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Glencoe, Silver Lake, GSL voters back new faces

Voters return Allen Robeck to at-large seat on city council

Glencoe and Silver Lake's city councils, along with the GSL School Board, will have some new faces on them after ballots from the Nov. 6 Election Day voting were counted.

The election displayed McLeod County voters' strong level of participation. Voters in the county participated at a level exceeding 71½ percent. Statewide, over 63.8 percent of the eligible voters cast ballots Nov. 6.

Glencoe

In Glencoe, Councilor Allen Robeck defeated Michael Drew for the councilor-at-large seat, 1,120 to 827.

Robeck, making his first re-election bid, won all four of the city's precincts. He was most closely challenged in the second precinct, where he edged Drew by 25 votes, 259 to 234.

Councilor John Schrupp was unopposed for re-election to the seat representing the second precinct. He received 423 votes. Paul Lemke was unopposed for the third precinct seat after Councilor Gary Ziemer opted against re-election. Lemke received 443 votes.

Silver Lake

In Silver Lake, the city council will have a new look. Dorothy "Dot" Butler defeated Mayor Bruce Bebo, 199 to 142. Newcomers Josh Winfrey won election with 218 votes. Chris Penaz won election with 169 votes. Incumbent Josh Mason fin-

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'Cats' enjoying solid opening weekend

GSL senior Molly Green, playing the role of "Jennyanydots" is center stage in the first half of the opening night of the high school's production of "Cats, the Musical" Thursday, Nov. 8. The play will be presented again this week, Nov. 15-17, 7 p.m., in the high school's auditorium.

Voters reject GSL School District's operating levy request

By John Mueller
Editor

Despite displays of support during a series of informational meetings and a dearth of organized opposition, voters rejected the Glencoe-Silver Lake School District's request for additional funding for operational expenses by a wide margin.

The measure failed Election Day (Nov. 6), 2,850 (56.55 percent) to 2,190 (43.45 percent). It failed in the school district's cities, 1,575 to 1,351, and failed in the townships, 1,275 to 839.

The results left Superintendent Chris Sonju disappointed. While the public informational meetings were sparsely attended, there was no overwhelming objection to the district's proposal stated before Nov. 6.

"I just really felt it was a good plan the district had," Sonju said. "We were truly asking for what we felt the district needed. I felt it was a very good deal for our taxpayers."

Along with the presentations at the

School district levy vote results

Cities	Yes	No
Biscay	11	30
Brownston	140	113
Plato	60	78
Silver Lake	148	180
New Auburn	36	98
Glencoe	956	1,076
Townships	839	1,275
Total	2,190	2,850

Source: Minnesota Secretary of State

informational meetings in each of the district's cities Sonju and business manager Michelle Sander conducted, the superintendent also presented the proposal at citizens' group meetings, coffee meetings, and to individuals, he said. Sonju also explained the proposal over the phone

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Woman contends her dog is not dangerous

By John Mueller,
Editor

Sarah Mallory is fighting the city for what she says is the right to keep her dog.

She's concerned a panel of council members might recommend to the full city council to declare her dog, "Indy," a potentially dangerous dog under the terms of a seldom-used city ordinance.

That designation means if Mallory is to keep Indy, she must obtain a \$50,000 surety bond to cover medical expenses should "Indy" bite anyone else.

But Mallory argues the designation will trigger her homeowner's insurance company to drop her coverage if she keeps a dangerous dog. The label stays with the dog, even if she gives him to another person in a different city. And more to the point, she contends Indy is not dangerous.

Indy is a mixed-breed dog she adopted in 2013. It weighs about 55 pounds and is about 31 inches tall at his head.

Mallory also takes issue with the way the Glencoe Police Department initially investigated the proposal and how the city handled the hearing.

A hearing was held Sept. 19. Witnesses who observed the July 5 bite recalled what they saw. The hearing panel included councilors Milan Alexander and Gary Ziemer and Al Gruenhagen, a citizen representative.

They reviewed the accounts of the July 5 incident as recalled by witnesses and the police report. Mallory presented a vet technician with 20 years of experience who does not believe Indy to be a dangerous dog.

Mallory claims the hearing was unfair in that City Attorney Kenneth Janssen ran the hearing while presenting evidence supporting the declaration her dog is dangerous and running the meeting.

City Administrator Mark Larson said the meeting should be run in that fashion. The city has only held one other similar hearing where a dog is deemed potentially dangerous.

A second hearing

With her complaints in mind, the city council granted Mallory a second hearing to make her case at the Nov. 5 council meeting. The date of the second hearing has not been formally announced when The Chronicle went to press.

Mallory suggested to the city council at its Nov. 5 meeting the panel didn't give her a fair hearing. She said the council member who was supposed to run the hearing was absent and so the city attorney ran the hearing and presented evidence against Mallory's dog. Mallory con-

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Chronicle photo by John Mueller

Rachael Meyer (left) and her mom, Cathy, are helping to organize a shoebox collection, packing and distribution from Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Glencoe.

'Operation Christmas Child' brings area youth together

By John Mueller
Editor

They see their work collecting, purchasing, packaging and wrapping small toys and personal care items in boxes for children who don't know these luxuries as a win-win. They get to enjoy the joy of helping children in need while sharing Christian fellowship with other area youth.

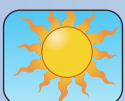
Rachael Meyer, a junior at GSL High School, and her mother, Cathy, represent Good Shepherd Lutheran

Church. The church on North Cedar Avenue is a local drop-off center for Operation Christmas Child. From Good Shepherd, shoeboxes will be sent to a centralized distribution center in Willmar. The shoeboxes will be filled with age-appropriate toys and personal-care items for girls and boys up to 14 years of age.

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Weather



Wed., 11-14
H: 40°, L: 28°



Thur., 11-15
H: 44°, L: 28°



Fri., 11-16
H: 26°, L: 13°



Sat., 11-17
H: 26°, L: 11°



Sun., 11-12
H: 29° L: 20°

Looking back: The recent snowfalls are a brutal reminder of what is to come. Temperatures trending well below average. Enjoy the warmup.

Date	Hi	Lo	Rn/Sn
Nov. 6	39	26	0.15 R
Nov. 7	29	20	Tr Sn

Nov. 8	26	19	0.5 Sn
Nov. 9	23	9	0.2 Sn
Nov. 10	20	4	0.2 Sn
Nov. 11	26	18	Tr Sn
Nov. 12	21	7	Tr Sn

Temperatures and precipitation compiled by Robert Thurn, Chronicle weather observer.

Chronicle News and Advertising Deadlines

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

Happenings

'Time with Me' Children's Club

"Time with Me" is an activity group for 2-, 3-, and 4-year-olds with their parent(s)/guardian(s). This year's theme is "Trusting God's Care for Us." There will be seven total sessions between now and April 30, 2019.

Come crawl through tunnels, sing, and make a roaring lion as we hear about Daniel and the Lion's Den. All community children are invited. Location is First Lutheran Church. Call Linda Donnay, 864-3317, for more information.

Legion Auxiliary meeting

The Glencoe American Legion Auxiliary will meet Nov. 19, 6:30 p.m., at the Glencoe Fire Station. All members are encouraged to attend.

Living nativity planning

Plans are currently underway for a living nativity in Glencoe's Oak Leaf Park Saturday, Dec 15, 5:30-7:30 p.m.

This will be a drive-through production featuring six scenes depicting the good news of Jesus' birth. If willing to volunteer with planning, please attend a 6 p.m. meeting on Tue, Nov 13, at Christ Lutheran Church.

Many more volunteer opportunities will be announced soon. For more info, contact Becky at 864-5522.

K of C paper drive

The Knights of Columbus will hold a paper drive Nov. 15-17 in the upper parking lot at St. Pius X Church in Glencoe.

The drive runs Thursday and Friday, 3 to 5:30 p.m., and Saturday, 8 a.m. to noon.

Proceeds from the drive go to the McLeod County Christmas program, food shelf, St. Pius X religious program, and St. Pius Parish.

Corrugated cardboard and box board are acceptable. They must be separated.

Poultry party in Plato

A "poultry party" will be held Nov. 16, 7 p.m., at the Plato Hall.

The event will include games, paddle wheel, door-prizes, bingo, and a cash bar. Hamburgers and soda pop will be available for a fee with proceeds going to St. Paul's United Church of Christ mission.

The event is sponsored by the Plato baseball club.

Glencoe seniors' meetings

The Glencoe Senior Citizens meet Tuesdays and Thursdays at 12:30 p.m. in the seniors room at the Glencoe City Center. Sheephead is played on Tuesdays, and both sheephead and 500 are played on Thursdays. All seniors over 55 are invited.

For more information, call 320-510-1551.

Study Club monthly meeting

The Glencoe Study Club will hold its November meeting at Christ Lutheran Church in Glencoe Monday, Nov. 19, 7 p.m., for an informational meeting on human trafficking and sexual exploitation in greater Minnesota.

This no-cost presentation will include information on efforts in greater Minnesota to fight human trafficking, prostitution and sexual exploitation. Mark Chadderdon, criminal investigator, will be the guest speaker.

The program is sponsored by the Glencoe Women's Study Group. Christ Lutheran is at 1820 Knight Ave. N.

Stewart Legion Aux. meeting

The Stewart American Legion Auxiliary will be meeting Nov. 19, 7 p.m., at the Stewart Community Center.

The group's agenda includes recognition of a 99th birthday, addresses by Girls' State delegates Kimberly Novotny, Tessa Cook, and Alissa Peterson, and reminder for December food shelf donations.

Mardette Trettin and Jamie Olson Gutierrez are hostesses for the meeting.

Historic preservation society

The Glencoe Historic Preservation Society will be meeting Tuesday, Nov. 20, 7 p.m., in the historic preservation room at Glencoe City Center, 719 13th St. E.

For more information, call Call Gloria at 864-4174.

Thanksgiving in Silver Lake

The Silver Lake Auditorium again will be the site for the 16th Annual Silver Lake Thanksgiving Dinner. This free dinner, hosted by the city and friends, will be open to those in the Silver Lake area who would like to enjoy a delicious home cooked meal and spend some time with others on this wonderful day.

Lunch will be served promptly at noon Thursday, Nov. 22. Organizers need to get an idea of how many people they may be serving so people planning to attend are asked to sign up ahead of time by calling the city at 320-327-2412 or Bruce/Deb at 320-327-3157 or stop by Silver Lake City Hall to sign up by Nov. 21.

Those needing transportation should call Mayor Bebo at 320-327-3157 by Nov. 20 to make arrangements to be picked up.

Community Thanksgiving

All are welcome to the annual community Thanksgiving dinner Thursday, Nov. 22, at noon, at First Congregational Church, 1400 Elliott Ave. N., Glencoe.

The no-cost dinner is sponsored by Glencoe area churches and Thrivent Financial. A free-will offering will be given to the local food shelf.

Please RSVP, if possible, by Nov. 14, to 320-864-3855.

To be included in this column, items for Happenings must be received in the Chronicle office no later than 5 p.m. on Monday of the week they are to be published. Items received after that will be published elsewhere in the newspaper as space permits. Happenings in Glencoe, Brownton, Stewart, Plato, New Auburn, Biscay and Silver Lake take priority over happenings elsewhere.

Lakeside students win Lions' 'Peace Poster' contest

Avril Kosek and Autumn Schuch, sixth-graders from GSL's Lakeside Elementary School, have won local Peace Poster competition sponsored by the Silver Lake Lions Club.

Savannah Bonderman and Rita Tkachenko earned second-place honors for their entries. The club sponsors two winners.

The posters Kosek and Schuch created are among more than 600,000 entries submitted worldwide in the 31st annual Lions' International Peace Poster Contest. This year's theme is "Kindness Matters." Their posters will now advance to round-two competition. The girls' entries will be judged against entries from many other local Peace Poster contests.

Lions Club International is sponsoring the contest to em-



Submitted photo

Sixth-graders at Lakeside Elementary School were honored for their entries in the Lions' Club Peace Poster contest. The honorees are (from left) Savannah Bonderman, Autumn Schuch, Avril Kosek and Rita Tkachenko.

phasize the importance of world peace to young people everywhere.

Previous international grand prize winners can be viewed online at www.lionsclub.org

Lions Clubs International is the world's largest service club organization with 1.4 million members in more than 47,000 clubs in more than 200 countries and geographic areas. In addition to

its efforts toward conquering blindness, the organization has made a strong commitment to community service and helping youth throughout the world.

Glencoe, area students earn college degrees

Area students were recently among the hundreds who received the academic degrees they'd worked on at Southwest Minnesota State University in Marshall.

Glencoe's Cassidy Marie Schrader and Michael Lee Haefs were awarded degrees after the summer session. Schrader

earned a bachelor's degree in educational studies. Christopher Frank Ross received a bachelor's degree in political science and Haefs received a master's degree in education.

Brownton's Breanna Hazel Ahlers earned a bachelor's degree in biology ed-

ucation and Korine Melanie Schuette received a bachelor's degree in elementary education.

Southwest Minnesota State University is a liberal arts university of 3,500 students and is a member of the Minnesota State University system.

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ished third in the race for two seats with 150 votes. Incumbent Ken Merrill did not seek re-election.

Many of the other city council races saw candidates and incumbents running without opposition.

Brownton

In Brownton, Mayor Norm Schwarze was unopposed for re-election. He received 222 votes. Douglas A. Block and Curt Carrigan were elected to the city council with 190 votes and 186 votes, respectively. They were unopposed. Jesse Messner was unopposed in a special Brownton City Council election. He received 230 votes.

Stewart

Voters in Stewart re-elected Jason Peirce to the mayor's post. He was unopposed and received 136 votes. James Eitel and Curt Glaeser both won election to the city council, receiving 126 and 121 votes, respectively.

Biscay

In Biscay, Mayor Thomas Urban was re-elected without opposition. He received 30 votes. Leroy Knoll and Donovan Dose were elected to the city council without opposition. Knoll received 30 votes and Dose had 29.

Plato

Plato voters elected unop-

posed Mayor Tracy Montgomery to the city council with 114 votes. Neil Engelmann and VeeAnn Wood were voted on to the city council. Engelmann finished with 117 votes and Wood received 95.

New Auburn

New Auburn voters elected Douglas Munsch as mayor. He received 121 votes and had no opposition. Roger Becker got 98 votes for city council and Barbara Schutte finished with 82. They were without opposition.

GSL School District

Director Jason Lindeman was re-elected to the Glencoe-Silver Lake School Board. He received 2,513 votes. Newcomers Jonathan Lemke received 2,358 and Alicia Luckhardt had 2,130 to win. Directors Anne Twiss and Clark Christianson did not seek re-election.

The other candidates for the three seats included Valarie Bandas with 1,880 votes, Andrea Janke with 1,848 and James Entinger with 889 votes.

The school district's request for an increase in the operating levy failed. There were 2,850 votes opposing the request and 2,190 votes in favor of the additional levy funding.

State races

In House District 18B, Glenn Gruenhagen, R-Glencoe, defeated DFLer Ashley

Latzke of Gaylord, 10,843 to 5,403. Gruenhagen defeated Latzke in McLeod County by better than 2 to 1, 6,626 to 3,104.

Voters in House District 18A returned Rep. Dean Urdahl, R-Grove City, to office. He defeated DFLer Justin Vold of Darwin, 11,884 to 4,269. Kyle Greene of Grove City received 650 votes and Libertarian Jill Galvan of Cosmos received 363 votes. Urdahl defeated Vold in the county, 3,276 to 1,546.

DFLer Tim Walz and running mate Peggy Flanagan defeated the GOP's Jeff Johnson/Donna Bergstrom, 1,393,057 to 1,097,700. The Johnson/Bergstrom ticket topped Walz/Flanagan in McLeod County, 9,065 to 5,241.

Federal races

The area's representative in the U.S House of Representatives, Rep. Collin Peterson C. Peterson, a Democrat, defeated Republican Dave Hughes, 146,649 to 134,651. McLeod County voters backed Hughes over Peterson, 8,290 to 6,545.

Incumbent U.S. Senator Amy Klobuchar, a Democrat, won re-election over Republican Jim Newberger, 1,566,015 to 940,454. Newberger won McLeod County over the incumbent, 7,684 to 6,825.

Results from the special election to fill the remainder of former Sen. Al Franken's term saw Democrat Tina Smith defeat Republican

Karin Housley, 1,370,375 to 1,095,777. Housley took the McLeod County vote, 8,948 to 5,235 over Smith.

County elections

In the soil & water conservation's second district race, Gary Templin of Glencoe defeated Roger V. Schultz of Glencoe, 6,636 to 5,577. Charles W. Matthews of rural Glencoe won the SWCD's first district seat without opposition. He received 12,088 votes.

Commissioner Doug Krueger of rural Glencoe was re-elected without opposition. He received 2,484 votes.

Commissioner Joe Nagel of Hutchinson was unchallenged. He won with 2,341 votes.

County Recorder Lynn Ette Schrupp won election without opposition. She received 12,303 votes.

County Sheriff Scott Rehmann was re-elected without opposition. He received 12,727 votes.

Michael Junge was re-elected county attorney without a challenge. Junge received 12,022 votes.

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Thank you to the voters of the 2nd District of McLeod County for your continued support. I look forward to doing my best for our citizens and communities over the next 4 years.

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State students top national average on ACTs

GSL students rebound

Minnesota students again topped the nation on the ACT college entrance exam. The state was first among the 19 states where 90 percent or more students took the college entrance exam, earning a composite score of 21.3.

Locally, Glencoe-Silver Lake students who took the test in 2018 rebounded, earning a slightly higher score than the previous year. GSL students who took the ACT in 2018 earned a composite score of 21.5, the highest score since 2016's composite score of 22.7, according to the Minnesota Department of Education. Scores from 2018 exams indicate that GSL students averaged 19.5 in English, 21.5 in math, 22.5 in reading, and 21.9 in science, according to the Minnesota Department of Education.

GSL students in 2017 earned a composite ACT score of 20.7. Their scores were 19.4 in English, 20.8 in math, 21.3 in reading, and 20.7 in science, according to the Minnesota Department of Education.

Nationally, 55 percent of 2018 graduates took the ACT, earning an average composite score of 20.8. Minnesota's overall score was down 0.2 points from 2017, but up slightly from 2016, when Minnesota first opened access to 17,000 additional students by providing the test to juniors in high schools statewide.

"Thousands of Minnesota students are showing us that they are graduating high school with the skills they need to be successful in their careers or college experiences," said Education Commissioner Brenda Cassellius. "It is our goal that students are well prepared for their next step in life, whether it is securing their first job or attending the college of their choice. Minnesotans should be very proud of their students, and the educators who are helping them succeed."

In 2018, 30 percent of Minnesota graduates met all four ACT college-readiness benchmarks, compared to 27 percent of students nationally, meaning they are likely prepared for the rigor of college-level coursework. Also in 2018, 28 percent of Minnesota students were

likely to attain the Gold ACT WorkKeys National Career Readiness Certificate or higher, compared to 26 percent nationally. Earning a gold certificate translates to having the skills for 93 percent of jobs from the ACT JobPro database, which has over 21,000 jobs profiled.

ACT's report also shows 27,188 of Minnesota's 2018 graduates taking the ACT at least twice had an average composite score of 23.7, which is 4.4 points higher than the 34,065 graduates who took the test only once. While Minnesota schools offer the ACT at no cost to students who are unable to pay, ACT also provides fee waivers to students who qualify for free or reduced-price meals, which would cover the cost for those wishing to take it again and better their score. Yet, more than a quarter (27 percent) of Minnesota students who qualified for fee waivers did not use them.

"In Minnesota, we have worked to eliminate barriers between our students and access to postsecondary education," Cassellius said.



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'American' degree

Kirsten Barott, a member of the Glencoe-Silver Lake FFA chapter, was recently awarded the American FFA Degree at the 91st National FFA Convention last month in Indianapolis. Each year, the National FFA Organization honors FFA members who show the utmost dedication to the organization through their desire to develop their potential for premier leadership, personal growth and career success through agricultural education.

President signs Klobuchar's 'opioid epidemic' bill into law

President Donald Trump recently signed Sen. Amy Klobuchar's Synthetic Abuse and Labeling of Toxic Substances (SALTS) Act, Synthetics Trafficking & Overdose Prevention (STOP) Act, and Eliminating Kickbacks in Recovery Act into law as part of a larger piece of bipartisan legislation to address the opioid epidemic.

The acts authored by the Minnesota Democrat are part of the Substance Use-Disorder Prevention that Promotes Opioid Recovery and Treatment (SUPPORT) for Patients and Communities Act. The SALTS Act, which Klobuchar introduced with

GOP Sen. Lindsey Graham of South Carolina, will make it easier to prosecute the sale and distribution of so-called analogue drugs, which are synthetic substances that are substantially similar to illegal drugs.

The STOP Act, which Klobuchar introduced with Republican Sen. Rob Portman of Ohio, is intended to help stop dangerous synthetic drugs like fentanyl and carfentanil from being shipped through U.S. borders to drug traffickers in the United States. The Kickbacks in Recovery Act, which Klobuchar introduced with GOP Sen. Marco Rubio of Florida, is designed to help

crack down on health care facilities or providers that try to game the system to take advantage of vulnerable patients.

"Every day, families across Minnesota and the country lose loved ones to the opioid epidemic," Klobuchar said in a press release. "These bills will help crack down on the sale of analogue drugs, stem the flow of synthetic drugs crossing our borders in the mail, and protect patients seeking treatment from being scammed. By signing this bipartisan legislation into law, fewer families will have to experience the devastating effects of addiction."

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to individual callers. The district also sent out literature to households

"I'm saddened by the result of the referendum election results. I know in my heart that the results are not a true picture of the support our students and staff have in this school district," said Director Jamie Alsleben, chairman of the GSL School Board. "We are a healthy and strong district and need the support of the taxpayers to continue to maintain all that we have successfully provided for our students in the past, are providing in the present and hope to provide in the future."

Alsleben was pleased with the high voter turnout – just over 71½ percent – and said the high rate of participation gives voters a say in the future of the school district. He's uncertain if the high turnout played a part in the outcome.

"People vote their pocketbooks and we know that people's pocketbooks continue to be stretched. The district is competing with city and county projects that are tapping in to people's income in the form of taxes," Alsleben said. "We are currently the only public entity that asks the taxpayers for support in the form of a referendum verses just raising their taxes to meet the identified needs. If people were asked to prioritize how they would want their taxes spent, some would say they wouldn't want to spend a penny or limit their pennies per project. Other people would prioritize education well above other entities' identified needs. That's the playing field as it stands. We're doing our best as a district to provide educational opportunities that allow our students to compete with their peers in the future."

The plan was designed to maintain services and programs for students, maintain the district's fund balance above 20 percent of annual operating expenses, and provide enough locally generated funding to take full advantage of state aid.

The district was asking for the bump in additional levy revenue a year before the existing levy authority was to lapse, Sonju said. It last passed a levy request in 2011. The request, had it been approved, would have gone into effect July 1, 2020. The district will ask voters again next year for the additional levy authority, he said.

But along with another levy cut, the district expects it will create a list of possible spending cuts to maintain the policy-mandated 20 percent fund balance in case voters again decline a request, Sonju said.

"The board needs this understanding from the public as we seek information as we seek answers to additional questions and ultimately arrive at decisions moving forward," Alsleben said. "We are not a district in trouble and the place isn't burning to the ground. As a board, we make numerous decisions based on discussion and information, sometimes with the fear of misinterpretation by the public."

Sonju said the school board will discuss the proposal after its new members – Alicia Luckhardt and Jonathan Lemke, and re-elected director Jason Lindeman – are seated. Those discussions will also include talks on what programs might be reduced or eliminated should voters decline to pass a similar or identical request next year.

"Between now and the next

attempt at passing a renewal, we will need all hands on deck," Alsleben said. "We will continue to be available to answer questions, be transparent in our decisions and thoughtful in our deliberations. We need the public to become engaged and seek out answers to their questions. We ask that the public give consideration to the increased value of a strong educational system and what it positively means to their property values and health of the communities in our district."

The school district also needs to make a more convincing case to voters, though Sonju admits it's difficult to convince people opposed to a tax increase to vote in favor of one.

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Christmas Child

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The church will host a packing party Sunday, Nov. 18, at 6:30 p.m. Other youth from First Evangelical Lutheran in Glencoe and St. Paul's in Lester Prairie will join their counterparts from Good Shepherd. They'll have about 40 children working to pack shoeboxes. Good Shepherd's goal this year is 200 shoeboxes from the congregation, said Cathy Meyer, the church's secretary. Last year, about 179 shoeboxes were donated. In 2016, 121 shoeboxes for children abroad were donated.

The shoeboxes will leave Glencoe for Willmar Nov. 19. The goal for the Willmar distribution facility area is to have 6,560 shoeboxes move to a larger distribution area in Lakeville where they will begin the journey to any of

100-plus countries.

About 10 years

Good Shepherd has been participating in Operation Christmas Child for about a decade. The church didn't participate last year. The congregation was in the process of calling a new pastor, the elder Meyer said. Three years ago, Good Shepherd became a local collection site.

"Anybody can drop off a shoebox," Cathy Meyer said.

It is collecting shoeboxes during two- and four-hour spans through Monday, Nov. 19 before the boxes are shipped off to Willmar.

The items from the three congregations will include fun things like an inflatable ball and pump, a small toy and

craft accessories, clothing and even a note and photo of the donor. A copy of "The Greatest Journey," a book promoting discipleship will also be included in the shoebox.

"It's just a great experience to help kids you know are in need," Rachael Meyer said.

Candy, gum, fruit juices and powdered drink mixes are prohibited.

Churches participating in Operation Christmas Child will accept individual items donated for packing into shoeboxes. Thanks to a donation of two \$250 gift cards from Thrivent Financial, Cathy Meyer has the chance to go shopping for gift items and packing supplies before the packing party. She plans to focus her gift choices on the older children, especially the

boys who oftentimes are overlooked, she said.

A few years back, Meyer's husband, Michael and their son packed Legos, homemade bobbers and tackle.

The boxes cost \$9 to ship overseas. Thanks to donations, the boxes will be shipped even if the \$9 fee is not paid, Cathy Meyer said.

Working on the project is a Christ-center activity that brings happiness to the youth, Cathy Meyer said. The packing project is one of the more popular activities with church youth.

"They don't have to be here and they do it," she said. I think they get a lot of joy out of it."

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tends the city attorney also prohibited her from offering evidence from a person trained in animal behavior that Indy is not a dangerous dog.

Mayor Randy Wilson selected new council members to serve on a second review panel. He also promised to personally attend the review hearing. Wilson made no promises on how councilors would vote and noted the safety of a child is more important than a dog.

According to a letter from City Attorney Kenneth Janssen to City Administrator Mark Larson dated Oct. 31, the issue dates back to July when Indy bit a boy living on the 2000 block of East 15th Street, not far from Mallory's house, on the arm July 2.

Three days later, July 5, the dog bit the boy again, this

time biting him on the face and breaking his skin in three places.

According to Mallory, Indy bit the boy July 2 when the boy entered her house unannounced and without approval. She was in a room downstairs. Mallory said the dog did not break the boy's skin and the dog retreated when called. Police responded to a report of the dog bite.

The July 5 incident occurred when the boy came to Mallory's house, this time with Mallory's approval. The bite occurred when the boy hugged Indy around the neck while the dog was sitting by Mallory's feet. The dog was wearing a shock collar with ¾-inch metal prongs. The boy hugged the dog around the neck. She contends the shock collar's prongs were pushed



"Indy"

into the dog's neck and the dog having no escape route, bit the child in self-defense.

Mallory and her boyfriend, Brian Lewis, told the city council at its Nov. 5 meeting they covered the boy's medical expenses from the bites to his face. They paid for band-

ages applied to the boy's face and a follow-up visit.

Mallory also takes issue with the police report. She contends Glencoe police did not audio record the initial interview with the boy the first time he was bitten and that the boy's story changed between his initial conversation with a police officer the first week of July and the hearing.

The boy's mother, who attended the Nov. 5 city council meeting, declined comment on the matter. Glencoe Police Chief Jim Raiter declined comment on Mallory's assertions, citing the ongoing process. City attorneys Janssen and Mark Ostlund did not return calls seeking comment.

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The people have spoken

Our view: What do you want your school district to be?

The Glencoe-Silver Lake School District asked its residents for an increase in operating revenue. We recommended voters approve it. Nov. 6, they decided otherwise.

In a democracy, that is their right.

But with that right comes responsibility. Leaders in the district say they aren't 100 percent certain why the request for an increase in operating funds was rejected. They could collect opinions and formulate an educated guess.

Heading into Election Day, the feedback GSL School District Superintendent Chris Sonju received from residents was overwhelmingly positive. The few people who showed up for public meetings were supportive. There was no one insisting the district tighten its belt, no organized group of residents reportedly calling for reduction of spending.

It's easy to offer those types of suggestions over coffee with friends and anonymously via social media. Such comments are neither helpful, respectful or productive.

Residents in a free society have an obligation to be all those things and more.

You're either part of the solution or part of the problem. GSL receives as little or less per-student aid from taxpayers as any district in the region.

What do you want your school district to be?

A sage Glencoe resident recently said residents of the GSL school district don't do well when it comes to supporting the district until they have a gun to their head. It's a brutal metaphor. Is it true?

The last operating levy renewal in 2011 took multiple attempts to pass.

The district has a right to ask its residents this question: What do you want?

Do residents want a school district that is progressive, moving forward, preparing children to be successful in the next chapter of life, a district that attracts students and additional state aid? Do they want a district where students leave for area schools and take with them the state aid they generate? Do they want a school district where the best teachers leave for jobs elsewhere, better paying jobs in districts that support the district?

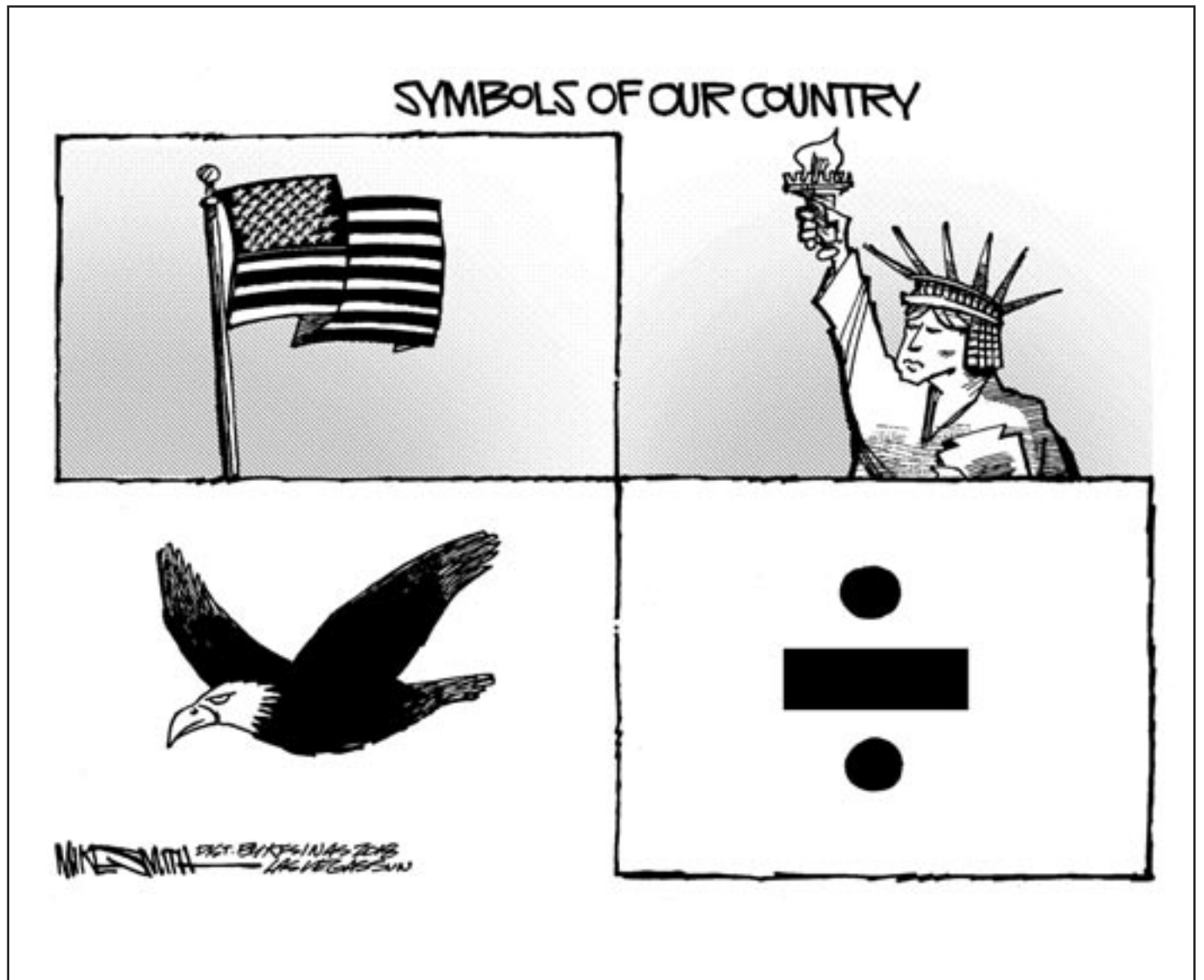
Sonju said the referendum was intended to maintain existing programming, protect a 20-percent fund balance threshold and take advantage of additional state aid. The voters decision means the district won't receive the additional \$63,000 in state aid that would have come with the infusion of local dollars.

During the candidates' forum in Glencoe, a great deal of concern was pointed at the school board spending down its fund balance. It is now at about 23 percent, just over the board's policy 20 percent target.

The school district will likely offer another referendum next fall, once again asking voters to approve a slight increase in funding. To be fiscally responsible, the school district will have to have in hand plans to cut programs in 2019-2020 should voters once again decline the request.

Hopefully, the district will be able to make a case more people will heed.

- jm



Letter to the Editor

To the editor,

On behalf of all of us at GSL, I would like to say thank you to all that came out to vote this past Election Day. While we are disappointed in the results, we must continue to move forward and continue to provide a great educational experience for our students. The district will have another opportunity to pass the operating levy in the fall of 2019 before the current one expires.

This operating levy is critical in maintaining our programs, maintaining our fund balance policy, and to maximize the state aid component of this levy. The

district will determine the necessary steps in the weeks and months ahead. In the meantime, I welcome your input and would be happy to answer any questions that you may have. I can be reached by email at csonju@gsl.k12.mn.us or at 320-864-2498.

I would also like to take this opportunity to congratulate all of the candidates that ran for school board. Your commitment to public service is to be commended. A special congratulations to Jon Lemke, Jason Lindeman, and Alicia Luchhardt for being elected to the school board.

I am still taking emails from our citizens who want to be on the District Stakeholders Group. Please send me an email if you are interested in getting updates on what is happening at the school.

Finally, if you haven't had a chance to see the GSL school musical 'CATS,' please take the time to go. Shows are Thursday, Friday, and Saturday at 7 p.m. in the high school auditorium. It is an amazing show.

Chris Sonju,
GSL School District
superintendent



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Question of the week

If you want better roads, how should we pay for them?

- 1) Local-option 1/2-percent sales tax hike.
- 2) Moderate increase in gas tax.
- 3) They should be paid for from state's general fund.
- 4) Who cares, the roads are just fine.

Results for most recent question:

What's your weather preference for the coming winter?

- 1) Relatively warm temps with plenty of snow - 36%
 - 2) I'll take bone-chilling cold with very little snow - 19%
 - 3) A nice mix of both would be OK - 36%
 - 4) Who cares, I'm a snowbird - 10%
- 42 votes.

Next poll runs Nov. 14-20.

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Steven's Seminary Foundation signs \$100k check

Superintendent Chris Sonju (left) receives a hefty check from the Stevens Seminary Foundation, headed by Michelle Mackenthun, Kathy Olson, Cindy Ford and

Mike Gavin. The funding will be used for acquiring new speakers and microphones in the GSL auditorium.

History

From the Brownton Bulletin archives

100 Years Ago

Nov. 14, 1918
O.C. Conrad, Editor

The premature report of peace overtures that reached here last Thursday shortly after noon threw the village into a wild state of excitement and it required only a very few minutes to get the fire and all the church bells into action proclaiming to the world that hostilities had ceased, bringing to a close the greatest war the world has ever known. The celebration was continued until the evening mail was received when it was learned that the climax had not been reached, but all indications pointed to the fact that it would be a matter of a very few days. Early Monday morning our citizens were aroused from their slumbers by the clanging of the bells and fire whistle bringing all to a realization that the struggle for supremacy had ceased and that the German peace envoys had submitted to utter defeat and that the entire Empire is thrown upon the mercy of the allied arms. During the day the village was rather quiet—in fact too quiet—and business was carried on as usual, but early in the evening the scene changed and there was no limit to the celebration that was carried on during the great part of the night. Citizens—men, women and children—were out in full force and the Concert Band headed the procession that paraded the principal streets of the village. Old Glory was in evidence everywhere and good natured and happy throng cheered, sang and marched as never before and the night was one long to be remembered.

75 Years Ago

Nov. 11, 1943
Milton D. Hakel, Editor

On Friday noon of last week, Mr. and Mrs. Herman J. Selle of Brownton, were notified that their son, Pvt. Granville E. Selle was a prisoner of war. The War Dept. telegram bringing the news came a week after a preliminary notice had listed him as missing in action in Italy since September 19. The wire read as follows: "The commanding general North African area reports that your son Private Granville E. Selle who was previously reported missing in action was captured by the enemy. Mail address can not be furnished until confirmation of capture is received through the International Red Cross. If additional information is received you will be promptly notified."

50 Years Ago

Nov. 14, 1968
Charles H. Warner, Editor

As their Christmas project, members of the Brownton Women's Club are going to send Christmas greeting cards to the servicemen in Vietnam. Enclose a personal message in as many cards as you would care to send. Sign each card and put your name and return address in the usual place on the envelope. Address each envelope "To a Fellow American." Please bring the cards to the Charles Warner home, the Bulletin office or the Wagner Pharmacy no later than Nov. 19. All cards will then be sent together to VIETNAM MAIL CALL, in Georgia and from there to the servicemen. Do not put stamps on the envelope

as the postage will be paid by the Women's Club.

Buster West had a great day Saturday as Gustavus Adolphus finished its season with a 9-1 record and copped the conference title for the second season in a row. Saturday the Golden Gusties defeated Western Illinois and all Buster did was intercept FIVE passes (he had another interception but it was ruled interference), return all the punts and kickoffs and break up several other plays.

20 Years Ago

Nov. 11, 1998
Lori Copler, Editor

The Stewart City Council awarded city employees pay increases at its meeting Monday night. On a 3-2 vote, the council approved a motion by Mayor Kevin Klucas to increase each employee's hourly wage by 25 cents an hour as of Jan. 1. In addition, Klucas proposed modifying the current wage scale. To update the wage scale, which was adopted several years ago, Klucas proposed dropping the first step of the scale. Instead, the second step will now be the starting step of the scale. A new ninth step will be added on to the high end of the scale. Employees will qualify for step increases on their anniversary dates, providing they have satisfactory evaluations. Council members Dan Kirchoff and Kevin McDonald voted against the proposal. Kirchoff said he would like to see employee wages at a higher scale. "I stand by what I said last month," said Kirchoff. "We need to pay our employees a competitive wage."

From the Stewart Tribune archives

100 Years Ago

Nov. 15, 1918
Lester Koeppen, Editor

Letters from Hawes: I got some letters today and surely was glad to get them. The Germans have not got a chance any more and they never will get the best of the Yanks. This country is made for fighting—hills and trees. It was a beautiful country before the war but the big shells have ruined it. I have had hundreds of these shells sail over my head. Once I was in a dugout and one hit right on top of the bank and covered two of us. I sure beat it right out of the place. Do not notice the shells much now but I will never forget the first one I heard coming at me. I did not know which way to turn. I jumped around like a rabbit with a dog after it and would like to see a movie of myself. I bet I would die but it doesn't make one laugh at the time. You look for a hole and pretty quick, too. They do not scare me now unless "Old Jerry" gets too wild. As soon as he sends one over there are ten to go back at him. He is afraid that the Yanks will get his range and blow up his guns. "Old Jerry" doesn't like the Yanks any better than they like him. Do not send me any tobacco because we get all we want and then some. You said Dad had nice corn this year—I am surely glad of that because food will help with the "Dutch."

eedingly liberal with their children, and John and Mary who were required to be at home at what may be termed a reasonable hour in the evening felt the restriction too exacting, when other boys and girls roamed the streets until they disposed to "call it a day." What effect the new ordinance will have on school grades is a matter of conjecture, but it is certain it will bring about an earlier-to-bed hour that will prove beneficial to John and Mary both physically and mentally. It is reasonable to presume that parents have the welfare of their children at heart, and want them to have all the fun and liberty possible in their 'teen age, but unquestionably, they realize that to let them loaf about town to a late hour can bode no good. The city council is to be commended for the passage of this curfew, and if parents will co-operate in its enforcement, their children will benefit—and police officers will not have to remind John and Mary that "it's time to go home."

60 Years Ago

Nov. 13, 1958
Kermit T. Hubin, Editor

Stewart high school basketball hopefuls began practice drills on Monday. The Gophers have seven lettermen returning from a squad that won six of eighteen games. Approximately thirty boys turned out for the initial practice with several new boys showing good promise. Two lettermen are somewhat cripple due to football injuries, but as of now they should be able to see at least part-time duty in the opener against Lester Prairie next Friday. The boys are co-captains Ed Kirchoff and Dennis Lade. The squad will be cut to approximately eighteen tomorrow which is about the maximum amount

that the limited facilities at the school will permit.

50 Years Ago

Nov. 14, 1968
Kermit T. Hubin, Editor

Tom McGraw, proprietor of Standard Service Center in Stewart received national publicity recently, when a story on his operations appeared in the November issue of Farm Store Merchandising, which is circulated nationally. Tom is featured on the front cover of the magazine in full color shown standing beside one of his large trucks used in his spraying operation. In an article, entitled, "Sprayer Specialist", Dan Garcia, managing editor of the magazine, tells of Tom's operation in the custom spraying and gas business. In the article Garcia describes Tom as follows: "He overwhelms you with his enthusiasm and bowls you over with his energy. It's like watching a 110 volt electric shaver surge with a 400 volt charge, except that his motor never seems to burn out, it merely adjusts to the situation and forges ahead". It tells of successful Stewart Farm Progress Days, which Tom arranged and carried out, showing the results of proper herbicides and insecticide applications and micronutrient leaf feeding in corn and soybeans. The Progress Days attract over 300 area farmers to Stewart.

The senior class enjoyed fine crowds at their presentation of "Lock, Stock and Lipstick", given at the H.S. Auditorium last Thursday and Friday evenings. The production was well cast, and was thoroughly enjoyed by the elementary school Wednesday afternoon and adult audiences in the evenings. The production was under the direction of Mr. Jesse Jaeger.

From the Silver Lake Leader archives

75 Years Ago

Nov. 13, 1943
Delbert Merrill, Publisher

Dear Brother James, I must write you a few lines and tell you where I am, as I am not in Washington any more. We were shipped out of there to Topeka. Last Monday morning we went on the train and it took us two nights and three days to get here. I sure saw a lot of country coming out here that I would not live in if I had to. Montana is sure a bad state as it is all mountains and dry. But they have a lot of cattle there, most of them white face. Wyoming is the worse state that I saw. No town for miles and when you come to one, it is just a one-horse town anyway. And mountains, that's all there is. One of the nicest things I saw in Wyoming is the devil tower. That is the one that man jumped from the airplane and landed on top of it. If you remember that time they had the papers full of it. We also went through part of South Dakota, part of the Black Hills, and that is sure a bad place too. I saw what the dust storms did that time. No wonder we had it so dusty out there. It sure made big holes in the ground. Some of them could be 20 feet deep. The best state I saw was Nebraska. They have acres of corn and lots of fat hogs. When you write, write to this address. Will close for this time. So good bye and good luck. Your brother, Frank.

60 Years Ago

Nov. 13, 1958
Wilbert Merrill, Publisher

James Yurek Jr., 29, was named Silver Lake's new Chief of Police at a special meeting of the Village Council last Friday evening. Chief Yurek, married and the couple has one child, will assume full time duties be-

ginning this Friday night. Chief Yurek will be on call, of course at times need, will travel regular patrol six nights a week from 7 p.m. to 4 a.m. Relief duty and special police duty finds the two regular deputies continuing in their present positions, John Sustacek and Ben Radtke.

The Junior Class of the Silver Lake High School will present the comedy hit "Room for One More" this Friday evening at the Public School Auditorium. Curtain time is eight o'clock. The entire cast and their director, Mr. Peik, have labored hard long to bring you another sure fire comedy hit and they cordially invite you to attend this evening's performance.

25 Years Ago

Nov. 11, 1993
Ken and Dorothy Merrill, Publishers

Allegations have been filed against two former Silver Lake Catholic priests of sexual misconduct. The allegations have been filed against Father Schliesman and Father Skoblik. The allegations, which have been received by the Diocese of New Ulm, have been forwarded to their attorney and were also a subject of special meetings with the parishes where the allegations occurred. The accusation against Father Skoblik was during the time he was pastor at St. Joseph's Church concerning his conduct some thirteen to seventeen years ago with a grade school aged boy. Members of the diocese conducted a special meeting for the newly formed Holy Family Catholic Church members in Silver Lake. The meeting was held by a pastoral team consisting of Father George Schmit, Vicar General; Father Dennis Labat, Chancellor; Gene Burke, Bishop's Delegate; Sister Dorothy Schwedinger, Coordina-

tor of Staff; and Paula Marti, Director of Communications. The purpose of the meeting was to express pastoral concern for the members and to explain the procedure implemented by the Diocesan policy concerning such accusations. The Diocesan plan for meeting such accusations was explained and questions, which the parishioners had, were also answered by the team. Over 350 parishioners attended the meeting at Holy Family Church and 70 parishioners attended the meeting at Holy Trinity Church in Winsted.

10 Years Ago

Nov. 13, 2008
Ken and Dorothy Merrill, Publishers

19,124 voters turned out in McLeod County last week Tuesday for the General Election a 91% turn out. Results for President, U.S. Senate, and State Representative the numbers were overwhelmingly favoring the Republican races. Registered voters at the start of the Election Day totaled 21,003. 10,993 votes were cast for candidate McCain and 7,505 for Obama were recorded for President in McLeod County. While the state is in a full recount of the U.S. Senate race in a very close race, in McLeod County the results were Coleman receiving 9,092 votes, Franken 5,494, and Barkley 4,147. Democrat Collin Peterson, incumbent U.S. Representative, received 10,396 votes. His opponent Glen Menze received 7,765. Ron Shimanski, current State Representative from District 18A, received 11,707 votes and Eric Angvall 6,818. The Secretary of State reported 12,312 votes were cast for Shimanski and 7,122 for Angvall. The results will become official after the state canvassing board meets later this month.

From the Chronicle archives

30 Years Ago

Nov. 16, 1988
Bill Ramige, Editor

Several area school districts have shown interest in a proposal by the Glencoe School District to enter into program sharing agreements with them. Glencoe school board and Superintendent Jack Noening met with members of the Silver Lake board and meetings have been planned with Arlington, Norwood-Young America and Brownton. Brownton already has a sharing agreement with Glencoe.

Glencoe police officers now will be able to ticket drivers on the Glencoe High School grounds. The school board Monday evening passed a resolution authorizing and requesting the police to patrol district parking lots, grounds and access roads, and to enforce local parking ordinances and speed limit laws on school property during regular school hours and school activities.

Glencoe's FFA Chapter was one of four state chapters to receive the 1988 National Building Our Area Communities Bronze

Chapter Award at the National FFA Convention in Kansas City, MO. The award was for the construction of a bridge and trails in the school's outdoor classroom located east of the Glencoe High School.

20 Years Ago

Nov. 18, 1998
Rich Glennie, Editor

A study of Glencoe's outdoor swimming pool indicates that the pool has "soft spots" and the "life span of the pool is very short." Council members were told that to replace the shell of the pool would cost up to \$300,000, while a new pool could cost a minimum of \$500,000. The dilemma is which way to go.

The Streich family received a plaque this year in recognition of their century farm. The Streich farm, six miles north of Stewart, was brought into the family in 1898 by Robert Streich's grandfather, Ernest Streich.

Joel Ide of Glencoe bowled a perfect 300 game last week at Pla-Mor Lanes. This was his second 300 game at the bowling

alley. He bowled his first one last October.

10 Years Ago

Nov. 12, 2008
Rich Glennie, Editor

What a difference a few days makes as the area undergoes its annual transition from late fall to early winter. Early last week with corn harvest in progress the temperatures were in the 60's and 70's, but by Friday the area was covered in wet, heavy snow as temperatures struggled to stay in the 30's for highs.

Over 200 guests were in attendance at the Glencoe Area Chamber of Commerce's Seasonal Sampler event at the Pla-Mor Ballroom. The participants had opportunities to sample various holiday food and beverages.

Fans were bundled up Friday night when the Glencoe-Silver Lake Panthers captured a spot in the State Class 3A football quarterfinals with a 42-6 victory over LeSeur Henderson. The two-time defending Class 3A champions are looking to make it to the finals again and a shot at a "three-peat."

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Obituaries

David W. Wagner, 80, of New Auburn

David Willmer Wagner, 80, of New Auburn, Minnesota, passed away Wednesday, Nov. 7, at his home in New Auburn.



David Wagner

Memorial services were held Saturday, Nov. 10, 11 a.m., at Immanuel Evangelical Lutheran Church in New Auburn, with interment at a later date in Oakland Cemetery in Hutchinson.

Pastor Keith Ainsley was the officiating clergy.

Kara Scholla was the organist. "Amazing Grace," "What a Friend We Have in Jesus," and "On Eagle's Wings" were the congregational hymns.

David Willmer Wagner was born July 8, 1938, at his grandparent's farm in Winthrop. He was the son of Henry and Regina (Schuette) Wagner. Mr. Wagner was baptized as an infant July 31, 1938, by Rev. Kowalski at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Stewart and later confirmed in his faith as a youth April 6, 1952, by Rev. A. Schira at Peace Lutheran Church in Winthrop. He received his education in Winthrop, graduating with the Winthrop High School Class of 1957.

On April 29, 1967, David was united in marriage to Marjorie Pomplun by Rev.

Walther Kallestad at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Gaylord. David and Marjorie made their home in rural Brownton and New Auburn. Their life was blessed with three children, Jonathan, Jeannine and Daniel. David and Marjorie shared over 51 years of marriage.

Mr. Wagner was a farmer and later worked as a mechanic for Uecker Implement and Big Stone Canning Company, retiring in 1998. He was a member of Immanuel Evangelical Lutheran Church in New Auburn. Mr. Wagner also was a former member of New Auburn Lions and the New Auburn Fire Department.

Mr. Wagner enjoyed hunting, fishing and his favorite activity, camping. He loved spending time with his friends and family, especially his grandchildren. In the later years he especially enjoyed the antics of Jack and Ace, the furry members of the family. The last couple of months, he got great joy out of scooting around town on his mobility scooter.

Mr. Wagner passed away peacefully in his sleep Wednesday, Nov. 7 at his home in New Auburn at the age of 80 years, 3 months and 30 days. Blessed be his memory.

David is survived by his wife, Marjorie Wagner, of New Auburn; children, Jonathan Wagner of New

Auburn, Jeannine Loncorich and her husband, Matt, of New Auburn, and Daniel Wagner and his wife, Sheryl, of Apple Valley; grandchildren, Haylee Loncorich and her fiancé, Adam, of New Auburn, Rachel Loncorich and her special friend, Matt, of New Auburn; step-grandchildren, Jenna Saunders of Burnsville, Jenna Saunders of Minneapolis, Shane Saunders of Apple Valley, Devynn Saunders of Apple Valley; brother, Darwin Wagner and his wife, Mavis, of Brown-ton; sisters-in-law, Doris Petzel, Linda (Gary) Hahn, LuAnn (Rodney) Lind; brothers-in-law, Melvin (Pat) Pomplun, Roger (Geraldine) Pomplun, Earl (Betty) Pomplun, Richard (Sharon) Pomplun, Donald Pomplun, Steve Pomplun; nephews, nieces, other relatives and many friends.

Mr. Wagner was preceded in death by his parents, Henry and Regina Wagner; father-in-law and mother-in-law, Edward and Ella Pomplun; brother-in-law, Earl Petzel; and sister-in-law, Luanne Pomplun.

The Johnson-McBride Funeral Chapel of Glencoe handled the arrangements. Obituaries and a guest book are available at www.mcbridechapel.com and visitors can click on obituaries/guest book.

Michael Wendlandt, 69, of Stewart

Michael Wendlandt age 69, of Stewart, passed away Sunday, Nov. 4, at Mayo Clinic Hospital-Rochester, St. Mary's Cam-



Michael Wendlandt

pus in Rochester. A memorial service was held Thursday, Nov. 8, 11 a.m., at Christ Lutheran Church in Glencoe, with interment in Evergreen Cemetery in Boon Lake Township, Renville County.

Pastor Katherine Rood was the officiating clergy.

Twyla Kirkeby was the organist. "Amazing Grace," and "On Eagles Wings" were the congregational hymns.

Tara Severson delivered the eulogy.

Erin Abbott and Jason Abbott were the urn-bearers. Hutchinson Memorial Rifle Squad provided military honors.

Michael C. Wendlandt was born Aug. 23, 1949, in New Ulm. He was the son of Raymond and Lena (Riebe) Wendlandt. Mr. Wendlandt was baptized as an infant, and was confirmed in his faith as a youth, both at St. Paul's

Lutheran Church in Stewart. He was a graduate of the Stewart High School Class of 1968.

Mr. Wendlandt entered active military service in the United States Army Feb. 26, 1969, and served his country during the Vietnam War. He received the National Defense Service Medal, Good Conduct Medal, Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal W/60, Vietnam Service Medal, and two Overseas Bars. Mr. Wendlandt received honorable discharge Sept. 23, 1971, at Camp McCoy, Wis., and achieved the rank of SP4.

On July 25, 1973, Michael was united in marriage to JoAnn Wendlandt at Christ Lutheran Church in Glencoe. This marriage was blessed with three children, Erin, Laura and Michaela. He and JoAnn resided in rural Stewart. They shared 45 years of marriage.

Mr. Wendlandt had a passion for farming in Boon Lake Township. He was a past commander for VFW - Post 906 Charles McLaughlin in Hutchinson. He was also a member of Christ Lutheran Church in Glencoe.

Mr. Wendlandt was an avid outdoorsman. He enjoyed fishing, camping, hunting,

and golfing. He had a special talent for woodworking. Mr. Wendlandt especially enjoyed taking road trips with his family and friends. He was also a Les Kouba fan and collected his prints.

Blessed be his memory. Mr. Wendlandt is survived by his loving wife, JoAnn Wendlandt of Stewart; children, Erin Abbott and her husband, Jason, of Big Lake, Laura Schmidt and her husband, Jake, of Anoka, Michaela Wendlandt, of Luverne; grandchildren, Brendan McKenna, Shannon McKenna, Jordan Abbott, James Wendlandt, William Schmidt, Haleigh Schmidt; sister, Noreen Curry and her husband, Dennis, of St. James; brother, Calvin Wendlandt and his wife, Lois of Dubuque; mother-in-law, LaDonna Oberlin; nieces, nephews, other relatives, and friends.

Mr. Wendlandt is preceded in death by his parents, Raymond and Lena Wendlandt; sister, Elvera Trettin; father-in-law, Laurence Oberlin.

Arrangements were handled by the Dobratz-Hantge Chapels in Hutchinson. Online obituaries and guest book is available at www.hantge.com

Verdie Ellingson, 94, of Moorhead

Verdie Leroy Ellingson was born July 18, 1924, in Montevideo, to Jens and Ragna (Olson) Ellingson. He was baptized and confirmed at Mandt Lutheran Church. Mr. Ellingson attended rural school in Chippewa County through eighth grade and then Milan High School, graduating in 1942. He helped operate the family farm until he was drafted into the U.S. Army. Mr. Ellingson served with the occupation forces in Korea in 1946 and 1947.



Verdie Ellingson

Following his return, Mr. Ellingson attended Luther College, Decorah, Iowa, where he graduated with a bachelor of arts degree in 1950. In 1954, he earned a master's degree in school administration at the University of Montana, Missoula. He received additional education at the University of Minnesota and Columbia University in New York.

Mr. Ellingson began his career in education in 1950, as a teacher in Elkton. On June 15, 1952, he married Norma Retrum of Benson, and they moved to Austin. He continued teaching and served as principal at Elkton High School. In 1955, he became superintendent of schools. Mr. Ellingson and Norma moved to Sacred Heart in 1958, and to Glencoe in 1965, when he accepted positions as superintendent in those school districts. Mr. Ellingson finished his career, working for Horace Mann Insurance in Moorhead for six years. The following year, he supervised student teachers at Concordia College and Moorhead State University before retiring in 1989.

Mr. Ellingson was an active member of several professional organizations, main-

taining lifetime memberships in the National Education Association and both the Minnesota and American Association for School Administrators. He served four years on the Minnesota State High School League Board and after his retirement, served on the board of Retired Educators of Minnesota. Mr. Ellingson enjoyed his many years as an educator and liked to tell his grandchildren he had "gone to school" for 60 years. He was a lifelong learner, including Bible study classes, book clubs and studying the Norwegian language. He started piano lessons at age 67. One of his greatest pastimes was reading, especially history.

Living out his faith and participating in church activities was always important to Mr. Ellingson, from teaching Sunday school and singing in the church choir, to serving on the church council and countless committees. He was a member of service clubs in each community Mr. Ellingson lived, including Rotary and Kiwanis. He also enjoyed singing with the Fargo-Moorhead Barbershop Chorus and later the Kringen Kor. He cherished his Norwegian heritage and was a proud member of Sons of Norway. He never missed an opportunity to have lutefisk and lefse.

Mr. Ellingson loved to dance and enjoyed music and theatre. He was an avid sports fan and followed the Twins, Gophers, and all of his grandchildren's activities.

His greatest joy was his family. He was married to his sweetheart, Norma, for almost 60 years and loved spending time with her, their children, and especially, their grandchildren. A favorite place was the family cabin and time spent fishing, boating, playing Rook and making homemade ice cream. His extended family was also very important to Mr. Ellingson. He treasured the rela-

tionships with his siblings, nieces and nephews.

Mr. Ellingson died Nov. 5, at the age of 94. He is survived by his children, Scott (Sue) Ellingson of Moorhead, Kristen (Greg) Lehman of St. Cloud, Todd (Jennifer) Ellingson of Maple Grove, and Kari (Dan) Bell of Colorado Springs, Colo.; grandchildren, Matt Ellingson, Andrew Ellingson, Jackie Lehman, Beth Lehman (Phillip Aquino), Dan Lehman, Rachel Ellingson, Grace Ellingson, Natalie Ellingson, Katie Gruenhagen (Nicholas Graves), Kyle Gruenhagen; step-grandson, Ryan Bell; great-granddaughter, Novella Aquino; and sisters-in-law, Cecil Ellingson and Irene (Roger) Ahrndt of Benson.

Mr. Ellingson was preceded in death by his wife, Norma, on July 6, 2011; his parents, Jens and Ragna Ellingson; brothers, Julian, Orville, George, Calmer and Russell Ellingson; sisters, Sylvia Retrum and Idella Erickson; foster sister, Bertina Gustafson; brothers-in-law, Ray Retrum, Herbert Erickson, and James Pederson; and sisters-in-law, Alma Ellingson, Lucille Ellingson, Lillian Ellingson, Marlys Ellingson, and Gladys Peterson.

In lieu of flowers, the family prefers memorials to Eventide Senior Living Community, Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd, ELCA World Hunger or a memorial of your choice.

Visitation was Sunday, Nov. 11, from 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m., with a prayer service at 6:30 p.m., at Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd, Moorhead. His funeral was Monday, Nov. 12, 11 a.m., at the church. Burial took place in Riverside Cemetery, Moorhead.

Arrangements by Korsmo Funeral Service, Moorhead, with information and a guest-book online at www.korsmofuneralservice.com

LaVerne M. (Stibal) Ford, 98, of Glencoe

LaVerne M. (Stibal) Ford, 98, of Glencoe, passed away peacefully Tuesday, Nov. 6, 2018, at GlenFields Living



LaVerne Ford

with Care in Glencoe. Mass of Christian burial will be held Wednesday, Nov. 21, 11 a.m., at Church of St. Pius X in Glencoe, with interment following in the Glencoe Catholic Cemetery in Glencoe. Visitation is Nov. 21, 9-11 a.m. at the church.

Father Anthony Stubeda is the officiating clergy.

LaVerne M. (Stibal) Ford was born March 22, 1920, to Stella (Henry) Stibal and Joseph J. Stibal at St. Luke's Hospital in St. Paul. She was baptized at St. Luke's Catholic Church in St. Paul and was confirmed at St. George Catholic Church in Glencoe. The family moved from St. Paul to Glencoe when she was 3-years-old. Mrs. Ford attended the Catholic parochial school for eight grades and then graduated from Glencoe Public High School in 1937. She completed the one-year normal training course at Glencoe High School and taught two years in McLeod County rural one-room schools. She earned a two-year teaching certificate at St. Cloud Teachers' College and taught two years in the New Prague Elementary School. Mrs. Ford then graduated from the Dickinson Secretarial School in Minneapolis and started her career in the insurance industry centered in Minneapolis, with the exception of two years in New York City. She continued her education completing University of Minnesota classes and insurance-related classes to earn the Certified Professional Insurance Woman designation. In 1969, she was appointed the first female department manager in her company - nation-

wide, and in 1970 she was honored as Minneapolis Insurance Woman of the Year. Her activities included Insurance Women of Greater Minneapolis, American Business Women's Association, League of Women Voters, and Women's Division of the Minneapolis Chamber of Commerce. She retired Dec. 31, 1980 as audit and collection manager of the Minneapolis Division Argonaut Insurance Company.

On Jan. 17, 1981, she married John W. Ford at St. George Catholic Church in Glencoe. Rev. James Devorak officiated the ceremony. Continuing her interest in community service, Mrs. Ford was active in the American Legion Auxiliary, Red Cross Bloodmobile, Meals on Wheels, Extension home study groups, performing artists services, Christian Women's Club, and served as an election judge for the city and school district.

She and John were blessed with 24 years of retirement living. Mrs. Ford moved to an apartment in the independent senior community of Orchard Estates in Glencoe in January of 2005. From Feb. 24, 2016, to the present she was at Glencoe Regional Health Services Long-Term Care Unit.

Mrs. Ford enjoyed reading, craft projects, DVD movies, playing cards and being with family members.

She passed away peacefully Tuesday, Nov. 6, at GlenFields Living with Care in Glencoe, at the age of 98 years, 7 months and 15 days. Blessed be her memory.

Mrs. Ford is survived by her stepson, James E. Ford (wife Cindy) of Glencoe; stepdaughter, Betty A. Ford of Robbinsdale; six step-grandchildren, LeEte Ford

Hoese (Andrew Duncan) of Silver Lake, David Ford of Silver Lake, Janell Ford Sanchez (Todd Towne) of Glencoe, Daniel Ford (Toni), of Waconia, Miranda Voigt (Jay) of Green Isle, Mitchell Schultz of Glencoe; 11 step-great-grandchildren; two step-great-great-grandchildren; nephew, Jerry Renick of Hamilton, Mont.; niece, Susan Ocheltree (Dan) of Auburn, Calif.; numerous other nephews and nieces; brother-in-law, Albin Klobe of Glencoe; sister-in-law, Dolores Donnay of Glencoe; other relatives and friends.

Mrs. Ford was preceded in death by her parents; husband, John; brother, Joseph Stibal; sister, Josephine (Ronald) Renick; sisters-in-law, Mary Jane (Robert) Link, Tillie (John) Hettver, Irene (Virgil) Hajicek, Clara Klobe; brother-in-law, LeRoy Donnay.

The Johnson-McBride Funeral Chapel of Glencoe handled the arrangements. Obituaries and guest book are available online at www.mcbridechapel.com where visitors can click on obituaries/guest book.

Deaths

Elvera Mackenthun, 93, of Norwood Young America

Elvera Mackenthun, 93, of Norwood Young America,

passed away Tuesday, Nov. 6, at her home at The Harbor in Norwood Young America.

Funeral services will be held Saturday, Nov. 17, 11 a.m., at Emanuel Lutheran Church in Hamburg with interment following at the church cemetery.

Visitation will be held Saturday, Nov. 17, 9:30 to 11 a.m., 1½ hours before the service at the church.

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

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

Dale Arndt, 59, of Cologne

Dale Arndt, 59, of Cologne, passed away Friday, Nov. 9, at

his home in Cologne.

A gathering of family and friends will be held Friday, Nov. 16, 4 to 8 p.m., at the Paul-McBride Funeral Chapel in Norwood Young America.

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

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Global think tank predicts 30 percent unemployment by 2030

By Jakob Kounkel
Staff Writer

McKinsey Global Institute (MGI), a globally-recognized business and economic research think tank, predicted up to one-third of the future workforce in the United States may need to find new occupations due to automation. The report added, depending on big-business alacrity to adopt full automation, the United States labor force could face unemployment as high as 30 percent by 2030.

From the industrial revolution to the technological revolution, some American employees may be feeling a familiar connection with their 18th and 19th century ancestors.

The United States Department of Labor releases labor statistics that highlight the increasingly large role transportation jobs are to the country's workforce. In most states, the report notes, driving jobs top the list of occupations employing the largest population: truck drivers, school bus drivers, airplane pilots, emergency response drivers, train conductors and other driving jobs are all susceptible to technological enhancement that will ensure a free market transformation to automated vehicles, planes and trains.

The first automated vehicles are already on roads across the nation. Coca-cola trucks have already logged thousands of miles across the country, Elon Musk's Tesla company is bringing auto-piloted driving to residential garages, and a self-driving school bus in Florida is bringing students to school. The technology is becoming more available, cheaper and safer.

Automation experts believe it won't be long before automated vehicles are exponentially safer than human drivers, to the point where humans aren't allowed to man the wheel anymore. Tesla claims through internal testing, though not yet verified by a third-party, their semi-autonomous autopilot feature is capable of reducing crashes by 40 percent. The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) found that 2014 through 2016 Tesla models, which logged more than a million miles, saw 1.3 airbag deployments per one million miles. After a software update enabling auto-steering, airbag deployments dropped to .8 per one million miles.

Driving jobs are only the beginning; their descension from the labor force will continue to be a political catalyst, paving the way for industries to indulge in the lucrative technology without public backlash. Amazon Go, Amazon's only brick-and-mortar supermarket in Seattle, doesn't employ cashiers. Walmart continues to expand on cashierless stores nationwide, and it's getting harder and harder to walk into a big-chain store without meeting a bay of self-checkout lines at the front of the store.

The MGI study reads, "We live in an age when machines answer customer inquiries, help doctors understand X-rays, lip-read better than human professionals, and sort trash into compost and recyclables..." and goes on to say that "people skills" may be more important to the future job landscape than advanced technical skills that graduate students spend years in school learning. A nurse's job may be safer than a radiolo-

gists' because a computer can read more colors than the human eye, and can potentially make diagnoses that a human couldn't see.

Going a step further, the report states, "About 50 percent of the time spent on work activities in the global economy could theoretically be automated by adapting currently demonstrated technologies," meaning that, globally, 50 percent of the time workers spend performing duties at their job can already be automated.

McLeod County, and Glencoe in particular, sees a lot of freight traffic, according to a recent Glencoe transportation study. A multitude of semi-trucks roll down Hennepin Avenue daily, and Coborn's, Burger King, Subway, Shopko, and any other businesses that employ people for repetitive and hands-on labor are in the technological crosshairs. And that's only including Glencoe.

Executive Director at Trailblazer Transit Gary Ludwig, who employs drivers across three counties, wrote in an email, "The transit industry has been looking closely at this for a few years now. 2030 is only 12 years away, and the technological and social acceptance of driverless vehicles on a widespread basis are unlikely to be in place by that time."

He also alluded to the notion that humans will still be a necessity, especially in his line of transportation: "...drivers help walk people to and from the bus and secure individuals using wheelchairs and other mobility devices. Until everyone has personal robotic mobility devices that will move them around and load them into driverless vehicles autonomously, there will al-

ways be a need for rural public transit drivers." He ended the email by inserting his opinion on the validity of 30 percent unemployment in just 12 years as, "far-fetched and radical... You can never discount the value of a human being helping out another human being."

The Great Depression saw unemployment peak around 25 percent. It's important to note that an expected 30 percent unemployment rate by 2030 materializes only if all the people that lose jobs don't look for new work. After all, the industrial revolution played a supporting role in today's vibrant economy, and it displaced thousands of workers; the American economy (mostly, the people) battled its way back to the top of the fiscal ladder, so there's at least historical precedent.

There's been no shortage of solutions offered since MGI reported the findings. 2020 presidential candidate Andrew Yang, in direct response to the automation crisis, is running on a platform of a universal basic income of \$1,000 per month, no strings attached. Other economists suggest, just like the industrial revolution, that there's no telling the number or kind of jobs automation will create (there's a chapter dedicated to potential job creation in the MGI report, but admits that it's impossible to know what kind or how many jobs will be created.)

What's certain is that capitalism has propelled the American economy into the vigorous state it's in today, but that it's nature is to create and eliminate jobs. The difficulty is in which will come faster.

13 Brownton seniors met on Monday

Thirteen Brownton senior citizens met Monday, Nov. 5 at the Brownton Community Center.

Winning at 500, Audrey Tongen, first, and John Burgstahler, second; winning at pinochle, Pearl Streu, first, and Leone Kujas, second; door prize winner was Lowell Brelje. Phyllis Mahnke served refreshments.

On Monday, Nov. 12, thirteen Brownton seniors met again at the community center.

Winning at 500, Audrey Tongen, first, and Gladys Rickert, second; winning at pinochle, Pat Markgraf, first, and Phyllis Mahnke, second; Theola Fors won the door prize. Pearl Streu served refreshments.

The next meeting will be Nov. 19 at the Brownton Community Center.

Permit driver loses control on Highway 22

Abigail Anne Strom, 15, of Le Sueur, was driving southbound on Highway 22 in a 2014 Nissan Altima when she lost control due to ice and snow, entered the ditch and struck some trees.

Also riding in the vehicle was Aiden Michael Strom, 13, and Nichole Anne Strom, 47.

Abigail and Nichole sustained non-life threatening injuries and were transported to the Arlington Hospital. Aiden received no injuries.

The Gaylord Police Department and Gaylord Ambulance responded to the incident.



Weather Corner

By Jake Yurek

We'll see a mid-week warm-up give way to another cold blast as we head towards the start of the weekend. High temperatures have been running around 20 degrees below normal lately and for a brief couple of days we'll actually get back to where we should be. Highs Wednesday and Thursday will reach into the 40's for the first time in what seems forever. The warmth will only last until early Friday though as another cold front slides into the area. There won't be a ton of moisture available so all I'm guessing for snowfall is similar to what we saw last week with a dusting here and there. The best chance of snow will be late Friday, but we could also see some late Thursday if a northern batch comes in. Things should warm back up to around freezing for Sunday with an extended warm stretch to start next week. Let's just hope this early winter gives way to an early Spring!

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Wednesday night: Lows 25-31, clear.

Thursday: Highs 42-48, lows 25-31, partly cloudy.

Friday: Highs 30-36, lows 14-20, clouds/night showers.

Saturday: Highs 20-26, lows 10-16, clear.

Sunday: Highs 28-34, clear.

Weather Quiz: Why does November seem to be a windy month?

Last week's question: How has the weather been around other parts of the country this fall?

Answer to last week's question: It's been a little volatile to our south and east with a number of storms and I'm sure everyone has heard about the large fires out west due to the dry conditions. Hopefully some rain will start to move into those areas as winter approaches.

Remember, I make the forecast, not the weather.

People

Milbretts have a son

Melissa and Mark Milbrett, of Glencoe, welcomed their son, Levi Mark Milbrett, into the world on Oct. 25. Levi weighed 8 pounds, 2 ounces and measured 20 inches at birth. Also welcoming home Levi is his sibling, Kaley. Grandparents are Kathie and Mike Carver of Park Rapids, and Lynn and Mary Milbrett of Norwood Young America.

Brownton council continues to show disdain for R&R Excavating

By Jakob Kounkel
Staff Writer

With Mayor Norm Schwarze, the remaining four Brownton City Council members convened on Wednesday, Nov. 7, a day after its normal meeting slot due to elections, and begrudgingly approved payment application number six to R&R Excavating for \$447,459.79, with five percent retainage, putting the city at 47 percent payment completion.

Though nearing the halfway mark for getting dollars into the streets project, the City of Brownton hasn't relinquished the ability to pursue liquidated damages against R&R Excavating, the same construction firm that's been on the hot-seat at Glencoe council meetings.

City Engineer Chris Knutson, from Short Elliott Hendrickson (SEH), noted that substantial completion was last Friday, meaning that R&R was supposed to have

reached a point in construction that meets the criteria for substantial completion by Friday, Nov. 2. At the council meeting five days later, the curbs and gutters had just been completed. To reach substantial completion, which Knutson says is doable before the end of the year, R&R will have to finish paving within the week.

Knutson, when asked by a council member if there was concern about the crisp weather, said, "There are a lot of factors that go into cold weather paving... as long as we're above freezing, we should be OK."

He continued to say that sanitary sewer main lining was complete, so all that's left for the year is getting the top soil done and paving the roads.

The disdain for R&R Excavating was rampant in the room. Council member Curtis Carrigan was especially frustrated about an R&R repre-

sentative saying, "Schedules don't mean s**t," when it comes to construction. Inclement weather and high turnover remains the party-line at the construction firm's office.

The council members iterated that the pipe and street crews independent of R&R have been a welcome expense. The council's issues lie with R&R. Carrigan didn't mince words, "If we're lucky, we'll never see these guys again."

Council member Doug Block responded without looking up from his packet, "Not in our lifetime." Block highlighted again how behind schedule the construction firm is, noting that the curb and gutters were supposed to be in, "10 or 11 days ago."

The date for total completion is set for six weeks after starting construction in June of 2019.

County board approved hefty list of expenses

By Jakob Kounkel
Staff Writer

Though the county board spent most of its Nov. 6 meeting hearing two presentations regarding the new government center — if approved, the two line items would amount to nearly \$800,000 — its meeting approved just over \$415,000 worth of purchases aside from the two big-ticket items.

The largest chunk of cash was due to requests from the McLeod County Public Works Department. The approval of a truck equipment package from Towmaster, Inc. that includes a stainless steel box, plow, scraper, wing, sander and other miscellaneous accessories cost \$119,966. The board also approved a \$119,317 purchase of a 2020 Mack tandem truck chassis from Nuss Truck and Equipment.

Public Works Director John Brunkhorst was also seeking approval to hire Schwickert's

to perform a roof assessment on the buildings at the fairgrounds in Hutchinson for \$4,258. If there are any emergency needs to be rectified immediately, the county approved another \$1,500 to the company to fix any issues.

Central Services Supervisor Scott Grivna asked for approval to purchase a 2019 Dodge Grand Caravan for \$23,236.31. The county simultaneously agreed to sell the old 2006 Dodge Caravan that has over 100,000 miles logged.

Grivna also received approval to hire Foster Mechanical to replace the chiller unit (a unit that utilizes liquid cooling for equipment) that feeds to the administration side of the courthouse. Total cost for replacement and maintenance will be \$67,197.72. Another bid came in at over \$75,000.

Last on the central services agenda was a request to pay \$56,314 to Karr Truckpoint-

ing Company for masonry prevention, repairs and maintenance on the McLeod County Courthouse. Other bids came in much higher: \$131,800 from Restoration Services and \$289,088 from Building Restoration Company.

The board of commissioners told top Contegrity Group and I & S Group, Inc. representatives (the construction management and architectural firms expected to work on the government center, together adding up costs of \$800,000) they don't need to be at the Dec. 18 meeting, which is when the board is expected to grant formal approval for the government center project.

Assuming the board goes with Contegrity Group and I & S Group, the Nov. 6 meeting guaranteed spending of over \$1.2 million.

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Glencoe-Silver Lake schools host various Veterans Day programs



VFW members held a program at First Evangelical Lutheran school for kindergarteners recognizing veterans on Veterans

Day. From left to right, Jonah Diehn, Brady Goff, Autumn Gruber and Emerson Neubarth.

Chronicle photos by John Mueller



GSL Veterans Day keynote speaker

The keynote speaker at Glencoe-Silver Lake High School's Veterans Day program, GSL grad and U.S. Army SFC Chris Yurek, highlighted the importance of a free, opportunistic country. Students, because of immense amount of sacrifice, are able to live freely with every chance to make something of themselves.

Chronicle photo by Jakob Kounkel

Lakeside Veterans Day program

Lakeside Elementary in Silver Lake held a Veteran's Day program on Monday, Nov. 12. The Silver Lake American Legion introduced themselves, and their military service ranged from guarding the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier in the Arlington National Cemetery to parachuting out of planes and into combat. Petty Officer of the Navy Second Class

Jeff Jenson (above) was the keynote speaker, and the fifth- and sixth-grade choir (left) sang a multitude of patriotic songs, directed by Carrie Knott. Principal of Lakeside Elementary School Joy Freitag (below) talks to her students and the audience about what makes the day special.

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