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General Election set for Tuesday, Nov. 4

By Lori Copley
Editor

The General Election is set for Tuesday, Nov. 4, and polls throughout the state will be open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Area precincts and candidates are:
• City of Glencoe. All voting for the city, Glencoe-Silver Lake School District and McLeod County Commissioner District 2 races, as well as state and federal offices, will take place at the Glencoe City Center, 1107 11th St. E, Suite 112.

All city of Glencoe voters may vote for the at-large City Council position. Candidates are incumbent Lori Adamietz and challenger Allen Robeck.

Seats in two of the four precincts also are up for election. John Schrupp, incumbent in Precinct 2, is running unopposed. In Precinct 3, incumbent Gary Ziemer is being challenged by Marie Thurn.

The city of Glencoe also is included in McLeod County Commissioner District 2, where incumbent Ker-

mit Terlinden is being challenged by Doug Krueger.

Also on the ballot are candidates for the Glencoe-Silver Lake School Board. There are three open seats, for which they are five candidates. They include incumbents Clark Christianson, Jason Lindeman and Anne Twiss, former GSL Board Member Gary Schreifels, and newcomer Pat Fogarty.

Glencoe also is in Minnesota House District 18B, where incumbent state Rep. Glenn Gruenhagen,

R-Glencoe, is being challenged by John Lipke, DFL-Stewart.

• City of Brownnton. Voting takes place at the Brownnton Community Center, 310 Second St. N, Brownnton.

On the ballot in city races are the mayor's two-year term and two City Council seats for four-year terms.

Longtime Council Member Norm Schwarze is running for mayor, as is resident Sarah Potts. Current Mayor Jay Werner did not file for candida-

Incumbent Doug Block filed for re-election to the City Council. Former Mayor Curt Carrigan also filed for the City Council. Incumbent Council Member Chuck Warner did not file for re-election.

Brownnton residents also will vote in the GSL School Board election and House District 18B election, as well as for state and federal offices.

• City of Biscay. There were no

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Chronicle photo by Lori Copley

Ooey, gooey fun

Glencoe-Silver Lake's Early Childhood Family Education (ECFE) hosted a "harvest fun night" Friday that included several fall and Hal-

loween-themed activities for children. Above, Ryan Freitag and daughter Lydia played with "goo."

County approves help for Baldwin Court

By Alyssa Schauer
Staff Writer

The McLeod County Board approved contributing dollars, not to exceed \$12,000, toward excavating costs to assist in the drainage issues at Baldwin Court near Lester Prairie.

Scott Borst and John Pafko, residents in the Baldwin Court area, presented commissioners with an outline of the work to be done, which includes laying drain tile, and job estimates from Litzau Excavating, Inc., Juul Contracting and Rickert Excavating.

Borst said he'd like to see the project begin as winter is coming. "I don't want to hit spring without

this getting done."

Commissioner Sheldon Nies asked about the timeline of the project and questioned if McLeod County gets involved, "do we need to rebid and get our own bids?"

Highway Engineer John Brunkhorst said the county wouldn't have to get new bids. "\$100,000 trips that threshold (of considering rebids)," he said.

The bid from Litzau Excavating, Inc., totaled \$42,150; Juul Contracting bid \$32,621 for the project, and Rickert Excavating bid \$29,722.

"Litzau's bid was way too much for any of us (neighbors) to cover, and Juul Contracting was outside of our personal budget, too. I prefer

choosing Rickert Excavating, though I know it's not a general consensus between all of us neighbors," Borst said.

He continued: "But dollars dictate. All four of us can each afford to pitch in \$3,000 and we know there's going to be a shortage on our end." Borst said if the county could contribute to the project, he and his neighbors would pursue others who could contribute to the project, such as Bergen Township and possibly McLeod Co-op Power Association, which has electrical poles and lines in the affected flood

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McLeod Coop Power planning solar array along Lindbergh Trail

CUP to be on Nov. 4 county agenda

By Lori Copley
Editor

McLeod Cooperative Power is planning a community solar array system on Lindbergh Trail in Glencoe, near Arnold's.

Sue Pawelk, customer service manager of the cooperative, appeared before the McLeod County Planning Commission Wednesday, Oct. 22, for a public hearing on the cooperative's application for a conditional use permit (CUP).

No one appeared at the public hearing, the commission voted to recommend approval to the McLeod County Board of Commissioners, which will consider the CUP as part of its consent agenda on Tuesday.

Pawelk said the solar panels will provide electricity directly to the cooperative's customers, who pay a one-time cost of \$1,550 per panel to subscribe. Pawelk said this allows customers to utilize solar power without having to construct solar panels on their own property. The

array has a 20-year life expectancy, at which time the panels will either be removed and the site restored, or panels will be replaced by new ones.

The cooperative owns the site near Arnold's, where it currently stores poles, and is planning an initial array of 100 panels in an area about 36 feet by 66 feet in size on a 7.44-acre parcel of land. There is room for additional panels, if growth is warranted, Pawelk said.

She added that the cooperative will continue to allow Arnold's to park some implements at the site, as it has done in the past.

"They mow for us," said Pawelk, "and we want to continue to be good neighbors."

Zoning Administrator Larry Gasow said the site is small enough that it is governed by local governments, including the county, rather than by the Public Utilities Commission or federal agencies.

The cooperative hopes to begin construction in spring 2015.

GSL Lakeside celebrates positive MMR results

By Alyssa Schauer
Staff Writer

Glencoe-Silver Lake Lakeside Elementary School is celebrating academic achievement after finding it has been designated as a "celebration school" following MMR (multiple measurements rating) results.

Assistant Principal Diane Schultz said Lakeside Elementary was designated a "focus school" in 2011 and received Title I funding with the goal of "attacking the achievement gap" in the school.

"We were in the bottom 10 percent of Title I schools with the lowest focus rating. And so our goal was to work on closing the school's achievement gap for students of color, special education students, students of poverty and English learners," Schultz said.

To "attack" the achievement gap issues, Schultz and her team at

Lakeside implemented a school improvement plan to address academic areas that need improvement and other issues that caused Lakeside to be considered a "focus school."

A site leadership team was created of staff who meets for a half day, once a month, and assesses the needs of students, looks at best teaching practices and works on connecting with other administrators in the junior high and high schools.

"We used to meet for one-hour sessions but found that wasn't enough to do what we wanted to do. Now, we spend half a day planning and that has made a huge difference. We have the time to really work on assessing students' achievements and successes and look at what we need to improve on, so that the students are learning," Schultz said.

She said the site leadership team consists of subcommittees for math and reading so that staff can assess the needs in each classroom and consider the best teaching practices

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Diane Schultz

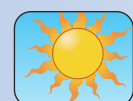
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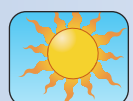
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Sun., 11-2
H: 55°, L: 42°

Looking Back: Indian summer temperatures last week were great for fall yard work.

Date	Hi	Lo	Rain
Oct. 21	63	34	0.00
Oct. 22	64	41	0.10
Oct. 23	72	45	0.00

Oct. 24	72	43	0.00
Oct. 25	66	34	0.00
Oct. 26	67	29	0.00
Oct. 27	64	39	0.02

Temperatures compiled by Robert Thurn, Chronicle weather observer.

Chronicle News and Advertising Deadlines

All news is due by 5 p.m., Monday, and all advertising is due by noon, Monday. News received after that deadline will be published as space allows.

Happenings

Helen Baker book fair set

Helen Baker Elementary School will host a Scholastic book fair Thursday, Oct. 30, from 3 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., and Friday, Oct. 31, from 8 a.m. to noon, in the Helen Baker gymnasium. The theme this year is "Sir Readalot's Castle ... Enter the Kingdom of Books!" The selection will include titles appropriate for children in preschool through eighth grade. Visit the fair for a chance to win free Scholastic books or merchandise.

Auxiliary Halloween party

The Silver Lake American Legion and its Auxiliary are hosting the annual kids' Halloween party this Friday, Oct. 31, at 6 p.m., at the Silver Lake Auditorium. This event is free and open to kids ages 12 and under. Preschool children are welcome and should be accompanied by an adult. There will be games, free treats and drawings for prizes.

New Auburn forum Oct. 30

The New Auburn Lions Club is sponsoring a candidates' forum for city candidates Thursday, Oct. 30, at 7 p.m., at the New Auburn Fire Hall. Candidates include Doug Munsch for mayor and Sheri Lowden, Craig Lowden, Corey Schwanke, Barb Schutte, Vickie Holtz and Roger Becker for council members. Each of the candidates will have a chance to speak, with a question-and-answer session to follow.

Women's club to meet Nov. 5

The Brownston Women's Club will meet Wednesday, Nov. 5, at 7:30 p.m., at the Brownston Community Center.

Legion Post 95 to meet Nov. 6

The regular monthly meeting of Glencoe American Legion Post 85 will take place Thursday, Nov. 6, at 7 p.m., in the basement of VFW Post 5102. All members are encouraged to attend. Lunch will be served upstairs in the VFW Post.

Good Shepherd fall luncheon

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Glencoe will have its fall luncheon and bake sale Thursday, Nov. 13, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. The menu includes hot turkey sandwiches, potato salad, relishes, chips, dessert and beverages. Take-outs and deliveries are available. The church is located at 1407 Cedar Ave., Glencoe.

Sportsmens Club to meet

The Glencoe Sportsmens Club will meet Monday, Nov. 3, at 7:30 p.m., at the Glencoe VFW meeting room.

Creative Foods class bake sale

The Glencoe-Silver Lake Creative Foods class will have a bake sale Thursday, Oct. 30, from 10:45 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., in GSL High School Room 140.

Trick-or-treat at Millie Manor

Millie Beneke Manor in Glencoe welcomes trick-or-treaters on Halloween, Friday, Oct. 31, from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m.

Seniors club to meet Oct. 30

The Glencoe Senior Citizens Club will meet Thursday, Oct. 30, at 12:30 p.m., in the Glencoe City Center Senior Room for socializing and games. The senior citizens club also will meet Tuesday, Nov. 4, at 12:30 p.m. All senior citizens are invited to attend. More information can be obtained by calling 320-864-3799 or 320-510-1551.

Abundant Table meal Nov. 5

The Abundant Table community meal is celebrating its second anniversary with a Thanksgiving meal. The meal is free and open to everyone, including families and children, the elderly and all who are seeking fellowship or in need of a helping hand. The meal will be held Wednesday, Nov. 5, in the Christ Lutheran Church basement fellowship hall located at 1820 Knight Ave., Glencoe, and includes roast turkey, dressing, mashed potatoes and gravy, cranberry relish, green bean casserole, relishes, Abundant Table bread and pumpkin pie. Doors open at 4:30 p.m. for fellowship; the meal is served at 5 p.m. RSVP by calling Christ Lutheran Church at 320-864-4549. Remember, there is a place for you at the Abundant Table.

Soup, sandwich dinner set

Faith Presbyterian Church in Silver Lake is hosting a soup and sandwich supper Saturday, Nov. 1, from 4:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. The menu will include various soups, hot and cold sandwiches, dessert and beverages. There also will be a bake sale. Tickets are available at the door.

Trick-or-treat at Cedar Crest

On Friday, Oct. 31, from 4 p.m. to 5:30 p.m., residents at Cedar Crest Estate in Silver Lake will welcome trick-or-treaters in the dining room. Cedar Crest is located at 1401 Main St. W.

Vets welcome at Lakeside

On Tuesday, Nov. 11, veterans are welcome for donuts and coffee at Glencoe-Silver Lake Lakeside Elementary School in Silver Lake at 7:30 a.m. Following breakfast, the veterans are welcome to attend the all-school meeting at 8:10 a.m. in the gymnasium.

Thanksgiving meeting set

There will be a meeting on Thursday, Nov 6, at 7 p.m., at the Silver Lake city offices, for the purpose of planning the 11th-annual citywide Thanksgiving dinner. There is as much work leading up to the dinner as there is on Thanksgiving Day. This event takes many volunteers and supporters to host this free-will dinner so please plan on attending this meeting.



Submitted photo

A dinner for the volunteers at Care Connection thrift store was held at Dubb's Bar and Grill in Glencoe on Monday, Oct. 13. The store, solely run by volunteers, contributes 100 percent of its profits to health home care and hospice services in McLeod County. Pam Ainslie, volunteer coordinator, said it is with the help of the many, many volunteers that help defray the medical costs of home care. The volunteers include, in the front, from left to right, Gloria Hilgers, Jan Giese, Joyce Kroells, Mopsy Karg, Vi Zebell and Deloris Donnay. In the middle row are Elvera Brelje, Renae Jenson, Karen

Rusten, Linda Roisum, Lois Steinhaus, Shirley Michaelis and Patti Zebell. In the back are Sandi Dammann, Darlene Dammann, Barb Smyth, Dee Crenshaw, Donna Schmidt, Jan Benton, Mary Kay Engelmann and Fran Downer. Not pictured are Gladys Tonn, Joe McPherson, Maxine McPherson, Carol Beltz, Joan Proehl, Sandra Proeschel, Judy Sellnow, LeeAnn Armstrong, Marge Farrell, Elaine Sommers, Mary Hayes, Shirley Schwarze, Sharon Czycalla, Clarence Zebell, Claudia Thunstrom, Dorothy Voigt, Marilyn Templin, Sandy Braun and Barb Seipel.

Care Connection thrift store continues to support hospice

By Alyssa Schauer
Staff Writer

Since first opening in January 2008, the Care Connection thrift store in Glencoe continues to support hospice services in McLeod County with the help of many, many volunteers.

"All profits generated from thrift store sales are used to help defray cost for home care and hospice clients," Pam Ainslie, hospice volunteer coordinator, said. "Because of the many, many volunteers who give so generously of their time we are able to help hospice clients."

Ainslie said the store opened through "ConnectCare," a nonprofit home care agency that offered a broad range of professional health care services brought to clients in their homes. On Jan. 1, 2013, ConnectCare joined Allina Health Home Care Services, also a nonprofit organization, to continue to provide services as a home care and hospice agency.

"Current reimbursement from Medicare, medical assistance and other insurance does not cover the total cost of quality home care and hospice service. Extra home health aide visits to clients, musician visits, bereavement follow-up calls, volunteer vis-

its, grief mailings and booklets, and community grief support groups offered by Allina are not covered by insurance," Ainslie said.

She said with the continued low insurance reimbursement rates, donations are extremely important. "They allow us to improve the quality of life for persons in their last stages of a terminal illness and their loved ones following a loss.

"It is truly the volunteers who give their time, as well as individual donations, monetary or otherwise, that keep these valuable services available to people in Glencoe, Hutchinson and the surrounding communities," Ainslie said.

The thrift store, located at 1114 Hennepin Ave. N in Glencoe, has evolved since opening. Ainslie said the children's room has been remodeled and a new "vintage corner" has been created.

"New merchandise arrives daily and is expedited to the sales floor as soon as it is marked. You just never know what treasures you might find," she said.

She added that the store has a wide selection of adult and children's books. "Care Connection is the perfect place to find books in good condition for much cheaper than you can buy them new. You may

even find some older "Golden Books" in our vintage corner, among other very reasonably priced aged and antique items."

Ainslie said the store also caters to those shopping for a gently used purse, handbag or a pair of jeans. "In our store, you'll even find crafty people looking for quilting material or unique dishes to create works of art. With a little exploring and imagination, the possibilities are endless," she said.

All of the items sold at the thrift store are donated, resulting in 100 percent profit toward Allina's home care and hospice services. Donations are accepted during store hours, Tuesday through

Fridays, from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

The store also is open the first and third Saturdays of each month, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., and receipts for donations are available to be used for tax purposes.

Ainslie said the store is always looking for volunteers. "Feel free to stop by and pick up an application or call the store at 320-864-8007 for more information," she said.

She added: "Whether you are a customer, a donor or a volunteer, you are an integral part of a wonderful team effort that allows people to live quality lives with dignity while remaining as independent as possible."

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Operation Minnesota Nice annual collection under way

Linda Krueger of Glencoe and her team of volunteers are beginning their annual collection for Operation Minnesota Nice, which collects items and creates care packages for deployed military personnel.

Helping Krueger with the local effort are Colleen Benjamin and LaDonna Stuber.

Krueger said Friday that she has cleared her basement and is ready to get back into the work of collecting and packaging up items, including toiletries, snacks, and holiday items.

Those wishing to contribute either items or monetarily may contact Krueger at 320-864-5944.

Corrections & Clarifications

An article in the Oct. 15 edition of The Chronicle regarding the Glencoe Planning Commission reported that the former Glencoe elevator is owned by Olson Construction of Cologne. According to McLeod County tax records, it is owned by Olson Elevator, LLC, of Cologne.

The Chronicle erroneously reported in its Oct. 22 edition that the Glencoe City Council will split its two 2015 street improvements projects — the

Lincoln Park work set for 2015 and the Armstrong Avenue reconstruction for 2016. It was only a recommendation of City Administrator Mark Larson, and no official City Council action was taken at the Oct. 20 meeting.

The McLeod County Chronicle strives for accuracy in its reports. If you find an error, bring it to our attention. Call 320-864-5518 and ask for Lori Copler, editor.

Finance Committee has no recommendations on wages, benefits

By Rich Glennie
Correspondent

As the Glencoe City Council puts on the final touches to its proposed 2015 budget, its finance committee on Wednesday afternoon discussed, but made no recommendation, on wage and benefit increases for city employees.

The discussion involved whether that salary and benefit package increase should be more in line with the county and school district's recent increases, or something else considering city employees will be picking up a larger portion of their own health insurance expenses in 2015.

Currently \$41,000 has been budgeted for the increases, according to Todd Trippel, city finance director, and that comes to about a 2 percent hike. He said every percent increase equals about \$20,000. While Public Employee Retirement Association (PERA) costs are rising minimally at 0.25 percent,

city health insurance costs jumped considerably. The city employees will pick up more of that cost in 2015 as a result.

City Administrator Mark Larson said city employees received 2 percent increases the past two years and increases were flat for several years before that. He said with a 2 percent increase coupled with higher employee insurance costs, "city employees are not bringing home any more dollars."

Council Member John Schrupp said a 3 percent raise "is not out of the question." He said the city "is doing more with fewer employees."

City Council Member Kevin Dietz, a retired police officer, said it is difficult for Glencoe to compete with the metro areas and other communities to the east on wages and benefits. While he said most of the longtime city employees were not likely to leave for higher wages, the younger employees might.

Mayor Randy Wilson replied the city "will lose people, but we have to budget appropriately." He said he had a hard time going for a 3 percent raise and instead favored a 2 percent hike.

But Council Member Gary Ziemer said at 2 percent, the city would be outdone by the county and the school district. The county is updating its job descriptions and reclassifications and is looking at adjustments of 5 percent at the bottom range to 3 percent at the top. The Glencoe-Silver Lake School District settled on two two-year contracts of about 2.56 percent increases in each. Those contracts expire June 30, 2015.

Ziemer said he didn't want the city to be seen as the lowest paying "just because we can."

"We have a good (city) staff," Wilson said, but he added the city needs to stay "a little frugal" because there is no clear idea of what the city's local government state

aid will be in the future.

The City Council will further discuss the salary issue before the annual Truth in Taxation hearing in early December. After that hearing, the City Council will give final approval to its 2015 budget.

In a related matter, Schrupp said he has been on the City Council for eight years and not seen a raise for council members. He suggested the City Council consider that, too. It also was suggested that instead of a raise, a per diem be set for council members who need to attend conferences and other meetings outside the city.

In other matters, the finance committee:

- Heard that the city has received an offer from Miller Manufacturing to buy two parcels of property in the new west industrial park for \$100,000. Larson said the offer is on 19 acres of property in Lot 1 blocks 3 and 4. It includes about 12.8 acres of

buildable land.

In 2012, Miller Manufacturing bought 9.36 acres for \$50,000 and is now completing a building addition project on that land. In his offer, Miller Manufacturing Chief Executive Officer (CEO) Dan Ferrise requested the two parcels be left as ag land for zoning purposes until the time it is developed, and then rezone it as industrial.

The finance committee took no action.

- Heard that the house in the west industrial park, which was sold to Crow River Habitat For Humanity, needs to be moved by June 15, 2015. Larson said he expects the home to be moved to Hutchinson before that deadline. In the meantime, the city will continue to heat the home and bill Habitat for the costs. Habitat will insure the home.

- Heard from Council Member Dan Perschau that he would like the street widths on Seventh and Ninth

streets to be at least 42 feet wide, instead of the proposed 36 feet. Eighth Street also would remain wider because of the proposed on-street hiking-biking trail from Armstrong Avenue east to Hennepin Avenue.

The streets are part of the planned 2015 street improvement project around the Lincoln Park area.

Perschau said he has thought about the input he has received from the constituents in the Lincoln Park area and felt changing all the streets to 36 feet wide "would significantly change the neighborhood."

Also, Perschau said at 42 feet wide, that would cause fewer trees to be removed, another big issue with his constituents.

The truck-turning radius on Seventh Street near Jungclaus Implement is another reason to keep the east-west streets at least 42 feet wide.



Chronicle photo by Alyssa Schauer

Library open house

The Glencoe Public Library had an open house Thursday to show off its two newly renovated rooms. The first room has been restored to replicate a 1932 classroom and the other room is a historical/reading room that houses classic

books, archives of the Glencoe Enterprise newspaper and big cozy chairs that welcome any reader. Above, the Rev. Linzy Collins enjoys the comfort of one of the leather chairs as he converses with youth librarian Gabby Fountain.

GRHS prepared for Ebola

Following guidance from the U.S Centers for Disease Control (CDC) and the Minnesota Department of Health (MDH), Glencoe Regional Health Services (GRHS) is now screening all patients who come to the GRHS emergency room, urgent care center or clinic for the symptoms and risk factors of Ebola infection.

Low risk, but deadly

The risk of contracting the Ebola virus in Minnesota is very low, according to MDH. The disease is not spread through air, food or water. It is only spread through direct contact with the blood or bodily fluid of a person with symptoms of Ebola. To date, there have been only four diagnosed cases of Ebola in the United States and none in Minnesota. Three of those cases were in health-care workers who had recently treated Ebola patients. Although the disease is rare and not easily transmitted, Ebola is deadly. According to MDH, Ebola kills 50 to 90 percent of people who contract it.

Symptoms of Ebola include sudden onset of fever, headache, vomiting, diarrhea and abnormal bleeding. Risk factors for Ebola are:

- International travel within the last 21 days to a country with widespread Ebola transmission (Guinea, Liberia, Sierra Leone and the Democratic Republic of Congo);
- Close contact within the last 21 days with anyone who has recently traveled to or from a country with wide-

spread Ebola transmission; or

- Direct contact within the last 21 days with a person who has been diagnosed with Ebola.

Fluid situation

GRHS developed its Ebola readiness procedures with guidance from the CDC and MDH. Through the Minnesota Hospital Association (MHA), all Minnesota hospitals and health systems are monitoring the Ebola outbreak closely and working together to be as ready and capable as possible should a case of Ebola surface in Minnesota.

"U.S. health officials and health-care providers large and small are doing their best to implement protocols that are changing on a near-daily basis as our knowledge and experience with the Ebola virus and disease process grows," said John Bergseng, DO, general surgeon and GRHS medical director.

Plan in place

In the unlikely event that a patient arrives at any GRHS location with both the symptoms and risk factors for Ebola infection, its patient-care staff is trained and equipped to immediately isolate the patient for the protection of others, stabilize the patient's condition as needed, and safely transfer him or her to one of Minnesota's four designated Ebola treatment centers: University of Minnesota Medical Center in Minneapolis; Mayo Clinic Hospital - St. Mary's Campus in Rochester; Allina

Health - Unity Hospital in Fridley; and the St. Paul campus of Children's Hospitals and Clinics of Minnesota.

GRHS will follow guidelines from the CDC to protect its patient care staff from the Ebola virus should a suspected case occur. Staff will wear protective gear, including a disposable full-face shield and mask, fluid-resistant full-body suit, fluid-resistant shoe coverings and two pairs of protective gloves. The CDC guidelines also provide specific instructions on how the protective gear should be put on and taken off. GRHS' frontline patient-care staff has been trained in these procedures.

In addition, the Allina Health Emergency Medical Services ambulance staff based at GRHS is fully prepared to care for patients with a variety of infectious diseases, including Ebola.

More information

For more information about the Ebola virus and updates about GRHS' screening procedures and protocols for isolating, stabilizing and transferring patients with suspected infections, visit grhs.org/ebola.

About GRHS

Glencoe Regional Health Services was founded in 1941. It includes a 25-bed critical access hospital, a 110-bed nursing home and a 40-unit independent senior housing complex in Glencoe, and outpatient clinics in Glencoe, Lester Prairie and Stewart.

Record

Glencoe Police

TUESDAY, OCT. 21
9:46 a.m. — Officers and the Glencoe Ambulance responded to a medical emergency on Loudon Avenue N for a person who was not breathing.

2:41 p.m. — The police department assisted the Minnesota Department of Corrections with an arrest warrant from Dakota County. The person was taken to the McLeod County Jail.

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 22
9:54 a.m. — A small gas leak was discovered at a meter on Morningside Drive; Centerpoint Energy was contacted.

9:56 a.m. — A person fell at the medical center, hit their head and was bleeding. An officer and an ambulance responded.

10:30 a.m. — An officer addressed a blight issue on 10th Street E.

3:34 p.m. — A female fell at an address on Hennepin Avenue N and was taken to the emergency room by ambulance.

THURSDAY, OCT. 23
3:05 a.m. — The department received a report of a male sitting in a vehicle in a parking lot on Morningside Drive. The male said he was using WiFi. He left.

3:53 a.m. — An officer assisted the McLeod County Sheriff's Office with a squad car vs. deer accident. There was no apparent damage to the car.

10:41 a.m. — An officer responded to a request for a welfare check of a resident on Ford Avenue N, which was made by Social Services. The person took herself to the emergency room.

1:50 p.m. — A theft was reported on Hennepin Avenue.

3:05 p.m. — There was a report of a suspicious car on Chandler Avenue N. The driver was waiting between appointments.

FRIDAY, OCT. 24
12:03 p.m. — Officers mediated a civil dispute between a land-

lord and a tenant on Seventh Street E.

2:51 p.m. — An officer and an ambulance responded to a medical emergency. The address was not recorded.

2:57 p.m. — A driver was cited for driving after revocation and was brought to the Law Enforcement Center to post bail on a warrant. The traffic stop occurred at Highway 212 and Chandler Avenue N.

3:43 p.m. — A driver was cited for speed at Highway 212 and Chandler Avenue N.

4:04 p.m. — A driver was cited for driving after revocation at a traffic stop on Highway 212 and Morningside Drive. A passenger took over the driving.

4:58 p.m. — A driver was cited for driving after suspension at a traffic stop on Highway 212 near Dairy Avenue.

7:24 p.m. — Officers responded to a verbal argument on Desoto Avenue N. A male party left for the evening.

11:35 p.m. — A suspicious male was reported in an alley in the area of Ninth Street E and Desoto Avenue, and it was discovered he was wanted on a warrant from Sibley County. The male posted bail.

SATURDAY, OCT. 25
12:15 a.m. — A medical emergency was reported on Prairie Avenue in which a woman fell in a bathroom. She was taken to the emergency room by ambulance.

2 a.m. — A driver was cited for no insurance and the vehicle was towed after a traffic stop on Newton Avenue N and 14th Street E.

4:27 a.m. — Officers dealt with an "uncooperative intoxicated male in the street" on Fifth Street E.

10:43 a.m. — The police department assisted the McLeod County Sheriff's Office with a car-deer accident in the area of 100th Street and Dairy Avenue.

2:02 p.m. — A set of keys was found on the corner of Fir Avenue

N and 16th Street W. The owner of the keys was found and they were returned.

11:04 p.m. — Officers responded to a noise complaint at an apartment on 16th Street.

SUNDAY, OCT. 26
12:12 a.m. — A driver was cited for driving after revocation and given verbal warnings for speed and no proof of insurance at a traffic stop on Chandler Avenue N.

7:25 a.m. — The police department assisted the McLeod County Sheriff's Office with a burglary report in Plato.

8:58 a.m. — A person fell and injured a hip at an address on Prairie Avenue. The person was taken by ambulance to the emergency room.

5:44 p.m. — A small dog was found and returned to its owner.

MONDAY, OCT. 27
2:53 a.m. — A report was received of a suspicious vehicle shining lights on houses on Seventh Street E. It turned out to be a newspaper delivery person who was trying to find the address of a new subscriber.

11:07 a.m. — A driver was cited for driving after revocation at a traffic stop in the area of 10th Street E and Hennepin Avenue N.

2:22 p.m. — A person on 16th Street E was arrested on a warrant and taken to the McLeod County Jail.

5:56 p.m. — An officer was asked to speak to a 10-year-old child who allegedly stole \$40 from his father.

7:11 p.m. — Officers responded to a domestic situation on 11th Street E.

10:40 p.m. — A medical emergency was reported on Prairie Avenue. The woman was taken by ambulance to the emergency room.

11:58 p.m. — An officer assisted McLeod County Jail staff with an inmate.

Glencoe KCs plan paper drive

The Glencoe Knights of Columbus are sponsoring a paper drive Nov. 20-22.

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Head to the polls Tuesday, Nov. 4

Our view: Local city, county contests should draw high turnout

People may well be looking forward to Nov. 5, the day after the General Election, and the relief that will come when the political advertising that is bombarding the television and radio airwaves will finally come to an end.

But despite the general disgruntled feeling that prevails during the campaign session, most area voters are anticipating the arrival of Election Day and the opportunity to shape the future of their township, city, school, county, state and federal governments. There is something about the privilege to vote, guaranteed by the U.S. Constitution, that stirs even the most anemic of political blood.

The McLeod County area has always been a stronghold for grassroots politics, which spur some of the highest voter turnout rates in the state of Minnesota. The 2012 General Election had a 92.26 percent turnout in McLeod County, well above the statewide turnout of 76.11 percent.

What draws voters to the polls is choice. And nearly every local ballot has that — the city of Glencoe has contenders in two of its three council

races; the Glencoe-Silver Lake School District has five candidates vying for three open seats; both county commissioner districts have two candidates from which to choose; the city of New Auburn ballot has six candidates competing for two council seats; Stewart has four candidates for two council openings; the city of Brownston has a mayoral race; and the Minnesota House District 18B race has one of its more intense competitions in recent years. Not to mention there are races in some townships.

A large number of candidates have stepped up to offer voters a choice, and we should be grateful for that. And the best way to show gratitude for those who come forward to serve is by going to the polls Tuesday.

As is so often stated, voting is not just a right in the United States, it is a privilege that is unheard of in other parts of the world.

Take advantage of that privilege; it is your chance to shape the future of your community. Please go to the polls Tuesday, Nov. 4.

— L.C.



Letters to the Editor

Gruenhagen responds to letters

To the Editor:

I welcome the opportunity to respond to my critics, Don Rudy and Gary Ballard.

On education:

There are several primary reasons why I voted “no” on the K-12 education omnibus funding bill. First, the bill spends millions to expand the control of the Minnesota Department of Education (MDE) by establishing Regional Centers of Excellence. The MDE’s goal is to micro-manage local school districts and teachers. After serving for 16 years on the GSL school board, I have witnessed numerous boondoggle educational experimental mandates sent down by the MDE and the U.S. Department of Education such as the Profile of Learning, Outcome-Based Education, Goals 2000, Race to the Top and Common Core, etc.

These unproven educational experiments on students waste billions of tax dollars and do nothing for academic achievement. In addition, the DFL eliminated the “Graduation Rule” for high school students. The graduation rule was an academic test that students had to pass in order to graduate. Since being implemented, the grad rule has resulted in double-digit gains in academics for all students, but especially inner-city minority students, reducing the achievement gap between Caucasian and minority students. Minnesota has one of the worst achievement gaps in the U.S. This problem seriously damages the future for thousands of minority students and also dramatically increases our social welfare costs.

Eliminating the grad rule takes Minnesota education a step backward to social promotion. Social promotion passes children from one grade level to the next, regardless of their academic achievement. The practice of social promotion has resulted in approximately 40 percent of graduates entering college needing to take remedial math and Eng-

lish courses, driving up their college cost.

I am a strong supporter of local school district control and support additional funding to local school districts on the student formula which allows local school boards and administration to spend the tax dollars in the classroom where learning actually takes place and not on bloated government bureaucracy.

The bullying bill passed last session is another unfunded mandate on local schools. Not one Republican voted for the bill. It is also a gay activist bill. The DFL House author thanked two gay activist organizations, GLESEN and Outfront Minnesota, for allowing him to carry the bill. The intent is to mandate sexually explicit material down into the elementary grades. See Minnesota Child Protection League for more info.

On higher education spending

I voted for the House bill that froze tuition and added \$100 million of new funding to the University of Minnesota and Minnesota State Colleges and Universities (MNSCU) with good reforms and accountability.

Unfortunately, in conference committee with the Senate and governor, the final DFL bill added an additional \$150 million of spending with little reforms or accountability. I will not vote to spend additional hard-earned taxpayer dollars without reforms and accountability measures included in the legislation.

On minimum wage:

The Congressional budget office, a nonpartisan federal agency, estimates that nationally raising the minimum wage to \$10 will eliminate approximately 500,000 private-sector jobs in our nation. Both the Chamber of Commerce and National

Gruenhagen

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Zero coordination, but still love dancing

So I joined a fitness dance class last week and I learned something about myself. I have zero coordination and no rhythm.

I have been getting tired of my mundane routine of lifting dumbbells and running the tireless black belt on the treadmill at Snap Fitness.

And I’m sick of Jillian Michaels’ tyrannical “30-day Shred” home workout DVD and I can’t even finish the once-fun “total body cardio” and yoga routines on Autumn Calabrese’s 21-day fix program.

So I’ve been looking for new ways to exercise and when my friend, Brittany, invited me to attend a “ReFit” dance class last Wednesday and Thursday in Dassel, I was intrigued and had to try it.

I was running late for Wednesday’s class (naturally), and Brittany and I had to squish together towards the back of the room and hop right into the middle of the first dance routine.

I was a bit intimidated at first, as it seemed like I couldn’t get a grasp on the leg kicks and the arm punches, but chocked up my lack of talent to the crowded room and the fact I missed the warm-up exercises.

After all, I’ve spent countless Saturdays dancing the two-step and



Alyssa Schauer

waltzing with Grandma at the Legion. There was no way I was uncoordinated!

Thursday’s class proved me wrong.

Brittany and I arrived on time (miracle!) and secured our spots at the front of class, directly in front of the wall of mirrors, so as to not miss a beat.

I was ready to dance and felt confident as I kept up with our instructor Laura on the shimmies and the shakes during the warm-up.

“I got this,” I said to my reflection and then missed the turn, left kick, turn and punch and spin kick.

And repeat.

I watched in awe as the girls around me and Laura moved their

shoulders left and right and coordinated high kicks to the fast-paced rhythm of Train’s “Wonder What You’re Doing for the Rest of Your Life” while I just flailed around like a sunfish at the bottom of a fishing boat, trying to keep up.

My arms were like spaghetti noodles waving carelessly above my head as I tried to move my hips to the bongo beat of the salsa music.

I looked like a monkey in tennis shoes.

At the end of the class, Brittany said to me, “That’s what I love about you. You have absolutely no idea what you are doing, but you’re dancing anyway.”

I guess my lack of coordination was that obvious.

But despite my dancing ability or lack thereof, I had a blast and I actually sweated more than I normally do during a workout. I even had pain in some muscles I didn’t think I had and decided to incorporate dancing into my fitness routine.

I’ve even transformed my apartment into a ballet studio for the time being so as to not look like an escaped animal from the zoo when I attend next week’s dance class.

We’ll see.

Glencoe needs better graffiti artists

I think we need some better graffiti artists in Glencoe. What I have seen painted on the city streets, sidewalks and grassy areas is not overly impressive. Colorful, but not very artistic.

Anyone can make the orange letter “H” and spray paint it up and down city streets and boulevards from fire plug to fire plug, or spray paint streets with the blue, red, yellow or white measurements in feet and inches from manhole to manhole. And the little colored flags stuck all around the letters: well, that’s just cute, but not that cute.

If these sprayed-painted symbols had been done on business store fronts or on residential garages in the community, the perpetrators would be in jail. But not these artists. They are hired help — city, county, state and private utility workers marking water and sewer mains, telephone lines and electrical connections. Much of the “graffiti” is around the courthouse, and will likely be there awhile. At least until snow arrives ... and stays. The least these “artists” could do is make the spray paintings of something we could enjoy viewing, like a mural, instead of marring the look of the downtown area with this modern ab-



Rich Glennie

stract line art.

By the way, there is writing in the grass near the county parking lot on 10th Street. It is in cursive and hard to read. Someone want to translate?

Oh, you motorists may have to get out of your vehicles in order to see this artwork. You also may have to put down your cell phones and quit texting long enough to see what I’m talking about.

There are other things I see on my morning retirement walks that make me wonder, too. Like these:

— Why do the sidewalks installed in 1937 look so much better than the ones put in over the past decade or two? My walks along 10th Street each morning, in particular, include sections built by the WPA workers

during the Great Depression. They look a bit worn after nearly 80 years of use, but appear in better shape than the cracked ones that were installed a number of years ago when 16th Street was rebuilt. They must have forgotten some ingredient in the 16th Street sidewalks ... for crack prevention. Some of the cracks are long and wide. Maybe the public employee graffiti artists can spruce up those cracks. An orange “H” would look nice.

— Why don’t homeowners trim the low-lying branches that hang over their sidewalks? My wife and I feel like limbo dancers in some spots, and I don’t bend that well anymore (actually never did). So I walk on the homeowners’ lawns to avoid losing my cap, or an eye, to the low-hanging branches. Perhaps they should put more Miracle Gro on their trees to get them to grow taller, faster.

— Why does it seem like walkers are going uphill no matter where they travel in Glencoe? Maybe it’s just me, but I always seem to be going uphill, or at least my legs seem to think so. Doesn’t seem to

Glennie

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Library News

By Jackee Fountain

Mini-wreath workshop

The Glencoe Library will host a Holiday Mini-Wreath Craft Workshop on Monday, Nov. 10, from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.

The workshop is presented by the Minnesota History Players and sponsored by the Minnesota Legacy Amendment and McLeod County Public Libraries. Space is limited to 20 adult participants so registration is necessary. This free program will be held in the Glencoe Library Activity Room. Please call or visit the Glencoe Library to register.

November has several programs for children. Lego Club will meet Tuesday, Nov. 4, at 6 p.m. Call the library to let Miss Gabby know if you will be coming. Tuesdays and Saturdays are the days of the new Toddler ABC Storytime. Both days have storytime at 10:30 a.m. and the same activities are presented for the same week. Friday, Nov. 28, is Movie Day at the Glencoe Library. The PG-rated movie will begin at 1 p.m. All children are welcome to watch the movie. There is no cost and no registration. What a fun activity to do on a vacation day in the fall.

Looking ahead to December, the Glencoe Library will

be part of the Glencoe Holly Days celebration. The annual Elf Party will be on Saturday, Dec. 6, at 10:30 a.m., and will have Christmas games, activities, snacks and wrapping presents for the children in need in McLeod County. Attendees are asked to bring an unwrapped new gift for a child. More information is found on the Glencoe Library website or at the library.

The Glencoe Library will be closed Tuesday, Nov. 11, and Thursday, Nov. 27.

If any community member has not seen the Glencoe Library's finished historical rooms, please make a point to visit the Glencoe Library and enjoy the new spaces. One room is renovated as a 1932 classroom and serves as the book sale space. The second is a Historical/Reading Room with bookcases full of classics to read while relaxing in the comfy furniture. You may also study or use the library's WiFi and research on the microfilm reader. The renovations were provided by a Minnesota Historical matching grant and the Friends of the Glencoe Public Library. For more library information, please visit our website: www.glencoe.lib.mn.us.

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both my wife, though. Hmmm.

— Ever wonder why those plastic tops for styrofoam coffee cups never quite seal properly? While I'm typing this, I managed to spill hot coffee down the front of my shirt. I think I'll sue. The problem is it wasn't hot enough that I even noticed at first. And it wasn't Macdonald's coffee, anyway. So much for that get-rich-quick

scheme.

Maybe I should work on my coordination. You know, cup-to-mouth technique. Or just stop pretending I can multi-task. Either type or drink coffee, just not at the same time.

Rich Glennie was the editor of The Chronicle for 23 years. He retired Aug. 1, but still plans to submit an occasional column.

Leaf collection draws compliments, complaints

By Rich Glennie
Correspondent

Mike Drew, city public works supervisor for streets and parks, said the first week of the new leaf-vacuuming program came with compliments as well as complaints.

Speaking to the Glencoe City Council Monday night, Oct. 20, Drew said there were a lot of good compliments about the program, which vacuums leaves from the city's streets throughout the fall instead of residents having to haul their leaves to the compost site as was past practice.

But with all new programs, Drew said, comes growing pains and this was no excep-

tion.

The biggest complaint is that the noisy equipment starts work at 3 a.m. and runs for about 16 hours a day with the two-man shifts.

He said it took about 19 hours to clear one quadrant within the city the first time.

Another complaint was the equipment needs to make two or three passes on a street in order to pick up the leaves.

"It's a learning experience for the operators and community," Drew said. He suggested people raking or blowing their leaves into the street put the leaves in windrows "as tight as they can." He said with some of the leaves spread up to eight feet wide,

it forces the operators to make more than one pass. Tighter windrows would help the operators.

He also said his operators may be trying to clean up too much. He said those operators will be back each week until the snows flies.

Another issue is people raking their leaves into the street "days before," Drew said. As a result, some of the leaves are run over numerous times, compacted and a lot more difficult to pick up with the vacuum. He suggested raking the leaves to the curb the night before, if possible.

Sticks in the leaves also pose problems with the new vacuum equipment, which re-

quires the operators to stop and remove the sticks, slowing down the removal process, Drew said.

Drew also asked residents to keep leaves away from street corners because the machinery cannot easily navigate around corners.

The operators also missed a couple of streets the first week through town. "But remember, we'll be back next week," Drew said.

The goal now is to cut back on the time needed to clear each quadrant, Drew said, and that might allow for a later start of the cleanup in the morning. "But now, we need to start at this time (3 a.m.)," Drew added.

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Federation of Independent Business (NFIB) opposed the minimum wage bill because of the negative effect on small and mid sized businesses. Unskilled labor and minority youth will be hit hardest by this loss of private sector jobs.

The way to raise wages is by having a competitive tax and regulatory system, which will allow the private sector to grow and prosper. In North Dakota, the starting wage at McDonald's is \$15 per hour and at Walmart it is \$20 per hour, but it is not mandated, it is a result of a booming economy. We could experience the same in Minnesota but not by government mandate, which only hurts our businesses and the less fortunate in our communities. Mandating an increase in the minimum wage is based on misguided legislation rather than sound economic principles and tax reform.

On global warming:

Gary Ballard is right about one thing: I do not believe in the "theory" of global warming as promoted by Al Gore and the United Nations (UN). And, in fact, the global warming alarmists have now switched the name of their theory to "climate change" because the facts no longer line up. CFACT.org verifies there has been NO global warming in 16 years.

The 31,000 U.S. scientists (9,000 with PhDs) who signed the petition opposing the global warming theory are constantly denigrated by tax-subsidized scientists eager to keep their gravy train of tax dollars flowing for their research. Please realize that scientists reporting evidence for climate change are receiving billions of tax dollars in subsidies and those scientists who expose the lies of climate change are not.

The promotion of the Cap and Trade Tax is a scheme based on the theory of global warming. It will do nothing for our environment, but it will cost our economy billions of tax dollars, which will be transferred to the UN and other under-developed countries, driving up the cost of energy, goods and services.

The International Climate Science Coalition, The Heartland Institute, and CFACT, are just three of the credible organizations publishing scientific critiques of the fraudulent pseudo science of global warming.

On Nov. 4, please vote for candidates who oppose waste, fraud and abuse in government and require accountability on the expenditure of your hard earned tax dollars.

**State Rep.
Glenn Gruenhagen
R-Glencoe**

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County asked to revoke permits

SIBLEY COUNTY — The Sibley County Board of Commissioners has tabled a request from the Cornish Township Board of Supervisors to revoke permits for the Sibley Wind Substation project. The Gaylord Hub reports that the township made the request "because of alleged violations of county permits, changes to Wesco's ownership structure and the need to protect the citizens of Sibley County." The Board tabled the request in order to study documents submitted by the township's attorney.

Area News

Seneca closing in Arlington

ARLINGTON — Seneca Foods will close its Arlington operations in spring 2015, according to the Arlington Enterprise. The local vegetable canning factory employs 46 full-time employees and 150 seasonal employees. It has operated in Arlington since 1905. Tim Benjamin, chief financial officer for Seneca Foods Corporation, said "economics left us with no choice but to close the facility." Benjamin said the company is working with employees on relocation options.

Longtime city clerk to retire

COKATO — Peggy Carlson will retire as the Cokato city clerk at the end of 2014, according to the Dassel-Cokato Enterprise Dispatch. Carlson has served as the city clerk for 33 years. Carlson is planning a phased retirement, in order to assist the new city administrator and clerk as they become accustomed to Cokato.

Police chief leaving Hector

HECTOR — Pat Callahan, Hector police chief, has submitted resignation to accept a similar position in Zumbrota, according to the News-Mirror. Callahan gave his 30 days' notice to the Hector mayor in mid-October.

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Question of the week

The General Election is set for Tuesday, Nov. 4. Do you plan to vote?

- 1) Yes.
- 2) No.

Results from last week's question:

Should the County Board add e-cigarettes, nicotine products and tobacco-delivery devices to its tobacco ordinance?

- 1) Yes — 51%
- 2) No — 42%
- 3) I need more information — 8%

89 votes. New question runs Oct. 29 - Nov. 3

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Brownton's public works supervisor resigns; city seeking replacement

By Lori Copley
Editor

The city of Brownton is searching for a new public works employee after accepting the resignation of 17-year employee Mark Streich.

Streich has accepted a job in the private sector and his resignation is effective Nov. 12.

The Brownton City Council met in special session Thursday night to start the advertising process for finding a replacement.

City Clerk Ella Kruse said Streich has agreed to assist the city in the transition to a new employee through the end of the year, provided the city continues to offer him health insurance until Dec. 31. Kruse said she will have to check on whether the city can continue to provide insurance on that basis.

"I feel we should do whatever we can to help him out," commented Council Member

Chuck Warner.

Streich is currently the public works supervisor and holds licenses for the wastewater and water systems.

Public works employee Chad Draeger asked the City Council about possibly dividing supervisory duties between him and the new employee, with the new person primarily supervising the wastewater system while Draeger supervises the parks, streets and water systems.

Draeger said if he takes on supervisory duties, he would like a salary increase.

"I think we understand that," said Warner, who indicated the Council will consider Draeger's proposal.

The city agreed to start advertising for a replacement for Streich in area newspapers, the League of Minnesota Cities publications and with the Rural Water Association.

The Council agreed to a

starting salary of between \$45,000 and \$55,000, depending on qualifications.

In other business, the City Council voted to pay a one-time cost of \$27,500 to install an industrial standard heater in the natural gas transfer station near Stewart.

Kruse said the transfer station wasn't initially heated because it was constructed for the United Grain Systems facility northwest of town, which doesn't use natural gas during the winter.

The cost of the heater is estimated at \$36,000 to \$40,000. Kruse said the city's \$27,500 share includes "no maintenance, ever," for the heater.

The City Council agreed to the cost, contingent on a paperwork that specifically spells out that the city will not be responsible for any future maintenance costs for the heating system.

Becker tells of Girls State experience

Editor's Note: Sloan Becker, daughter of Sean and Mylei Becker of Brownton, was the Brown-ton American Legion Auxiliary's selection for participation in Girls State this past summer. This is her personal account of her experience.

Girls State was a wonderful experience that taught me so much.

On the first day, we were split into towns where we built our government. In my town, we used the weak mayor structure.

Then we broke into caucuses. There, we decided who we sent to the county caucus, and who was the town caucus chairman. I had the honor of becoming the city chairman and an automatic delegate to the county caucus.

After that, we went to our county meeting. In our county meeting, we decided what kind of city and how many officials we had. Anyone interested in becoming councilmen, sheriff and any other officials that were needed in the counties then gave a short speech on why they thought they would be best for the job. I ran and won as a councilman.

After that, we broke into caucuses. In those we voted for a chairman and I was lucky enough to be trusted with that responsibility. After that we discussed what our platform should be. After agreeing upon that, we decided on which members should go to the state convention. I was lucky enough to be cho-



Submitted photo
Sloan Becker of Brownton was the Brown-ton American Legion Auxiliary Unit's delegate to Girls State this past summer.

sen as chairman, therefore I was an automatic delegate.

At the state convention, we had eight people run for the state chairman, and I also was blessed enough to receive that honor.

Later, we received speeches from everyone looking to become an elected official on why they thought they'd be best for the job. Then all of the people looking to be non-partisan officials like judges and auditors, gave their speeches to the opposing parties.

Then, just like in the real world, we had primaries and after each party had their running mates, we started the campaign. This was after, of course, each party had agreed on a platform that the party

would like to take to the state.

After the campaign was over, we went to the voting booths and took part in the democratic process. Then it was just a waiting game; that night, after supper, the results were announced and our new governor was Anna Gardner.

The next day, anyone who was in the city or county government was given a mock trial and the rest of the citizens were split into the House and the Senate. On Friday, we went to the Capitol and tried our cases or passed bills.

Girls State was such a wonderful experience and I am so glad I was able to participate. I would like to thank the women's auxiliary of Brownton for the opportunity they gave me.

Engagements

Sievert — Unseth

Katherine Sievert of St. Francis and Isaac Unseth of Lester Prairie, together with their parents, Yvonne and Scott Sievert and Ruth and Nathan Unseth, joyfully announce their engagement.

Wedding and reception to be held Jan. 1, 2015, in Minneapolis.



Katherine Sievert, Isaac Unseth

Genz — Plevell

Darla Genz and Alex Plevell of Watkins announce their engagement.

Parents of the couple are Bill Genz of Winthrop, Margie and Steve Longstreet of Pipestone and Fred and Diane Plevell of Tomah, Wis.

The bride is a 2004 graduate of Minnesota State University, Mankato, and is currently employed as a lead vendor specialist for Encore Capital Group of St. Cloud.

The groom is a student at St. Cloud State Technical and Community College and is in the military.



Alex Plevell, Darla Genz

The wedding is set for April 24, 2015, in Puerto Morelos, Mexico.

22 Brownton seniors met on Monday

Twenty-two Brownton senior citizens met Monday, Oct. 27, at the community center.

Cards were played with the following winners: 500, Gladys Rickert, first, and Bernetta Alsleben, second; pinochle, Pearl Streu, first, and Zeldia Baysinger, second; and sheephead, Harriet Bergs, first, and Lowell Brelje, second.

Lil Lindeman won the door prize, and Pearl Streu served refreshments.

The next meeting will be Monday, Nov. 3, at 1 p.m. All area seniors are welcome.

Brownton Lions Club sets Halloween party

The Brownton Lions Club will host its annual youth Halloween party Friday, Oct. 31, from 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m., at the Brownton Community Center.

The event is open to children in sixth grade and under. There is an entrance fee of \$3 per child, and a maximum fee of \$10 per family. All proceeds are donated to the

McLeod Emergency Food Shelf.

The Lions Club also will be collecting old eyeglasses and hearing aids for recycling.

Anyone interested in help-

ing with the games is welcome to call Penny Lindeman at 320-328-4192. Please leave a message.

Lunch also will be available for purchase the night of the party.

Community Calendar

Thurs., Oct. 30 — AA Group mtg. next to Post Office in Stewart, 8 p.m., call 320-212-5290 for info.

Fri., Oct. 31 — HAPPY HALLOWEEN

Mon., Nov. 3 — Tops Weigh-In mtg., 5-5:30 p.m.; Brownton Senior Citizens Club, Brownton Community Center, 1 p.m.

Tues., Nov. 4 — Narcotics Anonymous, Brownton Community Center, 7 p.m.; Brownton City Council, 7 p.m.

Wed., Nov. 5 — Brownton Women's Club, Brownton Community Center, 7:30 p.m.

Thurs., Nov. 6 — AA Group mtg. next to Post Office in Stewart, 8 p.m., call 320-212-5290 for info.



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People

Becker in BSU honors program

Lindsey Becker of Glencoe is one of 127 students enrolled in the honors program at Bemidji State University in Bemidji. Bemidji State University's honors program has a long history of providing intellectual and creative excitement as well as academic challenge for students. Becker is a sophomore studying elementary education.

Daughter born to Strobel

Kyle and Leah Strobel of Plato announce the arrival of a daughter, Henley Claire Strobel, born Oct. 10, 2014, at Ridgeview Medical Center in Waconia. Henley weighed 6 pounds, 9 ounces, and was 19½ inches long. Grandparents are Kevin and Laura Dahlen of Dassel and Robert and Michelle Strobel of Plato. Great-grandparents are Arthur Dahlen of Thief River Falls, June Buenger of Bemidji, Richard and Dixie Cliff of Rosemount and Bernice Strobel of Arlington.

Yureks announce twins' births

Chris and Jamie Yurek of Glencoe announce the birth of twin sons, Evan Daniel and Benjamin Ronald, born Oct. 13, 2014, at Ridgeview Medical Center in Waconia. Evan weighed 5 pounds, 13 ounces, and was 19 inches in length, and Benjamin weighed 5 pounds, 10 ounces, and was 17½ inches long. The boys join siblings Kailey and Jordan. Grandparents are Dan and Joanne Biederwolf of Glencoe and Ron and Roxy Yurek of Silver Lake. Great-grandparent is Marion Biederwolf of Menomonee Falls, Wis.

Girl born to Arlington couple

Dominique Buffet and Joel Farber of Arlington announce the birth of their daughter, Elliana Dakotah Lynn Farber, on Monday, Oct. 6, 2014, at Glencoe Regional Health Services. Elliana weighed 7 pounds, 4 ounces, and was 20 inches in length. She is welcomed home by big sister Tatiana. Grandparents are Sara and Rob Schmitz of Long Lake, Gene Farber of New Germany and Jane Rischmiller of Gaylord.

Annual Brownton Lions HALLOWEEN PARTY
FRIDAY, OCT. 31
5:30-7 p.m.
Brownton Community Center
Grade 6 and Under
Entrance Fee: \$3.00 per child. Max \$10 per family.
Jeebers Creepers
we will also be collecting old jeebers!
Bring along any old eyeglasses and hearing aids to be donated to Lions International for recycling
Anyone interested in working can contact Penny Lindeman at 320-328-4192, leave message.
Dinner will be available for purchase.

See what's brewing on the **Job Market.**
Check out the **McLeod County Chronicle CLASSIFIEDS** found in Section B

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SL Council approves to repair storm sewer for \$14,000

By Alyssa Schauer
Staff Writer

At a continuation of its regular monthly meeting last Wednesday night, Oct. 22, the Silver Lake City Council approved hiring Juul Contracting Company for the storm sewer repair on Oliver Street at a cost not to exceed \$14,002.50, with monies coming from the street improvement budget in the general fund.

The Council met Wednesday night due to lack of quorum at the Monday, Oct. 20, meeting. Only Mayor Bruce Bebo and Councilor Eric Nelson were present.

On Wednesday night, Public Works Supervisor Dale Kosek presented councilors with bids from Juul and Hjerpe Contracting, Inc., of Hutchinson. Hjerpe bid \$14,902.50 for the project.

Both bids include furnishing and installing a dual-wall storm sewer, removing and replacing bituminous material, removing and replacing concrete curb and gutter and hydro seeding.

In other matters, the Council:

- Hired Borke Excavating, LLC, to haul and remove snow for the 2014-15 winter season at a cost of \$70 per hour per truck.

- Reviewed the Municipal Liquor Store (MLS) report to find the business is having an "extremely good year." City Clerk Kerry Venier said profits are "well above average."

The monthly report shows a 6.07 increase in net profit,

up from 3.08 percent in September 2013. Operating revenues were \$17,932, up from \$16,905 and expenses were \$15,332, down from \$15,772 in September.

The year-to-date report shows a net profit of 12.46 percent, up from 6.08 percent in 2013. Operating revenues totaled \$197,819, up from \$185,054 last year. Expenses showed a total of \$146,169, down from \$161,235 in 2013.

- Heard the planning commission met and reviewed some of the surveys that have been returned. The commission will begin tabulating the results at the November meeting as surveys are due Oct. 31.

- Consolidated the planning commission and tree commission into one entity and appointed Connie Kratzke to serve on the commission.

Venier said Kratzke has a "deep knowledge of trees and would very much like to serve as the city's arborist."

- Approved health insurance rates for full-time non-elected employees.

- Accepted donations from the following donors:

Silver Lake Lions, auditorium and floor repair, \$3,000.

Silver Lake Civic Association, auditorium floor, \$5,000.

Silver Lake Pool and Parks Organization, floor, \$500.

Silver Lake Sportsmen's Club, floor, \$1,000.

Knights of Columbus, floor, \$1,000.

Silver Lake Legion, floor, \$1,000.

Degree of Honor, floor,

\$300.

Al and Pearl Branden, auditorium remodel, \$500.

Helen Piehl, remodel, \$150.

Senior dining site, remodel, \$335.

Silver Lake Legion Auxiliary, remodel, \$1,000.

Joleen Nowak, remodel, \$100.

Silver Lake Lions, remodel, \$2,000.

Robert Ardolf, remodel, \$300.

Harry and Rita Bebo, remodel, \$10,000.

Silver Lake Sportsmen's Club, remodel, \$1,000.

Sam Shimanski, remodel, \$500.

Anonymous, remodel, \$100.

Silver Lake Lions, hole sponsor, \$100.

Silver Lake Lions, royalty program, \$800.

Knights of Columbus, pool, \$673.88.

Donation jar, pool organization, \$67.89.

Silver Lake Legion, fire department, \$1,500.

Silver Lake Lions, fire relief, \$200.

Crow River Sno Pros, fire department turnout gear, \$4,000.

Silver Lake Lions, fire department, \$1,190.

VFW 1720, veterans monument, \$500.

Silver Lake Legion, veterans monument, \$3,200.

Silver Lake Lions, veterans monument, \$500.

Silver Lake Lions, MLS mats, \$1,000.

Various donors, ambulance fund, \$430.



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Pillars of Character

The Glencoe-Silver Lake High School pillars of character for September include Stephanie Welch, responsibility; Mitchell

Rothstein, responsibility; and Cassie Medina, caring.



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September students of the month

The Glencoe-Silver Lake High School students of the month include, in the front, from left to right, Hannah Kunkel, Thalia Otero, Madison Posusta, Molli

Cacka and Kirsten Barott. In the back are Ben Rockswold, Logan Artmann, Garrett Ober and Courtney Zajicek.

Mark Broderius earns Eagle Scout recognition in Boy Scouts of America

Mark Broderius, son of Lee and Geralyn Broderius of Glencoe, has been awarded the Eagle Scout award, the highest advancement award in the Boy Scouts of America.

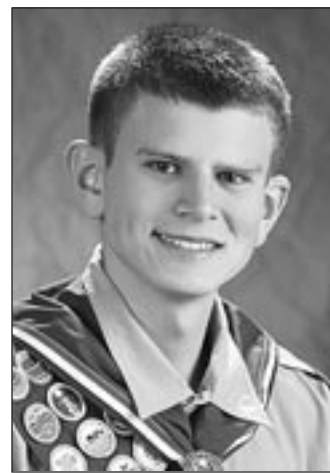
Broderius is a senior at Glencoe-Silver Lake High School and has participated in band, choir, jazz band, National Honor Society, student government, musicals, the spring play and Knowledge Bowl.

Over the years as a Boy Scout, Broderius has held many troop leadership posi-

tions, including patrol leader, quartermaster and librarian.

Among other requirements, a candidate for the Eagle rank must plan, develop and give leadership to others in a service project helpful to any religious institution, school or community.

His project was to reorganize the balcony at St. Pius X Catholic Church in Glencoe. This was accomplished by purchasing and assembling storage units for the video equipment and music that is stored there, and also by re-carpeting the risers for choir.



Mark Broderius



Weather Corner

By Jake Yurek

After a very pleasant, above-normal run of weather, things cool off this week as we head into November.

Average high temperatures for this time of year should be somewhere around the 52-degree mark. Last week was a very welcome surprise as we stayed 10-20 degrees above normal.

A Canadian front pushed through the area early this week bringing a cool-down to more normal temperatures. Highs to end the week and weekend will generally stick in the 50s. Friday will be slightly cooler with temps not making it out of the 40s, so bundle up all the little ghouls and goblins as they head out trick-or-treating.

We rebound back into the 50s for the weekend, so all in all, it should be a fairly decent run of weather. Rain stays away for basically the entire forecast period so it'll be another good week to get fall chores done. A storm system will move along the Canadian border Sunday into Monday, so we could see a few stray showers depending on the exact track.

The extended shows much of the same continuing with near-normal temperatures and a chance of precipitation every four days or so. Have a great week, all; Happy Halloween!

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Wednesday night — Lows 33-39; clouds.
Thursday — Highs 51-57, lows 27-33; mostly clear.
Friday — Highs 42-48, lows 27-33; clear.
Saturday — Highs 47-52, lows 33-39; partly cloudy.
Sunday — Highs 52-58; partly cloudy.

Weather Quiz: What are some of November's weather extremes?

Answer to last week's question (What are the newest forecast models out last week saying about this year's winter?): There's been a lot of doom and gloom about the upcoming winter with a good chunk of forecasters saying it'll be as bad as last year. Recent models say differently as they give this winter even chances of being warmer or cooler, so basically an average winter. Winters like last year typically only come about every 30 years or so, so hopefully we won't have to worry about another one like that until 2043.

Remember: I make the forecast, not the weather!

Save the date: 11th-annual Thanksgiving dinner set

Please mark your calendars for this year's citywide Thanksgiving dinner in Silver Lake on Thursday, Nov. 27.

Everyone is encouraged to attend and share all of the things they are thankful for.

As always, the dinner is in need of volunteers to help, along with donations toward the event.

It is a free meal for all, so please plan on signing up and sharing this day with the community. The goal again is for everyone to enjoy a great meal, share stories with others and most importantly, leave with a smile and know the residents of Silver Lake care.

Look for more information in the coming weeks. Sign up will be at the Silver Lake city offices or call Mayor Bruce Bebo at 320-327-3157.

'Light up the Night' features jack-o-lantern display

Starting Wednesday, Oct. 29, and running through Friday, Oct. 31, a huge jack-o-lantern display will be located at the Glencoe City Center to "light up the night."

The goal is to have 100-plus lit carved pumpkins on display at the City Center and everyone is invited to participate, including businesses, employees, clubs, kids, families and anyone else in the public.

Bring a carved pumpkin to the City Center on Oct. 29

SL bloodmobile set Oct. 30; donors eligible to win \$5,000

The Silver Lake blood drive is set for Thursday, Oct. 30, from 1 p.m. to 7 p.m., at the Silver Lake American Legion club rooms.

Volunteers will be calling in the next several weeks to set up appointments. Donors can also schedule appointments by calling Margaret Benz at 320-327-2249. Walk-ins also are welcome.

During the month of October, all presenting donors will be eligible for a chance to

win a \$5,000 Visa gift card, courtesy of Suburban Propane.

Individuals who are 17 years of age or 16 with parental permission, weigh at least 110 pounds and are in generally in good health, may be eligible to donate blood.

High school students and other donors 18 years of age and younger also have to meet certain height and weight requirements.



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KCs paper drive slated Oct. 31, Nov. 1

The Silver Lake Knights of Columbus Council No. 1841 will hold a paper drive Friday, Oct. 31, and Saturday, Nov. 1, from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

The trailer will be parked on the north side of Holy Family Church in Silver Lake.

Items accepted include newspapers, junk mail, magazines, paper bags and cardboard.

Cardboard should be kept separate from papers. No plastic, please.

Profits will go to the Silver Lake Ambulance, Silver Lake Fire Department and Silver Lake winter festival.

For information or help hauling papers, please call Ray Bandas at 320-327-3115.

Autumn Garden Party at Faith
Soup & Sandwich Supper
Saturday, Nov. 1, 2014
Serving from 4:30-7 p.m.
Faith Presbyterian Church
Silver Lake, MN
Menu will include various soups, sandwiches and dessert selections.
Tickets: Adults \$7.50, Children 4-10 \$4.00, Children 3 & Under FREE
Come check out the Bake Sale too!

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Silver Lake Liquors
"Your Hometown Liquor Store"

Halloween Costume Party
Friday, Oct. 31 • \$100 for Best Costume*

*Rent your costume from Grandma's Closet and receive a "Buy 1, Get 1 Free" Drink Coupon!

LIVE Music Country Fried Grubers
Music starts at 8:00 p.m.

MEAT RAFFLES Every First & Third Saturday of the Month!
Starting Nov. 1 @ 5:30 p.m. • Proceeds to benefit local organizations!

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For any Silver Lake news, story ideas and photo submissions, please email information to Alyssa Schauer at alyssas@glencoenews.com; drop in dropbox at Silver Lake City Office call the Chronicle office at 320-864-5518; mail to PO Box 188, Glencoe, MN 55336; or stop by 716 E 10th St., Glencoe.

Obituaries

Patricia Ann Meyer, 68, of Gaylord

Patricia Ann Meyer, 68, of Gaylord, died Saturday, Oct. 26, 2014, at Ridgeview Sibley Medical Center in Arlington.



Patricia Meyer

The funeral service will be Thursday, Oct. 30, at 11 a.m., at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Gaylord with interment in the church cemetery.

Visitation will be Wednesday, Oct. 29, from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m., at the Egesdal Funeral Home in Gaylord, with a prayer service at 8 p.m. Visitation will continue one hour prior to the service at the church Thursday.

The Rev. Harold Storm will officiate at the funeral. Eunice Asmus will be the organist, and congregational hymns will be "Amazing Grace," "For All the Saints," "On Eagle's Wings" and "Jesus Loves Me."

Honorary pallbearers are her grandchildren, Jessica Epple, Madison Kobb, Taylor Williams, Litzy Meyer, Jamie Hiniker, Nerisa Hoag, Melanie Zamzow and Chase Williams.

Pallbearers are her grandsons, Reese Wilkens, Wayne Kask, David Cody Kobb, Daniel Meyer Jr., Steven

Epple and Tyson Kask.

Patricia Ann (Patzold) Meyer was born May 12, 1946, in Glencoe, to Ervin and Eldora (Duenow) Patzold. She was baptized as an infant on June 2, 1946, at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Stewart. She was confirmed in her faith as a youth in Stewart. She was educated in Gaylord and Glencoe, and was a graduate of the Glencoe High School class of 1964.

On Feb. 22, 1964, she was united in marriage to Harvey Meyer at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Stewart. After their marriage, the couple resided in Glencoe and Mankato, and most recently in Gaylord. Their marriage was blessed with five children, and they shared 50 years together.

Mrs. Meyer was employed at Young America Corporation, Telex in Glencoe, Matson Super Valu, Kmart and managed Food-N-Fuel.

She was a member of Immanuel Lutheran Church in Gaylord. She enjoyed playing board games, reading, embroidering, watching her grandchildren's events, baking and cooking. She had a big heart and loved to spend time with her husband, children and grandchildren.

She is survived by her husband, Harvey Meyer of Gaylord; children, Dan (wife Darlene) Meyer of Winthrop,

Shelly (husband David) Kobb of Jacksonville, Fla., Dodie Williams of Philadelphia, Pa., and Shawn Meyer and Aaide Sandoval of Winthrop; grandchildren, Jamie Hiniker, Nerisa (husband Jeff) Hoag, Wayne Kask, Melanie (husband Jesse) Zamzow, Daniel Meyer Jr., Reese Wilkens and his fiancé K.C. Kane, Jessica (husband Steve) Epple, David Cody Kobb, Madison Kobb, Chase Williams, Taylor Williams, Litzy Meyer, Edward Sandoval and George Sandoval; great-grandchildren, Jonathan Hiniker, Skyler Kask, Tyson Kask, Blake Kask, Preston Kask, Alivia Epple, Owen Hoag and Michael Hoag; siblings, Cheryl (husband Norman) Schwarze of Brownton, Lynette (husband Gerald) Lorentz of Gaylord and Julene (husband Gary) Kluzak of East Grand Forks; nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

Mrs. Meyer was preceded in death by her parents, Ervin and Eldora Patzold; sister, Sharilyn Patzold; son, Scott Meyer; father-in-law, Marvin and Gertrude Sievert; and father-in-law, Benjamin Meyer.

Arrangements are with the Egesdal Funeral Home in Gaylord. Online obituaries and guest book are available at www.hantge.com.

John Charles Popelka, 66, of Glencoe

John Charles Popelka, 66, of Glencoe, died Monday, Oct. 20, 2014, at United Hospital in St. Paul.



Charles Popelka

A Mass of Christian Burial was held Thursday, Oct. 23, at the Church of St. Pius X in Glencoe with the Rev. Anthony Stubeda officiating.

Kelly LeCrone was the song leader and Sue Mielke was the organist. Musical selections included "We Are the Light of the World," "Lord, When You Come to the Seashore," "Gift of Finest Wheat," "Panis Angelicus" and "Hail, Holy Queen Enthroned Above."

Honorary pallbearers were members of the Glencoe Catholic Cemetery Board.

Pallbearers were Patrick Barry, Steve Popelka, Jason Popelka, Taylor Alsleben, Ron Maresh and Pat Maresh.

Interment was in the Glencoe Catholic Cemetery in Glencoe.

John Charles Popelka, a child of God, was born to John C. and Mary (Vacek) Popelka on Jan. 17, 1948, at

the Glencoe Municipal Hospital. He was baptized in January 1948 at St. Joseph Church in Silver Lake, and the Sacraments of First Communion and Confirmation were received at St. Peter and Paul Church in Glencoe. His education began in District 29 as a first grader, then St. Peter and Paul/St. Pius X School for second through eighth grades. He graduated from Glencoe High School with the class of 1965. He furthered his education by attending Nazareth Hall and Seminary for two years.

The Glencoe area has been home for Mr. Popelka for all his life, as he took over the family dairy farm in the late 1960s and stayed on the farm until health problems necessitated a change to less-physical labor. In April 1987, he took employment at the Glencoe Veterinary Clinic until he retired, but he continued to help part time at the clinic until his death.

There were challenges in his life that might have made others want to give up. But these strengthened his weak trust in God. It can be told today that alcoholism held his life hostage for 25 years, until Aug. 21, 1992, when, in the pit of hell, he turned to the help of AA — a turning point

of teaching him to be of service to others and drawing him to be actively engaged in the Catholic faith.

Mr. Popelka was known to be a recycler, fix-it man and restorer of anything he was a steward over. His motto was not to discard, but to preserve. In his last years, he chose to live the single life, finding great fulfillment in always being available for others, church and community. In the past 16 years, Mr. Popelka was very involved at St. Pius Parish and School, serving in various ministries. God was his focal point; from there the church gave him strength to live life in this world to the fullest.

Mr. Popelka is survived by his brother, Francis (Delores) Popelka of Hopkins; sons, Charles Popelka and Gary Popelka; grandchildren, Taylor, Nathan and Chloe; and many relatives and friends in the Glencoe area and distances away.

He was preceded in death by his parents, John and Mary Popelka; and sister, Margaret Schaeve.

Arrangements were with the Johnson-McBride Funeral Chapel in Glencoe. Online obituaries and guest book are available at www.hantge.com.

Henry 'Hiney' Zajicek, 78, of Glencoe

Henry "Hiney" John Zajicek Jr., 78, of Glencoe, died Thursday, Oct. 23, 2014, at Meeker Memorial Hospital in Litchfield.



Henry Zajicek

A Mass of Christian Burial was held Tuesday, Oct. 28, at the Church of St. Pius X in Glencoe with the Rev. Anthony Stubeda officiating.

Sue Mielke was the organist and Mary Ann Thalman was the song leader. Musical selections were "Here I Am, Lord," "Jesus, Come to Us," "I Am the Bread of Life" and "Prayer of St. Francis."

Payton Lee was an honorary pallbearer. Pallbearers were McCoy Zajicek, Jessica Lee, Craig Zajicek, Tammy Meyer, Scott McKenzie and Brent Meyer.

Interment was in the Glencoe City Cemetery.

Henry "Hiney" John Zajicek Jr. was born Nov. 16, 1935, in Rich Valley Township, the son of Henry and Frances (Bednar) Zajicek. He

was baptized as an infant and confirmed in his faith as youth at St. George's Catholic Church. He attended school in Glencoe and was a 1953 graduate of Stevens Seminary.

On Sept. 28, 1963, he was united in marriage to Janet Meyer by the Rev. Skoblik at St. George Catholic Church in Glencoe. The couple made their home around Glencoe, and their marriage was blessed with two children, Pam and Jason. The Zajiceks shared 41 years of marriage before Mrs. Zajicek's death on March 22, 2005.

Mr. Zajicek was a farmer and worked at Glencoe Butter & Produce, retiring after over 35 years. He also worked at Shamla Oil Company and Seneca Foods after his retirement. He was a member of the Church of St. Pius X in Glencoe, where he was a member of the Knights of Columbus.

He enjoyed playing cards, sightseeing and having morning coffee. He loved spending time with family and friends.

He is survived by his children, Pam Mallak and her husband, Gary, of Silver

Lake, and Jason Zajicek and his special friend, Trisha Schwanke, of Silver Lake; grandchildren, Jessica Lee and her husband, Steve, of Silver Lake, and McCoy Zajicek and his special friend, Tamera Williams, of Silver Lake; great-granddaughter, Payton Lee; stepgreat-grandchildren, Felix Lee and Evelyn Laakkonen; siblings, Ray (Alice) Jilek of Glencoe, John (Rosie) Jilek of Glencoe, MaryJo McKenzie of Shakopee and Jerry (Karen) Zajicek of Hutchinson; sisters-in-law and brothers-in-law, Laurina Zajicek of Glencoe, James (Corryne) Meyer of Brownton, Judith (Thomas) Thiesfeld of Crosby, Jerome (Rose) Meyer of Hutchinson and Jerald (Connie) Meyer of Cokato; nephews; nieces; other relatives; and many friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Henry and Frances Zajicek Sr.; wife, Janet Zajicek; and brother, Joe Zajicek.

Arrangements were with the Johnson-McBride Funeral Chapel in Glencoe. Online obituaries and guest book are available at www.hantge.com.

Mildred Esther Vasek, 91, Silver Lake

Mildred Esther Vasek, 91, of Silver Lake, died Wednesday, Oct. 22, 2014, at the Hutchinson Health Hospital.



Mildred Vasek

Funeral services were held Saturday, Oct. 25, at Grace Bible Church in Silver Lake.

Honorary pallbearers were Sheryl Cline, Londa Kokayko, Kimberly Upshaw, Jennifer Schuette, Jill Vasek and Alissa Carlson. Pallbearers were Jake Vasek, Dean Dostal, Beau Vasek, Jeremy Vasek, Andrew Vasek and Michael Vasek.

Interment was in the Grace Bible Cemetery, Silver Lake.

Mildred Vasek was born April 10, 1923, to Leslie and Sophie (Totusek) Dostal in Hutchinson Township, McLeod County. She was baptized Aug. 5, 1923, by the Rev. Edmund Wrbitsky, pastor of the Congregational Church of Silver Lake. She

was confirmed in her faith on Nov. 28, 1937, by the Rev. J.J. Yarkovsky.

She became engaged to Leslie Thomas Vasek on Aug. 3, 1942, and on June 29, 1943, they were married at the Congregational Church of Silver Lake. Their marriage was blessed with four sons.

Mrs. Vasek enjoyed baking for her grandchildren and attending many of their activities. She enjoyed traveling and scrapbooking. She especially enjoyed her winter home in Texas for many years. Her love of music continued through her whole life as she entertained her friends at Cedar Crest and Harmony River with her keyboard. She was a lifelong member of the Congregational Church in Silver Lake (Grace Bible Church), a member of the Degree of Honor in Silver Lake, Gideon's Auxiliary and the American Legion Auxiliary Unit 141.

She is survived by her children, Gerald (Susan) Vasek and Randall "Randy" (Julie) Vasek, all of Silver Lake;

daughter-in-law, Aurora Rasmussen of Aurora, Neb.; grandchildren, Sheryllyn (Arron) Cline, Londa (Paul) Kokayko, Kimberly (Daniel) Upshaw and Jeremy (Kelly) Vasek, Jennifer (Mike) Schuette, Jill Vasek and Michael Vasek, Andrew Vasek, Alissa (Trevor) Carlson, Beau (Mariah) Vasek and Jacob Vasek; great-grandchildren, Kaelyn and Caleb Cline, Owen Vasek and Chyler Vasek, and Andrew and Josh Upshaw; sister, Dorothy (Roy) Lord; sister-in-law, Loretta Dostal; nieces; nephews; other relatives; and friends.

She was preceded in death by her husband; sons, Darrell Vasek and Gary Vasek; her parents; infant brother, Harvey Dostal; brother, Irwin Dostal; and sister-in-law, Vera Vasek.

The Maresh Funeral Home in Silver Lake assisted the family with arrangements. Online condolences can be made at www.mareshfuneralhome.com.

Laura E. Michaletz, 89, of Glencoe

Laura Elnora (Ahlbrecht) Michaletz, 89, of Glencoe, died Tuesday, Oct. 21, 2014, at her residence.



Laura Michaletz

Funeral services were held Saturday, Oct. 25, at First Evangelical Lutheran Church in Glencoe with the Rev. Ronald Mathison officiating. Dawn Wolter was the organist. Congregational hymns were "Abide With Me," "For All the Saints" and "I Know That My Redeemer Lives."

Pallbearers were Darroll Engelmman, Gary Ziemer, Mara Michaletz, Anne Michaletz Burgart, John Michaletz and Peter Michaletz.

Interment was in the First Evangelical Lutheran Cemetery in Glencoe.

Laura Elnora (Ahlbrecht) Michaletz was born Dec. 30, 1924, in Biscay. She was the daughter of Harry and Alta (Todd) Ahlbrecht. She was baptized as a child on June 14, 1934, by the Rev. Haack at her parents' home, and was confirmed in her faith on May 29, 1947, by the Rev. Bert Streufert at St. Peter's Lutheran Church in Bergen Township. She graduated from Hutchinson High School, after which she taught in country schools, among them Heatwole and First Lutheran.

On June 1, 1946, she was married to Vernon Michaletz by the Rev. Happel at Church of Peace in Glencoe. Their marriage was blessed with two children, Jerilyn and Russell, and they made their home on a farm in Helen Township until 1995, when they moved to Glencoe. The couple enjoyed over 53 years of marriage, finding time to enjoy traveling, collaborative handicrafts and spending time at their lake home in Annandale, where they taught their four grandchildren the fine arts of fishing and cabin life. Mr. Michaletz died on May 6, 2000.

Mrs. Michaletz' pastimes and pursuits spoke to her dedication to her family, faith and friends, whether entertaining her grandchildren with stories about their forefathers, participating in her long-standing monthly couples' card group, or providing hospitality to friends and neighbors by way of her inspiring cooking. She was a faithful member of First Evangelical Lutheran Church in Glencoe, where she was a member of the LWML and church quilters. She also worked at McLeod County Public Health Nursing and

was an active member of the VFW Ladies Auxiliary, and she cherished the memories and friends, new and old, that she made while giving back to her community.

Mrs. Michaletz' attention to detail and care was as apparent in the loving retelling of the stories of her youth as it was in her exquisite crocheting, embroidery and quilting. Her narratives connected generations and were a testament to her adept navigation of the significant world changes she saw during her lifetime: as a young teacher, she recalled mornings warming up her one-room schoolhouse with a wood-burning stove, and as a grandmother and great-grandmother, she embraced e-mailing her family with new recipes, developments in her ever-blooming garden, and news of her family and friends. Through her unflinching memory and persistent investigation, she documented for her family a full and richly annotated history of their ancestors, from England and Germany to Biscay and Lester Prairie, and New York and Michigan to Hutchinson and Glencoe, and her accounts demonstrate her loyalty to both the truth and to the relatives and friends for whom she loved and cared.

Mrs. Michaletz' love of beauty and life was a magnet for the thankful mirth, abundant flowers and much-loved visitors, and her memorable suppers and meaningful conversations often included heartfelt stories of friends and family now passed. We now remember Laura likewise, and she has left an indelible footprint on all who have appreciated and will appreciate her loving and passionate dedication to history, friendships, faith and family.

Thank You

We would like to thank everyone for the many phone calls, memorials, food and kindness shown to us during the recent death of our mother, Gladys Busse. Special thanks to Oak Terrace for her care, Ridgeview Sibley Medical Center and the Egesdahl Funeral Home, especially Kelly and Avis. Also, thanks to Pastor Mathison for the beautiful service and to the ladies of the church for serving lunch. Your thoughtfulness will always be remembered.

Dennis, Eileen & family
Darrel, Lynell & family

She is survived by her children, Jerilyn Ring and Russell (Janice) Michaletz; grandchildren, Mara Michaletz (Peter Ramgren), Anne Michaletz Burgart (Evan), John Michaletz (Katy), and Peter Michaletz; great-grandson, Colin Michaletz; sisters, Etheline Clasen and Adeline Darsow; sister-in-law, Esther Michaletz; and nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Vernon Michaletz; parents, Harry and Alta Ahlbrecht; and sister, Marion Schuette.

Memorials are preferred to First Evangelical Lutheran Church in Glencoe. Arrangements were with the Johnson-McBride Funeral Chapel of Glencoe. Online obituaries and guest book are available at www.hantge.com.

Thank You

Thanks for the many cards, flowers, memorials, expressions of kindness and sympathy extended to us on the passing of our husband and father, Ray Rettig.

Special thanks to Rev. Paul Tessmer, Chaplain Joel Sund for all the the special prayers and visits, and the Zion Ladies Guild who served the lunch.

Thanks to the wonderful staff on the Wooded Glen wing at Harmony River Living Center in Hutchinson, and the Ridgeview Hospice staff who cared for Ray.

Thanks to the professional staff at Dalin-Hantge Chapel in Winthrop for their kindness and help in the funeral planning.

God's Blessings to all,

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Obituaries

Clarence Smykalski, Columbia Heights

Clarence A. Smykalski, 88, of Columbia Heights, formerly of Silver Lake, died Friday, Oct. 24, 2014, at Crestview Lutheran Home in Columbia Heights.

Funeral services will be held Thursday, Oct. 30, at 11 a.m., at The Maresh Funeral Home in Silver Lake. The Rev. Tony



Clarence Smykalski

Stubeda will officiate. Interment will follow at St. Adalbert Cemetery in Silver Lake.

Visitation will be held Thursday, Oct. 30, from 10 a.m. until the time of the service, at the funeral home.

Pallbearers will be Jim Noreen, Adam Noreen, Randy Frach, Nick Keocheler, Keith Butcher and Anthony Zelazny.

Mr. Smykalski was born April 17, 1926, east of Silver Lake, on the family homestead. He was the son of Frank and Frances (Bachinski) Smykalski. He was for-

merly employed as a welder in the Minneapolis area. He enjoyed polka music.

He is survived by his sister-in-law, Celia Smykalski of Hutchinson; many cousins, other relatives and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents; two brothers, Hank and Ernie; and by a sister and brother-in-law, Jenny and Martin Yaeger.

The Maresh Funeral Home in Silver Lake is serving the family. Online condolences may be made at www.mareshfuneralhome.com.

Carolyn J. Pohlen, 67, Hutchinson

Carol Joyce (Dolieslager) Pohlen, 67, of Hutchinson, died Monday, Oct. 13, 2014, at St. Cloud Hospital in St. Cloud.

A Mass of Christian Burial was held Saturday, Oct. 25, at St. Anastasia Catholic Church in Hutchinson with the Rev. Jerry Meidl officiating.

Bev Wangerin was the organist and Lucy Newcomb was the song leader. Musical selections were "Ave Maria," "The Lord's Prayer," "I Will Follow Him," "We Will Rise Again," "Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring" and "Song of Farewell." Special music was "Alleluia! Alleluia!" on compact disc (CD).

Pallbearers were Connie Ericson, Cindy Schultz, Kay Baumetz, Ramona Greenhaw, Judy Hagen and Judy Kiser.

Interment will be at a later date in Resurrection Cemetery in Mendota Heights.

Carolyn Joyce (Dolies-

lager) Pohlen was born Jan. 4, 1947, in Sheldon, O'Brien County, Iowa. She was the daughter of Berny and Bertha (Van Heuvelen) Dolieslager. She was baptized as an infant at First Dutch Reform Church in Sheldon. She was educated in Sheldon and was a graduate of the Sheldon High School class of 1965. She furthered her education at Western Iowa Technical Community College in LeMars, Iowa.

On June 17, 1967, she was united in marriage to Thomas Pohlen at St. Patrick's Catholic Church in Sheldon. Their marriage was blessed with three children, Michael, Katherine and John. The couple resided in St. Paul and later moved to Hutchinson in 1973. They shared 47 years of marriage.

Mrs. Pohlen was a loving wife, mother and homemaker. She attended St. Anastasia Catholic Church in Hutchinson, where she was a member of the Council of Catholic Women (CCW). She was a co-founder and a volunteer for Birthright of Hutchinson for over 25 years.

She enjoyed sewing, paint-

ing and creative crafts. She was affectionately known as the "Garage Sale Lady." She especially enjoyed spending time with her family, grandchildren and friends.

Mrs. Pohlen died of complications of diabetes and muscular dystrophy.

She is survived by her husband, Thomas Pohlen of Hutchinson; children, Michael Edward Pohlen and his fiancée, Anica Heggelman, of Minnetonka, Katherine Anne Pohlen of Minneapolis and John Matthew Pohlen of St. Paul; grandchildren, Danielle Pohlen, Samantha Pohlen, Cameron Pohlen and Lila Pohlen; sisters and their husbands, Evonne and Ray Schultz of Darwin, Helen and Jan Verdoorn of Hartley, Iowa, and Betty and Tom Gonnerman of Sheldon, Iowa; many other relatives and friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Berny and Bertha Dolieslager.

Arrangements were with the Dobratz-Hantge Funeral Chapel in Hutchinson. Online obituaries and guest book are available at www.hantge.com.

Marvel F. Slanga, 87, of Osseo

Marvel F. Slanga, 87, of Osseo, formerly of Silver Lake, died on her wedding anniversary, Oct. 23, 2014, in Brooklyn Center.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held today (Wednesday) at 11 a.m. at Holy Family Catholic Church in Silver Lake. Visitation will be one hour prior to the Mass.

Interment will be in St. Adalbert's Cemetery in Silver



Marvel Slanga

Lake.

Marvel Slanga was born May 27, 1927, to John and Clara (Littfin) Knoop. She married Francis Slanga on Oct. 23, 1947. Together they owned and operated the Slanga Hardware Store in Silver Lake. They enjoyed traveling to the western United States and visiting the national parks. They also enjoyed working on crossword puzzles. They spent time at their cabin near Maple Lake. Mrs. Slanga loved living in Silver Lake. She will be remembered for her beautiful smile.

She was preceded in death by her beloved husband, Francis; son, Mark; and

daughter, Judy.

She is survived by her daughters, Carol McLain, Connie Shovelin (Jim Buetner) and Barbara Toovey; grandchildren, Michael Shovelin, Amanda McLain, Jillian McLain, Sarah Jappe and Kelley Toovey; great-grandchildren, Megan Meier and Davontey Parker; brother, Ken (Marlys) Knoop; and sister, Arlene Leier.

Memorials are preferred to North Memorial Hospice.

The Maresh Funeral Home in Silver Lake assisted the family; www.mareshfuneralhome.com.

Sibley County Veterans Office seeks submissions for military family tribute

A Minnesota Military Family Tribute memorial is being planned for the Minnesota State Capitol Mall.

The tribute will feature 87 "story stones," one for each Minnesota county. Excerpts from correspondence between military members and their families will be etched on each of the stones.

The Sibley County Veterans Service Office is collecting submissions of correspondence for inclusion on the Sibley County stone. Submissions can be from any time-

frame from the Civil War to the present, and need not be from a conflict. It can be a letter, telegram, e-mail, or even a video, which will be transcribed to written word for inclusion on the stone. While only a small portion of any submission will be etched onto the stone, likely a portion of a sentence, the stories depict the stories of the lives of military families.

Submissions can be sent to the Sibley County Veterans Office at P.O. Box 1061, Gaylord, MN 55334, by Nov.

14. The chosen family will be offered the opportunity to attend the dedication of the tribute on June 13, 2015, at the expense of the Sibley County Veterans Office.

Other components of the tribute will be a Gold Star Table and a Thank You Military and Veteran Family Walkway. Visit the tribute website at www.militaryfamilytribute.org for more information and artist's renderings of the tribute.

Deaths

Marcile Art, 88, of Glencoe

Marcile Art, 88, of Glencoe, died Wednesday, Oct. 22, 2014, at Glencoe Regional Health Services Long-Term Care.

Funeral services will be today (Wednesday, Oct. 29) at 1:30 p.m. at the Johnson-McBride Funeral Chapel in Glencoe. Interment will follow the service at Oakland Cemetery in Hutchinson.

Visitation will be today (Wednesday), from 12:30 p.m. to 1:30 p.m., one hour prior to the service at the chapel.

Arrangements are with the Johnson-McBride Funeral Chapel in Glencoe. An online guest book is available at www.hantge.com.

Vera Picha, 79, of Glencoe

Vera Picha, 79, of Glencoe, died Friday, Oct. 24, 2014, at Glencoe Regional Health Services Long-Term Care.

Memorial services will be held Thursday, Oct. 30, at 11 a.m., at First Evangelical Lutheran Church in Glencoe with interment in the church cemetery.

A gathering of family and friends will be held Thursday,

Oct. 30, from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m., one hour prior to the service at the church.

Arrangements are with the Johnson-McBride Funeral Chapel in Glencoe. An online guest book is available at www.hantge.com.

Mildred Buske, 96, Hutchinson

Mildred Buske, 96, of Hutchinson, formerly of Silver Lake, died Wednesday, Oct. 22, at the Senior Care Center in Windcrest, Texas.

Funeral services are today (Wednesday, Oct. 29) at 11 a.m. at the First Congregational United Church of Christ in Hutchinson with interment in the St. Joseph Cemetery in Silver Lake.

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

Arrangements are with the Dobratz-Hantge Funeral Chapel in Hutchinson. Online obituaries and guest book are available at www.hantge.com.

Aaron Goette, 43, Green Isle

Aaron Goette, 43, of Green Isle, died Monday, Oct. 27, at his home.

Memorial services will be held Thursday, Oct. 30, at 11 a.m., at St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church in Helen

Township, Glencoe, with interment following in the church cemetery in Helen Township.

A gathering of family and friends will be held Wednesday, Oct. 29, from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m., at the Johnson-McBride Funeral Chapel in Glencoe, and will continue one hour prior to the service at the church on Thursday.

Arrangements are with the Johnson-McBride Funeral Chapel in Glencoe. An online guest book is available at www.hantge.com.

Betty Smith, 68, of Glencoe

Betty Smith, 68, of Glencoe, died Saturday, Oct. 25, 2014, at Glencoe Regional Health Services Long-Term Care.

The funeral service will be Saturday, Nov. 1, at 11 a.m., at First Evangelical Lutheran Church in Glencoe, with interment following in the church cemetery.

Visitation will be Friday, Oct. 31, from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m., at the Johnson-McBride Funeral Chapel in Glencoe, and will continue one hour prior to the service at the church on Saturday.

Arrangements are with the Johnson-McBride Funeral Chapel in Glencoe.

An online guest book is available at www.hantge.com.

Fun and easy Halloween treats

The weather has been so nice it is hard to believe Halloween is in two days.

I remember as a child having to plan a costume to fit a winter coat underneath because it was so cold out. And there was that one year when we had feet of snow.

Last year I made these Halloween treats for a group of friends. As a former co-worker once said, they are more assembling than cooking.

They were really easy and a hit with the group for how cute they are. They most difficult step is unwrapping the candies.

Witch Hats

- 1 bag of Hershey's kisses
- 1 tube of orange icing
- 1 pack of the chocolate-striped cookies with the hole in the center

Turn the cookie upside down, so that the chocolate side faces up.

Use the orange icing to make a line around the outside of the center hole.

Place the unwrapped Hershey Kiss over each cookie hole.



My Turn Now

By Karin Ramige Cornwell

Witch Brooms

- 1 bag Reese's mini peanut butter cups
- 1 bag of stick pretzels

Unwrap the peanut butter cups. Turn the peanut butter cup upside down and poke a stick pretzel into the bottom.

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SawStop technology saves GSL student's thumb

By Alyssa Schauer
Staff Writer

If it weren't for the latest technology in machinery, Glencoe-Silver Lake senior student Richard Wilson would have lost his thumb in wood shop class last spring.

Wilson, who was a junior student in Mr. Mike Sundblad's class wood tech class at the high school, was cutting a block of wood when the table saw made an unusual noise and retracted back into the table.

"I told Mr. Sundblad, 'Hey, I think I tripped the saw,' and he said, 'What do you mean, tripped the saw?'" Wilson said.

Sundblad realized the saw retracted because it had sensed Wilson's thumb at the edge of the wood, which would have otherwise been mangled if not for the "Saw-Stop."

Sundblad said last year, GSL invested in the "Saw-Stop" table saw, which is the number-one saw recognized in the industry.

"The saw stops within thousandths of a second. The blade senses skin, sweat, heat from the human body, and stops sooner than immediate-

ly," Sundblad said.

He said the saw made its appearance on the market in the early 2000s, but "I always thought my sermon on wood shop safety was enough. I preached about wood shop safety so much, and in my 22 years of teaching wood tech, I never had an accident.

"But last year, I approached the school board about purchasing one of these Saw-Stops for students' safety, and it's incredible that it already saved a student's finger," Sundblad said.

He said the saw blade carries a small electrical signal that changes when the skin contacts the blade, as the human body is conductive.

"The change in the signal activates the safety system, which is the blade retracting from the table," Sundblad said.

He said an aluminum brake springs into the spinning blade and the blade's angular momentum drives it beneath the table, and shuts off, all in less than five milliseconds.

"What would have been a mangled thumb for Richard was just a scratch," Sundblad said. "It's amazing."



Chronicle photo by Alyssa Schauer
GSL high school student Richard Wilson holding the saw blade that saved his thumb.

4 teens injured in Sunday rollover

Four teens were injured in a one-vehicle rollover two miles west of Gibbon on 290th Street on Sunday, Oct. 26, at about 1:20 p.m.

The driver of the vehicle was identified as Brittney Nussbaum, of Glencoe. Others in the car were Alicia Nussbaum, 13, Blake Clairmont, 12, and Trisha Nussbaum, 10, all of Gibbon, and Daniel Meyer Jr., 18, of Glencoe.

Alicia Nussbaum, Clairmont, Trisha Nussbaum and

Brittney Nussbaum were all taken to New Ulm Medical Center by the Winthrop Ambulance Service for treatment of nonlife-threatening injuries.

The vehicle, a 2003 Chevrolet Silverado, sustained heavy damage. The accident is still under investigation.

Responding to the accident were the Sibley County Sheriff's Office, Minnesota State Patrol and Gibbon Fire Department.

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areas at Baldwin Court.

Nies questioned a contractual agreement between neighbors before the project began and Borst said, "Obviously before we put any shovel in the ground, we'll make sure we have an agreement between all of us neighbors." He said he would have the notarized signatures before construction began.

Brunkhorst recommended the county contribute up to \$12,000 towards the costs, as County Road 1 is affected by the flooding issues, too.

He said that should cover the engineering study and boring work needed through the road.

"Where does the responsibility lie to see the project through," Nies asked about the county working with private parties on the project.

"Us," Borst said.

"I'd rather invest dollars in making a difference at Baldwin Court versus doing a study. These people spend thousands of dollars out of their pockets to try to solve this (flooding) issue," Commissioner Paul Wright said. "I'm completely in support of helping these people out. They need a safe spot for their homes," he added.

Nies reminded commissioners that this isn't the county helping out private parties. He said County Road

1 is affected by flooding problems and this is the county working with private parties to resolve an issue.

He said it is the responsibility of Borst and Pafko to "maintain complete transparency" with the county's engineers on the project.

On a 5-0 vote, the Board approved to contribute up to \$12,000 for the tile line, with money coming from the highway department.

In other matters, the Board:

- Approved the 2014 edition of the McLeod County emergency operations plan.

- Appointed Joseph Rosholt to the temporary full-time position of assistant McLeod County attorney.

- Approved a quote from Bergmann's Country Living, Glencoe, for \$43,085 for the removal and disposal of existing carpet and the installation of new carpet for several locations at the courthouse.

Building maintenance supervisor Wayne Rosenfeld said a lower bid of \$42,083 was received from Fashion Interiors (Glencoe) past the bid deadline.

The county commissioners agreed that deadlines are set for a reason, and accepted the bid from Bergmann's.

"They are both great companies, but a deadline is a deadline," Commissioner Kermit Terlinden said.

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for students.

"We work in four- to six-week cycles, so that way we can see what is working and what is not, and change it before the student moves on to the next grade without learning the material. We look at the overall proficiency in reading and math and work to improve the quality of teaching and learning," Schultz said. "It's a continuous improvement cycle."

Schultz said her staff focuses on four questions: "What do we want students to know? How will we know when they know it? How will we respond when they don't know it? How will we respond when they do know it?"

"We ask these questions whenever we meet and look at the data so we can assess each student, skill by skill, to ensure they are learning," Schultz said.

In reading, Schultz said staff has implemented mini lessons and more small-group work so that teachers can better address individual needs.

She said teachers also implemented the use of sentence frames and "student turn and talk," so that there is "purposeful teaching of vocabulary. Students have to answer questions in full sentences, using vocab words of the day," Schultz explained.

She said teachers have also been working with the RtI (Response to Intervention) specialist who coaches teachers in understanding and triangulating student data to improve their instruction based on the needs of the students in their individual classrooms.

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"We implement these same techniques to improve math proficiency, too," Schultz said.

"We're very excited about our growth. These are key pieces to continue that cycle. When I received the news we moved from a focus status to a celebration status, I cried. I was *thrilled* for our staff. Their hard work — the blood, the sweat, the tears — was all worth it. I'm so proud of all of our staff.

"You often wonder if what you're doing is working. Is all the effort we're putting in worth it? Yes. Academically, we are making great gains for all the kids," Schultz said.

She said the school improvement plan is something districtwide administrators are working on so that all staff is on board to meet those students' individual needs in their entire education.

"It's an ongoing process, and we are still have a lot of work to do to get to reach our goal of an 86 percent reading proficiency. The site leadership team is continuously working with the math and reading committees to study best practice and provide personal development opportunities. We make goals for each year and assess the evidence to see growth," Schultz said.

She said Helen Baker Elementary is in the process of developing a school improvement plan and that by January, grades kindergarten through 12 will be "vertically aligned" across all curricular areas.

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School Veterans Day program will feature Dave Meyer as speaker

Dave Meyer, plant manager for Glencoe Light & Power and a retired U.S. Army master sergeant, will be the guest speaker at the Glencoe-Silver Lake High School Veterans Day program.



The program will be held Tuesday, Nov. 11, at 10 a.m., in the high school gymnasium. The public is invited.

Meyer joined the U.S. Army on Nov. 21, 1980, as a high school senior. He served with the HHC 2nd Battalion 136th Mechanized Infantry as a motor transport operator and a petroleum supply specialist.

In 1988, he transferred to Service Battery 1st Battalion 125th Field Artiller, and in 1990, went to Korea as part of Operation Team Spirit.

He transferred to the U.S. Army Reserves as a lanes trainer at Camp Ripley in 1991, and later became a construction platoon sergeant for the 461st Engineer Company.

Meyer returned to Korea in 2000 as part of a CJLOTS (combined joint logistics over the shores) mission.

On Feb. 10, 2003, three days before his son Dawson was born, Meyer was activated to go to Iraq, and was deactivated in June when the Army cancelled the mission. He retired in 2004.

Meyer's family includes wife, Tammy; daughters, Erica, 21, and Amanda, 18; and son Dawson, 11.

Women United meeting to feature guest speaker

All women in the Arlington area are invited to the fall meeting of Women United on Saturday, Nov. 1, from 9:30 a.m. to noon, at the Arlington United Methodist Church, 303 W Alden St., Arlington.

The guest speaker is Lyndalou Sorenson. Sorenson and her husband are both deaf, as are their seven children. The Sorensons have been in ministry through Deaf Opportunity Outreach (DOOR) for nearly two decades.

Lyndalou Sorenson's desire is to see everyone have a relationship with Jesus Christ,

and one of the ways she encourages other Christians is through songs. Despite being deaf, she has a beautiful talent for music, through American Sign Language (ASL) music.

Women United is interdenominational. A free-will offering will be accepted for Women United and the guest speaker. There will be a light complimentary lunch in the fellowship hall following the meeting.

For more information, call Sheryl Voigt at 507-304-5990.

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filings for candidacy in city races, in which the mayor's term and three two-year council terms are up for election (one of those council terms to fill out a vacancy in an unexpired four-year term).

Biscay voters cast their ballots by mail.

- City of Plato. Voting takes place at the Plato Fire Hall, 112 Second Ave. NE.

Running unopposed for mayor is incumbent Bob Becker. There are two candidates for the two open City Council seats. VeeAnn Wood is seeking re-election, and newcomer Jake Nelson also is on the ballot. Incumbent Julie Wischnack did not file for re-election.

- City of Silver Lake. Voting takes place at Grace Bible Church, 300 Cleveland St.

On the city ballot is Mayor Bruce Bebo, who is running unchallenged for another term.

There are two open City Council seats, with no candi-

dates. Incumbents Pat Fogarty, who filed for candidacy for the GSL School Board, and Eric Nelson chose not to run.

- City of Stewart. The polling site is the Stewart Community Center, 551 Prior St.

Incumbent Mayor Jason Peirce is running unopposed. There are four candidates for the two open City Council seats. Incumbent Cindy Merrell filed for re-election. Also on the ballot are Curt Glaeser, Chuck Kruggel and Kevin Masrud. Incumbent Mike Knox is not seeking re-election.

- City of New Auburn. Voting takes place at the New Auburn City Hall, 8402 Fourth St.

Doug Munsch is running unchallenged for mayor. Running for City Council openings are Sheri Lowden, Craig Lowden, Corey Schwanke, Barb Schutte, Vickie Holtz and Roger Becker.

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