undersigned, which written comments will be considered at the hearing.

Questions regarding this matter may be referred to Roxy Traxler, County Administrator at (507) 237-7800. Auxiliary aids are available upon request at least 96 hours in advance of the hearing. Please contact the County at (507) 237-7800 to make arrangements.

BY ORDER OF THE COUNTY BOARD  
SIBLEY COUNTY, MINNESOTA

/s/ Roxy Traxler  
County Administrator  
Publish: February 2, 9, 16 and 23, 2017

### Notice of Public Hearing Jessenland Planning and Zoning

Notice is hereby given of a hearing regarding a Planning and Zoning request in Jessenland Township, Sibley County, Minnesota. The hearing will take place at 7:00 p.m. Monday, February 27th at the Jessenland Township Hall.

Request by:  
Bryan Petzel  
33778 State Hwy. 19  
Henderson, MN 56044  
(612) 756-1761

Request for: Conditional Use Permit in the Conservation-Agricultural District for a new home. This property is located off State Hwy. 19 in section 34, township 113, range 26, Sibley County, Minnesota.

Written comments regarding this request may be sent to:  
Jessenland Planning and Zoning

c/o Martha , Administrator  
P.O. Box 26  
Belle Plaine, MN 56011  
Publish: February 2, 2017

## Sibley County Court

The following misdemeanors, petty misdemeanors and gross misdemeanors were heard in District Court January 13-29, 2017: Minnesota State Patrol (MSP); Sheriff’s Office (SO); Department of Natural Resources (DNR); MN Department of Transportation (MNDOT):

Marissa N. Bergseng, 23, Glencoe, speed, dismissed, Gaylord PD; Patrick J Calautti, 19, Katonah, N.Y, speed, \$135, Gaylord PD; Valerie A. Danielson, 53, Gaylord, no proof insurance (driver), dismissed, Gaylord PD; Berenice Leal, 40, Gaylord, speed, uninsured vehicle-owner violation, violation of instruction permit, dismissed, Gaylord PD; Joseph D. Lux, 30, New Ulm, no proof insurance (driver), \$285, Gaylord PD; Abdi W. Mahmoud, 62, St. Peter, defrosting of windshield required, careless driving (no accident no injury), \$225, Gaylord PD; Miguel B. Martinez, 61, Gaylord, driving after revocation, dismissed, Gaylord PD; Lindsey J. Miller, 22, Delano, speed, \$135, Gaylord PD; Kelly M. Strasmann, 28, Stewart, no insurance MV vehicle owner, instruction permit violation over 18, \$335, Gaylord PD; Joshua M. T. Tressler, 24, St. Louis Park, speed, \$135, Gaylord PD.

Joshua A. Larsen, 37, Morton, speed, \$135, Gibbon PD.

Tyler A. Jenkins, 34, Eden Prairie, speed, dismissed, Henderson PD.

Kelly D. Wells, 54, Rosemount, unsafe passing on shoulder, \$135, MSP; Abd R. A. F. Al Oden, 25, Mankato, speed, \$125, MSP; Dennis N. Bergman, 58, Huron, S.D., speed, \$225, no proof MV insurance, dismissed, MSP; Yolanda M. Cano Catalan, 44, Marshall, speed, \$145, MSP; Tiffany R. Doherty-Schooler, 38, Glencoe, speed, \$125, MSP; Paul O. Dolly, 61, Winthrop, seatbelt required-driver and passengers must use, \$110, MSP; Tessa A. Downs, 29, North Mankato, speed, \$135, MSP; Nicole M. Friedges, 34, Winthrop, speed, no proof MV insurance, \$345, MSP; Gina M. Fussy, 28, Pierz, speed, \$135, MSP; Kenneth R. Geib, 70, Winthrop, seatbelt required-driver and

passengers must use, \$110, MSP; Gerardo R. Godinez, 49, Gaylord, speed, \$145, MSP; Juan J. Guajardo, Jr., 35, Cokato, failure to stop at stop signs or stop lines, driver must carry proof of insurance when operating vehicle, dismissed, MSP; Cody D. Koekenhoff, 25, Graettinger, Iowa, illegal/improper pass on right, \$135, MSP; Brenda L. Liebhard-Johnson, 50, Le Sueur, speed, \$125, MSP; Jaden J. Madson, 22, Chaska, speed, \$145, MSP; Verna P. McMurtrey, 55, Even, no proof MV insurance, dismissed, MSP; Nicholas M. Melsha, 35, Arlington, seatbelt required-driver and passenger must use, \$110, MSP; Paul A. Messner, 57, Winthrop, illegal/improper pass on right, \$135, MSP; Eri Meynard, 26, Woodbury, speed, continued, unsupervised monitoring without adjudication one year, pay costs, no same or similar, keep courts/attorney informed of current address, no speeding violations, \$135, no proof of MV insurance, dismissed, MSP; Michael J. Neisen, 48, Brownton, no proof MV insurance, dismissed, MSP; Debra A. Reynolds, 55, Watkins, speed, \$225, MSP; Sherman J. Smith, 40, Farkworth, New Zealand, speed, \$385, MSP; Eric D. Threlkeld, 28, Roy, Utah, speed, \$135, MSP; James Ugorji, 27, Washington DC, speed, \$285, MSP; Branton A. Wibstad, 20, Gaylord, seatbelt violation in a commercial vehicle, \$110, MSP; Tyler S. Wibstad, 18, Gaylord, illegal use of blue lights, \$125, MSP.

Daniel M. Caplan, 37, Eden Prairie, DAC, dismissed, SO; Win J. Dak, 44, Storm Lake, Iowa, speed, dismissed, SO; Oliver E. Kramer, 85, trespass-premises of another-refuse to depart, dismissed, SO; Debra A. Long, 57, New Brighton, speed, \$145, SO; Clayton D. Meyer, 19, Belle Plaine, minor consumption, dismissed, disorderly conduct-fight, \$185, SO; Shane S. Otto, 24, Belle Plaine, speed, \$145, SO; Logan D. Schaaf, 20, Spicer, speed, \$225, SO; Dan P. Wiler, 56, Gibbon, 5th degree criminal sexual conduct, acquitted, SO; Roberto Zopata, 31, Le Sueur, driving with-

out a valid license, dismissed, SO.

Amber D. Alama, 18, Anandale, fifth degree possession of a controlled substance, continued, supervised probation two years, local confinement five days, credit for time served five days, contact with probation, follow all instructions of probation, sign probation agreement, sign all releases of information, chemical dependency evaluation/treatment within 30 days and remain on colorwheel until recommendations of CUA are being followed, probation to determine when to be released, follow recommendations of evaluation, remain law-abiding, no possession of alcohol or drugs, no alcohol/controlled substance use, random testing, no same or similar, \$385, possession of hypodermic syringes, dismissed, Winthrop PD; John W. Kent, 34, Winthrop, speed, \$125, Winthrop PD.

The following felonies were heard in District Court January 13-20, 2017:

Nicholas M. Strom, 27, Brooklyn Park, assault-2nd degree-dangerous weapon, continued, supervised probation five years, sentence to service nine days for indeterminate, psychological evaluation/treatment, follow all instructions of probation, follow recommendations of evaluation, remain law-abiding, no same or similar, follow all conditions set forth in the probation agreement, contact with probation, advise agent prior to making changes in employment and/or residence by the next business day, notify agent if arrested or issued a summons, sign probation agreement, obtain permission from agent before leaving the state, no controlled substance use, random testing, no use or possession of firearms or dangerous weapons, submit to random searches when ordered by agent, submit to search of person, residence or any other property under your control, no contact with victim or family, chemical dependency evaluation/treatment, \$357, Henderson PD.

Dan P. Wiler, 56, Gibbon, third degree criminal sexual conduct, acquitted, SO.

### 2017 CITY OF GREEN ISLE SUMMARY BUDGET DATA

The purpose of this report is to provide summary 2017 budget information concerning the City of Green Isle to interested citizens. The budget is published in accordance with Minnesota Statutes

Section 471.6965. This budget is not complete: the complete budget may be examined at the Green Isle City Hall, 310 McGrann St, Green Isle, MN 55338. The City Council adopted this budget on December 14, 2016.

	2016 Budget	2017 Budget
Property Taxes	\$ 383,075	\$ 551,681
Tax Increments	-	-
All other taxes	-	-
Special Assessments	-	8,185
Licenses and Permits	6,579	6,777
Federal Grants	-	-
State Gen Purpose Aid	85,384	100,450
State Categorical Aid	-	-
Grants from County and other local Gov	1,236	2,273
Charges for Service	11,845	145,800
Fines and Forfeits	515	530
Interest on Investment	424	608
Miscellaneous Revenues	515	8,440
Total Revenues	489,573	824,744
Proceeds from Bond Sales	-	-
Other Financing Sources	-	-
Transfers from other funds	15,450	74,891
Total Revenues and other Financing Sources	\$ 505,023	\$ 899,635

General Government (board, administration)	\$ 165,342	\$ 173,534
Public Safety	59,957	137,520
Streets and Highways (excluding construction)	111,691	114,917
Sanitation	-	-
Human Services	-	-
Health	-	-
Culture and Recreation	28,320	29,448
Conservation and Natural Resouces	-	-
Economic Development	-	-
Miscellaneous Current Expenditures	74,533	53,386
Total Current Expenditures	439,843	508,805
Debt Service - Principal	-	176,890
Interest and Fiscal Charges	-	115,538
Streets and Highways Construction	-	-
Capital Outlay	16,030	23,696
Other Financing Uses	-	-
Transfer to other Funds (include Enterprise funds)	49,150	64,486
Total Expenditures and other Financing uses	\$ 505,023	\$ 889,416

Fund Balance		
General Fund - Beginning Balance January 1	\$ 274,334	\$ 246,455
General Fund - Ending Balance December 31	274,334	246,455
Increase (Decrease) in Fund Balance - Budgeted Gov. Funds	\$ -	\$ -
Other Items		
Total property Tax Levy - All Funds	\$ 539,847	\$ 551,681



# Church News

**PEACE LUTHERAN**  
(Missouri Synod)  
**Arlington**  
**507-964-2959**  
*Kurt Lehmkuhl, Pastor*  
hispeace@frontiernet.net  
www.peacelutheranarlington.org  
Sunday, February 5: 8:15 a.m. Sunday School. 8:30 a.m. Bible study. 9:30 a.m. Worship service. 10:30 a.m. Fellowship.  
Wednesday, February 8: 3:45 p.m. Catechism.

**ZION LUTHERAN**  
**814 W. Brooks St., Arlington**  
**507-964-5454**  
*Deborah Dawson, Pastor*  
Friday, February 3: 6:00 p.m. Couples game night/pizza.  
Sunday, February 5: 9:00 a.m. Worship with Holy Communion "Soup-er Bowl Sunday". 10:00 a.m. Sunday school and fellowship.  
Tuesday, February 7: 9:00 a.m. Tuesday Circle. 9:00 a.m. Quilting all day. 6:00 p.m. TOPS.  
Wednesday, February 8: 7:00 p.m. Church Council.  
Thursday, February 9: 9:00 a.m. Quilting all day. 7:00 p.m. Constitution committee.

**CREEKSIDE**  
**Community Church**  
**Christian & Missionary Alliance**  
**114 Shamrock Dr., Arlington**  
**507-964-2872**  
*John Chericco, Pastor*  
email: creeksidecma@gmail.com  
Sunday, February 5: 9:30-10:15 Adult Sunday school and kids Sunday school. 10:30 a.m. Worship service and nursery, ages 0-4, and Children's Church ages 5 through 5th grade. Communion and potluck lunch following the service.  
Tuesday, February 7: 6:30 p.m. Men's Bible study.  
Wednesday, February 8: 6:30-8:00 p.m. Youth group.

**SEVENTH DAY ADVENTIST**  
**7th Ave. N.W., Arlington**  
**507-304-3410**  
*Robert Brauer, Pastor*  
**507-234-6770**  
Saturday: Church services at 9:30 a.m. Bible study at 11:00 a.m. Fellowship dinner at 12:00 p.m. All are welcome.

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*Rodney J. Stemme, Pastor*  
www.arlingtonunitedmethodist.org  
Sunday, February 5: 9:00 a.m. Worship with Holy Communion. 10:15 a.m. Sunday school and fellowship. Soup sale.  
Tuesday, February 7: 6:30 p.m. Worship Team.  
Wednesday, February 8: 3:45 p.m. Confirmation. 7:00 p.m. Choir.

**ST. PAUL LUTHERAN (WELS)**  
**Arlington**  
**507-964-2109**  
*Matthew C. Rauh, Pastor*  
email: mrauh@gac.edu  
www.stpaularlington.com  
email: church@stpaularlington.com  
Saturday, February 4: B-team tournament at Prairie Lutheran School Fairfax-Gibbon.  
Sunday, February 5: 8:45 a.m. Sunday school. 9:00 a.m. Family

Bible study. 10:00 a.m. Worship service with Communion.  
Monday, February 6: 7:00 p.m. Elder's meeting.  
Tuesday, February 7: 9:00 a.m. Counting committee meeting. 4:00 p.m. Home with Hutchinson 3rd-6th. 5:00 p.m. Home with Gaylord.  
Wednesday, February 8: 2:00 p.m. Bible study. 3:45 p.m. Confirmation class. 7:00 p.m. Choir practice.  
Thursday, February 9: 10:00 a.m. Bulletin information due. 10:30 a.m. Bible study at Highland Commons. 11:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. Services on cable TV channel 8.

**GAYLORD**  
**ASSEMBLY OF GOD**  
**Gaylord**  
*Bob Holmbeck, Pastor*  
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Wednesday, February 8: 6:30 p.m. Wednesday evening Bible classes and Youth Focused and supper - Welcome!

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*Dan Schnabel, Pastor*  
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Sunday, February 5: 8:30 a.m. Sunday School and adult Bible study. 9:30 a.m. Worship service.  
Wednesday, February 8: 6:30-8:00 p.m. Catechism class. 7:30 p.m. Youth Fellowship.

**ORATORY OF ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE**  
**Jessenland**  
**507-248-3550**  
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Thursday: Weekly Mass at 5:00 p.m.

**ST. MARY, MICHAEL AND BRENDAN AREA FAITH COMMUNITY**  
*Fr. Keith Salisbury, Pastor*  
Friday, February 3: 8:30 a.m. Mass (Mar). 5:00 p.m. Mass (Bre).  
Saturday, February 4: 5:00 p.m. Mass (Mar).  
Sunday, February 5: 7:30 a.m. Mass (Bre). 9:00 a.m. Mass (Mic). 10:30 a.m. Mass and Scout Sunday (Mar). 11:15 a.m. Coffee and donuts.  
Monday, February 6: Pastoral Leader's Days. 8:30 a.m. Mass (Bre). 8:30 a.m. Word and Communion (Mar). 8:00 p.m. AA and Al Anon (Mar).  
Tuesday, February 7: Pastoral Leader's Days. 8:30 a.m. Mass (Bre). 3:45 p.m. Word and Communion (Arlington Good Samaritan). 7:30 p.m. St. Michael KC meeting (Mic).  
Wednesday, February 8: 8:30 a.m. Mass (Mar). 9:00 a.m. Word and Communion (Oak Terrace). 9:30 a.m. Sunday by Sunday Bible study (Linda DeWitte). 6:30-7:30 p.m. SS. Michael, Mary and Brendan AFC Religious Education class K-10 (Mar).  
Thursday, February 9: 8:30 a.m. Mass (Bre & Mic). 7:30 p.m. Narcotics Anonymous (Mic).

**TRINITY LUTHERAN**  
**32234 431st Ave., Gaylord**  
*Scott Richards, Pastor*  
Sunday, February 5: 9:30 a.m. Cabin Fever Sunday fellowship for all.

**ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN (Missouri Synod)**  
**Arlington**  
**507-964-2400**  
*Gary L. Ruckman, Pastor*  
Saturday, February 4: 8:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. Elder workshop at Concordia, St. Paul.  
Sunday, February 5: 9:00 a.m. Sunday school & Bible class. 10:00 a.m. Worship service with Holy Communion. Lutheran Hour broadcasted on KDUZ 1260 AM every Sunday at noon.  
Wednesday, February 8: 7:00 p.m. Ladies Aid meeting with pot luck lunch.  
Thursday, February 9: 9:00 a.m. Pastor's Winkel. 5:30 p.m. Deadline for bulletin information.

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**Parsonage 507-647-3739**  
*Interim Pastor*  
www.winco.org  
Saturday, February 4: Winter Whiteout Camp at LBBC. 6:00 a.m. Men's Bible study at Hahn's Dining. 1:30 p.m. Devotions at Good Sam.  
Sunday, February 5: Communion and Scout Sunday. 9:30 a.m. Worship service. 10:45 a.m. Sunday school.  
Tuesday, February 7: 7:00 p.m. Pastoral search committee meeting.  
Wednesday, February 8: 9:00 a.m. Prayer coffee at the Lodge in Winthrop. 6:30 p.m. Youth Group.  
Thursday, February 9: 9:30 a.m. Women's Bible study. 6:30 p.m. Men's Bible study at Peik's.

**ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN (Missouri Synod)**  
**Green Isle**  
**507-326-3451**  
*Eric W. Rapp, Pastor*  
Friday, February 3: 10:00 a.m. Deadline for Sunday bulletin.  
Sunday, February 5: 8:00 a.m. Bible study. 9:00 a.m. Worship service. 10:00 a.m. Sunday school.  
Tuesday, February 7: 10:00 a.m.-Noon Pastor at Zion.  
Wednesday, February 8: 6:30 p.m. Confirmation.

**ZION LUTHERAN (Missouri Synod)**  
**Green Isle Township**  
**507-326-3451**  
*Eric W. Rapp, Pastor*  
Friday, February 3: 10:00 a.m. Deadline for Sunday bulletin.  
Sunday, February 5: 10:30 a.m. Worship service with Communion.  
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This week, Medica provided data to the Minnesota Commerce Department that shows fewer people than expected renewed their Medica plans. Medica's 2017 enrollment

has fallen below the set limit, so it is again accepting new enrollments for 2017.

Medica policies are available for purchase only through MNSure.

Because of the 25 percent state premium subsidy signed into law last week by Governor Dayton, there is a one-week special enrollment period to provide Minnesotans additional time to purchase health insurance in the individual market for 2017. This special enrollment period runs from Wednesday, Feb. 1, through Wednesday, February 8, 2017. Enrollment during this special enrollment period is for coverage that begins on March 1.

In addition, under a separate special enrollment period, Minnesotans who had 2016 Blue Cross or HealthPartners coverage that was discontinued for 2017 can still enroll in coverage with another insurer through February 28, 2017. Enrollment by Jan. 31 will make coverage effective on February 1. Enrollment by February 28 will make coverage effective on March 1.

Minnesotans who are looking to buy their own health insurance in the individual market are encouraged to visit the MNSure website at https://www.mnsure.org.

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Wednesday: BBQ meatballs, whole parsleyed potatoes, beets, bread, margarine, lemon dessert, low fat milk.  
Thursday: Roast beef, mashed potatoes with gravy, carrots, margarine, fruit cobbler, low fat milk.  
Friday: Italian meat sauce, spaghetti noodles, corn, garlic bread, margarine, apricots, low fat milk.

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Tuesday: Mini pancakes, fruit, juice, milk.  
Wednesday: Poptart, cheese stick, fruit, juice, milk.  
Thursday: Cereal, seeds, fruit, juice, milk.  
Friday: Oatmeal bar, yogurt, fruit, juice, milk.

*is available for 40 cents each. Menu is subject to change.*  
Monday: Chicken nuggets, seasoned rice, broccoli, carrots, bread, fruit, milk.  
Alternate: Pizzaburger.  
Tuesday: Chili, crackers, quesadillas, veggie sticks, bread, fruit, milk.  
Alternate: Turkey wrap.  
Wednesday: Turkey, gravy, mashed potatoes, peas, carrots, bread, fruit, milk.  
Alternate: Chicken patty.  
Thursday: French toast sticks, hashbrowns, sausage, cheese stick, cucumber, carrots, fruit, milk.  
Alternate: Assorted sandwiches.  
Friday: Hot dog on whole grain bun, oven potatoes, baked beans, fruit, milk.  
Alternate: Burrito.

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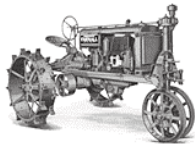
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