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## Glencoe memorial dedicated on Veterans Day

Despite rainy conditions Nov. 11, a crowd attended the dedication of the Veterans Memorial in Welcome Park at the intersection of Morningside Drive and Highway 212. Many visitors braved the rain to attend the events, find the names of their loved ones and show their respect. After the welcome, Larry Gutknecht acknowledged the following for their help in getting the memorial in place: city of Glencoe, the Park Board, Jim Ford of Knife

River Corporation, Harold Erickson, Kenny Polifka, Steve Schauer and Sons and Jon Lemke. The Memorial Committee is made up of Dale Peters, James Peters, Jim Entinger, Jerry Scharpe and Gutknecht. At the present time, 139 names are listed on the monuments. More names will be added each year as slots are purchased. Anyone interested in having a name added to the memorial may pick up a form at the Glencoe VFW.



## City Council backs Morningside resolution on 3-2 vote Monday

By Rebecca Mariscal Staff Writer

The Glencoe City Council passed a resolution of support for the Morningside Avenue project Monday night. The vote passed 3-2, with Council Members Allen Robeck and John Schrupp voting no.

The resolution came after a presentation from Short Elliot Hendrickson (SEH) Project Manager John Rodeberg.

The presentation was a preview of what Rodeberg will present to the Minnesota Senate Capital Investment bonding tour on Thursday in hopes of getting state bonding for the project.

The Morningside Avenue project will extend Morningside up to County Road 15. This extension is the final phase of the project. In 2005, the river crossing was constructed and then in 2009 the stretch from the north side of the bridge to 11th Street was built.

This final phase will add about a half mile of two-lane road. There will be a roundabout for school safety at the connection of Morningside Avenue and County Road 15.

The multi-purpose trail will also be expanded and improvements will be made to the railroad tracks. Rodeberg said there will be a six-inch concrete median as the road approaches the tracks to prevent vehicles from turning around the railroad crossing.

Rodeberg said the project might buy two homes at the north end of the street, as they are much lower than the railroad tracks and there would be backslope for their driveways.

Robeck asked about the storm sewers for the project. Rodeberg said the pipe will come from the East Ditch. He said everything to the north will drain to the wetlands while everything to the south will drain to the Welcome Park pond.

City Administrator Mark Larson said the city will set up a meeting

with the school to discuss the project.

Council Member Gary Ziemer asked if the costs assume the school will share some of the cost. Rodeberg said yes, it does. Larson said the city can calculate the benefit to assign a dollar amount to the school.

The total cost of the project will be \$4.7 million. The breakdown of payment is as follows: Glencoe, \$1.025 million; McLeod County, \$1.025 million; State Bonding Bill, \$2.35 million; and federal money from railroad crossing changes, \$300,000.

Rodeberg explained with bonding and state aid funding, the city will have enough funding to pay for both the Armstrong Avenue project and the city's portion of the Morningside Avenue project.

Another option available for funding, Rodeberg explained, is county turnback funding. This is a process where the county would turn back county roads to the city. The county would compensate the city for the costs to reconstruct and maintain the roads while the city would generate yearly municipal state aid from the roads.

Council Member Dan Perschau asked what happens if the project does not receive bonding from the Minnesota State Capital Investment. Rodeberg said the project will need to look for other funding, but the current bonding tour is the best potential option.

In other business, the Council:

- Approved the assessment contract with McLeod County for 2016.
- Heard an update on Lincoln Park. Rodeberg said the project is essentially done for the year. The crews are finishing hydro-seeding in the area.

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## Hale Township Board denies request to vacate road

### Resident's civil lawsuit will continue

By Rebecca Mariscal Staff Writer

The Hale Township Board of Supervisors denied the vacation of a road opened in September 2014 that connects 199th Circle and 200th Street at a board meeting on Nov. 12. The decision followed a public hearing.

The road is the subject of a lawsuit against the township filed by resident George Pawlitschek, who lives on 200th Street next to the road. The lawsuit, filed in June, alleges that the township did not follow the proper legal procedure in order to extend the road. Pawlitschek's case argues that the road is a legal cartway, and the township would have needed a petition from the residents asking for an extension.

The township, however, argues that the extension is a platted road that was dedicated to the town in 2002. According to a press release from the city's attorney's office for the case, Jardine, Logan and

O'Brien, the road was not constructed at that time because there was not a strong need for it.

Before going to court, the issue was voted on by the township. The move to close the extension failed by a vote of 20-21.

The lawsuit was put on hold while the vacate procedure was considered.

About 30 residents attended the hearing on Thursday night to voice their opinions on the matter and hear the board's decision.

The hearing opened with comments from Pawlitschek and other residents who signed the petition to vacate the road.

Pawlitschek said the road was opened without the knowledge of the local residents, who do not want the extension.

"Since then we have been trying to convince the board that this is not in the best interest of the local residents," he said.

Pawlitschek said after eight months of trying to convince the

board, he then filed a civil suit. He said he and the other residents filed this petition in order to avoid the extra cost of a lawsuit on Hale Township residents.

"If the petition is approved there's no need to follow through with a lawsuit," Pawlitschek said.

Shannon Konen, a resident of 199th Circle, said her family bought the house because they wanted to live on a cul de sac.

"That's where we wanted to be because yes, we have kids, and we like the slower traffic," Konen said. "I'm not sure why the buses want to change, but we have a bus picking up our child where he has to cross in front of it and the school tells us, 'Nope, we never want kids to have to walk in front of a bus.'"

Another resident of 199th Circle, Todd Sandberg, said he felt there was no specific purpose for opening the road.

"At the initial meeting when asked the purpose of opening the road, there were no compelling reasons," Sandberg said. "At each subsequent meeting the purpose for the road grew."

The floor was then opened to other residents to voice questions and comments.

Throughout the hearing, the township's attorney, Bob Ruppe, from Couri and Ruppe, reminded everyone that it was a public hearing on tape, and a speaker needed to be first identified by the chairperson and state their name.

Supervisor Clarence Junczewski said there was already traffic on the area before it was made into a road.

"There was people driving through it," he said.

A few others in the meeting agreed, while Pawlitschek said he mowed the grass on the area and never saw tracks.

"There was not enough traffic to even knock the grass down," he said.

One topic that was discussed at length in the hearing was the issue of rocks that had once been used to block the area. The rocks were moved from the area, opening it.

Chairperson Roger Pokornowski said the removal of the rocks was an issue and part of the need for a constructed street.

"That's why when the rocks were removed, we went to work and did the signage because if something would have happened on that road, who's liable? The township," Pokornowski said.

Pawlitschek said the rocks were not important to the issue at hand.

"Rocks don't matter," he said. "That extension is in our neighborhood, 199th street is where these people live and they should have been notified."

Hale Township resident Julie Wendolek asked the public why nobody spoke up about the disappearance of the rocks when they occurred.

Pawlitschek explained that residents had called the sheriff's office and were told the man who moved them had permission to do so.

Hale Township resident Steve Hackbarth said the residents should be less concerned about the past and instead focus on what to do next.

"It doesn't do any good to fight about the past anymore," he said.

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## Weather

				
Wed., 11-18 H: 51°, L: 30°	Thur., 11-19 H: 36°, L: 26°	Fri., 11-20 H: 33°, L: 21°	Sat., 11-21 H: 31°, L: 20°	Sun., 11-22 H: 37°, L: 27°

**Looking back:** A final run of warm fall weather before more winter-like weather arrives.

Date	Hi	Lo	Precip.
Nov. 10	62	38	0.00
Nov. 11	49	34	1.13

Nov. 12	42	33	Trace
Nov. 13	47	27	0.00
Nov. 14	58	32	0.00
Nov. 15	63	36	0.00
Nov. 16	52	46	0.56

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

### 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.

### Gingerbread houses at ECFE

Glencoe-Silver Lake Early Childhood Family Education (ECFE) will host a "Make and Take: Gingerbread Houses" activity Tuesday, Dec. 1, 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., or 6 p.m. to 7 p.m., at the Early Childhood Learning Center, 1621 16th Street E, Glencoe. There is no charge for admission, but participants may bring a new, unwrapped game or toy as a donation for local children in need if they wish. Register online at [www.gsl.k12.mn.us](http://www.gsl.k12.mn.us) under Comm Ed/ECFE, or by calling the ECFE office at 320-864-2681.

### Community Thanksgiving

All are welcome to the annual community Thanksgiving dinner Thursday, Nov. 26, at noon, at First Congregational Church, 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.

### 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.

### Degree of Honor 182 meeting

The Degree of Honor 182 will have a social meeting Tuesday, Nov. 24, at 1 p.m., in the Silver Lake Auditorium.

### Nutrition site birthday party

The Silver Lake Nutrition Site will celebrate November birthdays Friday, Nov. 20. Bingo starts at 11 a.m., and the meal will be served at 11:30 a.m. The menu includes Salisbury steak, parslid whole potatoes, squash, bread, pears and cake. Call 320-327-2621 or 320-327-2536 to reserve a meal.

### Plato poultry party Nov. 20

The Plato Baseball Association will host a poultry party Friday, Nov. 20, at 7:30 p.m., at the Plato Hall.

### Glencoe seniors meetings

The Glencoe Senior Citizens meet on 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 320-864-3799 and leave a message.

**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, Brownston, Stewart, Plato, New Auburn, Biscay and Silver Lake take priority over happenings elsewhere.**

## Lighting contest, parade, bazaar all set for Holly Days

Holiday events are being planned in Glencoe by the Glencoe Area Chamber of Commerce with support from local organizations, businesses and individuals.

Glencoe Light & Power will once again sponsor the holiday lighting display contest. Prizes for the winners of the residential displays will be first, \$200 Glencoe Bucks; second, \$150 Glencoe Bucks; and third, \$50 Glencoe Bucks.

There also will be a storefront lighting display contest. All participating businesses will be put into a drawing for two \$50 Glencoe Bucks prizes.

Registrations for both lighting contests can be made by calling the Chamber office at 320-864-3650.

The annual Holly Days Pa-

rade, sponsored by Ane and Joe Paumen with prizes donated by the Crow River Sno Pros, Inc., will be Saturday, Dec. 12, starting at 5:30 p.m.

The parade will start at Coborn's and head west on 11th Street to the City Center. Call the Chamber to register your float. There is no charge to enter a float, and entries are open to the general public, clubs, groups, businesses, churches, families, etc.

The Holly Days Bazaar will be Saturday, Dec. 12, from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m., at the City Center. The bazaar will feature shopping opportunities with local vendors and crafters, and treats will be offered. The Singing Friends Chorus will be singing at the bazaar starting at 6 p.m. Vendors can contact the Chamber office to register.

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ended Sunday, Nov. 15. The charge was \$500 a day. Rodeberg said the Council might have a breakdown of the costs at the next meeting.

- Heard an update on the Glencoe Municipal Airport taxiway project. Park Superintendent Mike Drew said the project is pretty much completed. The hydro-seeding of the area will take place in the spring. The city will put temporary reflective markers to tell where the taxiway ends until the turf is established.
- Heard a report on the

Coalition of Greater Minnesota Cities fall conference from Larson. He said the main focus was on local government aid and making sure it remains in the system.

- Heard an update on leaf vacuuming from Drew. Last week the vacuum was damaged by a rock on Tuesday and was out of commission until Thursday. The leaf vacuuming will now wrap up this week to make up for the missed time. The vacuum will run from 7 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

# Ingenthron speaks at Vets Day program

By Rebecca Mariscal Staff Writer

As a young boy scared and confused by the acts of Sept. 11, 2001, Specialist Tucker Ingenthron told his mother that someday he would go overseas to fight the people who were responsible.

Exactly 12 years later, on Sept. 11, 2013, Ingenthron arrived in Afghanistan for his tour of service with the U.S. Army.

Ingenthron, a 2012 Glencoe-Silver Lake graduate, spoke about his experience in Afghanistan and what it means to be a veteran at the GSL Veterans Day Program.

The meaning, Ingenthron said, is different to everyone. "Some might say it's the uniform, some might say it's serving overseas," he said.

Others refer to the saying, "A veteran is someone who at one point wrote a blank check made payable to the United States of America for an amount of up to and including their life."

For Ingenthron, being a veteran goes even deeper than all that. To him, being a veteran is about pride, the pride Ingenthron saw in his grandfather as he told stories of his time in World War II.

"I wanted to feel that pride," Ingenthron said. "I still remember the day I raised my right hand and swore service to my country."

Despite the pride he felt for his service, Ingenthron said during his nine-month tour he



Chronicle photo by Rebecca Mariscal

**Specialist Tucker Ingenthron speaks at the Glencoe-Silver Lake High School Veterans Day program on Nov. 11. Ingenthron spoke about what being a veteran means to him.**

had moments where he questioned his purpose there.

"We had been on the ground there for 13 years. I wasn't really sure what there was left to do," he said.

One day, it clicked for him.

"I realized I was there not for myself, not for my country and not to fight the enemy," he said. Instead, Ingenthron said, he was there to help the citizens have a successful government.

As the country's election week came up, Ingenthron's unit was sent out to clear a route. On April 7, 2014, his vehicle was blown up by an explosive and Ingenthron suf-

fered a concussion and a traumatic brain injury.

"For months after that day I felt large amounts of anger, frustration and guilt," he said.

After time, Ingenthron said he realized his sacrifice ensured the safety of the citizens of Afghanistan.

"That's when I knew my purpose in Afghanistan was

more than just serving my country," he said.

Ingenthron received the Purple Heart for his injury, and though at first he felt he did not deserve, he said today he is humbled by it.

Now, as a veteran, Ingenthron said he is often thanked by people in the community. Though he said he does not always know how to respond, the thanks are another example of what it means to be a veteran.

"It's more than just a blank check, the uniform or my time overseas," he said. "It's all of you. You are what make me want to serve my country."

The program also included band and choir performances, the posting of the Colors by VFW Post 5102, a 21-gun salute and the recognition of GSL staff veterans including: Jeff Jenson, United States Navy; Don Bohnert, United States Marine Corps; Mark Wigern, United States Army; Michelle Willhite, Army National Guard and Randy Johnson, United States Navy. Students Brady Perschau and Jordan Tessmer were also recognized for their upcoming service.

## New Germany man hurt in Hwy. 7 crash

One person was injured in a two-vehicle accident at the intersection of Highway 7 and County Road 9 near Lester Prairie Tuesday, Nov. 10.

According to the Minnesota State Patrol, Jacob Solie, 31, of Waconia, was southbound on County Road 9 in a 2010 Chevrolet Malibu, and Kelton D. Adams, 81, of New Germany, was westbound on Highway 7 in a 1999 Ford Econoline van when the vehicles collided in the intersection.

Solie was not injured. Adams was taken by

Ridgeview Ambulance to the hospital in Waconia with non-life-threatening injuries.

Both drivers were wearing seat belts, and alcohol was not a factor in the crash, according to the State Patrol.

The Chevrolet had moderate damage; the Ford was considered a total loss. Both were towed to Jerry's Towing.

Responding to the accident were the State Patrol, Lester Prairie Fire and Rescue, the Lester Prairie Police Department, the McLeod County Sheriff's Office and Ridgeview Ambulance.

## Charities Review Council recognizes local food shelf

The McLeod Emergency Food Shelf has received the Charities Review Council "meets standards" seal, according to Lennie Albers, executive director of the food shelf.

The seal is given to organizations that not only meet their service mission, but excel in practices such as public disclosure, good governance, healthy financial ac-

tivity and ethical fundraising, which maintain public trust and community confidence in the organization.

## Multiple agencies pursue domestic assault suspect

Sheriff's deputies from Renville, Sibley and McLeod counties, as well as the Minnesota State Patrol and Gaylord Police Department, were all involved Saturday in a pursuit of a domestic assault suspect.

According to news releases from the Sibley and Renville counties sheriff's departments, a call was received about 10:50 a.m. Saturday of a domestic assault that occurred at 24082 661st Avenue, about seven miles northwest of Gibbon in Moltke Township.

When officers arrived, the suspect, later identified as

Patrick Eugene Fonseca, 29, of LeCenter, had left the scene. A short time later, a Renville County deputy encountered Fonseca driving in Renville County, and attempted to stop Fonseca's vehicle. Fonseca fled in his vehicle. After a short pursuit, he was stopped and arrested.

He has been charged with fleeing a police officer in a motor vehicle and domestic assault. Fonseca made his first appearance in court Monday, where bail was set at \$3,000. His next appearance will be Thursday at 9 a.m.

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# City moves ahead on Armstrong project

By Rebecca Mariscal  
Staff Writer

The Glencoe City Council took the next steps to move forward with the Armstrong Avenue project at Monday night's regular meeting.

Armstrong is a street and utility project that will replace sewer lines, water mains and storm sewers on Armstrong Avenue from Seventh Street to 13th Street, Seventh Street from Armstrong Avenue to Chandler Avenue, Baxter Avenue from Seventh Street to Fifth Street and one block of 12th Street.

Previously, the project required a storm water pond to set off the increased rate of water flow that will occur with the increased size of storm sewer lines. At the previous city council meeting, Short Elliot Hendrickson (SEH) engineer Justin Black found an option that did not require a pond, but instead added a new 48-inch pipe to the storm sewer system.

SEH Project Manager John Rodeberg said on Monday night that although the Buffalo Creek Watershed has not officially given permission to remove the pond from the plan, the city has received a verbal yes from the watershed. Without the pond, the city may need a water quality control feature.

The first order of business for Armstrong at the meeting Monday night was a resolu-

tion ordering improvement and preparation of plans for the project.

Council Member Allen Robeck said he was still against the plan, as the new line will still run under the city cemetery, where the storm water pond was originally planned.

Rodeberg explained that line is not in the cemetery, but runs around it. The line will need to connect up with the 72-inch pipe that runs under Highway 212 and into the Buffalo Creek.

Robeck said he thinks the water is still going to back up in the cemetery. He said he thinks the storm sewer should be installed in the Lincoln Park area.

Rodeberg explained the new line will not cause any extra flooding or back-ups.

"The capacity of that is such that it won't back up because of the new water," he said. He said the reason the area has backed up before is because of the Buffalo Creek.

"I'm not saying it won't back up, I'm saying it shouldn't be any different than it was before," he explained.

Council Member John Schrupp asked if it was too late to run the storm sewer through Lincoln Park.

Rodeberg said Lincoln does not have the capacity for that as there are not enough outlets under Highway 212. The city would have to create

ponding in the Lincoln Park area if the storm sewer was put there.

Council Member Kevin Dietz asked about the equipment required for the water quality feature, saying he didn't want to save money on one hand just to spend it elsewhere.

Rodeberg explained the city would have the equipment and it would not cost more than ponding.

Robeck had questions regarding the assessments. He asked why county property wasn't being assessed for the project. Rodeberg explained the right-of-ways in the project are actually city streets, not county property.

Robeck also asked if the city should be financing Seneca's portion of the project up front. Rodeberg explained that Seneca will be paying for 100 percent of that cost, but if Robeck is concerned about liability that depends on the agreement between the city and Seneca.

The resolution passed 4-1 with Robeck voting no.

The city also passed a resolution for a phase one environmental site assessment. The assessment will test soil samples at four different sites around the city: gas line at the north side of the project, a cement facility to the south of the railroad, a fueling system at the Minnesota Department of Transportation Site and a

gas station on Chandler Avenue and 12th Street.

If contaminated soils were found during construction, crews would have to stop. With the assessment, Rodeberg said any potential pollutants can be built into the cost and time for the project.

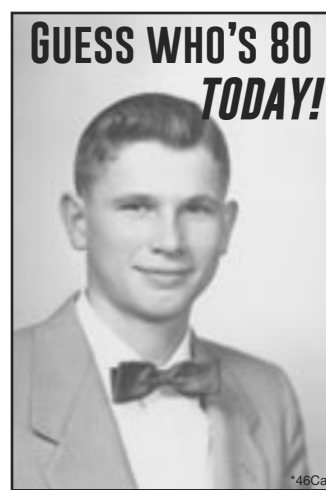
SEH does not normally do phase one assessments, but the city had enough potential sites to warrant it. If the assessment finds a high likely of pollutants, there is a phase two of more testing but Rodeberg hopes that won't be necessary.

Mayor Randy Wilson said he felt it was a good idea so the city did not get into the project and then discover a large financial burden.

Robeck asked if the state is responsible if a pollutant is found. Rodeberg said the state would be responsible for a percentage.

Council Member Dan Perschau asked if this assessment was built into the budget. Though it's not listed as a specific cost, Rodeberg said the funding should fit into the existing budget.

Otherwise, City Administrator Mark Larson said the city has not issued the bonds for the project yet. Rodeberg said with the latest estimate, the city is already under budget.



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# Community schools lunch gives sneak peek of 'Alice in Wonderland' production

By Rebecca Mariscal  
Staff Writer

Community members got a sneak peek at Glencoe-Silver Lake High School's production of "Alice in Wonderland" on Friday afternoon at the GSL community schools lunch.

Musical captains Jordan Doolittle, the Cheshire Cat; Tina Bonillo, the Red Queen; Leah Peterson, Violet; and Travis Uecker, the Mad Hatter, gave a synopsis of the play to those in attendance. Bonillo explained the production follows Alice as she jumps down the rabbit hole into Wonderland and encounters many different creatures.

This year the musical is headed by a new director, Catherine Miller. Doolittle said both Miller and the new students have done a great job.

"It's been a rebuilding year," Doolittle said. "I'm really proud to see how the students have come together to really help it up to be a student-run show this year."

The musical is a junior production, which means it is shorter than most musicals



Chronicle photo by Rebecca Mariscal

Emmi Jerabek as Tweedle Dee and Kendra Klobe as Tweedle Dum give a preview of the play "Alice in Wonderland" to community members at the Glencoe-Silver Lake community schools lunch on Friday.

with only one act instead of two. That means there is no intermission this year.

Three additional cast members were on hand to give a preview performance before the show's premiere. Rachel Bonderman, who plays Alice;

Emmi Jerabek, who plays Tweedle Dee; and Kendra Klobe, who plays Tweedle Dum gave a performance of "How D'Ye Do and Shake Hands."

"Alice in Wonderland" premiered Nov. 12 and 13. The

show continues this weekend with performances on Nov. 19 and 20. Each performance starts at 7 p.m.

GSL High School Principal Paul Sparby also updated the lunch group on the district's construction project.

The district has been hosting user group meetings with different areas within the schools, such as athletics, kitchen, science department and more to develop what is needed.

One idea the district is looking at is developing space under the bleachers in the gym for storage or learning spaces.

"That is space you can use," Sparby said.

Another development is opening up the high school library by possibly taking out walls.

"As we make this a media center, which is going to be used for seven through 12, we're trying to make this space more open and user-friendly."

Sparby said those are just some of the things the district is looking at as the project progresses.

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"Let's work on something decent for the future."

Denise Vasek presented the board with signatures of 25 township people and organizations who support the road, including the Silver Lake Fire Department and Silver Lake Ambulance. She said she also had studies that showed the benefits of roads.

"I think this is a township problem, not a neighborhood problem at this point," she said.

Pawlitschek said, based on Minnesota Statute 164.07, it

was important to verify that everyone who signed the petition owned property within three miles in order for it to serve as a petition to alter a road. The town's attorney Ruppe clarified that statute only applied to the civil suit, and the petition submitted would be used only as information to help the board make a decision on the vacate procedure.

Township resident Robert Sopkowiak brought and referenced the Water's Edge subdivision development plat

that has the road planned out and approved by planning and zoning.

"I don't see there's any argument or point. It's all platting out, planned right here," he said.

Sopkowiak said the road wasn't put in right away because "whiners" on Juniper Court, now 199th Street, wanted it to stay a cul de sac.

Pawlitschek said there were two different subdivisions in play. He said first was Trumpeter Estates, which was set out in 1994 and then Water's

Edge in 2004. According to Pawlitschek, Trumpeter Estates did not have the extension planned.

After closing the hearing, the town board voted 3-0 to deny the vacate of the road for the following reasons: emergency service vehicles, school bus drivers, snow plows, increase of road use and to provide more public services for the township.

Pawlitschek said the lawsuit will resume.

# Senate capital investment committee to visit Nov. 19

The Minnesota Senate Capital Investment Committee is planning a tour of Southwest Minnesota Nov. 17-19, in-

cluding a stop at Ridgewater College in Hutchinson on Thursday, Nov. 19.

The committee is expected

to arrive at the college at 10:45 a.m. At 11:15 a.m., it will hear presentations on three projects: Grove City's

wastewater issues, Highway 212 and McLeod County Road 15 (Morningside Drive in Glencoe).

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## Time for the world to unite against terrorists

Our view: Paris attacks just the latest that date back to 2001

Terrorist attacks from hardline Islamic groups continue, seemingly unabated. The attacks by Islamic State in Paris are just the latest in a series of attacks that probably date back to before the 9-11 attacks on U.S. soil in 2001.

Have no doubt, these terrorists consider themselves to be at war. It is time we respond accordingly.

Unfortunately, these terrorists don't fight war in ways to which we are accustomed — armies and navies going head to head. Instead, these cowards sneak into our countries, and they attack our most innocent, civilians going about the business of living our daily lives.

France has reacted strongly to the attacks on its domestic soil, and is encouraging other nations to fall in line and stand

shoulder to shoulder with it as it takes on these terrorists.

President Obama seems loathe to engage in another prolonged war, such as those that we encountered in Vietnam, Iraq and Afghanistan. But unless we align our efforts and present a solid front to these terrorists, these attacks will continue unabated.

Whether it has been formally declared or not, we are already at war, and a prolonged one at that.

It's high time we join with our allies and map out a plan to put an end to this terrorism in a way that is both effective and which spills as little blood as possible.

We've been in this battle for at least 15 years, if not longer. It's well past time to put an end to it.

— L.C.



## Love the visits, but not the long car ride

I loved visiting my grandparents as a kid. But I hated the trip.

It was a five-hour drive from our home in Pine Island to Hills, deep in the southwestern corner of Minnesota.

My father, a retired Navy officer, drove like he was going to war — there were no stops until we either reached our destination or he needed fuel, despite whining from his three children in the back seat with full bladders and empty stomachs. It usually took my mother yanking on his earlobe to get him to make a stop.

Occasionally, I would make the trip with my Uncle Gale. Gale, a teacher, was a firm believer that a mid-trip stop for a Dairy Queen treat or pie at a local café was essential for boosting morale and calming crabby children. But it made the trip longer in terms of time, and the brief stop did little to break the boredom of endless corn fields and a horizon that was broken only by the massive grain elevators that dotted the landscape.



Lori Copler

All of that probably explains why I haven't been to that part of the state for probably 10 years.

But on Sunday, I found myself behind the wheel of my car, heading to Luverne for my aunt's funeral.

I could tell it had been a long time. Highway 60 west of Madelia is now mostly a four-lane that bypasses most of the small towns for which we had to slow down (but not stop at if Dad was driving).

The farm fields are now dotted heavily with wind turbines, breaking up the landscape.

The net result was that I arrived in Luverne well ahead of schedule, and had time to drive around town. I cruised Main Street, trying to remember which building had been home to my grandmother's café. Apparently, my memory wasn't as good as I had hoped, because I couldn't figure it out. But I was impressed that Luverne has maintained a Main Street that is still bustling, even on a Sunday morning.

After a brief graveside service, relatives and friends gathered at the local Pizza Ranch for the buffet, which gave me a chance to get caught up with assorted aunts, uncles and cousins.

I discovered I have more fuzzy memories that I care to admit to. Now that the trip is more expedient, I'm looking forward to another trip in which I can visit my parents' hometowns and get caught up more on what's happening in the lives of my cousins.

Now, if I could just remember which small town that Dairy Queen is in ...

### Guest Column:

## Little cause for celebration with deal

By Lee H. Hamilton

You can understand why President Obama and congressional leaders on both sides of the aisle sought to cast their end-of-October budget deal in the best possible light. They avoided a potentially catastrophic national default. They reduced the possibility of a government shutdown. And they raised the debt ceiling until March, 2017, taking that bargaining chip off the table until the next president is in the White House.

That's the good news. The bad news is that for all their hard work, our political leaders indulged in two bad habits that they really need to kick, because they wreak havoc with effective and efficient government and cost taxpayers a pile of money.

Still, for all their hard work, our political leaders indulged in two bad habits that they really need to kick, because they wreak havoc with effective and efficient government and cost taxpayers a pile of money.

First, while they gave themselves some breathing room before the next time the debt ceiling has to be raised, they will nonetheless have to raise the debt ceiling eventually. They should have abolished it, or at least suspended it.

The debt limit was instituted during World War I, when Congress handed over to the Treasury the ability to sell bonds to fund government needs without getting permission every time. In essence, the debt ceiling was a way to keep tabs on the Treasury, while still allowing the government to pay its bills for spending that had already been approved.

While the debt limit once served that cause, it has now become a political pawn, used repeatedly as leverage by opposition parties to make demands of the president. It has driven the persistent national game of "chicken" that has so tarnished Congress' image in recent decades. The legislative maneuvering surrounding each debt ceiling bill consumes huge amounts of legislative time that is better spent on other matters.

The second bad habit is equally pernicious: the budget deal did little to shift Congress from its reliance on continuing resolutions. The CR, as it's known, was designed to keep government operating for a few days or weeks while congressional negotiators worked out the budget. In recent decades, though, it has become

the way we fund the government.

Continuing resolutions bypass the appropriations bills written by specialized committees and provide a favored few interests a bonanza. They also keep the federal government — and hence state and local agencies that rely on federal commitments — in "handcuffs," as a recent article in Politico put it. The CR puts the government on automatic pilot, avoids hundreds of difficult funding and policy decisions, and has become a substitute for working hard to pass a budget by the regular process. It lacks transparency, side-steps good budgeting, puts all the power in the hands of a few congressional leaders, and invites Congress to act in a crisis mode.

Do you want the Congress to work better? If so, ask your favorite member to think big and not lock into a failing system. A good start would be to kick these two bad habits.

Lee Hamilton is director of the Center on Congress at Indiana University. He was a member of the U.S. House of Representatives for 34 years.

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### Question of the week

Thanksgiving is coming up Thursday, Nov. 26.  
What is your favorite thing about the day?

- 1) Turkey and all the fixings.
- 2) Spending time with family.
- 3) The pie; it's all about the pie.
- 4) Football is on all day long.
- 5) All of the above.

Results for most recent question:

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

- 1) Attend a Veterans Day program — 13%
- 2) Buy lunch for a veteran — 0%
- 3) Personally thank a veteran — 46%
- 4) Turn on a green light to honor veterans — 5%
- 5) All of the above — 13%
- 6) None of the above — 23%

39 votes. New question runs Nov. 18-24



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## Obituaries

### Evelyn Schrupp, 91, of Glencoe

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

Funeral services were held Saturday, Nov. 14, at St. John's Lutheran Church in Norwood Young America with the Rev. David Winter officiating. Rita Luecke was the organist. Soloist Justin Rierson sang "The Lord's Prayer" and "So Nimm Denn Meine Hande Und Fuhre Mich." Congregational hymns were "I Know That My Redeemer Lives" and "Jesus, Lover of My Soul."

Casket bearers were Neil Ramlow, Mathew Schrupp, Joseph Schrupp, Jacob Schrupp, Timothy Schrupp and Robert Schrupp.

Interment was in the St. John's Lutheran Church Cemetery in Norwood Young America.

Evelyn Anna Adeline Wigand Klancke Schrupp was born July 12, 1924, to Herman and Elsa (Bullert) Wigand in Henderson. She was baptized and confirmed in the Lutheran faith.

On June 12, 1946, she married William E. Klancke in Mayer. They farmed north of Norwood Young America for six years. Their marriage was blessed with a son, Charles William Klancke, who was born in 1949. Sadly, Mr. Klancke died in 1952, leaving

Evelyn a young, widowed mother, at which time she and her son moved to Glencoe to live in an apartment in her parents' home. She found employment working as an assistant to the county superintendent of schools at the McLeod County Courthouse. In 1958, she went into full-time teaching in elementary schools, teaching at the Plato school and then at Helen Baker in Glencoe. In 1965, she purchased her own home in Glencoe. She retired from teaching in 1984, after 35 years of service. She lived in Glencoe for 20 years and was an active member of First Evangelical Lutheran Church.

Her only child, Charles, was a gifted athlete and graduated from Glencoe High School in 1966. He attended college, but was drafted into the service of his country in 1968. On Jan. 9, 1970, he was killed in battle in Vietnam. He left behind his young wife, Shirley, and their only daughter, Shelley Lynn Klancke.

On Nov. 19, 1972, she married Milton J. Schrupp in Glencoe. The couple enjoyed life on their farm southeast of Young America. They were active members of their community and of their church, St. John's Lutheran. They shared 36 years of marriage together. Mr. Schrupp died in 2008, and Mrs. Schrupp made her home at The Harbor in Norwood and later at Glencoe Regional Health Services Long Term Care.

Mrs. Schrupp enjoyed many interests and hobbies in her life, including visiting with family and friends, sewing, crafting and quilting, flower and vegetable garden-

ing, cooking and baking, traveling in the United States and Europe with Mr. Schrupp, family genealogy, loving and serving her Lord in church, and caring for a big home and backyard.

Mrs. Schrupp was a member of VFW Post 5102 Auxiliary in Glencoe and was a Gold Star Mother. She served in church on the altar guild, sang in the church choir, attended Bible class weekly, helped the ladies aid with quilting, and was a charter member of Prime Time. She also served on various education boards.

She is survived by her granddaughter, Shelley (William) Ashton of Oakdale, great-grandchildren, Breana and Charles Ashton; daughter-in-law, Shirley Klancke of Oakdale; stepsons, David (Pamela) Schrupp of Paynesville and Gary (Susan) Schrupp of Norwood Young America; nine stepgrandchildren; 11 stepgreat-grandchildren; sister, Lilah Mackenthun of Glencoe; sisters-in-law, Marion Wigand of Cohasset and Pearl Schrupp of Norwood Young America; many nieces, nephews, relatives and friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Herman and Elsa Wigand; first husband, William Klancke; second husband, Milton Schrupp; son, Charles Klancke; brother, Allen Wigand; sister, Helen Ramlow; and brothers-in-law, Fred Ramlow and Weldon Mackenthun.

Arrangements were with the Paul-McBride Funeral Chapel of Norwood Young America. Online obituaries and guest book are available at [www.hantge.com](http://www.hantge.com).

### Lillian Ida Dammann, 95, of Glencoe

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

Funeral services were held Thursday, Nov. 12, at First Evangelical Lutheran Church in Glencoe with the Rev. Ronald Mathison officiating. Soloist Justin Rierson sang "The Lord's Prayer" and "One Day At a Time." Congregational hymns were "How Great Thou Art" and "O, God, Our Help in Ages Past."

Casket bearers were Jack Hanna, Alan Oppenheimer, Caitlin Jacob, Dr. Leah Asman, Melanie Asman, Tyler Oppenheimer, Aaron Oppenheimer, Ashley Dammann and Rebecca Dammann.

Interment was in the church cemetery.

Lillian Ida (Schuette) Dammann was born Aug. 26, 1920, in Bergen Township, McLeod County. She was the daughter of John and Emma (Maack) Schuette. She was baptized as an infant on Sept. 12, 1920, and was confirmed in her faith as a youth on April 14, 1935, both by the Rev. R. Zwintscher at St. John's Lutheran Church in Plato. She attended country school near her home.

On June 20, 1948, she was united in marriage to Raymond Arthur Dammann by the Rev. C.E. Mix at St. John's Lutheran Church in Plato. They made their home on the family farm in Helen Township and, upon retiring in 1992, moved to Glencoe. In 2010, Mrs. Dammann moved to Grand Meadows; in 2013, she became a resident of Glencoe Regional Health Services Long Term Care. The Dammanns shared over 47 years of marriage before Mr. Dammann's death on Oct. 31, 1995.

Mrs. Dammann was a hardworking farm wife, and took great pride in working beside her husband on the family farm. In the '50s and '60s, they were members of The Flying Farmers of America. She was an active member of First Evangelical Lutheran Church in Glencoe, where she served on the ladies aid. She also volunteered at the Clothing Depot.

The farm was the center of Mrs. Dammann's life. She loved to be outside in her gardens of many vegetables and flowers, especially her geraniums. There was always an overabundance she would share. She enjoyed sewing, embroidering, canning, her card party group and visiting with friends. She treasured her family.

She is survived by her children, Darlene Asman of Sterling Heights, Michigan, Joyce (Jack) Hanna of Fargo, North Dakota, Cynthia (Alan) Oppenheimer of Savage and

Brian (Sara) Dammann of Glencoe; grandchildren, Caitlin (Jerry) Jacob of Highwood, Illinois, Dr. Leah Asman (husband Benson Lo) of Arlington Heights, Illinois, Melanie Asman of Sterling Heights, Michigan, Tyler Oppenheimer of St. Louis Park, Aaron Oppenheimer of Savage, Ashley Dammann of Glencoe; step-grandchildren, Jared (Patricia) Asman of Arlington, Virginia, and Nicholas (Leslie) Asman of Brighton, Michigan; sister-in-law, Gertrude Zuhlsdorf of Richfield; nieces, nephews, other relatives and many friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents, John and Emma Schuette; husband, Raymond Dammann; father-in-law and mother-in-law, Otto and Anna Dammann; son-in-law, Gary Asman; siblings, Arthur Schuette, Edwin Schuette, Clarence (Emma) Schuette, Harold Schuette, Malinda (Jerry) Templin, Olga (Fred) Franke, Regina (Herbert) Panning, Mathilda (William) Werth, Frieda (Vernon) Kruschke and Mabel (Ellsworth) Kunkel; and sister-in-law, Eldora (Harold) Danner.

Arrangements were with the Johnson-McBride Funeral Chapel in Glencoe. Online obituaries and guest book are available at [www.hantge.com](http://www.hantge.com).

### Velma B. Lindemann, 95, of Arlington

Velma B. Lindemann, 95, of Arlington, died Saturday, Nov. 14, 2015, at the Good Samaritan Home in Arlington.

Funeral services were held Wednesday, Nov. 18, at St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church in Arlington with the Rev. Bruce Hanneman officiating. Interment was in the St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church Cemetery.

She was born Feb. 5, 1920, in Sibley County, to Otto and

Emma (Kleist) Schultz. She was baptized on Feb. 22, 1920, and confirmed on April 9, 1933, all at St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church. She attended country school. She married Ervin R. Lindemann on Nov. 2, 1941, at St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church in Arlington. They farmed in Arlington Township for many years, retiring to Arlington in 1972. She helped on their farm, and later worked for Big Stone Canning and the Good Samaritan Home in the dietary department. She enjoyed gardening, baking, holidays with family and time spent with family and friends. She was a member of the

Mission Club at St. Paul's Church.

She is survived by a brother, Gilbert Schultz of Hutchinson; a sister, Mabel Meyer of Arlington; as well as nieces, nephews and other relatives.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Ervin, on Aug. 17, 1999; brothers, Clarence and Elmer; sisters, Elva Schultz and Delores Mackenthun; brothers-in-law, Melvin Meyer and Harold Mackenthun; and sisters-in-law, Gertrude Schultz and Dorothy Schultz.

Arrangements were with the Kolden Funeral Home in Arlington.



Velma Lindemann

### Wesley V. Wosmek, 66, of Emily

Wesley V. Wosmek, 66, of Emily, formerly of Silver Lake, died Friday, Nov. 6, 2015, at his residence.

A memorial service was held Wednesday, Nov. 11, at The Maresh Funeral Home in Silver Lake with the Rev. Paul Schumacher officiating.

Honorary bearers were Steven Jakobitz and Mel Schwarze, Jim Nowak and

Steve Urban.

Wesley Wosmek was born May 18, 1949, in Hutchinson, the son of Otto and Ramona (Hoffman) Wosmek. He graduated from high school in 1968 and later attended Hutchinson Vo-Tech for two years.

Mr. Wosmek was formerly employed for many years as a truck driver for MCT Transportation. He enjoyed hunting, fishing and family gathering. He was a member of Holy Catholic Church in Silver Lake.

He is survived by two sons, Chad (Lorie) Wosmek of Emily and Chris Wosmek of

Lakeville; two grandsons, Gavin Wosmek and Nathaniel Wosmek; sisters and brothers, Darlene (Gene) Rotzien Cartwright, Darlyce (Michael) Schlechter, Randy (Jody) Wosmek, Shari (Steve) Langeren, Marj (Nic) Frieler and Brian (Wendy) Wosmek; other relatives and friends.

He was preceded in death by a son, Eric Wosmek; his parents, Otto and Ramona Wosmek; and by a brother, Wendell Wosmek.

The Maresh Funeral Home in Silver Lake served the family. Online condolences may be made at [www.mareshfuneralhome.com](http://www.mareshfuneralhome.com).



Wesley Wosmek

## Deaths

### Alice VonBerge Stuedemann, 99, of Glencoe

Alice Emma VonBerge Stuedemann, 99, of Glencoe, died Saturday, Nov. 14, 2015, at Glencoe Regional Health Services Long Term Care.

Funeral services will be held Thursday, Nov. 19, at 11 a.m., at First Evangelical Lutheran Church in Glencoe, with interment following in the St. John's Lutheran Church Cemetery in Helen Township, Glencoe.

Visitation will be Wednesday, Nov. 18, from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m., at the Johnson-McBride Funeral Chapel in Glencoe, and will continue one hour prior to the service at the church on Thursday.

Arrangements are with the Johnson-McBride Funeral Chapel in Glencoe. An online guest book is available at [www.hantge.com](http://www.hantge.com).

### Hilary Hoof, 86, of Norwood Young America

Hilary Hoof, 86, of Norwood Young America, died Friday, Nov. 13, 2015, at Abbott Northwestern Hospital in

Minneapolis.

Funeral services will be held Thursday, Nov. 19, at 11 a.m., at Friedens (County Line) Church in Norwood Young America, with interment following in the Ferguson Cemetery.

Visitation will be Wednesday, Nov. 18, from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m., at Paul-McBride Funeral Chapel in Norwood Young America, and will continue Thursday for one hour prior to 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.hantge.com](http://www.hantge.com).

### Daniel Fischer, 56, Brownton

Daniel Fischer, 56, of Brownton, died Sunday, Nov. 15, 2015, at Glencoe Regional Health Services in Glencoe.

Memorial services will be held Saturday, Nov. 21, at 11 a.m., at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Brownton. A gathering of family and friends will be held Saturday from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m., one hour prior to the service at the church.

Arrangements are with the Johnson-McBride Funeral Chapel in Glencoe. An online guest book is available at [www.hantge.com](http://www.hantge.com).

### Juanita Urban, 81, Hassan Valley Twp.

Juanita Urban, 81, of Hassan Valley Township, McLeod County, died Monday, Nov. 16, 2015, at Oak Terrace Assisted Living in Gaylord.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held Friday, Nov. 20, at 2 p.m., at St. Anastasia Catholic Church in Hutchinson, with interment in the church cemetery.

Visitation will be Thursday, Nov. 19, from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m., with a 5 p.m. Council of Catholic Women Rosary and a 7 p.m. parish prayer; and will continue Friday, Nov. 20, from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m., at the Dobratz-Hantge Chapel in Hutchinson. Visitation will continue Friday for one hour prior to the service at the church.

Arrangements were with the Dobratz-Hantge Chapel in Hutchinson. An online guest book is available at [www.hantge.com](http://www.hantge.com).

### Concert to benefit Pederson

Brothers and Sisters in Christ Singers (BASICS) will have their annual holiday concert Sunday, Dec. 6, at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Stewart.

This year's concert will be a fundraiser for Julie Pederson, who was diagnosed in June 2014 with non-small cell adenocarcinoma lung cancer, which has since spread to her spine and hip.

Pederson is employed at the Buffalo Lake Healthcare Center and is an organist at St. Paul's Lutheran in Stewart. She and her husband, Randy, travel to Mayo in Rochester for her treatments.

All proceeds will be donated to the Pedersons to assist with their travel and medical expenses.

The concert starts at 3 p.m., followed by a free-will supper until 6 p.m., fellowship and a silent auction.

The fundraiser is co-sponsored by BASICS and St. Paul's Lutheran WELCA and is a Thrivent Action Team Project.

Members of BASICS are Ruth Wagner, Lori Bleck, Carol Maiers, Molly Markgraf, Steve Krenik, Mark Maiers and Tim Sifferath. Soudmen are Paul Bleck and Greg Maiers.

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**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 Lions.

**Mon., Nov. 23** — Tops Weigh-In mtg., 5-5:30 p.m.; Brownton Senior Citizens Club, Brownton Community Center, 1 p.m.; Brownton Rod & Gun Club, 7 p.m.

**Thurs., Nov. 26** — **THANKSGIVING**; AA Group mtg. next to Post Office in Stewart, 8 p.m., call 320-212-5290 for info.

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

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## Silver Lake Police Chief will start position on Dec. 7

By Karin Ramige Cornwell  
Publisher

After what has been a lengthy process, the Silver Lake City Council heard that new Police Chief Kenneth Bradford will begin his duties on Dec. 7.

Bradford accepted the position in August pending criminal and psychological background checks.

The background checks, performed by the McLeod County Sheriff's Department, came back with positive results.

City Clerk Kerry Venier will work with Bradford on training, goals and expectations as he moves into his new position.

Bradford recently met with Venier and acting police chief RJ Cripps. Both Venier and Cripps reported that it went well.

Venier recognized Cripps for the work he has done while in the chief's role. He spent time catching up on paperwork, updating manuals, and other things that had been left undone over the last cou-

ple of months prior to his appointment as acting chief. His extra work will make for a much smoother transition for the new chief.

In other business the Council approved:

- The 2016 liquor licenses for the American Legion Club and the Municipal Liquor Store.

- A variance on the city's bar close ordinance for Wednesday, Nov. 25, and Thursday Dec. 31, to the Friday and Saturday close time. Last call will be at 12:45

a.m., with all patrons off the premises by 1:30 a.m.

The request was made by the Municipal Liquor Store, but also will apply to other establishments with liquor licenses.

The two days are always very profitable for the MLS.

- A contract with Brenda Chmielewski, an independent contractor, for the city's assessor services. She has been contracted with the city for a number of years.

## PA Haasken joins GRHS orthopedics department

Terese Haasken, a certified physician assistant, recently started seeing patients at Glencoe Regional Health Services (GRHS). With more than nine years of experience in orthopedics, she specializes in injuries and conditions affecting the bones, muscles and joints.

"It's an exciting time to be here because GRHS is expanding its orthopedic department and building a new third-floor addition for rehabilitation services," Haasken said. "Patients will find they can stay close to home and receive comprehensive care — from diagnosis right through surgery and rehabilitation if needed — for almost every type of orthopedic condition."

Haasken provides specialized orthopedic care to GRHS patients of all ages,

which includes physical examinations, evaluating pain, ordering lab tests and imaging studies, prescribing medications, giving injections, fitting splints and explaining surgical treatment options. She also assists GRHS orthopedic surgeon Paul Damrow in the operating room and provides post-surgical follow-up care.

"Orthopedics is a very rewarding specialty. We restore function and tangibly improve the patient's quality of life," Haasken says. "Our goal is to get patients back to the activities they enjoyed



Terese Haasken

doing before injury or joint pain interfered. I like that I can see people get better after orthopedic care."

An aspect of her specialty that Haasken especially enjoys is advising young athletes and other patients about how to avoid injuries. She draws on her experience as a runner and weight lifter to offer practical advice to her patients. "I talk a lot about listening to what your body is telling you," she says.

Haasken received her bachelor's degree in biology and her master's degree in physician assistant studies from Augsburg College, Minneapolis. Her training included surgery and emergency medicine rotations at Hennepin County Medical Center, Minneapolis, and a rotation in orthopedic surgery at the Minneapolis VA Medical

Center. She is certified by the National Commission on Certification of Physician Assistants.

Haasken lives in Chaska with her husband, Danny, and their two young sons.

"My position in Glencoe enables me to do a job I love while still keeping a balance with my family life," she says.

To schedule an appointment with Haasken, patients may call GRHS at 320-864-7750 or toll free 1-888-526-4242, ext. 7750.

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



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## GSL teachers spend night on roof

This fall, Glencoe-Silver Lake Lakeside Elementary and Helen Baker Elementary students were challenged to raise \$21,000 for their annual fundraising events. Students were promised that if they reached their goal, Zach Otto-Fisher of Helen Baker and Josh Otto-Fisher of Lakeside would spend the night on the roof of Helen Baker. The goal was met

and the Otto-Fisher brothers slept on the roof on the night of Monday, Nov. 9. GSL appreciates all the friends and family who supported the fundraiser and both the Otto-Fishers for being so brave. The money raised goes toward activities and supplies at both buildings for students throughout the school year.

## Women's Club hosts supper

The Silver Lake Women's Club GFWC recently hosted a supper for senior residents of various apartment complexes, and members' spouses.

Prior to the meal, Alice Nowak entertained the group with many selections. Special guests were Mayor Bruce Bebo and wife Deb, Duane Wawrzyniak of the Silver Lake Ambulance and members' spouses.

After the meal a card game was played. Door prizes were won by Ed Goede and Marjorie Stritesky.

Duane Wawrzyniak then spoke and had a video on CPR, compressions and the use of a defibrillator.

At the club meeting various club activities were discussed. Nov. 7, the club served a barbecue lunch at the Holiday Craft Sale. Nov. 18, the club will be hosting an appreciation tea for staff at Lakeside School with a \$200 donation to be used for library materials.

Members were reminded of the annual Thanksgiving dinner to donate two pies or a dessert. The Christmas party will be Dec. 7 at Molly's Café. In lieu of a member gift exchange, a Common Cup family will be adopted.



Chronicle photo by Rebecca Mariscal

## GSL hears 'Today's Pork' talk

Karen Richter of DKR Swine Farms near Montgomery visited foods classes at Glencoe-Silver Lake High on Nov. 13 to give a presentation on "Today's Pork." The presentation demonstrated how farmers have used technology to raise pigs to better meet consumers' demands. Pork is now leaner and healthier and certified by the American Heart Association.

## Early Deadlines

Due to the Thanksgiving holiday, the deadline for the GLENCOE ADVERTISER will be Noon on Tues., Nov. 24



## 22 SL seniors met Nov. 9

The Silver Lake Senior Citizens Club met Monday, Nov. 9, with 22 members present.

November birthday is Clarence Junczewski. November anniversary is Gary and Kathy Kaczmarek.

The next regular meeting, which will also be the Christmas party, is Dec. 14 at 1 p.m., followed by cards and a catered dinner at 3:30 p.m.

Thirteen members attended the October county quarterly meeting at Lester Prairie.

Cedar Crest cards were set for Nov. 11 at 1:30 p.m. 31 games will be Nov. 30.

A get well card was sent to Judy Penas.

31 winners: Margie Chap and Tina Dolezal.

500 winners: Hubert Scherman, Don Benz, Joanne Victorian, Dolores Goede, Carol Navratil, Genny Lhotka, Mary Jaskowiak, Ed Goede, Roger Lhotka and Margaret Scherman.

## 27 Brownton seniors met on Monday

Twenty-seven Brownton senior citizens met Monday, Nov. 16, at the Brownton Community Center.

Cards were played after the business meeting with the following winners — 500, Audrey Tongen, first, and Archie Diehn, second; pinochle, Leone Kujas, first, and Bernetta Alsleben, second; and sheephead, Lowell Brelje, first, and Deloris Rennecke, second.

Rita Plendl won the door prize. The seniors enjoyed a potluck meal.

The next meeting will be Monday, Nov. 23, at 1 p.m. All area seniors are welcome.

Papers will be printed on Wednesday, but will be delivered over the weekend.

Thanks for your cooperation!

Our office will be CLOSED on Thursday, Nov. 26 & will close at 1 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 27

## People

### Ross frisbee club president

Christopher Ross of Glencoe was named the president of the Ultimate Frisbee club at Southwest Minnesota State University for the 2015-2016 academic year. Ross is a sophomore political science major.

### Schuft is club president

Jordan Schuft of Glencoe is the president of the University Sportsmen's Association Club at Southwest Minnesota State University for the 2015-2016 academic year. Schuft is a senior accounting and finance major with concentrations in corporate finance, financial planning and investments.

### Grandson for Dammans

Lyle and Sue Dammann of Glencoe announce the arrival of their 12th grandchild, Joseph Charlie McNeil, born Oct. 27, 2015. "Joey" weighed 7 pounds, 1 ounce. He is welcomed home by parents Joe and Gabby (Lopez) McNeil of Yuma, Arizona. Grandparents are Marie Lopez of Arizona, the late Carlos "Charlie" Lopez, Lyle and Sue, and Mike McNeil of Bend, Oregon. Great-grandparents are Norma McNeil and Maurice McNeil of Glencoe.

### Daughter for Thode family

Tim and Courtney Thode of Hutchinson announce the birth of their daughter, Camdyn Elizabeth Thode, born Nov. 11, 2015, at Hutchinson Health. Camdyn weighed 8 pounds, 4 ounces, and was 21 inches long. She is welcomed home by siblings Ainsley, Nathan and Emelia. Grandparents are Tim and Gail Thode and Maureen Style of Hutchinson and Kevin and Gayle Boesche of Northfield.

### Baby girl born to Carlsons

Allissa and Trevor Carlson of Silver Lake announce the birth of their daughter, Milena Kay Carlson, born Nov. 11, 2015, at Glencoe Regional Health Services. Milena weighed 7 pounds, 9 ounces, and was 19½ inches long. Grandparents are Randy and Julie Vasek of Silver Lake and Tom and Pat Carlson of Chaska.

## Silver Lake Thanksgiving

The Silver Lake Auditorium is the site for the 12th-annual Silver Lake Thanksgiving Dinner. This free dinner, hosted by the city and friends, is open to anyone in the Silver Lake area who wants to enjoy a delicious, home-cooked meal and spend time with others.

The meal, provided by donations, will include turkey, ham, dressing and the fixings. There will be a dessert or two. 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 attend.

According to Silver Lake Mayor Bruce Bebo: "I guarantee everyone who attends this event that they will leave with three things: a full stom-

ach, 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.

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Roxy Yurek of the Silver Lake Lions Club explains some of the services provided by area clubs before dictionaries were given to Lakeside third graders on Wednesday, Nov. 11. The donations were made possible by the Lions Clubs from Brownton, Glencoe, New Auburn, Plato and Silver Lake.

## Lions donate dictionaries to 3rd graders

On Nov. 11, 168 copies of "A Student's Dictionary" were distributed by members of the Lions Clubs of Brownton, Glencoe, New Auburn, Plato and Silver Lake to the third-grade students and third-grade teachers of Glencoe-Silver Lake Lakeside School, St. Pius X School, First Lutheran School, and to home-schooled third graders in the GSL district. 2015 marks the 11th year that third-grade students in the GSL School district have received these dictionaries free of charge, with well over 1,900 distributed thus far.

The Lions Clubs of Brownton, Glencoe, New Auburn, Plato and Silver Lake presented each third-grade student with "A Student's Dictionary," which is the student's personal property and can be kept by the student for use in third, fourth, fifth and grades beyond. This dictionary was approved by the schools' administrators, and is planned to be used in the third-grade classrooms throughout this school year.

The area Lions Clubs and the "Dictionary Project", the dictionary's publisher, provide this dictionary to aid third-grade teachers in their goal to see all their students end the school year as good writers, active readers, and creative thinkers.

The objective of this program is to provide school children with their very own dictionaries for use in school and at home, starting at the age when their education switches from "learning to read" to "reading to learn,"



Lakeside third graders Landan Smith, Madison Schultz and Henry Becker check out the dictionaries that were donated by the Lions Clubs within the Glencoe-Silver Lake School District.

which typically occurs in the third grade of elementary school.

A dictionary is perhaps the first and most powerful reference tool a child can own. This particular edition's usefulness goes beyond the usual spellings, pronunciations, and definitions as it also contains maps and facts of the countries of the world, facts of the 50 United States, the Declaration of Independence, the Constitution of the United States, biographies of the U.S. presidents, weights and measures for both English and metric, the Periodic Table of the Elements, sign language, Braille, facts of the planets in our solar system and more.

It is a companion for solving problems that arise as a child develops his or her reading, writing, and creative thinking abilities. Students benefit from an increased

self-reliance and resourcefulness inspired by the maxim "look it up." Teachers benefit by knowing that their students have consistent access to a tool for homework and in class explorations. This project is an opportunity for children to expand their vocabulary, and for many, the first opportunity to actually own their own dictionary.

Lions Clubs International is the world's largest service club organization with more than 1.37 million members in more than 46,000 clubs in 210 countries and geographical areas around the world. Since 1917, Lions clubs have aided the blind and visually impaired and made a strong commitment to community service and serving youth throughout the world. For more information, visit the website at www.lionsclubs.org.



Chronicle photos by Rebecca Mariscal

## VFW Auxiliary visits schools

Glencoe VFW Auxiliary member Virginia Adams visited Glencoe-Silver Lake's Helen Baker Elementary, First Lutheran School and St. Pius X School on Veterans Day, Nov. 11, to hear students recite the pledge of allegiance. Every student who completed the pledge received a certificate and a gift. Kindergartners received flags, first graders received pencils and second graders received rulers. Adams saw over 370 students throughout the day. At the Helen Baker visit, she was accompanied by two veterans who answered questions about their service. Above, Tiffany Meulners' kindergarten class recites the pledge with Adams. At left, Aymar Sanchez shows a project picturing what she would send in a care package to soldiers. Below, Ivanna Schultz receives her certificate and flag from Adams.



## Nokes discusses circumstances regarding disciplinary action

**Editor's Note: Attorney Scott Nokes last week, asking for the opportunity to put a recent disciplinary action into context, saying a news release published last week didn't tell the full story.**

By Lori Copler  
Editor

Glencoe Attorney Scott Nokes on Monday expressed a desire to clarify the circumstances that resulted in recent disciplinary action against him by the Minnesota Supreme Court.

Nokes said he doesn't agree with the decision, but abides by it. The decision was published in The Chronicle last week from a news release issued by the Office of Lawyers Professional Accountability. Nokes said the issue dates back to July 2013, when a power of attorney for one of Nokes' clients filed the complaint.

Nokes said the client had approached him after the client's brother had died. The client asked if Nokes could obtain a copy of the brother's will, which was in the possession of a third brother.

Nokes said he was able to get a copy of the will, which turned out to be handwritten and unwitnessed. Nokes told his client that he did not feel

the will was valid, and asked if the client wished Nokes to continue with the issue.

At that time, Nokes offered the client two possibilities for payment — either an upfront retainer fee of \$3,500, or to have the fee based on contingency of the findings. Nokes said the client chose the contingency plan, with the understanding Nokes would be paid one-third of whatever money was recovered through the process.

As it turned out, Nokes said, his client was apparently entitled to over a quarter-million dollars from the estate.

At that point, the client said he would prefer to pay on an hourly basis, rather than on the contingency.

But Nokes said the two had agreed prior to Nokes' findings on the estate on the contingency fee, and had a written contract regarding that.

The client and the power of attorney continued to contest the bill, which then went to mediation and, finally, to arbitration. Nokes said the arbiter came up with a proposed settlement, but the client and power of attorney continued to maintain their stance.

Later, the power of attorney filed the complaint alleging misconduct on Nokes' part.

Nokes said issues regarding the use of contingency fees

had been upheld in other court cases in other states, and Nokes' own attorney argued that the written contingency fee contract was valid.

However, the court disagreed.

Nokes appealed the decision, but the disciplinary action of a public reprimand and payment of associated costs were also upheld in appeal.

Nokes said he was disappointed in the decision because it was "made in hindsight" of the events.

Nokes said he invested about 15 hours on behalf of his client, and the court said that, "in hindsight," was what should have been billed.

Nokes said the reason lawyers sometimes take on cases on contingencies is that clients cannot always afford upfront retainers. With contingency contracts, lawyers take the risk that they may not be paid at all if their clients are not entitled to some kind of payments after the investigation is completed.

Nokes stressed that he still firmly believes in the values instilled in him as a veteran of the Coast Guard.

"Honor, respect and devotion to duty," said Nokes. "I've always lived my life by that, and I intend to continue to do so in the future."

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