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## Had enough?

**A UPS van makes it way down Blue Earth's Main Street last Thursday afternoon. The area was under a blizzard warning for most of the afternoon and evening that day. It was quite a week of weather in the Faribault County area. After some warm weather over the weekend had melted a lot of the piles of snow, there was a sudden flash freeze on Monday that turned streets, sidewalks, county roads and parking lots into sheets of ice. More snow on Tuesday made conditions even worse. There were numerous accidents and sports, events and meetings that were postponed or cancelled. Some had been postponed once already from the previous week. Schools were late or called off all together. After Thursdays blizzard, temperatures were expected to remain below zero throughout the day on Friday. The week ahead does not look like it will be whole lot better, unfortunately.**

Staff photo by Chuck Hunt

## BE revisits two issues

### Dogs and high water bill acted on again

By Chuck Hunt  
Register Editor

The Blue Earth City Council meeting last Monday, Feb. 4, often resembled a Judge Judy courtroom on TV. The council heard testimony on two items that had been discussed the month before and were being brought up again, with the council having to decide what to do in each case. One issue had to do with designating two dogs as potentially dangerous,



the other concerned whether to reduce a very high water and sewer bill for a resident. The council denied one request from two citizens concerning dogs, but granted the other one about a water/sewer bill. At a previous meeting, the council had designated two dogs as potentially dangerous after a complaint from a person walking a dog past the property where the two dogs were. Last Monday night the council held a second

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## CEDA update at W'bago EDA

By Kevin Mertens  
Register Staff Writer

A "First Impression Report" prepared by the Community and Economic Development Associates (CEDA) was presented to the Winnebago Economic Development Authority (EDA) at their meeting held on Wednesday, Feb. 6. Annie Leibel, who as an employee of CEDA works for the Faribault County EDA, led the overview of the report and explained it to the Winnebago EDA members. The report contained a lot of information about the as-

sets and opportunities the city has as observed by an objective, first-time visitor. Among the positive data was the information which showed 69 percent of Winnebago's workforce is 54 years old or younger. A breakdown of the city's workforce by industry sector showed 75 percent of the workforce falls into one of



Annie Leibel

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## County discusses road conditions

### Board also looks at new skid-steer loader, vets' van

By Kevin Mertens  
Register Staff Writer

Even though it was not on the agenda, the weather and road conditions certainly were topics of discussion when the Faribault County Commissioners met for their regular meeting on Feb. 5. Cold temperatures and windy conditions have combined to make it difficult to remove the ice from the road, according to Mark Daly, the public works director. Daly explained the road salt is only effective when the temperature stays above 15 degrees. He also explained windy conditions have blown the sand the county applies off the road. Sunshine and some sustained warmer temperatures would help more than anything to clear the ice off the roads, Daly added.



**Faribault County engineer Mark Daly, left, updates the members of the County Board about road conditions around the county.**

Staff photo by Kevin Mertens

Moving on from the road discussion, the board took up the task of making a decision on which brand of skid-steer loader to purchase for the public works department. Two different models are in the final running. One is a CAT 289D and the other is a Bobcat T650. Daly mentioned the public works employees strongly favor the CAT model because of the experience they have had with a CAT skid-steer loader already owned by the county. "The service that CAT provides is outstanding," Daly said. The Bobcat model is approximately \$8,000 less than the CAT model. No action was taken by the board but they requested some public works employees attend the next meeting on Feb. 19 so the commis-

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