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## Scale-back jail project cost still higher than hoped

By Lori Copler **Editor** 

Contegrity Group Construction Management and Wold Architects have managed to trim McLeod County's proposed jail expansion project, but maybe not enough.

At a workshop session following its regular meeting Tuesday, Nov. 3, the County Board heard that a reduction in square footage, changes in

the concrete and the elimination of a drive-through sallyport resulted in a new estimate of about \$7.99 million. However, that is still considerably higher than the \$7.4 million original

The county had bid the original project in April 2009, and was stunned when bids came in about \$2 million higher than projected. Part of that may have been bid timing, as

the county competed against schools which are adding on or building new buildings, and part was attributed to a general increase in construction costs

The higher-than-expected bids led to the hiring of a construction manager in hopes of paring costs.

At its Nov. 3 workshop, the County Board heard that a new proposal will shave about 300 square feet

from the project, primarily by making a new lobby smaller. The concrete work will be reinforced hollow core rather than poured, and a drivethrough sally port will be eliminated. Instead, there will be a driveway that will allow squad cars to back out and turn around before entering 10th

In essence, said John McNamara of Wold, the whole addition has

been pushed to the north because a hallway behind additional jail cells has been eliminated. That allows for an extended driveway facing 10th Street, which will provide for a turnaround apron.

In addition, planned ceramic tile in the lobby will be replaced with a

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## GSL's 'Alice in Wonderland' opens Friday night

**By Rebecca Mariscal Staff Writer** 

Glencoe-Silver Lake High School takes a trip down the rabbit hole Friday with the opening of its fall musical "Alice in Wonderland" Friday at 7 p.m. in the GSL High School Auditorium. A second performance will be Saturday, also at 7

The performance, familiar to many from Disney's adaption and the book by Lewis Carroll, follows Alice, a young daydreamer who dislikes books and craves adventure. She finds it when a very late White Rabbit rushes past her.

Alice follows the White Rabbit down the rabbit hole and into Wonderland. Her adventures there introduce her to a variety of strange characters, from the Cheshire cat(s) to the Queen of Hearts. Wonderland, however, is nothing like she imagined it, and before long Alice only wants to return home, if she could only find her way.

Musical numbers are "Alice in Wonderland/In a World of My Own," "I'm Late," "Very Good Advice," "The Caucus Race," "How D'ye You Do and Shake Hand," 'The Golden Afternoon," "Zip-A-Dee-Doo-Dah," "The Unbirthday Song," "Painting the Roses Red," "Whooooo are Youuuu," and "Alice in Wonderland - Finale."

"Alice in Wonderland" is directed by Catherine Miller.

The musical will be performed at the GSL High School Auditorium on Nov. 13-14 and Nov. 20-21 at 7 p.m. Tickets are available at the door. Adult tickets are \$6 and students are \$4.

The cast for the production is as

Rachel Bonderman, Alice; Stephanie Welch, Alice's sister Mathilda; Katie Twiss, White Rab-

Jacob Reichow, doorknob; Isabel Peterson, Small Alice; Amanda Husted, Tall Alice; Marissa Kirchoff, Dodo Bird;

Brandi Pikal, Anna Salgado, Summer Hayes, Rachael Meyer, Molly Green, Makayla Ronngren, Lily Kirchoff and Stephanie Welch, rock lobsters;



Chronicle photos by Rebecca Mariscal

School's production of "Alice in Wonderland,"

Rachel Bonderman, as Alice, sleeps and dreams of adventure. Bonderman plays the title role in the Glencoe-Silver Lake High

Emma Petersen, Mackenzie Kantack, Trevor Cardinal, Jonah Tankersley, Megan Jochum, Leah Bettcher, Grace Witte, Ben Siers

and Haley Lukes, talking fish; Emmi Jerabek, Tweedle Dee; Kendra Klobe Tweedle Dum:

Marisa Luchsinger, Rose; Morgan Dahlke, Petunia; Bryanna Paul, Lily; Leah Peterson, Violet; Izzy Elias, Daisy;

Summer Hayes, Rachael Meyer, Emma Petersen and Mackenzie Kantack, flowers;

Elise Petersen, Caterpillar;

Anna Salgado, Molly Green, Makayla Ronngren, Jacob Reichow, Stephanie Welch, Trevor Cardinal, Megan Jochum and Haley Lukes, garden critters;

Travis Uecker, Mad Hatter; Alex Endres, March Hare;

Jonah Tankersley, Megan Jochum, Trevor Cardinal, Haley Lukes, Summer Haves, Rachael Meyer, Mackenzie Kantack, Emma Petersen and Stephanie Welch, unbirthday partiers;

Brandi Pikal, Ace of Spades; Lily Kirchoff, Two of Clubs; Leah Bettcher, Three of Diamonds; Grace Witte, Four of Hearts;

Tina Bonillo, Queen of Hearts; Ben Siers, King of Hearts;



which premieres Friday night.

Kendra Klobe as Tweedle Dum and Emmi Jerabek as Tweedle Dee dance and sing on stage.

Anna Salgado, Molly Green, Makayla Ronngren and Jacob Riechow, royal cardsmen.

The crew consists of Mason Husted, McKenna Amberg, Allie Harpel and Quinten Proehl.

Musical captains are Travis Uecker, Tina Bonillo, Leah Peterson and Jordan Doolittle.

## **Depressed** commodity prices impact solid waste

Lori Copler **Editor** 

Depressed commodity prices have led to a current operating loss of over \$250,000 for McLeod County Solid Waste. Add in the Material Recovery Facility (MRF) retrofit payment, and that loss is pushing \$600,000 for the first eight months of 2015.

The Solid Waste Advisory Committee, which consists of the five McLeod County commissioners, heard those figures Friday, Oct. 30, as it considered a business plan for the facility.

Commissioner Sheldon Nies was quick to point out that the figures applied to the whole solid waste department, and not just to the recycling program.

And Don Hopp, MRF operator, noted that the switch to single-sort recycling from five-sort couldn't be blamed, either.

"Remember, we just got that going in April," said Hopp.

The biggest issue is depressed prices for commodities the MRF recycles. The prices have dipped by double-digit percentages in nearly all categories — plastic is down 19 percent; aluminum, 9 percent; mixed paper, 19 percent; corrugated cardboard, 15 percent; ferrous metals, 54 percent; and glass, 70 per-

Nies said that this isn't the first time the facility has been the victim of falling prices, and that the losses are typically covered by the solid waste abatement fund, which is funded through tipping fees at the Spruce Ridge Landfill.

Hopp said prices are starting to rebound already.

Bob Craggs, a consultant with Burns McDonnell, which came up with the business plan, said that over the years, the county has had an average income of \$85 per ton.

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## GSL Board takes care of glitch in land sale to Brownton

By Rebecca Mariscal **Staff Writer** 

The Glencoe-Silver Lake (GSL) School Board tied up loose ends from the sale of the district's school property in Brownton at the regular meeting last night.

The GSL District obtained the land when the former McLeod West School District dissolved and the former Brownton district, which was a partner with Stewart in the McLeod West district, became part

The sale of the school property to the city of Brownton was originally

approved in 2009. The resolution from the board, however, lacked necessary descriptions for the sale. With the missing descriptions, the district only sold a part of the land, the baseball field, to the city.

The issue was discovered by the McLeod County assessor. Business Manager Michelle Sander explained the board needs to approve a new resolution to sell in order to make the sale official.

"So it's just something that we've already done but now we're going to put a period behind the sentence," Board Member Kevin Kuester said.

Board Member Donna VonBerge asked if the district had been paying property taxes on the land, but Sander explained both the district and the city are tax-exempt.

The board approved the resolu-In other business, the School

Board:

• Heard an update on the construction project from Business Manager Michelle Sander. She said the architects and Donlar Construction Company met to discuss the basic plan for the building.

• Heard the final audit will be

available for the board in December. The statements are still going through quality review.

• Approved the Education Minnesota GSL seniority list.

• Approved the Service Employees International Union Local 384 seniority list.

• Approved the World's Best Workforce Report for 2014 that was heard at the last board meeting. The report will be submitted to the Minnesota Department of Education and posted online. Board Member Jamie Alsleben

asked about a portion of the strategic

plan that listed a gifted and talented program under programs to be implemented. As the idea of providing some sort of extra curriculum or program for gifted and talented students is not yet complete, Alsleben wondered if the district was making promises. Superintendent Chris Sonju said the district is moving forward and working on the idea for

• Heard a first reading of policies and approved a motion to bring the

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## Weather





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## 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**

## **Good Shepherd luncheon**

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, 1407 Cedar Ave., Glencoe, will host a fall luncheon and bake sale Thursday, Nov. 12, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. The menu includes a hot turkey sandwich, potato salad, relishes, chips, dessert and a beverage. Takeouts and deliveries are available.

#### Blood drives set in county

There are three upcoming Red Cross blood drives in McLeod County: Wednesday, Nov. 18, 1 p.m. to 7 p.m., Glencoe City Center; Wednesday, Nov. 18, 1 p.m to 7 p.m., Lester Prairie City Hall; and Friday, Nov. 27, noon to 6 p.m., at Neisen's Bar & Grill in Biscay. The Red Cross urges eligible donors to give before the holiday season begins.

## Community meal at church

The Brownton Congregational Church will host a community meal Wednesday, Nov. 11, from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Freewill donations will be accepted; veterans may eat for free. Children are welcome.

## Lions bar bingo, meat raffle

The Glencoe Lions will sponsor bar bingo and a meat raffle Saturday, Nov. 14, starting at 2 p.m. Everyone age 18 and over is welcome to play for cash prizes. The Progressive Game 16 payout is \$899 if you have bingo within 59 called numbers. Food, beverages and pulltabs are

## Lions Club tip night Nov. 16

On Monday, Nov. 16, from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m., members of the Glencoe Lions Club will be the buffet hosts at Unhinged! Pizza. The club will receive all tips, as well as a portion of food and beverage sales.

## **Lions informational night**

The Glencoe Lions Club has set an informational night for those who wish to learn more about the club. The event has been set for Tuesday, Nov. 17, at 6 p.m., at Dubbs Grill & Bar. Please RSVP to 320-864-5237 if you are interested in attending.

## No community bingo Nov. 15

There will not be community bingo at Grand Meadows Senior Living on Sunday, Nov. 15. The next community bingo session will be Sunday, Jan. 10, 2016, from 1:30 p.m. to 3 p.m. Anyone with questions is welcome to call 320-864-5577.

### Community Thanksgiving

All are welcome to the annual community Thanksgiving dinner Thursday, Nov. 26, at noon, at First Congregational, 1400 Elliott Ave. N, Glencoe. The event is sponsored by Glencoe area churches and there is no charge. A freewill donation will be collected for the McLeod Emergency Food Shelf. An RSVP is requested, but not required, by calling the church at 320-864-3855, by Wednesday, Nov. 18.

## Harvest supper set at Faith

Faith Presbyterian Church in Silver Lake will host a Harvest Soup and Sandwich Supper Saturday, Nov. 14, from 4:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. The menu includes various soup, sandwich and dessert selections. Tickets are available at the door for a cost.

## Glencoe Legion Auxiliary

The Glencoe American Legion Ladies Auxiliary will meet Monday, Nov. 16, at 7 p.m., at the Glencoe Fire Hall. Lunch will be served. All members are encouraged

## **SL American Legion Auxiliary**

The Silver Lake American Legion Auxiliary Unit 141 will meet Monday, Nov. 16. Lunch will be served at 6:30 p.m., followed by the meeting at 7 p.m. This month is the birthday anniversary of the American Legion Auxiliary.

## Pola-Czesky Committee

The final Pola-Czesky Committee meeting for 2015 will be Thursday, Nov. 12, at 7 p.m., in the Silver Lake Auditorium.

## GHPS set to meet Nov. 18

The Glencoe Historic Preservation Society (GHPS) will have its regular meeting Wednesday, Nov. 18, at 6:30 p.m., in the Glencoe Historic Room at the Glencoe City Center. Anyone interested is welcome to attend. Refreshments will be served. Anyone with questions is welcome to call Gloria Hilgers at 320-864-4174.

## Stewart Legion, Auxiliary

The Stewart American Legion Post and Auxiliary will meet Monday, Nov. 16, at 7 p.m., at the Stewart Community Center. Please bring an item for the food shelf. Speaking will be two Legionville students, Hayden VanderVoort and Cory Gee. The 96th birthday of the auxiliary will be observed. Hostesses are Mardette Trettin and Georgia Forcier.

## Movie premier at museum

A movie premier of the documentary, "Little Crow and the 1862 Dakota War," will be held Saturday, Nov. 14, at 7 p.m., at the McLeod County Historical Museum, 380 School Road NW, Hutchinson.

## Glencoe Study Club to meet

The Glencoe Study Club will meet Monday, Nov. 16, at 7:30 p.m., at the home of Ramona Nagel, 230 Edgewood Drive, Glencoe.

## Holiday boutique set Nov. 14

The third-annual Silver Lake holiday boutique will be held Saturday, Nov. 14, from 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., at the Silver Lake Municipal Liquor Store (auditorium). Proceeds benefit the Heart of Minnesota Animal Shelter and the McLeod Emergency Food Shelf.

## House speaker, Senate minority leader help rally local Republicans at fundraiser

By Lori Copler **Editor** 

McLeod and Sibley county Republicans talked a bit about the upcoming 2016 legislative session at a rally at the Crow River Winery Wednesday, Nov. 4, but mostly focused on how to regain the majority in the Minnesota Senate, as well as capture the governorship.

And the local Republicans had some high-ranking compatriots from whom to draw inspiration — Senate Minority Leader David Hann and Speaker of the House Kurt Daudt. Also speaking were local legislators, state Reps. Glenn Gruenhagen and Dean Urdahl, and state Sen. Scott Newman.

Daudt said that the DFL is opening the way to a Republican sweep in 2016. Daudt asserted that Republicans are better grounded in the issues facing Minnesota today.

"On the issues, we win," said Daudt.

And, he said, the DFL in Minnesota is becoming more and more divided against itself. In particular, he said, Democrats clashed on the governor's unilateral decision to give his commissioners

"Frankly, I expected them to team up and roll over us," said Daudt.

That didn't happen. Instead, Democrats became divided among themselves.

"I never in a million years would have thought they would be so divided, and so early (in the session)," said Daudt.

That division — primarily between outstate and metroarea Democrats — gave the Republicans a chance to shine.

"It gave us the opportunity to step up and show leadership.'

Despite the fact in the recent session the Republicans "only had one leg of the three legs on the stool, we accomplished way more than we should have," Daudt said, referring to the fact that the Republicans were only the majority in the House, while the

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**House Speaker Kurt Daudt** 

DFL controlled the Senate and governorship.

Hann spoke a little on the history of the Republican party, noting that its roots were founded in the anti-slavery movement in the 1860s. Republicans' staunch position on the slavery issue led to the Civil War, but ended with the abolition of slavery.

The Republican Party was "founded on very high principles and very high ideals, and they are still important today," said Hann.

The Democratic Party, on the other hand, was formed with one purpose in mind to put Andrew Jackson into power.

"It was founded as a way to elect this man," said Hann. "It was all about the personality of Andrew Jackson - no high ideals, no principles."

The Republican Party needs to continue standing by its ideals, Hann said, and reclaim a position of power.

"Now is our time to win it back," Hann said.

Urdahl also spoke a little on the history of the Republican Party, saying that Republicans were actually the impetus of the 1960s civil rights movement.

"The Democrats got the credit for it (civil rights), but they didn't do it - the Republicans did it," said Urdahl. The Democrats got the credit, he said, because it was a Democrat president who signed the legislation.

Urdahl also vowed to not raise taxes, not spend beyond

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**Senate Minority** 

the state's means, to support bonding that is "heavy on infrastructure" and to support

increasing cost of health care, and noted that if it continues to spiral out of control, there will be no money for higher education, roads and bridges or K-12 education.

And simply printing more money is not the answer, Gruenhagen said.

"Printing up monies and giving it to your buddies and cronies doesn't work," said Gruenhagen, who added that government spending on health care and other social service programs is actually decreasing income for already low-income people,

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**Attorney Nokes publicly** reprimanded by Court Glencoe attorney Scott Lee lect an unreasonable, contin-

Nokes has been publicly reprimanded by the Minnesota Supreme Court and will pay \$900 in costs, according to a news release issued by the Office of Lawyers Professional Responsibility.

According to a court order issued by the Supreme Court, the Office of Lawyers Professional Responsibility filed a petition for disciplinary action alleging that Nokes "committed professional misconduct warranting public discipline."

The matter was referred to a court referee, who "found that respondent (Nokes) charged and attempted to colgent fee to recover non-probate assets on behalf of a client, in violation of Minn. R. Prof. Conduct 1.5(a) and recommended that respondent be publicly reprimanded."

Nokes and the director of the Office of Lawyers Professional Responsibility "entered into a stipulation for discipline in which they stipulated that the referee's findings and conclusions were conclusive and waived their rights ... The parties jointly recommend that the appropriate discipline is a public reprimand," the court document continued.



Submitted photos

## **Operation Nice** impact felt

Operation Nice, which provides care packages to soldiers, has already been hearing about the impact of its most recent campaign. Above is a deployment photo for the 1st Battalion, 265th Air **Defense Artillery Unit of** the Florida National Guard. "Thank you very much for your support and please know that it is appreciated," wrote Sgt. Jason Moak in an email to one of Operation Nice's organizers, Linda Krueger. At left is a soldier with the Wolverine, 1-89 CAV of Fort Drum, New York, currently deployed in Afghanistan, happily displaying the candy she received through Operation Nice. "We received our two care packages yesterday," wrote Chaplain Ron Terrado. "The two packages made a big difference in the day-to-day mission of our soldiers. In a way, it is your ministry to our soldiers." As of last week, Operation Nice had sent out 46 packages and was beginning work on its holiday packages.

## City discusses end of no-cost recycling, ordinance on utilities

By Rebecca Mariscal **Staff Writer** 

Glencoe city officials gathered Wednesday, Nov. 4, for a personnel and legislative committee meeting. The committee discussed policy updates and potential new ordinances.

#### No-cost recycling

City Administrator Mark Larson informed the committee that at the end of the year, the county will no longer offer no-cost recycling to the

The cost to the city will now be \$4,904.40 annually if the city continues to separate recycling and have it picked up by the county.

Larson said another option is to have refuse picked up by Waste Management (WM) and taken to the landfill, which would be free. He hopes to work something out with WM by the end of the year and bring it to the City

Right of way

The city is also looking into a right-of-way ordinance to address troubles with utility companies that have come up in the last year.

Larson said the city specifically has had issues with CenturyLink and finding ways to work together with the business. For example, Larson stated that during the Lincoln Avenue project, work was delayed by the company's work on fiber optic ca-

The ordinance would apply to all utility companies, including Telecom, CenterPoint Energy and more, and address any potential right-ofway issues.

The city hopes an underground ordinance would help the working relationship with utility companies. It would allow the city to set conditions for location and maintenance of underground utili-

Mayor Randy Wilson asked if the ordinance will change anything. Larson explained penalties will be assessed for not following it and simply having an ordinance will compel the companies to approve projects.

The committee looked at two sample ordinances, one that was four pages and one that was about 30 pages long. Larson said he'd prefer to keep the city's model simple.

The city was not yet ready to pick a model, but will need something in place by February or March.

In other business, the committee:

• Heard Glencoe Police Department policy updates from Chief Jim Raiter. All updates were made to coincide with the state models that must be followed. Final acceptance will be from the City Council.

Updates were made to four policies: complaints against officers and the department, operation of motor vehicles without lights, conduct unbecoming a Glencoe police employee and domestic abuse.

Additional definitions were added to the complaints policy as well as an additional step to both additional investigation and disclosure of data.

Two conditions were added to the operation of motor vehicles without lights policy. The new policy states a peace officer many not operate a vehicle without lights on an

interstate highway or faster than the posted speed limit.

The conduct policy was updated to include a rule that states officers will not allow a person who is not an officer to represent himself or herself as one.

Most of the updates were in the domestic abuse policy. Five new definitions were added to the policy, including harassment and stalking. Additional requirements were added to the evidence officers should take from a scene, including photos of the scene and the demeanor of the involved parties. Time limits for violations were extended. The stalking violations were expanded to include technological means. Enhancement tables were added showing offense, victim, time limit, prior conviction and offense level.

• Discussed a potential solar ordinance as the city has nothing right now to regulate solar panels except setback requirements. The city currently has two solar entities in the limits and one in construction.

Wilson said regulations are important because the panels are not always attractive. The city will look at a model ordinance from Minnesota Municipal Utilities Association. The city will gather more information and then the topic will go to the planning com-



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vinyl tile, and there are several other areas that may be

Commissioner Paul Wright noted that the new estimate "is higher than we were hoping for." But, he added, the county has come far enough in pursuing the project that he felt it ought to at least call for

"We owe it to this project," said Wright.

Commissioner Sheldon Nies agreed, saying that the "need for the jail does not change" because the estimates came in higher than hoped.

Commissioner Doug Krueger said he was "very skeptical" of the project as a whole, saying that he is not sure that the savings of not having to board inmates out of the county would offset the cost of adding onto the jail.

But he agreed that the Board won't know for sure until it calls for bids.

"I'm just real skeptical, but we need to get to the final numbers to make a decision,' said Krueger.

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In 2014, the county's average income per ton was \$114 per ton, but that has dropped below \$75 per ton in 2015.

Craggs had several suggestions to ensure that the facility makes a profit or at least breaks even in the future: • MRF needs to create a

mix of long-term contracts as well as spot markets for its commodities, Craggs said. Hopp said that currently, the county markets all of its recycled material in spot markets. In particular, Craggs sug-

gested developing a longterm agreement for cardboard, which is one of the best markets right now. Hopp agreed, saying there is currently a high demand for the product.

• Eliminating a lease on an auxiliary building and moving all the operations to the current facility.

Currently, the county rents a building for its mattress and infant and child car seat recycling programs. Although moving those programs to the MRF would be a tight fit, dropping the lease would save \$70,000 annually on rent, plus an undetermined cost in utilities and other items.

Nies suggested ending the lease at the end of the year to give the building's owner time to find a new tenant, as well as figure out a way to move the programs to the MRF.

• Continue to ramp up the one-sort recycling program to take in up to 20,000 tons per year by 2020. Hopp said the 2015 tonnage has already exceeded expectations, and he expects the program to continue growing.

Craggs said one option is

accept more recycling from out-of-county sources, but to charge those sources a tipping fee to bring the material to McLeod County as an additional source of revenue. It's hoped to increase the out-ofcounty influx to 5,000 tons per year by 2020.

• Other possible revenue sources are a countywide assessment per parcel for recycling; increasing tip fees at the landfill and evaluate the fees charged for accepting such items as mattresses, ag bags, and electronics.

Asked about bringing the mattress and car seat programs to the MRF, Acting Solid Waste Director Sarah Young said the county is applying for grant funding that will hopefully allow it to add on to its facility to provide additional space for those programs. In addition, the MRF needs space to deal with "ag bags."

"Our biggest problem is that we're trying to put 10 gallons into a five-gallon pail," said Commissioner Paul Wright.

Young said the county has applied for \$6.2 million in grant funding, which would require a 50 percent match by the county.

The SWAC also noted that it would have to keep an eye on glass recycling, which currently is attracting the lowest commodity prices of the recycling that is collected by the county. Because the market is so poor, glass is being stockpiled at the MRF.

Hopp said the glass would attract a better price if it was clean, but the county would need to invest in a glass scrubber to make the product cleaner.



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policies back for adoption at the next board meeting. The policies were: Development, Adoption and Implementation of Policies; Family and Medical Leave Policy; Harassment and Violence; Mandated Reporting of Child Neglect or Physical or Sexual Abuse; Mandated Reporting of Maltreatment of Vulnerable Adults; Tobacco-Free Environment; Workload Limits for Certain Special Education Teachers; Student Discipline; Enrollment of Nonresident Students; Bully Prohibition Policy; Student Sex Nondis-

crimination; Internet Acceptable Use and Safety Policy; and Hazing Prohibition.

· Adopted a resolution accepting donations, with appreciation, from: Glencoe American Legion Post 95, \$400, Close-Up; New Auburn VFW Post 7266, \$100, Close-Up; Silver Lake Knights of Columbus, \$50, Close-Up; Plato American Legion Post 641, \$1500, Close-Up; Plato American Legion Post 641, \$500, military history trip; GSL Panther Association, \$15,000, tennis court lighting.

## 2nd half of ag property tax payments due Nov. 15

McLeod County Auditor-Treasurer Cindy Schultz Ford reminds taxpayers that the second half of property tax for agricultural properties is due Nov. 15. With Nov. 15 falling on a Sunday, tax payments will be accepted Monday, Nov. 16, without penalty.

Payments are accepted by mail or in person at the McLeod County North Complex building, 2391 Hennepin Ave. N, from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., or there is a convenient payment drop box located just outside of the building.

Those interested in paying by credit card or e-check may visit the county website at

www.co.mcleod.mn.us. There is a fee involved for paying property taxes by this method.

If mailing, please return your statement stub with your payment to insure proper Postmarks are due on or

before Nov. 16. Postmarks after Nov. 16 will be assessed a penalty. Note: most Post Offices now use a servicing center. Mail can be postmarked two or three days after pick up; please plan accordingly.

Questions? Call 320-864-1271 or 320-864-1273.

# <u>pinions</u>

## 'Green Lighting' veterans a new, great concept

Our view: Movement lets veterans know we back them

eterans Day was celebrated this week. Although only federal, state and some county offices are closed on Nov. 11, we feel it is a day that should have the same status as Memorial Day or the Fourth of July. After all, our country should not be the great nation it is without the sacrifices made by our military veterans.

Unfortunately, that status has not been awarded to our veterans. In fact, although government employees — whether they have served in the Armed Forces nor not — have the day off, not many of our veterans

That should be rectified. Every veteran should have a paid day off on Veterans Day, regardless if they work for the government or not.

There have been some great strides in making sure the sacrifices made by our veterans are remembered and honored. Schools, at least in Minnesota, are required to have Veterans Day programs. Some are simple, some elaborate, but they all teach children just how important veterans are to the freedoms we enjoy in Ameri-

This year, a new movement came to the forefront — the

idea of "green lighting" veterans to let them know we are thinking of them. It involves turning on green bulbs on porches and other areas on Veterans Day as a display of our support.

Here's the concept: as veterans return from service, they blend back into the community. The person sitting next to us on a bus or a church pew may or may not be a veteran. We may not recognize one when he or she is sitting right next to us.

(Although, we're not convinced that veterans are not recognizable in civilian clothes. Even when not in uniform, veterans seem to have a certain bearing — they stand a little taller, a little straighter).

However, a veteran can spot the green lights turned on in his or her neighborhood, city, or village, and know that his fellow countrymen hold him in their hearts with the love, respect and appreciation that he deserves.

And that's what he or she really deserves.

We hope the "green light" movement becomes an annual tradition and, eventually, every light in America will gleam green on Veterans Day.



## A quick course on Open Meeting Law

A Glencoe City Council member stopped by Friday to ask us to check into whether a morning meeting between county and city officials had violated the Minnesota Open Meeting Law.

Unfortunately, I was gone for the afternoon, but the short answer is: no, it did not violate the law.

In essence, the Open Meeting Law states that any government meeting of a body that has a quorum of its members must be open to the public. That includes not only boards and councils, but committees and subcommittees of those boards and councils.

Friday's meeting included two county commissioners, two city council members and administrative staff from the county and city. Because there was no quorum of either the county board or the council, the meeting was legal. And, because there was no quorum, no official action could be taken.

The topic was a discussion of Morningside Drive, and it was a strategic planning session so that



## **Lori Copler**

be pitched at a Senate bonding bill tour that is coming to McLeod County on Nov. 19.

The council member who stopped in our office had tried to attend the meeting at the invitation of a county commissioner. He was asked to leave, because his presence would have created a quorum of the city council, which would have put the meeting in violation of the Open Meeting Law.

Personally, I feel that all government meetings should be open, regardless of whether there is a quoplans regarding Morningside could rum in attendance or not, because

public business is being discussed, even if those present cannot take action on those discussions. I'm a firm believer in a transparent, open government at all levels, from townships on up to the state Legislature.

However, idealism and realism don't always mesh. Sometimes, with the goal of expediency, meetings such as the one that took place Friday occur.

The good news is, that the Senate bonding tour should be open to the public, and we will eventually know the outcome of Friday's discussion.

But sometimes, the process is as important as the outcome, and that's why we have an Open Meeting Law — so that the public can know and understand how our government officials arrive at the decisions that impact our lives.

And while we acknowledge that sometimes discussions will take place behind closed doors — legally we will always push for an open and transparent government. That's the ideal our country was founded upon, and we should alway support

online at www.glencoenews.com

## Question of the week

Veterans Day was Wednesday, Nov. 11. Did you:

1) Attend a Veterans Day program. 2) Buy lunch for a veteran. 3) Personally thank a veteran 4) Turn on a green light to honor veterans. 5) All of the above. 6) None of the above.

Results for most recent question:

Daylight Saving Time ended this past weekend. What do you think?

1) Love it. It's light out when I wake up -9%2) Hate it. It's dark at 5 p.m., for Pete's sake — 53% 3) Quit complaining and deal with it -38%

64 votes. New question runs Nov. 11-17

## **Letters to the Editor**

## Planned Parenthood selling fetus parts to bidders

For many people, parenthood is not planned. It just happens.

For many it is a blessing. For some, it is an unfortunate mistake. What do you do? Accept it and do what is right for the child? Or decide to end the pregnancy? How do you do that? Where do you go?

For far too many people, Planned Parenthood is an easy option; for some, it may be the only one. What happens next? How do they dispose of your aborted baby (fetus)? The garbage can or the incinerator? Do you really know what they do with it? Maybe it could be used for research (to save lives)?

The truth is, many are sold to the highest bidder, part by part. A lot of money can be made from your babies' parts, especially if the tissue is in good condition. Your unborn child, who once had a beating heart and human soul, is harvested, part by part, and sold to the highest bid-

I challenge you to watch the videos, narrated by Planned Parenthood. I watched it on Channel 16.4. It is enough to break your heart.

Be very careful who you vote for. These elected officials decide who gets taxpayer money. Right now, Planned Parenthood gets a huge amount of money from the American taxpayer. That is you and I.

> **Kathy Brose** Waconia

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The McLeod County Chronicle readers through a letter to the editor. Please include your name, address and telephone number (for verification purposes). email to: loric@glencoenews.com

## Auxiliary appreciates service of U.S. veterans

To the Editor:

The members of the Silver lake American Legion Auxiliary Unit 141 would like to express our sincere appreciation for the men and women who served in the United States Armed Forces.

Thank you for serving this great country. Thank you for protecting

us. Thank you for the security we have and feel here at home. We know you sacrificed much for your country and all of us. And though you may no longer wear the uniform, we know you're always on call to serve and protect the freedom and security of the United States of

We invite everyone to pause today to remember those who have fought for our freedoms. Thank you to all who have so bravely protected us.

> Silver Lake American Legion Auxiliary Unit 141 Genny Lhotka, president

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## Visits to libraries in county in 2014 over 2013, board hears

By Lori Copler Editor

Visits to all four of the Pioneerland libraries in McLeod County - Brownton, Glencoe, Hutchinson and Winsted are seeing increases in visits from patrons.

Head librarians Jackee Fountain (Brownton and Glencoe) and Pam Dille (Hutchinson and Winsted) updated the McLeod County Board of Commissioners on library activities at its Nov. 3 meeting.

The Brownton Library, which has 145 cardholders, had over 5,100 visits in 2014, as compared to just under 5,000 in 2013. The library is open 20 hours a week, has four public computers and is expecting to offer a laptop and an iPad to its clients. It offered 60 children's programs in 2014, 12 young adult programs and 13 adult programs with a total attendance of 680 people.

Fountain noted that computer use at the Brownton li-

brary is down slightly, but said that more people are bringing their own laptops or other devices and taking advantage of the library's free Wi-Fi system.

Goals for 2016 include keeping collections up to date, expanding the library space into the hallway of the Brownton Area Civic Center, increasing technology services and updating the library with a new table and chair set for book clubs.

The Glencoe Library, which is open 48 hours per week and has 2,514 cardholders, had nearly 46,000 visits in 2014, as compared to just over 44,000 in 2014. The library offers 15 public computers, three laptops and three iPads, and had 200 children's programs, nine young adult programs and 38 adult programs in 2014 with a total attendance of 2,537.

Goals for 2016 are to increase technology services, keep collections up to date, continue the teen programs

and expand outreach programs in the community.

The Hutchinson Library is open 58 hours per week and has 5,451 cardholders. There were over 70,140 visits in 2014, as compared to just over 70,000 the previous

The Hutchinson Library has 15 public computers, three laptops and three iPads, and in 2014 hosted 95 children's programs, 27 young adult programs and 36 adult programs for a total attendance of 5,480.

The Winsted Library, which is open 21 hours a week and has 1,354 cardholders, has two public computers, a laptop and an iPad.

Winsted experienced over 10,000 visits in 2014, as compared to over 9,500 in 2013. It offered 50 children's programs, no young adult programs and two adult programs with a total attendance

## **History**

## From the Brownton Bulletin archives

## 100 Years Ago

Nov. 12, 1915

O.C. Conrad, Editor

A couple of gentlemen from Winthrop, David Tuthill and F.L. Tuthill were arrested by game wardens last Sunday forenoon. The two men had been camping at Baker's Lake, south of Brownton, for the presumed purpose of duck hunting. However, neighbors felt the two were up to something else, and the wardens were summoned. Upon search of the camp, the wardens found 21 muskrat skins under the bedding, nicely stretched and salted, and the two men admitted they had shot the 'rats in direct violation of the law.

On Tuesday of this week, a quiet wedding took place at the home of William Wendland, three miles south of Brownton, when his daughter, Miss Martha, became the bride of Mr. Frank Harry. They will reside at the home of the bride's father.

The little son of Mr. and Mrs. A.S. Holmes, who was severely bitten by a hog some months ago, had the misfortune to fall

into a pail of hot water Tuesday evening, burning his hands and arms quite badly. He was brought to the office of Dr. E.L. Maurer, who dressed the wounds.

#### **75 Years Ago**

Nov. 7, 1940 Milton D. Hakel, Editor

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Kreie of Brownton and Miss Mabel Kreie of St. Paul returned home Tuesday from a motor tip to Oklahoma, which took them through five southern states. Mr. Kreie brought back a 1-year-old cotton plant, which is now on display in the Bulletin window.

#### **50 Years Ago**

Nov. 11, 1965 Charles H. Warner, Editor

Three Brownton Bears were named the 212 Conference allconference football team -Allen Schwarze, defensive tackle; Stanford Hahn, offensive guard; and Buster West, who was named to both the offensive and defensive teams.

(Janice Troska) announce the birth of a daughter, Christine

#### **20 Years Ago**

Nov. 8, 1995 Lori Copler, Editor

Guardian Lodge 149 of Brownton presented its first Hiram awards since 1988 to Erwin Peik and Leonard Pikal at a banquet Wednesday, Nov. 1. The Hiram award is the Masons' highest.

Randy and Shelly Lange of Stewart announce the birth of a son, Tate Logan, born Nov. 2, 1995. He joins a brother, Drew, 5. Grandparents are Quentin and Ordell Klucas of Stewart and Arvid and Dorothy Lange of

## 10 Years Ago

Nov. 9, 2005

Lori Copler, Editor

Elected to the McLeod West School Board in Tuesday's election were Brenda Miller and Robin Sikkila of Brownton and Kelly Sifferath of Stewart.

## From the Silver Lake Leader archives

## 75 Years Ago

Nov. 9, 1940

Delbert Merrill, Publisher

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. John Horejsi of Silver Lake, on Nov.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Leo Kulinski on Oct. 21, a daughter, Marcella Clara.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Jos. E. Zeleny at the Hutchinson Community Hospital, on Oct. 17, a daughter, Dorothy Jane, weight 7 pounds, 14 ounces.

Frank Trnka Sr., familiarly know as Grandpa Trnka, died at his home in Hale Township Nov. 3. Services were held Tuesday afternoon from the home and the Presbyterian church.

Silver Lake did not cast a record vote Tuesday but added to President Franklin D. Roosevelt's sweeping victory over the nation in his fight for re-election for a third term.

## **50 Years Ago**

Nov. 11, 1965 Wilbert Merrill, Publisher

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. David Mickolichek of Hale Township, on Oct. 27, 1965, at Glencoe Municipal hospital, a boy.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Yurek of Hale Township, on Oct. 28 at the Hutchinson Community hospital, a boy, Robert Allan.

Eleven McLeod County men were inducted into the United States Armed Forces on Nov. 9.

The members of the Silver Lake Fire Department and their wives enjoyed their annual banquet last Saturday evening at Silver Hi Cafe.

## 25 Years Ago

Nov. 8, 1990 Ken and Dorothy Merrill, **Publishers** 

The Buffalo Creek Players' cast of "The Gift of the Magi" is now in rehearsal at the Gould Theatre.

340 city voters in Silver Lake turned out to elect city officials for council and mayor. Duane Yurek won the mayor seat over challenger Dale Nowak.

The public is invited to attend the wedding dance of Janelle Mallak and Steven Weber on Nov. 10.

## 10 Years Ago

Nov. 10, 2005 Ken and Dorothy Merrill, **Publishers** 

Mass of Christian Burial for Lawrence "Larry" Wendolek was held on Nov. 1 at Holy Family Catholic Church in Silver Lake.

Samantha Rudy, a sixth-grader from GSL Lakeside, and Kristen Bieganek, a sixth-grader from Holy Family Catholic School, have won local competitions sponsored by the Silver Lake Lions Club.

## From the Stewart Tribune archives

## **100 Years Ago**

Nov. 12, 1915

Koeppen Brothers, Editors A baby boy made its arrival at

the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Forcier of Grafton Thursday, Nov. 4. Ed is wearing a broad smile every day as a result of this event.

## 75 Years Ago

Nov. 8, 1940 Harry Koeppen, Editor

A pretty fall wedding took place at the Moltke Lutheran Church Wednesday, Oct. 23, when Miss Helen Grewe, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Otto Grewe of Moltke, became the bride of Raymond Schwartz, son of Mr.

Grafton. A cerebral hemorrhage was directly responsible for the death Sunday morning of John Kalenberg, 61, prominent and highly respected farmer of this community. He is survived by his wife,

and Mrs. William Schwartz of

Anna (Geschwind); six children, Stephen, Charles, Adeline, Marie, John and Herbert, all at

Mrs. Wilhelmina Knaak passed away at the home of her son, Otto, in Grafton Township Sunday evening. She had attained the age of 71 years. She also is survived by a daughter, Mrs. R.G. Grams, as well as four grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband, Frank, and a son, William.

Christening services were held on Sunday at the O.W. Bethke home for their son, Brice Frederick, with Mrs. Eugene Gunter, Mrs. Hazel Tesch and Clifford Barney serving as sponsors.

#### **50 Years Ago** Nov. 11, 1965

Kermit T. Hubin, Editor

Elmer H. Schiro of Buffalo Lake, driving a Chevrolet, struck a Ford driven by Mrs. Alpha Rosenow of Brownton just west of the Stewart Elevator Monday afternoon. Police Chief Oscar

Blum investigated the accident. There were no injuries.

Miss Arlis Husfeldt was honored at a bridal shower Sunday, Oct. 31, at St. Matthew's Lutheran Church in Fernando. She is to be married to Henning O. Anderson on Nov. 26.

## **35 Years Ago**

Nov. 20, 1980

Douglas G. Seitz, Editor Reuben Zieman of Stewart

won the door prize of a turkey at the Stewart Legion's annual duck party Saturday evening. Other winners were Arthur Bentz, first prize; Wendell Buer, second prize; Ethel Hardel, third prize; and Gary Zipf, fourth

David Moritz and Karol Sorrell were married Oct. 18 in San Antonio, Texas. The groom's parents are Mr. and Mrs. Albert Moritz. He graduated from Stewart High School in 1970. Both the bride and groom are in the Armed Services.

## Record

#### **Glencoe Police**

TUESDAY, NOV. 3

8:23 a.m. - Officers served a Department of Corrections warrant on Andrew Drive

9:45 a.m. — A semi reportedly had its back doors open and lost a few totes on Highway between Airport Road and Glencoe. An officer contacted the driver and informed him of the lost totes.

3:33 p.m. — A female on 13th Street W reported receiving texts and phone calls that she felt could lead to an incident. An officer spoke to the sending parties and told them to stop making

8:58 p.m. — A driver was cited for driving after suspension at a traffic stop on 13th Street E. WEDNESDAY, NOV. 4

4:15 a.m. — An officer assisted an elderly person who "slipped out of bed" at a residence on Ford Avenue N.

9:55 a.m. - An officer responded to a school on 16th Street E for two boys involved in a conflict. 2:58 p.m. — A driver was cited

for a stop sign violation and expired registration at a traffic stop at Highway 212 and Morningside

3:41 p.m. - Officers responded to a report of an injured rabbit in the roadway on Ninth Street E. THURSDAY, NOV. 5

2:31 a.m. - A woman whowas wanted on a warrant from Dakota County was arrested at a traffic stop in the area of Highway 212 and Boone Road near Plato.

8:40 a.m. - An officer responded to a juvenile issue on 16th Street E. 9:51 a.m. — Officers respond-

ed to a domestic situation on

Chandler Avenue N.

11:55 p.m. - Officers responded to a report of a male too intoxicated to stand on Queen Avenue N. He was taken to the

The American Red Cross is

launching RapidPass, a way

for blood donors to complete

their pre-reading and dona-

tion questions online from the

privacy of their home or of-

complete the reading and pre-

donation questionnaire in ad-

vance of donors' appoint-

ments at the Wednesday, Nov.

18, blood drive at the Glen-

coe City Center; it does not

take the place of scheduling

an appointment. The online

process will hopefully reduce

the time RapidPass donors

spend at the blood drive by

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**Red Cross launches new** 

RapidPass for blood donors

hospital for evaluation FRIDAY, NOV. 6

1:29 a.m. - The police and fire departments provided a lift assist for a person on Ford Av-

9:11 a.m. - Officers responded to a report of damage to property in an apartment on Newton

4:05 p.m. - A downed signwas removed from the roadway in the area of 10th Street E and Morningside Drive, and the county highway department was contacted to replace it. 5:45 p.m. - Officers respond-

ed to a requested welfare check on an individual on 20th Street W. and learned from a neighbor that the person had been taken to the hospital the previous day. 9:20 p.m. — An officer advised some people burning leaves in a

recreational fire of the burning ordinance. 8:03 p.m. - Officers respond-

ed to a disturbance on 14th Street E. SATURDAY, NOV. 7

 $7:52 \ a.m. - Damage to a$ 

money box on a vacuum at a car wash on Chandler Avenue N was 8:15 a.m. - Officers and the

Glencoe Ambulance responded to a medical on McLeod Avenue N for an elderly male who had fallen and could not get up. He was taken by ambulance to the hospital.

12:20 p.m. - Officers responded to a noise disturbance on Newton Avenue.

1:02 p.m. — An elderly woman was taken by ambulance to the hospital after slipping from her chair at an apartment on Ford Av-6 p.m. - Officers responded

to a trespassing complaint on Newton Avenue. 8:12 p.m. - Citations were is-

sued for driving after revocation and no current proof of insurance and a verbal warning given for

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expired registration at a traffic stop on Chandler Avenue.

SUNDAY, NOV. 8 8:31 a.m. - Officers assisted the McLeod County Sheriff's Office with a single-vehicle accident in the area of Nickel Avenue and

120th Street, northeast of Brown-

#### MONDAY, NOV. 9

The police department began enforcing the winter parking ordinance, issuing 13 citations.

12:20 a.m. - A death was reported at residence on Hennepin

5:05 a.m. - A minor accident was reported on 13th Street W when a pickup rolled into another vehicle after the driver had gotten out. There was no damage to either vehicle.

7:10 a.m. - Citations for expired registration and no proof of insurance were issued at a traffic stop on Highway 22 near 115th

7:19 a.m. - An officer responded to suspicious activity on 10th Street E.

1:35 p.m. An officer checked on an unoccupied trailer in a trailer park as a possible blight issue on Pryor Avenue N. The trailer did not appear to be livable and would require an inspection prior to someone mov-

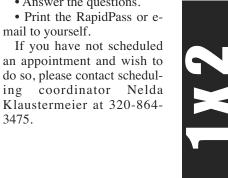
2:59 p.m. — An officer asked a person on Ford Avenue N to extinguish a fire in their backyard.

4:14 p.m. - An officer responded to a minor accident on . 11th Street E in which a vehicle backed out of a parking spot and hit a parked vehicle. There was minor damage to each vehicle. Involved were a 1997 Dodge Dakota, owned and driven by Andrew Woodall of Lester Prairie, and 2010 Ford Fusion, owned by Barbara Hite of Glencoe and driven by Gregory Hite, also of Glen-

## **Corrections**

The Chronicle misspelled probation officer Andy Ypma's surname in an Oct. 28 article concerning an award he received for his efforts in helping victims of domestic violence. The Chronicle apologizes for the error.

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## **Brownton City Council looks over sample** assessments for 2016 street utility project

By Lori Copler **Editor** 

The Brownton City Council reviewed sample assessments for its proposed 2016-17 street and utility project at its Tuesday, Nov. 3, meeting.

The city is proposing up to \$8 million in improvements to its streets, water, storm sewer and sanitary sewer sys-

Justin Black of Short Elliott Hendrickson (SEH), the city's engineering consulting firm, said that the construction costs of the project are about twice that of a comprehensive project that was done by the city in 2000-2001. And the estimated assessments reflect that, Black said.

Black said that SEH was able to use assessment figures from the city of Glencoe's recent Lincoln Park improvement project to help determine estimated assessments

Black said, hired an appraiser to make sure that assessments were appropriate.

Black said that according to state statute, a minimum of 20 percent of a project's costs must be assessed to benefitting properties. Another state statute stipulates that assessments to a property cannot exceed anticipated increases in the property value of the assessed property.

Those two statutes sometimes conflict, Black acknowledged, especially since residential property values have declined dramatically since the recession that set in

Assessments will vary both by lot size and by the work that is done. For example, a residence with 100 feet of just street construction — no underground utility work would have an estimated aser, a 121½-foot frontage with water service, water main, and street construction could have an assessment of an estimated \$13,675.

Assessments would likely be spread out over a 20-year period, which would be the probable length of any general obligation bonds the city would issue to help finance the project.

A more definite estimated assessment roll will be developed so that each affected property owner will know their specific assessments.

Council Member Doug Block noted that a number of homes were for sale, and many were in the process of being purchased. He asked whose responsibility it was to inform potential home buyers that the city was looking at a large project that could significantly impact both their ty rates.

Typically, Block was told, real estate agents should be providing buyers that infor-

"My office probably gets a half dozen calls or more each year from realtors," said Black, "asking if cities are planning any big projects."

In other business, the City

• Approved the purchase of a newer, but used, snowplow truck at a cost of \$81,000.

· Approved a one-day beer license for the Brownton American Legion for its Nov. 21 poultry party.

• Set its December meeting for Tuesday, Dec. 8, as Block will not be available on Dec. 1, the usual meeting night. Block said he would like to be present as the city sets its final 2016 budget and levy.

## **Weather Corner**

By Jake Yurek

A powerful midweek storm will bring an end to our November heat wave.

A strong storm will exit the Rockies and move across the Upper Midwest Wednesday, bringing plenty of rain and wind. The storm itself is very similar to a storm that hit the exact same days last year, the only difference being that one had more cold to tap into and dropped over a foot of snow in some locations. Luckily, we'll stay just warm enough this time to keep things all rain.

Rain should end late Wednesday; a secondary system will slide through late Thursday bringing a few rain or

The wind will pick up late-week behind the storm and make things feel pretty chilly (at least a lot more so than we're used to lately). Highs Thursday-Friday will stay in the lower 40s with slight improvement for the weekend.

No big storms or precipitation again for the weekend, so it should be another great chance to get all your fall chores done (or deer hunting). The extended shows a cooling trend by the middle of next week. Have a great week, everyone!

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Wednesday night — Lows 34-40; rain.

Thursday — Highs 40-46, lows 28-34; partly cloudy and breezy, with a chance of a night shower.

Friday — Highs 38-45, lows 24-30; sunny and breezy. Saturday — Highs 47-53, lows 33-39; clear. Sunday — Highs 45-53; clear.

Weather Quiz: What is the worst snowstorm Minnesota has ever seen?

Answer to last week's question (Why does it snow sometimes when temperatures are above 32 degrees?): Sometimes the air near the ground, where temperatures are taken, is slightly warmer with a cool layer above it. If snow is created in a freezing environment, it needs enough time to thaw to change over to rain; if the layer at the ground is thin enough, it can stay snow.

Remember: I make the forecast, not the weather!

## WCI to close Hutch thrift store at year end Care & Landscaping of Glen-

By Lori Copler **Editor** 

West Central Industries' Hutchinson thrift shop will be closing at the end of the year, McLeod County Commissioners heard Tuesday, Nov.

Renee Nolting, West Central Industries (WCI) executive director, said that WCI opened the store in 2009 in the former Coca-Cola bottling plant in Hutchinson with the goal of training and employing disabled adults. Unfortunately, she said, WCI has not been able to turn a profit and, in fact, has had a loss each year.

"It has not even been break-even," said Nolting.

Nolting said WCI is, however, excited by the possibility that McLeod County will be able to employ more of its clients at the Materials Recovery Facility (MRF) to help sort recycling materials. The county recently retrofitted the MRF to one-sort recycling from five-sort. It already hires personnel from WCI, and will need more as the tonnage in recycling in-

Nolting said that while the decision to close the thrift store was hard, and will impact many clients, WCI is having to rethink all areas of its operation.

She said WCI will be impacted in its delivery of services to disabled clients because of recent new legislation. Everything from the increase in the minimum wage to the Affordable Care Act, training requirements to new overtime exempt standards will impact WCI.

Despite that, Nolting said, WCI is looking at overcoming new challenges and continuing to offer quality service to its clients.

In other business Nov. 3, the County Board:

• Hired Neubarth Lawn

ceived late. • Purchased a used scrubber from Hillyard of Hutchinson at a cost of \$13,800 for the fairgrounds. • Purchased a lawn mower at a cost of \$5,450 from L&P Supply of Hutchinson for the

parks department.

coe to remove snow from

county parking lots and side-

walks at a cost of \$915 per

snow event. Hometown

Landscape & Design, also of

Glencoe, had submitted a

quote of \$910 per snow

event, but the quote was re-



Submitted photos

Some of the Silver Lake American Lewere, from left, Alice Carol Totusek, 65 gion Auxiliary Unit members who were years; Marjorie Stritesky, 70 years; honored for their years of service at Deann Fiecke, 60 years; Carol Navratil, Saturday night's Veterans Day banquet

## 55 years; and Genny Lhotka, 25 years. Silver Lake American Legion

Silver Lake American Legion Post 141 had its annual Veterans Day banquet Satur-

day, Nov. 7. The guest speaker was Sgt. 1st Class Christopher Yurek, who entertained with his stories of growing up and always wanting to serve his country, his adventures as a Blackhawk helicopter crew chief, duty in Iraq with the unmanned drone program, and then his current position as a National Guard recruiter in Hutchinson.

Also speaking was McLeod County Veterans Services Officer Jim Lauer, who was a Blackhawk helicopter pilot during his time of active millitary service.

Awards for continuous years of service also were given out at the banquet, for both Legion and Auxiliary

Legion member service awards were given to: Stephen Wanous, five years;



Edwin "Eddy" LaMott was honored for 65 years of membership in the American Legion. He also is one of two living World War II veterans who are members in the Silver Lake Post.

Thomas Holsapple and Robert Vacek, 10 years; Kenneth Baumann, Lester Eastling, Micki Jagodzinski, Robert Paulson, John Smith, Gary VonBerge and David Wanous, 15 years; Ralph

hosts Veterans Day banquet Guenningsmann and Francis Zanoth, 20 years; Gerald Brooks, Rodney Heuer, David Humlicek, Brian Ortloff, Willard Straub and Joseph Vacek, 25 years; Larry Lhotka, 30 years; Clarence Mikolichek, Alan Navratil and Roger Schueter, 35 years; Raymond Lhotka and Leonard Stifter, 40 years; Steve Jensen, Marvin Kuras, George Lhotka, Ronald Miskosky and Dennis Worshek, 45 years; Clarence Pulkrabek, 55 years; Floyd Lhotka and William Polchow, 60 years; and Edwin LaMott, 65 years.

Auxiliary service awards went to: Genny Lhotka and Judy Penas, 25 years; Betty Polchow and Lavonne Schrupp Riebe, 30 years; Shirley Nowak and Susie Horejsi, 40 years; Carol Navratil, 55 years; Deann Fiecke, 60 years; Alice Carol Totusek, 65 years; and Marjorie Stritesky, 70 years.

## 26 Brownton seniors met on Monday

Twenty-six Brownton senior citizens met Monday, Nov. 9, at the Brownton Community Center.

Cards were played after the business meeting with the following winners -500, Gladys Rickert, first, and Archie Diehn, second; pinochie, Ruby Streich, first, and Bernetta Alsleben, second; and sheephead, Norma Albrecht, first, and Lil Lindeman, second.

Leone Kujas won the door prize. Gladys Rickert served refreshments.

The next meeting will be Monday, Nov. 16, at 1 p.m. All area seniors are welcome.

## Silver Lake City Council Regular Meeting Monday, Nov. 16, 2015, 6:30 p.m. **Agenda**

\*\* A quorum of the members of the City Council will be attending a ribbon cutting ceremony at Swarzrock Motors, 200 Main St. E, at 6 p.m.\*\*

Call to order: Approve agenda

**Consent Agenda:** 

- Approve minutes of the Oct. 19, 2015, regular meeting.
- Approve payroll 22, 23, and October Ambulance.
- Claims to be paid.

**Old business:** 

- Update on police chief start date.
- Review 2016 proposed budget and levy.

• American Legion Club license application

- Municipal Liquor Store on/off-sale license application.
- Contract for city assessor services.

• Receive petition for annexation and set public hearing. **Department reports:** 

- Community Development.
- Administration. • Municipal Liquor Store.
- Public Safety. • Public Works.

## 12th-annual SL Thanksgiving meal set

According to Silver Lake

The Silver Lake Auditorium with be the site for the 12th-annual Silver Lake Thanksgiving Dinner. This free dinner, hosted by the city and friends, will be open to anyone in the Silver Lake area who would like to enjoy a delicious, home-cooked meal and spend some time with others on this holiday.

The meal, provided completely through donations, will include turkey, ham, dressing and all the fixings. Of course, there will be a dessert or two. As always, no money will be accepted the day of the meal.

The meal is intended for, but not limited to those who are alone, elderly, shut-ins, unable to afford a good meal, or maybe those that just want to spend the day making others feel good. People of all ages are encouraged to at-

Mayor Bruce Bebo: "I guarantee everyone who attends this event that they will leave with three things: a full stomach, a smile on their face and lastly, but most important, a warm fuzzy feeling inside knowing that they helped make someone's Thanksgiving a day to remember. For a lot of people, the Silver Lake area is their only family. Let's show them how much we care. Again this year we will be making a special effort to thank all of our veterans as well as those that are currently in the military. It is because of them that we have so much to be thankful for.'

Food will be served promptly at noon on Thursday, Nov. 26. Organizers are trying to get an idea of how many people to serve, so please call 320-327-2412 or 320-327-3157, or stop by the City Hall if you are interested in joining the meal.

Those who are in need of transportation, please call Bebo at 320-327-3157 by Nov. 24 to make arrangements to be picked up.

## Fairgrounds to offer Wi-Fi in buildings, lots

By Lori Copler

The McLeod County Board of Commissioners approved a preliminary contract with NU-Telecom to provide Wi-Fi Internet service on the fairgrounds in Hutchinson.

Al Koglin of the parks department told the County Board at its Nov. 3 meeting that while the county could provide Wi-Fi on its own, it would be difficult to maintain

at the fairgrounds.

"Most of our events are on weekends and in the evening," said Koglin. Contracting with NU-Telecom will ensure that a technician would be available to restore service if it was interrupted during the evening or on the weekend. Otherwise, Koglin said, the county would have to make sure it had its own information technology per-

sonnel on call to respond.

The initial cost to establish service is \$2,400, said Koglin, with a monthly fee of \$198. That will provide free Wi-Fi throughout the fairgrounds buildings and parking lots.

Vendors or others could also opt for a secure Wi-Fi connection through NU-Telecom at an additional fee, which will be handled directly by NU-Telecom. Secure connections are especially

important for vendors during the annual gun show, said Koglin.

Because customers would be buying the secure connection directly through NU-Telecom, the county would not be liable for any breaches, Koglin added.

The County Board voted unanimously to approve the agreement.

#### <u>ommun</u>ity ( 'alendar

Wed., Nov. 11 — VETERANS DAY; Community Meal, Brownton Congregational Church, 5-7 p.m. Thurs., Nov. 12 — AA Group mtg. next to Post Office in Stewart, 8 p.m., call 320-212-5290 for info.

**Mon., Nov. 16** — Tops Weigh-In mtg., 5-5:30 p.m.; Brownton Senior Citizens Club, Brownton Community Center, 1 p.m.; Stewart American Legion Post & Auxiliary, Stewart Community Center, 7 p.m.; Brownton Lions.

Wed., Nov. 18 — Red Cross blood drives, Glencoe City Center, 1-7 p.m.; Lester Prairie City Hall, 1-7 p.m. Thurs., Nov. 19 — AA Group mtg. next to Post Office in Stewart, 8 p.m., call 320-212-5290 for info.; Stewart

Fri., Nov. 27 — Red Cross blood drive, Neisen's Bar & Grill, Biscay, 12-6 p.m.



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Five Glencoe-Silver Lake band members were selected to attend the Gustavus Adolphus Honor Band Festival. The students are, from left, Maggie Petersen, Dini Schweikert, Amanda Husted, Lili Mallak and Leah Bettcher.

## High School students of the month

Glencoe-Silver Lake High School recently announced the October students of the month. Front row, from left, are Lilly Nikkel, Sierra Trebesch, Lexi Hansch and Alex Parker; and, back, Jenna Lokensgard and Brittney Medina. Not pictured are Mitchell Rothstein and Jessica Alsleben.

Submitted photo



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GSL students on Gustavus honor bands In early November, five members of the Glencoe-Silver Lake High School bands attended the 26th-annual Gustavus Honor Band Festi-

The festival was held Nov. 1 and Nov. 2 in St. Peter on the Gustavus Adolphus College campus.

val.

Maggie Petersen, Dini Schweikert, Amanda Husted, Lili Mallak and Leah Bettcher were all named to a Gustavus Adolphus honor band.

Mallak and Husted were members of the "Frederic Hilary Honor Winds," while Schweikert, Peterson and Bettcher were members of the "Doublas Nimmo Honor Winds." Both ensembles were named for former Gustavus band conductors.

The Hilary Winds and Nimmo Winders were conducted by James Patrick Miller, director of wind orchestras at Gustavus while the Honor Jazz Band was led

by Dave Stamps.

The honor band festival culminated with a final concert held at Gustavus Christ Chapel and featured the Gustavus Wind Orchestra as well as the high school honor bands.

Over 250 students from about 60 high schools in Minnesota, Iowa and Wisconsin comprised the membership of the honor bands.

## GSL character students

Glencoe-Silver Lake High School announced the October character students. Front row, from left, are Ellie Schmidt, responsibility; Erika Mielke, responsibility; Kyle Christensen, citizenship; and Marlaina Chelman, caring; and, back, Nick Schmidt, responsibility; Blake Hawes, responsibility; and Bethany Ide, citizenship.





Submitted photo Lakeside creates bullying awareness poster

**Pregnant** 

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## 'Chad's Locker' unveiled in Hutchinson

Minnesota Viking Chad Greenway brought his "Chad's Locker" program to Hutchinson Health Oct. 20, helping to make hospital visits happier for patients. The locker includes kid-friendly electronics and games, including an array of notebook computers, iPads, movies, tovs. and games. Greenway, 32, is the founder of the Lead the Way Foundation, which provides support to Minnesota children with serious illnesses and physical challenges. He launched the first "Chad's Locker" in 2012. "This is an honor," Greenway said in a Vikings Territory article after the locker installment at

Hutchinson Health. "Clearly this is something that Hutchinson was ready for. There's definitely a need, and we're so excited to be here." The program was brought to Hutchinson Health, in part, thanks to local youth advocate Chad Harlander, who runs the REACH program at the Hutchinson High School, Plenty of purple and gold fans were on hand for the Oct. 20 ribbon cutting ceremony, as Hutchinson Health staff, families, and community members gathered to celebrate the addition of "Chad's Locker" and express their gratitude to Greenway.

## Preparing your garden for winter

Source: Beth Berlin, University of Minnesota Extension, Stearns, Benton and Morrison counties.

It may be November already and most of us have seen snowflakes, but there is still some time to get your gardens ready for winter. Minnesota winters can be unpredictable - from a lot of cold temperatures and snow to more mild temperatures and very little snow — but it is best to prepare your gardens regardless of the predic-

If you haven't already done so, it is time to clean out your vegetable gardens. As you harvest the last of the root crops, removing vegetation and actually raking the soil can be beneficial. Raking can expose unwanted grubs and pupae to the sun, birds, and freezing temperatures. In addition, removing vegetation can help reduce both weeds and disease.

Composting your plant material is always recommended unless that plant material was diseased or it is weeds that may have already set seed. In that case, it is best to destroy the material. Most home gardeners compost piles do not reach temperatures necessary to kill off disease or seeds.

Once your perennials have been killed off by a hard frost or freezing temperatures, gardeners can cut them down for



## **Farm Notes**

**By Nathan Winter** 

the season. With a clean, sharp tool cut down flowers stalks and heads, and the vegetation to approximately three inches. Desirable seed heads for both birds and aesthetics can be left up such as sedum, coneflower, or some of the many different species of ornamental grasses. However, diseased material caused by powdery mildew, leaf spots, or other diseases should be discarded; do not include this material in your compost pile.

Healthy plant material can be left for the winter to help catch snow, which will provide better insulation. Personal preference or time commitment sometimes dictates whether a gardener takes care of most cleanup in the fall or prefers to wait until spring. However, if there was disease or pests, it is best to take care of it now so they don't overwinter and cause problems

again next year. Conflicting predictions about the upcoming winter leave gardeners wondering if it will be a mild winter or one that causes damage or even

death to our plants. Therefore, it is best to be cautious and prep your gardens. Even mild, brown winters can leave our plants unprotected. If Mother Nature doesn't provide us with a nice snow insulation layer, gardeners need to do it instead with mulch. Mulch can consist of straw, hay, whole or shredded leaves, evergreen boughs, or pine needles. This helps regulate the soil temperature to not fluctuate so much throughout mild winters or in spring which can cause damage to plants.

One more task you can take care of this fall is to have vour soil tested. If you haven't had a soil test completed in the last few years, you will find it beneficial. The test will indicate what your nutrient levels are at and give you recommendations for application rates. Soil testing can be done through the University of Minnesota; contact your local Extension office or visit http://soiltest.cfans.umn.edu/ for more information.

## CMMA sets breakfast, tour of The Landing

During the month of October, Lakeside

Elementary celebrated Bullying Aware-

ness month. Students created posters

representing what bullying awareness

meant to them. One student from each

Central Minnesota Manufacturers Association (CMMA) will host a breakfast meeting and industry tour on Thursday, Nov. 19, at The

Landing in Avon. An apprenticeship panel discussion will present a shared vision for increasing opportunity, innovation, and competitiveness for workers and manufacturers. The meal, meeting, and presentation will get under way at 7:30 a.m. at The Landing.

Galaxy Precision staff will lead a guided tour of their manufacturing facility immediately following the meeting. The company believes a continuous commitment to CNC technology makes manufacturing more efficient, reduces cost, and saves the cus-

tomer money. CMMA is a membership organization serving manufacturers and related industries in central Minnesota. CMMA's 140 members benefit from peer networking, plant tours, benefit programs, a legislative voice, increased industry awareness, promotional opportunities, workforce development efforts, and more.

and Madison

For more information about Central Minnesota Manufacturers Association or the upcoming meeting, contact Sandy Kashmark at 800-654-5773 or at midwest@run estone.net.



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grade was selected for the creativity of

their message. From left, are Isabelle Mc-Crea. fourth-grade: Angelica Duvall, fifth-

grade; Elleanore Littlejohn, sixth grade;

#### to Silver Lake and Winsted Fire Departments, Barney Nowak, and **Donnie Nowak for** assistance in getting our recent fire out. **Gene & Carolyn** Hemerick

## Thank You

We would like to thank all our family and friends for their cards, flowers, memorials, food, support, thoughts and prayers during our time of loss. We would also like to give a special thank you to Father Tony, Father Paul, and Father Cornelius for the celebration of mass. The Minneapolis VA Medical Center, Silver Lake American Legion, Knights of Columbus, Bobbi Ludwig, CCW, and Maresh Funeral

May God bless you all with the deepest gratitude.

The James Lawrence Family

## **Obituaries**

## Jerry Martin, 79, of Glencoe

Jerry Martin, 79, of Glencoe, died Friday, Nov. 6,

2015, at his home. Family memorial services were held Tuesday, Nov. 10, at the Johns o n -McBride Funeral Chapel in Jerry Martin



Glencoe, with the Rev. Robert Taylor officiating. Mary Huebert was the pianist. Soloist Wanda Litzau sang "Just as I

Interment was in the First Evangelical Lutheran Cemetery in Glencoe.

Jerry Martin was born Sept. 26, 1936, in Glencoe, the son of Clem and Hilda (Pinske) Martin. He was baptized as an infant on Oct. 18, 1936, at St. Paul's Evangelical Church in Plato, was confirmed in his faith as a youth on May 7, 1950, at First Evangelical Lutheran Church in Glencoe. He received his education in Glencoe, and was a graduate of the Glencoe High School class of 1954.

On Sept. 26, 1954, he was united in marriage to Myra Graupmann in Hamburg. They made their home in the Glencoe area. Their marriage was blessed with four children, Lisa, David, Doug and Nancy. The Martins shared over 61 years of marriage.

Mr. Martin farmed in rural Biscay, but always had the idea to start a hunting club. In 1991, he made his vision a reality and opened Major Avenue Hunt Club, where hunters could come to practice shooting, meet for a meal and, of course, hunt.

He enjoyed fishing and playing cards. He was a jokester and loved to visit with anyone he'd meet.

He is survived by his wife, Myra Martin of Glencoe; children, Lisa (Jeff) Howen of Pierre, South Dakota, David (Pam) Martin of Glencoe, Doug (Mary-Lien) Martin of El Dorado, California, and Nancy (Tom) Ische of Glencoe; grandchildren, Tracy (Brian) Hanson of Las Vegas, Nevada, Sharelle (Jeremy) Leal of Salinas, California, Jeremy (Hannah) Martin of Eagan, Tyler (Aria) Martin of Coon Rapids and Brianna Ische of Glencoe; stepgrandson, Dylan Howen of Milbank, South Dakota; great-grandchildren, Colton, Ashton and Triston Hanson and Harrison Martin; brother, Robert (Sharron) Martin of Des Moines, Iowa; brotherin-law, Roland (Luella) Graupmann of Mason City, Iowa; sisters-in-law, LaVern Graupmann of Hamburg and AnnaMarie Finke Richville; nephews, nieces, other relatives and many friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Clem and Hilda Martin; father-in-law and mother-in-law, Reinhold and Dora Graupmann; grandson, Kyle Tessmer and Bryon Ische; sister and her husband, Marilyn and Bill Doran; and brothers-in-law, Bernell Graupmann, Earlin Graup-

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

## Gordon Gilbert Wroge, 95, of NYA

Gordon G. Wroge, 95, of Norwood Young America, died Saturday, Nov. 7, 2015, at his residence.

Funeral services were held Wednesday, Nov. 11, at Emanuel Lutheran Church in Hamburg.

Casket bearers Gordon were John Gramith,

Warren Tester, Jim Klancke, Clint Hatlestad, Randy Wroge and Ron Oelfke.

Interment was in the church cemetery.

Gordon Gilbert Wroge was born Dec. 16, 1919, in Young America Township, Carver County, to Otto and Martha (Schrupp) Wroge. He was baptized on Jan. 4, 1920, at Emanuel Lutheran Church in Hamburg. He attended District 59 country school and St. John's Lutheran School in Young America.

In April 1933, he confirmed his faith at St. John's Lutheran Church with the Rev. Abraham officiating. His confirmation verse was Acts 4:12: "Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to mankind by which we must be saved."

After graduating from Cental High School, Mr. Wroge farmed in Young America Township. On Aug. 23, 1947, he was united in marriage with Valeria Klancke at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Green Isle by the Rev. Arndt. Their union was blessed by children Lois, William and David. Gordon and Valeria moved to Young America in 1991, and four years later, in 1995, Mr. Wroge suffered the loss of his wife Valeria.

Since 2011, Mr. Wroge has spent his final years of his life in the loving care of The Harbor in Norwood Young America. His interaction with the staff and residents was a blessing to all.

Mr. Wroge was a lifelong member of Emanuel Lutheran Church, and had served as an elder and as a school board member. He was a director for the Young America Mutual Insurance Company for 33

years, and had served as its agent. He was the secretary of the board of directors of the Plato Creamery and later a director of Bongards Creamery for six years. When he retired, he volunteered for Meals On Wheels and as a driver for the disabled. He enjoyed playing cards, hunting, fishing and was a loyal fan of the Minnesota Twins. enjoyed traveling throughout the United States, and especially his trips to Hawaii, the Panama Canal and Europe.

He is survived by his children, Lois Wroge of Hastings, Bill Wroge of St. Cloud and Dave Wroge of Norwood Young America; special friend, Fran Downer of Glencoe; as well as other relatives and many dear friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Otto and Martha Wroge; wife, Valeria Wroge; and brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law.

Arrangements were with the Johnson Funeral Home in Waconia, www.johnsonfh.

## Eileen Erna Moehring, 90, of Biscay

Eileen Erna (Rannow) Moehring, 90, of Biscay, went to join Glen and the Lord on Saturday, Oct. 31, 2015, at the Elim Nursing Home in Watertown.

Funeral | services were held Saturday, Nov. 7, at St. John's Church in Hassan Valley Township, Biscay, with Rev. Robert Tay-



Moehring

lor officiating. Mary Huebert was the organist. Soloist David Sanken sang "Amazing Grace."

Casket bearers were Marvin Moehring, Hillard Pollmann, Brian Holtberg, Gerald Harbarth, Michael Schuette and Lee Winkelman

Interment was in the St. John's Church Cemetery.

Eileen Erna (Rannow) Moehring was born Feb. 23, 1925, in Glencoe, the daughter of George and Freida (Jungclaus) Rannow. She was baptized as an infant and confirmed in her faith as a youth, both at St. John's Church in Biscay. She grew up on a farm just outside of Biscay with her sisters, Doris, Donna

and Marlys, and her brother, Maynard. She really enjoyed the farm life and spoke about it with joy throughout her life. She received her education in Hutchinson, graduating from Hutchinson High School.

On May 19, 1946, she was united in marriage to Glen Moehring at St. John's Church. The couple made their home in Biscay for over 50 years. Their marriage was blessed with a son, Larry. They shared over 57 years of marriage before Mr. Moehring died on Dec. 24, 2003. In 2009, Mrs. Moehring became a resident at the Elim Nursing Home in Watertown.

Mrs. Moehring was a loving wife, mother and homemaker. She was a lifelong member of St. John's Church, a member of the Country Dutchmen fan club and an avid polka fan. She did commercial baking for any and all occasions and was a cook for the Head Start program in McLeod County. She very much enjoyed the children and the activity with that job.

Mrs. Moehring developed a talent for art consisting of coloring and painting many, many beautiful pictures and other craft pieces that she freely gave away to any and

all visitors. She also was the resident day brightener there and her cheerful attitude touched many people. She was feisty and active right up until the time she suffered a stroke on Oct. 21. Her family would like to thank the wonderful staff at Elim and Dr. Scott Jensen of Watertown and the Rev. Robert Taylor for the excellent care given and compassion and respect shown to her in her final

She is survived by her son, Larry (Arlene) Moehring of Inver Grove Heights; grandson, Chad Moehring and his friend, Heather; stepgrandchildren, Michael (Tammy) Schuette and their daughter, Rebecca, and Brenda (Bob) Wolf and Brenda's son, Brian Holtberg; brother, Maynard Rannow of Glencoe; sisters, Marlys Vinkemeier of Watertown and Donna Baumann of Edina; nephews, nieces, other relatives and many friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents, George and Freida Rannow; husband, Glen Moehring; and sister, Doris Bren.

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

## **Deaths**

### **Delores** Exstedt, 90, of Watertown

Delores Exstedt, 90, of Watertown, formerly of Norwood Young America, died Saturday, Nov. 7, 2015, at Elim Nursing Home in Watertown.

Memorial services will be held Friday, Nov. 13, at 11 a.m., at Paul-McBride Funeral Chapel in Norwood Young America, with interment following in St. John's Lutheran Cemetery in Norwood Young America.

A gathering of family and friends will be held Friday, Nov. 13, from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m., one hour prior to the service at the chapel.

Arrangements are with the Paul-McBride Funeral Chapel in Norwood Young America. An online guest book is available at www.hantge.com.

## Lillian Dammann, 95, of Glencoe

Lillian Dammann, 95, of Glencoe, died Monday, Nov. 9, 2015, at Glencoe Regional Health Services Long Term Care.

Funeral services will be held Thursday, Nov. 12, at 2 p.m., at First Evangelical Lutheran Church in Glencoe with interment following in the church cemetery.

Visitation will be Thursday, Nov. 12, from 1 p.m. to 2 p.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.

## **Evelyn** Schrupp, 91, of Glencoe

Evelyn Wigand Klancke Schrupp, 91, of Glencoe, formerly of Norwood Young America, died Saturday, Nov. 7, 2015, at Glencoe Regional Health Services Long Term

Funeral services will be held Saturday, Nov. 14, at 11 a.m., at St. John's Lutheran Church in Norwood Young America, with interment following in the church ceme-

Visitation will be Saturday, Nov. 14, from 9:30 a.m. to 11 a.m., 1½ hours prior to the service at the church.

Arrangements are with the Paul-McBride Funeral Chapel in Norwood Young

An online guest book is available at www.hantge.

## HB students team up for story

Glencoe-Silver Lake Helen Baker Elementary students teamed up on Oct. 30 to write their fall progressive story. During the fall party, the students were provided with an opening paragraph and then each class took turns adding their own piece to the story. Principal Bill Butler than read the entire story to the students on Nov. 2:

## 'Spelling' Test

A mysterious object was floating in the air above our playground. The object was a medium sized, white oval. It was making a WOOOOO sound. It was a ghost named Windy. She wanted a friend to play. Suddenly, out of the trees came a skeleton riding a panther! Together, they played on the swings, the slide, and the monkey bars. Then, they played with blocks and shared some hot dogs. They had "Boo" berry pie for dessert. But, then they dropped the pie! They were sad, so they decided to make another pie. They were making a big mess. Suddenly, they saw a witch flying in the air. The witch sprayed magic on everyone (the skeleton, ghost, and panther). The magic made everyone fly around. They were so tired from flying they fell asleep. As the skeleton, ghost, and panther fell asleep, the witch put them in her witch's stew. The cops and Mr. Butler then arrived and were very angry.

They took the witch's broom away and then challenged her to a "spelling" duel! She agreed to the challenge! Mr. Butler and the cops won the challenge. The witch got mad and turned Mr. Butler into a frog. The cops went to get help. They found the Baker students, who had the witch's spell book. Everyone yelled, "Whoosh, poof, kazam!" The witch was poofed away into a witch jail. She turned Mr. Butler into Elf on the Shelf. Mr. Butler was a crazy elf. He started taking people's things to use as presents! Everyone thought it was funny until nobody had anything left. He took everything! He even took their beds. There was one thing all of the people had left. They had each other.

Back at the Glencoe jail, the witch was up to no good. She convinced the panther to use his sharp claws to unlock her jail cell. Then, she flew back to Helen Baker. She cast a spell on the food and it flew all over Helen Baker. The witch busters (Miss Miller's Class) took away her wand and turned her into a nice witch.

And some say she's still teaching at Helen Baker! THE END.

## Velda Quandt, 83, of Buffalo Lake

Velda Quandt, 83, of Buffalo Lake, died Wednesday, Nov. 4, 2015, at Glencoe Regional Health Services in Glencoe.

services were held Tuesday, Nov. 10, at t Matthew's Lutheran Church in Fernando with Rev. Aaron Quandt

Funeral



the Velda

Albrecht officiating. Burial will be in the church cemetery.

born April 28, 1932, in Buffa-

lo Lake, to Hugo and Elsie

(Gatzke) Renner. On Feb. 27,

Velda May Renner was

1960, she was united in marriage to Roman Quandt at Zion Lutheran Church in Buffalo Lake. After their marriage, they farmed in Grafton Township, Sibley County, until 2008, when they moved to Buffalo Lake.

Mrs. Quandt was a registered nurse and worked at the Winthrop Good Samaritan Society in Winthrop. She enjoyed cooking, bak-

ing, quilting, gardening, playing cards, attending her granddaughters' sporting events and socializing. She was very involved in church activities and was a member of St. Matthew's Lutheran Church in Fernando.

She is survived by her daughter, Susan Quandt and her special friend, Dirk

Gustafson, both of Minneapolis; son and daughterin-law, Richard and Tammy Quandt of Stewart; grandchildren, Savannah, Jessica, Julie and Christopher; great-grandchildren, Emily Jo, Joseph, Jared, Riley, Hailey, Emily Hope and Joel; and a brother and sister-in-law, Lohart and Charlotte Renner of Prior Lake.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Roman Quandt; son, David Quandt; sister, Lucille Steingraber; and a brother, Norman Renner.

Arrangements were with the Minnesota Valley Funeral Home in Gibbon. Online condolences and a guest book are available at www.mvfh.org.

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#### Colleen Mary Smyth, 57, Indianapolis Colleen Mary Smyth, 57, of her death, she was the vice of Indianapolis, Indiana, died president of Individual Giv-

Oct. 21, 2015.

She was born Sept. 8, 1958, and grew up in the Lester Prairie area. She graduated from Holy Trinity High School in Winsted, then the University of Minnesota.

She spent her career in the nonprofit sector, working at the Walker Art Center in Minnesota, The Lincoln Park Zoo in Chicago and other public museums as she advanced her career. At the time

ing and Membership at the Indiana State Museum in Indianapolis, Indiana.

She is survived by her son, Jack Diedrich; brothers, Peter (Barbara) Smyth and Michael (Marilyn) Smyth; and sisters, Kathleen (Timothy Roufs), Kristine Smyth and Molly

She was preceded in death by her parents, Dr. John and Dorothy Smyth; and a brother, Anthony Smyth.

She was a woman of deep faith who loved her son, family, friends and life. She will be missed by all she touched.

A Mass of Christian Burial was held Oct. 28 at St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Church in Indianapolis, Indi-

In lieu of flowers, please make contributions to Boy Scouts of America (BSA) Troop 174, attn: David Diedrich, 12343 Pebblepointe Pass, Carmel, IN 46033.

## GRHS Foundation tree lighting set Nov. 29

The GRHS (Glencoe Regional Health Services) Foundation will again have its Trees of Lights display this holiday season.

On Sunday, Nov. 29, at 5 p.m., the foundation will flip the switch on the display at its annual lighting ceremony. The public is welcome to come to the GRHS Long Term Care parking lot, 705 18th Street E, for the ceremony, which will include cookies and hot chocolate. More than 67,000 LED lights will dance and twinkle to favorite holiday tunes. Santa's reindeer also will be stopping by, and families are encouraged to bring their cameras for photographs.

Those who can't attend the ceremony can still enjoy the display, as the light show will run every evening from 5 p.m. to 10 p.m. through Jan. 2. Park in the long-term care parking lot and tune the radio to the posted FM station to listen to the music, which is choreographed with the light

The Trees of Lights also is

a fundrasier for the foundation, and those who wish to sponsor lights may do so as a tribute to special people in their lives, past and present. Donations from the trees of lights help the foundation provide health care career scholarships, as well as support various community health initiatives and projects in the region.

To sponsor lights or give a gift, one may donate online at grhsonline.org/trees-of-lights, or pick up a a tribute form at the light show. Gifts to the GRHS Foundation are tax deductible to the extent of the

The GRHS Foundation is a nonprofit corporation. Its mission is to provide opportunities for community-based health-care support and promotion of Glencoe Regional Health Services, its mission and the communities it serves. To support this mission, the foundation annually awards educational scholarships to students pursuing health-care careers. It also awards grants to support



Submitted photo

Pictured above is a photograph from the 2014 Trees of Lights lighting ceremony. This year's ceremony is set for Sunday, Nov. 29, at 5 p.m.

community-based health-care initiatives. Over the years, its contributions to students and

area communities have totaled more than \$350,000.

## **People**

#### Glencoe student is admin

Kevin Riemenschneider of Glencoe was named the administrative assistant for the History Club at Southwest Minnesota State University for the 2015-2016 academic year. Riemenschneider is the son of Terry and Marian Riemenschneider. He is a senior history major at SMSU.

## Schuft named VP, president

Jordan Schuft of Glencoe was named the Vice President for the Society for Leadership and Success Club (Sigma Alpha Pi) at Southwest Minnesota State University for the 2015-2016 academic year. He was also named the President of the Student Activity Fee Allocation Committee. Schuft is a senior accounting and finance major with concentrations in corporate finance financial planning and investments.

#### Ross is SA coordinator

Christopher Ross of Glencoe is the Judicial Council Coordinator of the Student Association at Southwest Minnesota State University for the 2015-2016 academic year. Ross is a sophmore political science major.

## **Menus**

#### Nov. 16 - 20 Glencoe-Silver Lake Helen Baker Breakfast

Monday — Breakfast sausage pizza, mandarin oranges, apple

Tuesday - Cocoa Puffs cereal, whole-grain blueberry muffin, applesauce, orange juice. Wednesday Skewered

turkey sausage pancake, orange wedges, apple juice. Thursday — Breakfast sausage

pizza, raisins, orange juice. Friday - Whole-grain french toast sticks, strawberry banana yogurt, pears, grape juice.

#### Glencoe-Silver Lake Helen Baker Lunch

Monday - Mini chicken corn dogs, vegetarian baked beans, baby carrots, Red Delicious apple half, pineapple tidbits.

Tuesday - Macaroni and cheese, whole-grain bread stick, peas, red bell pepper strips, banana, applesauce.

Wednesday — Sloppy joe, baked crinkle fries, broccoli florets, pear, peaches

Thursday - Chicken and gravy, whole-grain dinner roll, cranberry sauce, mashed potatoes, cucumbers, orange wedges, pears, peach and pear crisp.

Friday — Cheese-stuffed bread sticks, marinara sauce, corn, baby carrots, Red Delicious apple half, mandarin oranges

Glencoe-Silver Lake Lakeside Breakfast Monday - Breakfast sausage pizza, Cinnamon Toast Crunch, whole-grain apple cinnamon muf-

fin, applesauce, orange juice. Tuesday - Skewered turkey sausage pancake, Cocoa Puffs, low-fat mozzarella string cheese, mandarin oranges, apple juice.

Wednesday — Egg and cheese sandwich, whole-grain blueberry muffin, strawberry banana yogurt, orange wedges, grape juice.

Thursday — Breakfast sausage pizza, Golden Grahams, wholegrain blueberry muffin, raisins, apple juice.

Friday - Whole-grain french toast sticks, low-fat mozzarella string cheese, Trix cereal bar, pears, orange juice

#### Glencoe-Silver Lake Lakeside Lunch

Monday - Mini turkey corn dogs, turkey and cheese sandwich, vegetarian baked beans, baby carrots, Red Delicious apple half, pineapple tidbits.

Tuesday - Macaroni and cheese, whole-grain dinner roll, ham and turkey chef salad, whole-grain seasoned croutons, whole-grain dinner roll, peas, red bell pepper strips, banana, apple-

Wednesday — Sloppy joe, sun butter and grape jelly sandwich, cole slaw, broccoli florets, pear, peaches

Thursday Chicken and gravy, whole-grain dinner roll, cranberry sauce, double-cheese chef salad, whole-grain seasoned croutons, mashed potatoes, cucumbers, green grapes, pears, peach and pear crisp

Friday - Cheese-stuffed bread sticks, marinara sauce, mini bagel fun lunch, corn, baby carrots, Red Delicious apple half, mandarin or-

#### Glencoe-Silver Lake Junior, Senior High Breakfast

Monday — Skewered turkey sausage pancake, peanut butter and jelly Uncrustable, chilled pears, apple juice.

Tuesday — Bacon, egg and cheese bagel, Cocoa Puffs, whole-grain blueberry muffin, applesauce, grape juice.

Breakfast Wednesday sausage pizza, organic strawberry yogurt, homemade granola, strawberries, sliced banana, vanilla yogurt, peaches, apple juice.

Thursday - Ham, egg and cheese on an English muffin, peanut butter and grape jelly Uncrustable, fruit cocktail, grape

Friday - Whole-grain pancakes, pork sausage patty, Cinnamon Toast Crunch, whole-grain apple cinnamon muffin, mandarin oranges, apple juice.

#### Glencoe-Silver Lake Junior, Senior High Lunch

Monday Hamburger, cheeseburger, baked crinkle fries, vegetarian baked beans, pepperoni pizza, cheese pizza, deli selections, carrot stick, citrus kidney and northern bean salad, Red Delicious apple, chilled pears.

Tuesday - Whole-grain chick-

en nuggets, mashed potatoes, chicken gravy, corn, whole-grain dinner roll, Italian sausage pizza, deli selections, cherry tomatoes, cole slaw, banana, applesauce.

Wednesday - Meatballs in marinara sauce, green beans, whole-grain rotini, whole-grain bread stick, chicken alfredo and broccoli pizza, cheese pizza, deli selections, cherry tomatoes, caesar salad, green grapes, peaches.

Thursday - Chicken and gravy, mashed potatoes, wholegrain bread stuffing, carrots, whole-grain dinner roll, cranberry sauce, beef taco pizza, cheese pizza, deli selections, broccoli florets, marinated tomato and cucumber salad, Red Delicious

apple, mandarin oranges Friday - Whole-grain french toast sticks, fried potatoes, baked apple slices, pork sausage patty, scrambled eggs, pepperoni pizza, cheese pizza, deli selections, carrot sticks, sweet-corn salad with ranch dressing, orange wedges, pineapple tidbits.

#### First Lutheran School Monday Hamburger. cheese, french fries, mixed fruit,

whole-grain bun, milk. Tuesday - Waffles, ham, tri-

tator, applesauce, milk. Wednesday - Chicken gravy mashed potatoes, mixed fruit,

bread, milk Thursday — Pizza sticks, mari nara sauce, peaches, milk. Friday - Hot dog on a whole-

wheat bun, baked beans, apple,

Sibley County, after getting his hand caught in an ear corn picker on Tuesday, Nov. 3.

miles south of Winthrop. Responding to the accident

Winthrop Fire and Rescue and Mayo Health Air Helicopter.

## **Area News**

## School bond issue passes

HUTCHINSON — Hutchinson School District voters on Tuesday, Nov. 3, passed a \$45 million building bond by a 4-1 margin, according to the Hutchinson Leader. There were 2,807 votes in favor, 662 against. The bond will be used to add onto and renovate the high school, and provide security upgrades in the district's other three buildings.

## TDK to buy Hutch Technology

HUTCHINSON — Tokyo-based electronics firm TDK Corporation is buying Hutchinson Technology, Inc., based in Hutchinson. The purchase is expected to be completed by March 2016. The purchase price was reported to be \$126 million, according to the Hutchinson

## City adopts drone ordinance

ARLINGTON — The Arlington City Council recently adopted an ordinance regulating the use of drone aerial vehicles, according to the Arlington Enterprise. The ordinance will require permits and fees to operate drones in the airspace over the city, and operators must comply with FAA regulations. Drones will not be allowed to be flown higher than a 200-foot ceiling above the city, and must be kept within the sight of the operator.

### Winthrop man airlifted after farming accident p.m., and occurred about four Daniel Fenske, 24, of rural

Winthrop, was airlifted from a farm in Alfsborg Township,

The Sibley County Sheriff's Office said the accident was reported at about 12:20

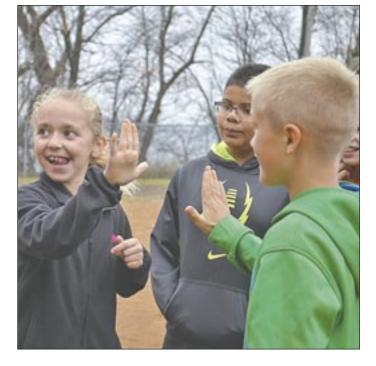
were the sheriff's office, Lafayette Fire and Rescue, Lafayette Ambulance,



Chronicle photos by Rebecca Mariscal

## FFA students visit Lakeside

GSL High School FFA members visited Lakeside Elementary Nov. 4 to talk about the organization and give presentations on farm and animal safety. Kirsten Barott, Hayley Bolland, Emily Thalmann, Tyler Siewert, Will Mickolichek, Kole Polzin, Kyle Wanous and Blake Ortloff showed the students tractors. demonstrated farm safety signals and introduced a calf Hershey and rabbit Snow White to the group. Above, Polzin shows Tage Rosenlund the different features of the tractor. At right, Crystal Richards and Dawson Varpness compete in a farm safety signal game.



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**MSgt.** Antoine **Washington** 

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**MM3 Charles Rettig** 

U.S. Navy **Serving in NPTU Ballston** Spa, N.Y. Son of Elmer Rettig & Amy **Rettig**; grandson of Frances Loncorich **Stewart** 



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U.S. Navy Serving in a naval hospital in Bremerton, Wash. Wife of Cody Smith; daughter of Frank & Lori Kaczmarek Silver Lake



Staff Sgt. **Jeremy Schuch** 

Marines Serving at Camp Lejeune, N.C. Husband of Leah Schuch; son of Julie Schuch (Brownton) and Kim Schuch (Gaylord) Glencoe



**Jillian Schuch** 

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