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## GSL Board eyes May building referendum

By Alyssa Schauer  
Staff Writer

In a two-hour workshop session Monday night, the Glencoe-Silver Lake School Board agreed “something needs to be done” about the recurring maintenance issues at Helen Baker Elementary School and the space issues at the high school, and decided to pose the questions for the public next May in another building referendum election.

At its regular board meeting two weeks ago, the Board heard there have been heating issues at Helen Baker, and discussed how much more time and money should be spent on the facility.

Superintendent Chris Sonju asked

the Board Monday, “What is it that you would like Michelle (Sander, business manager) and I to move forward with? At this point, what is our driving force?”

Sonju said besides the heating problems at Helen Baker, other issues in the district need to be addressed, such as the lack of secure entrances at Lincoln Junior High School and the high school, the lack of classrooms to accommodate efficient learning, the lack of activity space, lack of locker rooms and lack of “21st-century space.”

“These are huge concerns. Still huge concerns at the high school ... What do we do with Helen Baker then? Invest in it? Or sell it? What

do we do with the third graders? Do we keep them at Lakeside, or bring them to the Glencoe campus? What’s next? What are your thoughts as a board?” Sonju said.

“First of all, I do believe we need to act on Helen Baker. Whether it’s a new building or whatever. We need to go to the community and we need to say, ‘This is what is happening with heating and this is what it’s going to cost to upgrade and replace a heating system. We have to be right up front with the costs,’” Board Member Kevin Kuester said.

He said the public needs to know what everything will cost. “If people don’t hear what those costs are gonna be, I don’t think they’ll sup-

port a new building,” he added.

Kuester explained that the boilers are “good” at Helen Baker, but that the delivery system is deteriorating. “The piping hasn’t been upgraded since it was put in.”

Board Member Jason Lindeman said currently, there’s piping on the outside walls at Helen Baker to “band-aid” the heating problems. “It’s not very sightly,” he said.

Business Manager Michelle Sander asked Kuester what else could be done to “get the word out.” She explained that countless newspaper articles have been written and public forums have been held to do just that. “What else can we do?”

Kuester said he knows many peo-

ple do not attend the public forums, especially those against the referendum. “And I don’t know, do people read the newspaper? Some do, but if we don’t get that information out, we won’t get the public’s support.”

Sonju said it’s roughly \$12 million to upgrade the heating system at Helen Baker, and those costs included other upgrades the building needs, such as a new library, computer lab and secure entrance.

“Obviously, those aren’t solid costs, as those are just beginning plans if we were to keep Helen Baker in the plans,” Sonju said.

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## E-cig talks tabled again by county

By Alyssa Schauer  
Staff Writer

The McLeod County Board, meeting Nov. 17, yet again tabled a decision on adopting amendments to its tobacco ordinance and postponed the vote to its Dec. 2 meeting.

Public Health Director Kathy Nowak and Jean Johnson, public health educator, presented a revised proposal of the ordinance for board members that included language more closely aligned with that in the state tobacco ordinance regarding e-cigarettes, and changes in wording, such as “smoke-free” to “tobacco-free.”

The county’s ordinance also includes banning e-cigarettes in public places such as restaurants, bars and workplaces, whereas the state’s tobacco ordinance does not.

Johnson said she feels banning e-cigarettes at all workplaces could help lower the state’s average of youth who have tried e-cigarettes.

“The average number of students who have tried an e-cigarette in the state of Minnesota is 12.9 percent. The national average is 2.8 percent. Our kids are trying them at a much faster pace than the nation, which is sad,” Johnson said.

She said kids see smoking in public and have the perception that e-cigarettes are OK. She also said she feels as if smoking e-cigarettes in public is sort of “advertising” that they are not harmful.

“We don’t want to go beyond the state law,” Johnson said. She said the purpose of the ordinance is to regulate and prohibit indoor use of smoking.

Glencoe resident Doug Krueger, commissioner-elect for District 2, spoke about his concerns with more government control, and felt the argument about kids’ perception of smoking isn’t valid.

“They (e-cigarettes) are not proved to be harmful at this time. How can you ban something that’s not harmful, and based on perception?” Krueger asked.

Johnson said discoveries are being made that e-cigarettes are actually “very harmful.”

“That’s not truly true,” Krueger argued.

“Well, I’d rather be safe than sorry,” Johnson said.

Commissioner Sheldon Nies asked Johnson and Nowak if law

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## Former grocery building comes tumbling down

Demolition of the former Mark’s Economart grocery building in Glencoe started late last week and continues this week. Above, a heavy equipment operator uses a claw to remove debris from the interior of the building. The city of Glencoe purchased the property and hopes to sell it for economic development. Once

the building demolition is complete, the city is considering re-establishing 11th Street west of Greeley Avenue as a two-way, rather than one-way, street. It was changed to a one-way street many years ago when the grocery building was expanded.

## Chamber honors volunteers at luncheon

By Lori Copler  
Editor

The Glencoe Area Chamber of Commerce honored two volunteers and elected three new board members at its annual meeting and luncheon Thursday, Nov. 20.

Kelly Rach, this year’s Chamber vice president and next year’s president, received the Chamber’s Community Volunteer Award, primarily for her church work. She also is very active in the Chamber, including serving on the Board of Directors and with the Ambassadors and event organizer committee.

Rach is a financial advisor with Russ Runck & Associates. Gale Hoese, president of Security

Bank & Trust Co., was named the Mike Popelka Chamber Volunteer of the Year. The award was named after the late Mike Popelka, a businessman who exemplified dedication to Chamber efforts.

According to David Nelson, Chamber president, Hoese was chosen because of “his leadership at Security Bank, his support and encouragement for his employees to volunteer, and for his service to the Chamber events and committees.”

Most notable, Nelson said, are Hoese’s efforts in economic development for the Glencoe area.

Nicole Grobe, branch manager of Mid Country Bank, and Scott Rhodes, natural foods manager at

Coborn’s, were elected to the Board of Directors. Rachel Schuette, customer service manager at Miller Manufacturing, was re-elected to the board. She had been appointed last year to fill out an unexpired term.

Larry Anderson, outgoing president, also was recognized for his year of service as president.

Outgoing board members are Anderson and Lisa Ahlbrecht.

Anderson also reviewed the Chamber’s activities for 2014, including the Business Expo. Cinco de Mayo, a reorganized and abbreviated Glencoe Days celebration (thanks to flooding in June), a golf tournament for GSL scholarships,

the Taste of Glencoe Seasonal Sampler, a joint effort with the Hutchinson Chamber on the farm-fatigue program, Holly Days, the candidates’ forum and more.

Anderson also highlighted some economic development achievements, most notably the 10,000-square-foot expansion under way at Miller Manufacturing, which will add 20 jobs; DaVita Dialysis, which will create about dozen jobs; the addition of 10 jobs at Starkey and six new jobs at MiroMatrix. Also highlighted were the expansion of Snap Fitness, the renovation of a building

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### Weather

Wed., 11-26 H: 27°, L: 1°	Thur., 11-27 H: 12°, L: 10°	Fri., 11-28 H: 31°, L: 19°	Sat., 11-29 H: 27°, L: 11°	Sun., 11-30 H: 15°, L: 3°

**Looking Back:** Temps warmed for a snow melt over the weekend, but the chill returns this week.

Date	Hi	Lo	Precip.
Nov. 18	17	.....3	.....0.00
Nov. 19	25	.....11	.....0.00
Nov. 20	18	.....-3	.....Trace

Nov. 21	31	.....-3	.....0.00
Nov. 22	42	.....28	.....0.00
Nov. 23	45	.....29	..0.03/rain
Nov. 24	29	.....10	..0.1/snow

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

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## Two on Tap coming to Glencoe

Broadway showstoppers Melissa Giattino and Ron DeStefano are bringing tap and song to Glencoe with their holiday show, *Two on Tap*, on Saturday, Nov. 29, at 7 p.m., in the Glencoe-Silver Lake High School Auditorium. They will perform unique song-and-dance arrangements of Christmas favorites. This concert is sponsored by the Glencoe Area Performing Artist Series. For more information, call Darlene Dammann at 320-864-3424.

# GSL Knowledge Bowl teams participate in first meets of season

The Glencoe-Silver Lake Knowledge Bowl team participated in its first meet of the season in Chaska on Friday, Nov. 21.

"Knowledge Bowl practice has barely started and many of our members are still involved in the fall musical. Were we ready for a meet? Chaska was hosting a 'Cosmic Bowl' on Friday evening, Nov. 21, and we decided to go, ready or not," said Vicky Harris, Knowledge Bowl coach.

Harris said GSL took two varsity teams and one junior varsity team to Chaska to compete against 53 teams from 10 other schools.

"These are schools we rarely see in competition: Academy of Holy Angels, Chanhasen, Cretin-Derham Hall, Hastings, Mankato East, Mankato West, Prior Lake, St. Francis and, of course the host, Chaska. Several are 'big dogs' in Knowledge Bowl terms, and even though we were missing people, it was good to see them early in the season," Harris said.

She said the Cosmic Bowl was a little "unusual," in that all varsity and JV teams competed together, but at the end, separate awards were given to the top three JV teams.

"In this case, a JV team was defined by age. If a team had no students above 10th grade, it could be called JV, but it still competed with the varsity teams. The meet was also unusual because it had a shorter-than-normal written with only 30 points, and only three oral rounds," Harris said.

Chaska's "Hyperion" won the meet with 81 points, while AHA "Pronouns" finished second with 79.5. CDH "X" took third place with 70 points.

According to Harris, GSL's "Nirvana" team started with the lowest written round of any GSL team, earning 17 out of 30 on the written. This put it in Room 8 of 19 for oral round one, but it dominated that room and earned 16 points.

"They moved up to Room 3, and again earned 16 points, so for the third and final round, they moved to Room 2. In the final round, CDH 'X' won the room, while 'Nirvana' was second (18-13). Chaska 'Apollo' earned only 9 points," Harris said.

"Nirvana" finished in fourth place with 63.5 points, "an excellent performance for a team with only two seniors, Patrick Fehrenbach and Jacob Wawrzyniak," Harris said. She added that teams usually have four members.

"GSL Too Dusnt Kare" began its rounds better, Harris said. With 20 points, it started in Room 4, where it earned 10 points. This dropped the team to Room 6, where it earned 13 points.



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The Glencoe-Silver Lake Knowledge Bowl teams participated in their first meet of the season in Chaska on Nov. 21. All three of GSL's teams placed in the top 12 or in the top quarter of all

teams present. Above is the junior varsity team, which earned second place. From left to right are Austin Pinske, Rachel Reichow, Kyle Wanous, Dini Schweikert and Jacob Fehrenbach.

For the final round, it competed in Room 3, where it earned another 13 points, to finish with 56.5 in eighth place of the varsity teams. This team included juniors and sophomores Mitch Beneke, Maddie Kuehn, Mark Lueders, Trevor Posusta and Maggie Peterson.

Harris said "GSL Jenusez" was the JV team and had the best written score. With 25 points, it tied for first place with AHA's "Pronouns," so it began competition in Room 1.

"Here, they lost many points to the 'Pronouns' and earned only six points. For round two, they were in Room 5, where they scored five points, so they dropped a little farther to Room 9. Here they were able to do much better, and earned 15 points, so their final total was 52.5, and they finished in 12th place overall, but second place of the JV teams. This team included Jacob Fehrenbach, Austin Pinske, Rachel Reichow, Dini Schweikert and Kyle Wanous," Harris

said. She continued: "As the beginning of the season, this was a spectacular performance overall. GSL was the smallest school at the meet, but all three of our teams placed in the top 12 or in the top quarter of all the teams present."

"We were very excited to do so well, and we look forward to having our other team members start being able to come to practice. Our next regular meet is Dec. 6 in Ortonville," Harris said.

## Happenings

### Thanksgiving dinner Nov. 27

The annual Glencoe community Thanksgiving dinner will be held Thursday, Nov. 27, at noon, at First Congregational Church, 1400 N Elliott Ave., Glencoe. This event is sponsored by area churches. There is no charge; a free-will offering will support the local food shelf. All are welcome, including families, seniors and singles.

### Bake, craft sale set Dec. 6

First Congregational Church, 1400 Elliott Ave., Glencoe, will have a bake sale, craft sale and luncheon on Saturday, Dec. 6, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Featured will be lefse, rosettes, krumkake, cookies, candy, baked goods, crafts and gifts. There also will be "Santa's Attic Treasures." The luncheon will consist of hot pork sandwiches, homemade soup and pie. Take-outs will be available. Live music will be by Creekside Jazz.

### GRHS Foundation tree lighting

The Glencoe Regional Health Services Foundation's annual Tree of Lights lighting program is set for Sunday, Nov. 30, at 5 p.m., in the long-term care parking lot. There will be beverages, cookies and visits from Santa's reindeer.

### Two on Tap concert Nov. 29

Two on Tap, an exciting Christmas show featuring colorful costumes, gorgeous vocals, dazzling tap choreography and unique song and dance arrangements of many Christmas favorites, will come to the Glencoe-Silver Lake High School Auditorium on Saturday, Nov. 29, at 7 p.m. This one-of-a-kind, two-act variety show is jam-packed with holiday fun. This concert is sponsored by the Glencoe Area Performing Artist Series. For more information, call Darlene Dammann at 320-864-3424.

### SL seniors meeting set Dec. 8

The Silver Lake Seniors Club will meet Monday, Dec. 8, at 1 p.m., at the Silver Lake Auditorium. A Christmas party and potluck will be held after the meeting. Set-up will be members A through L and clean-up will be members M through Z.

### No December meeting set

The Glencoe Sportsmen Club will not have a December meeting. The next meeting will be Monday, Jan. 5.

### Abundant Table meal Dec. 3

The Abundant Table community meal will be held Wednesday, Dec. 3, at the Christ Lutheran Church basement fellowship hall, located at 1820 Knight Ave. in Glencoe. Doors open at 4:30 p.m. for fellowship and the meal will be served at 5 p.m. This community Christmas meal includes ham, mashed potatoes, gravy, cranberry relish, glazed carrots, relishes, Abundant Table bread, Christmas cookies and ice cream. The Abundant Table community meal is free and open to everyone, including families and children, elderly and all seeking fellowship or in need of a helping hand. RSVP for preparations by calling Christ Lutheran Church at 320-864-4549.

### St. John's Advent services

St. John's Lutheran Church in Plato invites everyone to join its midweek Advent worship services on Wednesdays, Dec. 3, Dec. 10 and Dec. 17, at 7:15 p.m. St. John's Lutheran Church is located at 216 McLeod Ave. N in Plato.

### SL Sportsmen's Club meets

The Silver Lake Sportsmen's Club will meet on Thursday, Dec. 4, at 7 p.m., at the sanctuary.

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.



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## Blood drive

Last Wednesday, Nov. 19, the American Red Cross collected 139 units of blood in Glencoe. Gisela Rangel and Amanda Husted were first-time donors. New donors who reached goals were Kelly Rach, Jessica Lewandowski and Kerry Ward, one gallon; Daris Remus, three gallons; Mary Jo Wieseler, six gallons; and Denny Worschek, 23 gallons. Above is Connie Jutz, who said she donates at every blood drive, and to the right is John Tieben, reading the pre-donation materials.



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He said in 2011, the costs for the new building referendum were at \$18.495 million, and “we were asking the public to support \$17.995 million as the district was going to use \$500,000 towards the project. The architect’s estimate to do that same project over again right now is \$24 million,” Sonju said.

“And that is not a surprise it costs that much million more. I’m sure there are increases in the bond costs, construction costs and cost of materials,” Board Member Anne Twiss said.

Sander said that interest costs for the bonds are still down, but “construction costs went way up” since 2011.

“There’s validity to say this is what we want. We can get more data from the public on what to do, but we’re wasting dollars,” Lindeman said.

Board Member Donna VonBerge asked about the status of Helen Baker if the construction project would go through. “Are we going to just vacate Helen Baker and leave it? The public is going to say, ‘Oh great, another empty building in town.’”

“I would like to think the public would say, ‘Great, now we got a new school and not think about Helen Baker. But I know it’s out there,’” Lindeman said.

“We need the bond to pass because we need something better for our kids. Not because we need to sell Helen Baker,” Sonju said.

“It’s not whether people want something better for the kids, it’s the tax. If dollars weren’t an issues, we’d have it built. I don’t think there’s anybody who doesn’t see the need,” VonBerge said.

Lindeman said some concerns he heard revolve

around having two sites. “People asked me if we are really being fiscally responsible busing north? I’ve heard we should have one site. I’m not saying I support that, but it’s what I’ve heard,” Lindeman said.

“That would have a much higher price tag,” Sonju said. “Silver Lake is a good building.” Sonju said many improvements have been made to the building in the last few years.

“And my second grader who is now a third grader at Lakeside loves that building,” Lindeman added.

“Why not build onto Silver Lake to have all of the elementary there? I’d rather see all the elementary students in one place and the junior high/high school students in another,” VonBerge said.

“There’s no space at Lakeside. We’re landlocked,” Sander said.

“The biggest question is that if something blows up at Helen Baker, how much do we have to spend to fix it?” Lindeman asked. He said he has past experience at McLeod West, spending \$33,000 to upgrade the bathrooms, only to have the school close three months later.

“To me, we’re throwing good money after bad,” Twiss said.

Board Member Clark Christianson agreed, and said even after money would be spent to upgrade the heating system at Helen Baker, the building still has bad windows, bad lighting, bad doors and lack of space.

“We need hard numbers on those costs,” Kuester said. “We’re still going to be in an old building, and we need to let the public know those

costs.”

“Are you wanting all those ‘fix-it’ numbers? For additional classrooms? The kitchen upgrade? And what number is the tipping point?” Sonju asked.

“That’s almost up to the public,” Board Member Jamie Alsleben said. He said he agreed with Kuester that the Board “needs to get those hard numbers out there. We need to get them talking.”

“I think we need a united front. We have to come together and say this is what the Board wants to do about Helen Baker. If we don’t get together on this issues, we’re not going to get anywhere,” Twiss said.

“I agree where you’re coming from, Anne, but whether the Board is 6-0 or not, we need the public to be 6-0 to do that. There are people living it (the problems at Helen Baker and the space issues at the high school). I’d like to see them speak up,” Alsleben said.

VonBerge addressed the financial aspect and how it affects different members of the community. “The farmers have the highest tax, and there aren’t too many farmers around here who can afford that.”

“That’s why we put together a plan that is the bare minimum of what we need,” Sonju stressed.

“We know the way it is taxed is going to be a burden, especially on agricultural and business properties. But we still need to do this,” Twiss said. She said the city can “rehab streets” and the county can “rehab a jail” without a vote from the public. “But we need to do this. This is the best we can think of to improve kids’ education now.”

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enforcement weighed in about e-cigarettes. He said at the previous Board meeting on Nov. 4, Erin Simmons of the American Lung Association said e-cigarettes could be used for meth and marijuana.

“Have you received any feedback from the law?” Nies asked.

“Not that I’m aware,” Nowak said.

Commissioner Jon Christensen said he heard complaints from businesses and individuals in his district about banning e-cigarettes from workplaces.

Johnson said e-cigarettes

wouldn’t be banned completely from businesses, but would have to follow the ordinance about smoking so many feet away from the property.

“Just to make myself clear, I am totally against smoking. I’ve smoked for many years and it was the hardest thing to quit, but it’s a personal responsibility. It (government control) just never ends. There has to be a personal responsibility involved somewhere,” Krueger said.

Commissioners Paul Wright and Christensen said they felt they needed more

time to think about the ordinance, and the Board agreed to table the vote for its Dec. 2 meeting.

In other matters, the Board:

- Approved a contract between Prime West and McLeod County Public Health from Jan. 1, 2015, to Dec. 31, 2016, in the amount of \$347,338 to provide a public health nurse clinic liaison in collaboration with Hutchinson Health to decrease re-hospitalizations.
- Purchased a new Linde Model forklift from Bennett Material Handling of Hopkins for \$35,800, with money

## Record

### Glencoe Police

**TUESDAY, NOV. 18**  
5:15 p.m. — An officer and the Glencoe Ambulance responded to a medical alarm on Ives Avenue. A female fell and was dizzy. She was taken to the hospital by ambulance.

**WEDNESDAY, NOV. 19**  
1:28 p.m. — A report was received of a smell of marijuana in an apartment on Baldwin Avenue. The responding officer did not smell any marijuana.  
2:57 p.m. — A two-vehicle accident with minor damage was reported at DeSoto Avenue N and 16th Street E.  
8:18 p.m. — A driver was cited for driving after revocation and not having a child restraint system in place at a traffic stop in the area of Baxter Avenue N and 16th Street E.

**THURSDAY, NOV. 20**  
12:05 a.m. — An officer investigated a suspicious vehicle on 10th Street E. A traveling salesman had stopped to nap on his way to Olivia.  
5:50 a.m. — Officers and the Glencoe Ambulance responded to a medical emergency on Prairie Avenue. A woman had fallen.  
11:57 a.m. — An employer requested a welfare check of an employee who had not shown up for work for a couple of days. The person was found and everything was fine. The person was asked to call their employer.  
3:04 p.m. — An officer assisted a motorist who had pulled to the side of the road to pick up her kids, who were walking home from school. The vehicle got hung up on the snow, but the driver was able to get it free.  
3:53 p.m. — An officer spoke to the owner of “two little brown dogs” who were playing in the road on Hennepin Avenue, and

asked that the dogs be kept in the yard.

4:40 p.m. — An officer responded to a harassment issue on 13th Street.

**FRIDAY, NOV. 21**  
7:27 a.m. — Glencoe police officers and McLeod County sheriff’s deputies executed a search warrant on First Street E.  
8:41 a.m. — Officers assisted with helping up a woman who had fallen at a home on Judd Avenue N.  
3:10 p.m. — A gas drive-off was reported at a business on 10th Street, but it was determined there was a simply a mix-up.

4:07 p.m. — A child protection complaint on Newton Avenue resulted in two adults being taken to a detox facility, one of whom was cited for underage consumption.  
**SATURDAY, NOV. 22**  
8:28 a.m. — An officer administered a preliminary breath test (PBT) on a person at a chemical dependency class. The instructor believed the person had been drinking, and the test showed that he had indeed been drinking. The instructor allowed the individual to stay in the class for the day. The officer determined that he had not driven himself to the class.  
11:10 a.m. — The Glencoe Ambulance transported a female having an asthma attack on 10th Street to the hospital.  
2:15 p.m. — The ambulance took an elderly woman who was not feeling well from her residence on Prairie Avenue to the hospital.  
5:20 p.m. — A driver was cited for no Minnesota driver’s license and given a verbal warning for no tail lights at a traffic stop on Ninth Street E.

**SUNDAY, NOV. 23**  
5:41 p.m. — A driver was cited for failing to move over for a parked emergency vehicle on Highway 212 near Highway 22.  
7:55 p.m. — A driver was cited for driving after revocation and the vehicle’s license plates seized at a traffic stop in the area of Hennepin Avenue N and 11th Street E.

**MONDAY, NOV. 24**  
12:07 a.m. — Officers and an ambulance responded to a medical emergency on Prairie Avenue. The person was taken by ambulance to the emergency room.  
12:42 a.m. — An officer responded to a suspicious vehicle in a parking lot on 11th Street. It was discovered that a male had gotten sleepy on his way home from the Vikings’ game and decided to take a nap.  
2:57 a.m. — An officer and the Glencoe Ambulance responded to a medical emergency on Greeley Avenue. The person had stomach pains and was taken to the emergency room by ambulance.  
2:10 p.m. — A complaint was received of a car that kept backing up and stopping in the area of Eighth Street E and Ford Avenue N. It turned out to be an engineer for the city who was taking notes on a future project.

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## County Board again tables e-cig issue

Our view: Taking time to revise an ordinance is prudent

The McLeod County Board has once again tabled a decision on amending its tobacco ordinance to include other nicotine products, such as e-cigarettes.

While some may see tabling an issue a second time as indecisive and evasive, we feel it is prudent. Any time a government body considers adopting or amending an ordinance that regulates social or health issues, it needs to take careful and thoughtful steps. Social and health ordinances affect not only the public, but personal lifestyle choices. The government needs to tread carefully and find a balance between regulation and personal rights.

Whenever we try to regulate people's personal choices, we head down a slippery slope. Setting a legal age for smoking eventually led to ordinances and statutes banning smoking from public and work places. Now, we are trying to find a way to regulate e-cigarettes. Once we limit access to those products, manufacturers will find new products and ways to get around the ordinances and laws, and we will once again find ourselves trying to close the gaps with new and amended legislation.

Erin Simmons of the American Lung Association told the County Board at its Nov. 4 meeting that five

years ago, e-cigarettes weren't considered a serious issue because of the cost. That has changed dramatically. Five years from now, what new product will we have to address?

On the other hand, Simmons pointed out that e-cigarette use among teens doubled within a school year, and then doubled again the next year.

And the County Board heard Nov. 17 that 12.9 percent of teens in Minnesota have tried e-cigarettes, a considerably higher percentage than the national average of 2.8 percent.

Those are alarming statistics, no doubt, particularly when the potential health effects of e-cigarettes may not be known for decades.

But what is the solution? More regulation or better education? How do we help people make better choices? By restricting access or educating them on the potential risks?

Good luck with this one, county commissioners. No matter your decision, you will likely be both praised and criticized.

But thank you for taking your time and giving this issue prudent thought and consideration; in the end, you will hopefully find that fine line between over-regulation and protecting our citizens from potential harm to their health.

— L.C.



## Moving on to the next adventure in life

Some of you may have noticed The Chronicle is looking for a full-time general assignment reporter to cover my beat — the Glencoe-Silver Lake School Board, the Silver Lake City Council, and other feature stories and photography assignments.

Yes, the rumors are true: I'm marrying a rich guy and moving to New Zealand.

No, just kidding. I'm actually going on an adventure to explore the world of manufacturing. I'll be starting temporary work at 3M on the production line Monday.

Leaving my job as a journalist has probably been one of the toughest decisions I've ever had to make.

I love my job. I love writing. I love taking photos. I love my sassy coworkers. I love meeting new people and shootin' the breeze. I even love going to city council meetings and school board meetings to get the scoop on local government.

But at 28, I also really want to explore the world and continue to travel and actually have adventures in New Zealand, and unfortunately, the salary of a local reporter cannot support those endeavors.

I have outstanding student loans yet from college, a vehicle that isn't entirely reliable (I'll admit it), and an aching heart that years to hike the Appalachian Mountains, swim in the Mediterranean Sea, go whale-watching off the coast of the northern Pacific Ocean, explore the ancient Egyptian pyramids, walk the Great Wall of China, sleep in an igloo in the arctic Alaskan terrain, climb into the Grand Canyon, trek the beaten path into the Incan ruins at Machu Picchu in Peru, relax in the Blue Lagoon geothermal spa in Iceland and chase zebras, elephants and other African wildlife on safari in Kenya.

When I decided to major in English writing at Winona State, I didn't quite know what I wanted to be. I just knew I loved writing.

I especially loved poetry writing



**Alyssa Schauer**

but knew I couldn't succeed financially on crafting poems about my handsome professor or childhood memories of summer evenings spent catching fireflies with my brothers.

In my senior year at the university, I enrolled in a travel writing course to better document the time I had just spent in Paris for a journalism class. It was a terrific class to chronicle my recent travels and it showed me that writing can bring you anywhere.

We read travel books like Jon Krakauer's "Into Thin Air," Elizabeth Gilbert's "Eat, Pray, Love," and Isabella Bird's "A Lady's Life in the Rocky Mountains," that inspired a burning desire to pursue travel writing.

But the class also taught me that I don't necessarily need to go out of the country to India or out of state to the Rocky Mountains, or even out of town across the Mississippi River to travel.

My professor assigned weekly writing homework to sit somewhere ordinary — a coffee shop, a public bathroom, a bench along the lake, — and write to someone who perhaps had never traveled to any of those places.

Those assignments taught me to take in the details of my everyday surroundings, and I'm thankful I could use those skills in my writing for Silver Lake and McLeod County.

Those skills especially improved

my journal entries when I did do exciting things, like spend two weeks on the Pine Ridge Reservation in Kyle, S.D., participating in sweat lodges and learning the Lakota language from medicine men.

Or when I worked and lived for six months in the Minnesota north woods along the north shore clearing hiking and skiing trails and canoeing and portaging a 26-mile trek into the Boundary Waters.

The writing skills I learned were most useful when I kept an online journal of my spontaneous six-week backpacking excursion through Central America in 2010, traveling from Panama to Mexico at the expense of my parents' nerves and on my recent tax refund.

And being a journalist for the Silver Lake Leader and The McLeod County Chronicle has only added greatly to those experiences and has given me the opportunity to hone in on my writing skills and to keep pursuing my ambition to be a travel writer.

My dream is to someday write and publish a book about my adventures around the world and in McLeod County.

I'm thankful that at this job, I was given the incredible opportunity to share others' stories, update the community on recent news, and meet fascinating, eccentric people along the way — all things I'll take with me in my venture to becoming a travel writer.

Most importantly, I have all of you readers to thank, all of you who have given me an audience to share these silly stories and who have encouraged me to keep writing. I'm hoping that I can still submit an occasional column to keep in touch. After all, who will I go to when the Jeep breaks down?

So as hard as it is to say good-bye, I can feel it's time to move on. In the words of John Muir, "The mountains are calling, and I must go."

## Letter to the Editor

### Appreciates flower, harvest baskets

To the Editor:

The frigid temps and the white landscape remind me of an overdue thanks: to all the Glencoe city workers and volunteers who beautify the streets of town over the spring and summer with hanging baskets and the businesses who also put out planters, thank you.

It is a wonderful simple pleasure to see the flowers brightening up an otherwise routine trip into town!

I would also like to express my

gratitude to the Glencoe Area Chamber of Commerce and other businesses who work together with the Hutchinson Chamber and businesses to provide harvest fatigue stress buster baskets to area farmers during the fall harvest season. Your actions speak far louder than words in promoting community and farm safety.

Thanks for all you do!

**Jan Mackenthun  
Brownton**

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### Question of the week

What's the best thing about Thanksgiving?

- 1) The turkey, the stuffing and all the leftovers.
- 2) Getting together with family and friends.
- 3) Watching football.
- 4) Having dessert three times in one day.

Results for most recent question:

The GSL School Board set a workshop session to discuss heating issues at Helen Baker Elementary School. Should the School Board again be considering a comprehensive building project?

- 1) Yes, issues need to be addressed now — 50%
- 2) Yes, but not until the economy improves more — 2%
- 3) No, we simply can't afford a multi-million dollar project — 10%
- 4) No, there have to be better options than a new building — 38%

52 votes. New question runs Nov. 26 - Dec. 2.



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# How cold? Ask my face, 'stache

I'm starting to get on a "first-wave" basis with the regulars along my 10th Street walking route.

I wave at the Samuel Adams beer truck driver, the Gutter Helmet truck, the Old Dutch Potato Chip guy and the driver of the Pepsi truck. Most wave back as we head along our paths each morning. Some are almost like clockwork, along with the many workers grimly looking straight ahead in their vehicles, making their way to another day at work.

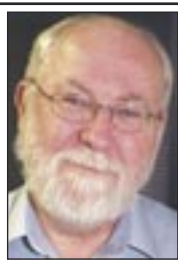
There is no one walking with me, except for one young lady I began meeting in August and nearly ever workday since. She heads east on the sidewalk, as I'm heading west. I say good morning as we pass; she rarely acknowledges I exist. If I can get a grunt, or a nod, or even eye contact, I figure that's a good morning chat.

Most mornings it is just me and the elements. Speaking of which, since the cold weather set in, I haven't seen that young lady lately.

Regardless, I march on each morning at about 7:15 a.m. and arrive back home about 8 a.m. It is a time of awakening. Lately, that awakening is like a cold slap in the mug as temperatures dip into the teens.

But fear not, it will get worse.

I have enjoyed walking ever since I can remember, mainly because we had to in



**Rich Glennie**

order to get anywhere in International Falls. As a one-vehicle family, we did not have the luxury of getting hauled to sports practices, to a friend's house to play, or to get to school. We walked, no matter the weather conditions.

It's inbred like a Siberian husky, perhaps.

Growing up, no one ever heard of windchill. When you got cold, you went inside to warm up before heading out again.

I developed my own windchill chart. I now gauge the winter temperatures in two ways: how sharp is the pain in my sinuses and how wet and stiff is my mustache.

There are several stages of cold pain I use.

The first is a slight tingle in the face, much like the recent mornings around here. That is still comfortable.

The second is a sting in your cheeks (facial), and that is usually when temps dip to the low single digits or below zero. Still acceptable depending on the wind conditions.

The third is a sharp pain in the forehead, like needles, that makes you wince and wrinkle your face muscles for fear they might freeze that way. That comes at well below zero.

The fourth is a stage I call "what the @#!& am I doing out here" when the pain is intense, the face feels clammy and the first doubt you may not survive enters your "numb" skull.

The final stage is when I take off my glasses for fear of a frigid frontal lobotomy. There is an attraction between cold and metal rims on glasses that forces one to choose between being blind or having your head suddenly pop off.

As to the mustache: There are degrees of dampness — moist, soggy, ice-tache and frozen solid enough to break off. I have experienced all of the above in the 30- to 40-below temperatures during a normal International Falls winter of the 1950s through 1980s.

And to think I'm still here to write about it!

Winter cold is really all in your head. It comes down to how much pain you want to endure.

Hey, where did everyone go?

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



Chronicle photo by Lori Copler

## Operation Minnesota Nice

Linda Krueger of Glencoe and her helpers are working full force on this year's Operation Minnesota Nice effort, which provides Christmas packages to active military personnel who cannot be home for the holidays. Above, Krueger shows off some of the goodies she collected on a shopping spree, which are being packaged up for shipping. A fundraiser for the local Operation Minnesota Nice effort is set for Thursday, Dec. 4, at Emmet's on Hennepin in Glencoe. Jerry Ostensoe,

often referred to as the "Lawrence Welk of the Blues," will be entertaining, while volunteers for Operation Minnesota Nice will be selling boxed candy, with proceeds going toward shipping costs or buying additional items. The music starts at 6:30 p.m. The fundraising effort continues Saturday, Dec. 6, with music students performing at Emmet's while candy sales continue. The volunteers have set a fundraising goal of \$500.

## Letters to the Editor

### Blood drive topped its goal by 15 units

To the Editor:

I want to thank all of the donors who graciously took time out of their day on Wednesday, Nov. 19, to generously donate blood at the Glencoe Community Blood Drive.

The American Red Cross set our goal at 124 units; we exceeded that goal by collecting 139 units. We had 103 qualified whole-blood and 18 double-red donors. There were nine deferrals. We again had 30 no-shows for appointments (21 percent of our original appointments) and 12 walk-ins.

A representative of the Red Cross indicated that the previous month of October was a tough collection month due to the harvest and MEA break, so the 15 extra units above our goal are greatly appreciated.

This is a team effort. Many thanks go to my co-chair Nelda Klaustermeier, scheduling coordinator, for all her hard work in preparation before, during and after the drives. We are blessed with a really diligent, efficient and hard-working group of local volunteers for each blood drive or we wouldn't be able to make this work.

We very much appreciate the volunteer hours put in by the Glencoe-Silver Lake National Honor Society members who delivered publicity posters and table toppers, and the support of community businesses who help us conduct these vital and successful community blood drives.

We thank Thrivent Financial for financial support for this drive. The handwritten thank you note from the American Red Cross Collec-

tion Supervisor Nicole said it best: "Thank you for allowing us to come to Glencoe and collect the gift of life! We really appreciate all you do for our organization; we really couldn't do it without our volunteers. Also, thank you for the great meal."

Each unit of donated blood has the potential to help up to three patients, so your 139 units may help up to 417 people who truly need your gift of life.

As we celebrate this time of Thanksgiving, let us count our blessings of good health, our family and friends. I especially thank you for passing forward your blessings to those who need it most, one person at a time.

**Charleen Engelmann  
Coordinator  
Glencoe Community  
Blood Drive**

## County Planning Commission tables meat processing CUP

By Lori Copler  
Editor

The McLeod County Planning Advisory Commission is inviting a representative from the Minnesota Department of Agriculture to its next meeting.

The commission is hoping to get greater input on a conditional use permit (CUP) application from Mohamed Gaabane, who wants to raise and butcher goats as a home occupation on a farm site in Hale Township, north of Silver Lake in the area of Ideal Avenue and 225th Street.

The commission considered the application at a public hearing on Wednesday, Nov. 19.

Zoning Administrator Larry Gasow said the commission's task was to determine if Gaabane's proposal was an acceptable use of the property, which consists of about 40 acres. Gaabane is proposing to build an 800-square-foot structure to accommodate the operation, in

which he would custom raise and butcher chickens and goats for direct delivery to customers.

Gasow said if the Planning Commission — with final authority of the County Board — allows the use, the Minnesota Department of Agriculture will then license, monitor and inspect the business. The Minnesota Department of Health, Gasow said, would monitor the well.

"To me, that's kind of like putting the cart before the horse," said Commissioner Ron Shimanski, the County Board's representative on the Planning Commission. He said he would like to know more about how the state departments would monitor the site before granting the CUP.

Several neighbors had concerns about the proposal, with issues ranging from making sure that the animals were contained to a potential for smell from a planned compost site to deal with carcass waste. Neighbors were con-

cerned the aroma could attract coyotes, which they say are already a problem in the area.

There were language barriers in discussing the proposal with Gaabane, an immigrant, but he did indicate that he would raise the animals, butcher them in the new shed on the property, and then take the meat to customers in the Twin Cities area.

Although the Planning Commission had a letter from the Department of Agriculture outlining some of the stipulations for a custom meat processor, the Planning Commission felt that neither its members nor Gaabane had enough information to proceed.

Gasow agreed to invite someone from the Department of Ag to the commission's December meeting.

The Planning Commission voted unanimously to table the issue until its Dec. 17 meeting.

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## Brownton City Council to interview applicants

By Lori Copley  
Editor

The Brownton City Council will be interviewing candidates for its open wastewater/water operator job Saturday, Dec. 6.

The City Council met in special session late Thursday afternoon to review the eight applications it received, from which it chose four for interviews.

The City Council decided to set interview times at one-hour intervals for Saturday, Dec. 6, starting at 10 a.m. The Council hopes to interview two candidates in the morning and two in the afternoon.

Council Member Chuck Warner suggested the City

Council then meet at 3 p.m. that day to discuss the interviews and perhaps determine a final candidate for a job offer.

In other business Thursday, the City Council discussed with maintenance employee Chad Draeger a possible increase in compensation during the time he is working alone. The other maintenance employee and water/wastewater operator, Mark Streich, had his final day on Nov. 12.

Draeger suggested a salary increase of \$5 per hour. Draeger said he has been employed with the city for 15 years, during which his salary has increased a total of \$5 per hour over the 15 years, an average of 33 cents per hour

each year.

Draeger also had proposed that he be given a supervisory role over the streets, parks and electrical systems, which do not require licensure, while the new person has supervision of the water and wastewater systems.

Council Member Chuck Warner said he would prefer to divide up supervisory duties after a new person is hired, and the City Council knows about his or her licensure status.

Draeger indicated that he would prefer not to get his wastewater operator license.

As to the salary issue, the City Council decided to increase Draeger's salary by \$2.50 an hour, with a further

review in December when it considers wages for 2015. The vote was 3-2, with Council members Norm Schwarze, Doug Block and Warner voting in favor, while Mayor Jay Werner and Council Member Brian Dressel voted against the proposal.

Both Schwarze and Werner indicated that licensure should be considered when determining wages.

Werner said that if Draeger had his wastewater operator license, he would have been offered Streich's position, and the City Council would have been hiring someone to replace Draeger.

Dressel indicated later that he would like to have offered Draeger more.



## Weather Corner

By Jake Yurek

The short-lived thaw is officially over as reinforcing shots of cold air have brought us back to the reality of our early winter.

Temperatures once again will be held well below normal to end the week as the Canadian express of weather pumps more of the cold stuff our way. Highs for Thanksgiving will be held in the teens, inching up toward 30 for Friday and dropping back again as we move into the weekend. Saturday's highs will fall throughout the day as a cold front moves through early, dropping highs Sunday back to the teens and lower 20s.

There will only be a couple chances of snow this week as most of the active weather dodges our area. The first chance will have already passed by the time you read this, and the second will come in Thursday into Friday. The late-Thursday impulse is aiming towards the Northland, but if the track changes we could see some of the white stuff; so stay tuned to more up-to-date forecasts if traveling.

Speaking of traveling, taking a look at the entire country shows the East Coast dealing with a storm system that should snarl travel around Thanksgiving and a large storm will move into the West Coast, mucking things up a bit as well. The West Coast storm should break our cold snap as it will shut off the conveyor belt of arctic air early next week. The downside, though, is it should bring a decent-sized storm to someone in the upper Midwest for the middle of next week, so fingers crossed it's not us.

Have a great week, all. Happy Thanksgiving; travel safely!

Ma dobry weekendem Mit dobry vikend

Wednesday night — Lows 4 to 10; partly cloudy.  
Thursday — Highs 10 to 16, lows 4 to 10; mostly clear/snow showers late?  
Friday — Highs 24 to 30, lows 14 to 20; snow showers early/clouds.  
Saturday — Highs 24 to 30, lows 5 to 11; falling temperatures/partly cloudy.  
Sunday — Highs 18 to 24; mostly clear.

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

Answer to last week's question (What are the monthly/yearly records for snowfall?): September, 1.7 inches (1942); October, 8.2 inches (1991); November, 46.9 inches (1991); December, 33.6 inches (2010); January, 46.4 inches (1982), February 26.5 (1962), March 40 inches (1951); April, 21.8 (1983); May, 3 inches (a few years tied). The highest annual total Minneapolis/St Paul has had is 98.6 inches in the 1983-84 winter.

Remember: I make the forecast, not the weather!



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## GSL honor band

On Nov. 2-3, six members of Glencoe-Silver Lake High School bands attended the 26th annual Gustavus Honor Band Festival. Alyson Winn (clarinet), Jordan Bergemann (bass clarinet), Wyatt Ackerson (tenor saxophone) and Richard Wilson (baritone saxophone) were members of the Chapel Winds. Mariah Guldemann-Chiariello (trombone) performed with the Bjorling Winds and Jack Gepson (trumpet) played with the Gustavus Honor Jazz Band. The Chapel Winds and Bjorling Winds were conducted by Dr. James Patrick Miller, director of wind orchestras at Gustavus Adolphus College, while the Honor Jazz Band was led by Dr. Dave Stamps. Both instructors are

newly appointed this year to the Gustavus music faculty. The honor band weekend culminated with a final concert held at Gustavus Christ Chapel and featured the Gustavus Wind Orchestra as well as the high school honor bands. Over 265 student musicians from about over 100 high schools in Minnesota, South Dakota, Illinois and Wisconsin comprised the honor bands membership. From left to right are Richard Wilson (baritone saxophone), Wyatt Ackerson (tenor saxophone), Jack Gepson (trumpet), Mariah Guldemann-Chiariello (trombone), Alyson Winn (clarinet) and Jordan Bergemann (bass clarinet).

## 24 Brownton seniors met on Monday

Twenty-four Brownton senior citizens met Monday, Nov. 24, at the community center.

Cards were played with the following winners: 500, Carol Brelje, first, and Audrey Tongen, second; pinochle, Phyllis Mahnke, first, and Ruby Streich, second; and sheephead, Lil Lindeman, first, and Lowell Brelje, second.

Harriet Bergs won the door prize, and Bernetta Alsleben served lunch.

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

## Hutchinson Utilities warns of phone scam

The Hutchinson Police Department would like the communities of Hutchinson and Brownton to be aware of reports it has received regarding a utilities collections scam.

Several Hutchinson businesses and at least one Brownton business have reported receiving a phone call from a business posing as Hutchinson Utilities stating their last payment was not able to be processed.

The caller, claiming to be a representative from Hutchinson Utilities, tells the business it must immediately pay \$1,000 and, if it doesn't pay, its utilities service will be shut off within 45 minutes.

The city of Hutchinson and Hutchinson Utilities want citizens and business owners to know they never call people demanding immediate payment or demand credit card information over the telephone.

If you have questions regarding Hutchinson Utilities payments, you may contact its billing department at 320-587-4746. If you have been a victim of this scam, please report it to the Hutchinson Police Department by calling 320-587-2242.

## Late Milton Engelmann inducted into Sibley East Wall of Fame

The late Milton Engelmann of Green Isle was one of three individuals inducted into the Sibley East Wall of Fame at the sixth-annual Sibley East American Education Banquet. The event was held at the Arlington Community Center on Monday night, Nov. 17.

Engelmann was a native of Plato. He was honored as a businessman, entrepreneur, civic leader and philanthropist. Engelmann passed away unexpectedly in May 1964 at the age of 43. His acceptance speech was given by his granddaughter, Stacy, and his award will be displayed with other honorees at Sibley East High School.

Milton "Milt" Engelmann was an inventor with natural talent and imagination who, in 1957, developed and built a portable feed grinder and mixer on his farm north of Green Isle. The machine enabled farmers to grind and mix feed on their own farms so they would not have to go to town.

That led to starting Green Isle Manufacturing, which employed up to 150 people throughout the surrounding area. He also built "one of the plushiest bars in the area," the Club New Yorker, in 1963, which is still in business



Milton Engelmann

today.

Engelmann was a visionary and most notably a public-spirited citizen who took great pride in his town. He had a vision for Green Isle's future and vowed to make his town as "big as Arlington." As business prospered, he began to shape his dream for his town. In 1961, his donation contributed largely to the building of a new fire hall for the town and he was named honorary fireman for his outstanding generosity. Whenever local projects needed promoting, Engelmann was one of the first to offer ideas, help or monetary contributions.

Personally, close to Engelmann's heart was earning his

pilot's license and flying his own plane, which he piloted on numerous business and personal trips.

Although his life was cut short, he was fortunate to be able to accomplish what he did, share his good fortune within his community and, therefore, has left a lasting impression. He is testimony to the fact that if you are determined, you can turn a good idea into a great accomplishment and make a difference.

Proud members of the Engelmann family also present at the ceremony were his wife Helen, daughter Maureen Albrecht (Alan), son Alan and his friend Janet Thoele, daughter-in-law Roxane (the late Richard Engelmann) and their daughters Jamie and Sammie Jo, Bruce Kranz and great grandson Miles, and Tom, Annika and Jesse Brolin.

Others who were inducted into the Wall of Fame were Mari Lu Martens, a 1979 graduate of Gaylord High School and who is now an educator, principal and Rotarian, and Susan Vos, a graduate of the Arlington/Green Isle class of 1973, who is president of Cornerstone Bank, as well as being active in the Sibley County Food Share and the Lions Club.

## ECFE gingerbread 'make and take' event set Thursday, Dec. 4

The Glencoe-Silver Lake Early Childhood Family Education program is hosting a "gingerbread make and take" event on Thursday, Dec. 4, from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. to 7 p.m.

The event is for children ages 2 to kindergarten-entry and their parents. Older siblings are welcome.

Imagine a cottage with curlicue accents and candy shingles. A cottage or a castle bedazzled with goodies is what one will create with graham crackers, frosting and lots of treats.

Whether it's the first time for participants or it has become a family tradition, don't miss this opportunity to cre-

ate an edible masterpiece for the season.

The event is free. Please consider bringing a new, unwrapped game or toy for donation to local children in need.

Register online at [https://gsl2.cr3.schoolto day.com/public/getclass/category\\_id/71/program\\_id/26](https://gsl2.cr3.schoolto day.com/public/getclass/category_id/71/program_id/26).

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## Community Calendar

**Thurs., Nov. 27 — THANKSGIVING;** AA Group mtg. next to Post Office in Stewart, 8 p.m., call 320-212-5290 for info.

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

**Tues., Dec. 2—** Narcotics Anonymous, Brownton Community Center, 7 p.m.; Brownton City Council, 7 p.m.

**Thurs., Dec. 4 —** AA Group mtg. next to Post Office in Stewart, 8 p.m., call 320-212-5290 for info.

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### Council welcomes local businesses

The Silver Lake City Council welcomed two businesses into town last Monday evening. The first was Custom Installations, owned and operated by Brent Posusta. Posusta moved his custom flooring business into the former Amoco station on Main Street last August. Above, from left to right are Kathy Munson, Councilor Pat Fogarty, Mayor Bruce Bebo, Posusta, his daughter, Kinley, wife, Molly, and son, Max, and Councilors Greg Gillett and Nolan

Johnson. The Council also welcomed the newly opened Corner Market convenience store and gas station. Hutchinson Co-op operates the Corner Market at Lane Ave. and Highway 7 in Silver Lake. Below, from left to right, are Councilor Nolan Johnson, Mayor Bruce Bebo, Store Manager Lee Thurston, General Manager Mike Conner and Councilors Greg Gillett, Pat Fogarty and Eric Nelson.



### Silver Lake seniors meet; Christmas party Dec. 8

The Silver Lake Senior Citizens Club met Monday, Nov. 10, with 18 members present. Celebrating a November birthday was Clarence Junczewski. A November anniversary was Gary and Kathy Kaczmarek. The next regular meeting will be Monday, Dec. 8, which will be a potluck

Christmas party. Dinner will be served after the meeting. Set-up will be members A through L and clean-up will be members M through Z. Cards at Cedar Crest were held Nov. 19. "Get well" cards were sent to Don Benz, Betty Vejrosta and Mercedes Nowak. A sympathy card was sent to Judy and LeRoy

Penas. 500 winners were Margaret Benz, Hubert Schermann, Delores Goede, Bernie Kaczmarek, Genny Lhotka, Margaret Schermann, Laura Kaczmarek, Donald Benz, Ed Goede and Kathy Kaczmarek.



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### GSL character students

The Glencoe-Silver Lake High School character students for the month of November include, in the front, from left to right, Robert Reidel, responsibility; Rachel Reichow, citizenship; Jessica Alsleben, caring; Stephanie Elsing, re-

sponsibility; and Madison Kalenberg, responsibility. In the back are Alfredo Pena, respect; Samantha Voight, caring; Austin Pinsky, caring; and Martin Mallak, responsibility. Missing was Abisai Anderson Sanchez, responsibility.



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### November students of the month

The students of the month for the month of November at Glencoe-Silver Lake High School include, in the front, from left to right, Jordan Kaczmarek, Destiny Talbot-Senn, Ariel Brelje, Mallo-ry Proehl and Madison Kalenberg. In

the back are Tate Lilienthal, Mitchell Kettner, Scott Landes, Tyler Ehrke and Deana Bondhus. At back right is Jayden Lachermeier, who was a character student for respect.

## 11th-annual community-wide Thanksgiving dinner in Silver Lake set Thursday, Nov. 27

The Silver Lake Auditorium will be the site for the 11th-annual Silver Lake Thanksgiving dinner on Thursday, Nov. 27, beginning at noon.

This free dinner, hosted by the city of Silver Lake and friends, will be open to anyone in the Silver Lake area who would like to enjoy a delicious home-cooked meal and spend some time with others on this wonderful holiday.

The meal, provided completely through donations, will include turkey, ham, dressing and all the fixings. Of course, there will be a dessert or two served, also.

As always, no money will

be accepted the day of the meal. It is free and open to the public.

The meal is intended for, but not limited to, those who are either alone, elderly, shut-ins, unable to afford a good meal or those who just want to spend the day making others feel good.

Organizers are encouraging people of all ages to attend and they guarantee all in attendance will leave with full stomachs, smiles on their faces and a warm, fuzzy feeling inside knowing they made someone's Thanksgiving a day to remember.

For a lot of people, the Silver Lake area is their only family, and organizers of the

dinner want to show how much the community cares.

Again this year, there will be a special effort to thank all of the veterans as well as those who are currently serving in the military.

It is because of them we have so much for which to be thankful.

Food will be served promptly at noon on Thursday, Nov. 27. Please RSVP at 320-327-2412, 320-327-3157 or stop by the Silver Lake City Hall to sign up.

Those in need of transportation can call Mayor Bruce Bebo at 320-327-3157 by Nov. 25 to make arrangements.



Chronicle photo by Alyssa Schauer

### Preschool donates to food shelf

Students at Faith Presbyterian Preschool in Silver Lake have spent the creating Thanksgiving crafts and collecting food for the McLeod County Food Shelf. From left to right are Miran-

da Nowak, Matthew Madson, Summer Blazinski, Ashlynn Imdieke, Clayton Marvan, Jack Schauer, Ella Graczyk and Hadley Wagner.

## People

### Silver Lake man wins in lottery

Anthony Schwarze of Silver Lake won \$21,000 by playing the Minnesota Lottery's Holiday Cash Crossword scratch game. Schwarze claimed the prize on Nov. 14. The winning ticket was purchased at Corner Market in Silver Lake.

### Girl born to DeMars family

Thomas and Angela DeMars of St. Louis Park announce the birth of a daughter, Mary Elaine, on Oct. 14, 2014, at Hennepin County Medical Center in Minneapolis. She weighed 8 pounds, 15 ounces, and was 22 inches long. She joins a brother, Alan Thomas. Grandparents are Roger and Elaine Ostlie of Glencoe and Neal and Sue DeMars of Winsted.

### Holy Trinity honors announced

The following area students were named to the honor roll for first quarter at Holy Trinity in Winsted. On the "B" honor roll are: Zoe Edlund, seventh grade, daughter of Ted and Servanne Edlund of Silver Lake; Elijah Essen, eighth grade, son of George and Bridget Essen of Glencoe; Stephanie Hoffmann, 10th grade, daughter of Tom and Bev Hoffmann of Silver Lake; Evelyn Penas, 10th grade, daughter of Bob and Peni Penas of Silver Lake; and Jacob Klima, 12th grade, son of Jim and Kari Klima of Silver Lake. On the "A" honor roll is Katlyn Pokornowski, eighth grade, daughter of David and Tammy Pokornowski of Silver Lake.

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## Obituaries

### Carl Aul, 94, of Glencoe

Carl Aul, 94, of Glencoe, died Wednesday, Nov. 19, 2014, at Glencoe Regional Health Services Long-Term Care.

A Mass of Christian Burial was held Monday, Nov. 24, at the Church of St. Pius X in Glencoe with the Rev. Anthony Stubeda officiating. Laura Pettit was the reader. Sue Mielke was the organist and Kelly LeCrone was the song leader. Musical selections were "Be Not Afraid," "Here I Am, Lord," "On Eagle's Wings," and "Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory." Military honors were by Glencoe VFW Post 5102.

Kacey Kachelmyer was an honorary pallbearer. Pallbearers were Joseph Aul, Christine Ruzek, Anthony Ruzek, Laura Pettit, Jascha Pettit and Renee Engelmann.

Interment was in the Glencoe Catholic Cemetery.

Carl Aul, a child of God, was born Oct. 9, 1920, at his parents' farm in rural Biscay. He was the son of Carl and Anna (Idt) Aul. He was bap-

tized as an infant on Nov. 3, 1920, and confirmed in his faith as a youth on June 16, 1935, both by the Rev. E. Kolbe at First Evangelical Lutheran Church in Glencoe. He was educated at a country school in rural Biscay. He farmed until he entered the Army. He entered active military service in the U.S. Army on Sept. 21, 1942, and served his country in World War II. He received an honorable discharge on Nov. 5, 1945.

On April 28, 1948, he was united in marriage to Lillian Domeier at St. Andrew's Catholic Church in Fairfax. They made their home in Glencoe, and their marriage was blessed with three children, Roger, Linda and Gary. They shared over 63 years of marriage before Mrs. Aul's death on June 20, 2011.

Mr. Aul owned his own business, installing floor covering, painting and decorating in the Glencoe area for many years. He was a member of the Church of St. Pius X in Glencoe. He also was a member of the Glencoe Sportsmen's Club and the Glencoe VFW Post 5102.

He was a hardworking and sociable man. He loved going to local events and gatherings. He enjoyed fishing, gar-

dening, playing cards and dancing, especially polkas. He cherished the time spent with his family and friends.

He is survived by his children, Roger (wife Pam) Aul of Owatonna, Linda (husband Lyle) Kachelmyer of Ottertail and Gary Aul of Glencoe; grandchildren, Joseph Aul, Christine (husband Anthony) Ruzek, Kacey Kachelmyer and Laura (husband Jascha) Pettit; great-grandchildren, Cooper and Austin Aul and Andrew and Kahlen Ruzek; siblings John (wife Dorothy) Aul of Hutchinson and Helen Oelfke of Hamburg; many nieces, nephews, brothers-in-law, sisters-in-law, other relatives and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Carl and Anna Aul; wife, Lillian Aul; and siblings, Fred (wife Frieda) Aul, Anna (husband Alvin) Jungclaus, Marie (husband Leo) Winter, Molly (husband Orwin) Malz, Katherine (husband Harold) Howe, Victor Aul, Henry Aul and Sophie (husband Paul) Grey.

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

### Marguerite Perschau, 96, of Glencoe

Marguerite Delores Perschau, 96, of Glencoe, died Tuesday, Nov. 18, 2014, at Abbott Northwestern Hospital in Minneapolis.

Memorial services were held Saturday, Nov. 22, at Christ Lutheran Church in Glencoe with the Rev. Katherine Rood officiating. Peggy Hatlestad was the organist and Lou Ann Perschau was the lector.

Interment will be in the spring.

Marguerite was the second child of Fredrick and Ida Lewin, born May 31, 1918, in Minneapolis. She had one older sister, Dorothy, who died in 1968. Her family moved to Stewart when she was 9 months old. Her childhood years there were some of her fondest memories. Baptized by the Rev. C.H. Kowalske at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Stewart, she also was confirmed there by him on March 29, 1931.

Eager to go to elementary school, she insisted on starting first grade at age 5 and graduated from the Columbia School in Stewart on her 17th birthday, May 31, 1935. In 1937, she completed her two-year teaching certificate at St. Cloud Teachers College in St. Cloud. The first five years of her elementary teaching career took place in Emmons and Nicollet. In 1942, she

joined the faculty of Glencoe Public Schools, where she taught elementary until 1946.

She married Vernon F. Perschau at her parents' home in Stewart on July 8, 1943, while he was serving in the U.S. Army Air Corps during World War II. In 1949, the Perschaus, with their 1-year-old son Daniel, moved into one of the first homes to be built in Glenview Woods, a residential area under development by Vernon Perschau since 1944. In 1951, the couple's second son, David, was born. The family of four lived happily in "The Woods," as it was known then, until Mr. Perschau's untimely death in April 1957.

In 1959, Mrs. Perschau rejoined the faculty at Helen Baker Elementary School. While teaching there full time, she attended Mankato State College, completing her bachelor of science degree in elementary education by August 1963. She valued highly the privilege of giving her young students a meaningful learning experience. The lasting friendships she made with other faculty members also enriched her life. Mrs. Perschau retired in 1983 after 33 years as a public elementary educator, 28 years being in the Glencoe system.

In retirement, Mrs. Perschau enjoyed world travel and volunteering in the Glencoe community. She helped establish the first gift shop at the Glencoe hospital. Later, she knitted caps for the newborns at Glencoe Regional Health Services. For many years, she was an active

member of Christ Lutheran Church, going back to 1958. She took pride in maintaining an attractive, well-kept home in the Glenview Woods section of Glencoe for 60 years, eventually becoming the last of the original adult settlers there. She had a talent for flower arranging that was always on display in her home. She especially enjoyed spending time in her kitchen and still read a wide range of books and articles well into her 90s.

Mrs. Perschau was grateful for the long and purposeful life she was given. She offered "praise and thanksgiving" for her happy childhood, the endearing love of her husband and two sons, the respect and friendship of her co-workers and neighbors, the success of her endeavors, and the everlasting strength of her Lutheran faith.

She is survived by her sons, Daniel F. Perschau and David A. Perschau and his wife, Lou Ann, all of Glencoe; stepgrandson, Brian Kottko and his wife, Jasmine, of Mankato; cousins, Henry and Kate Schrader, John Lewin and Richard Lewin, all of Prior Lake; many nieces, nephews, relatives and friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Fredrick and Ida Lewin; husband, Vernon Perschau; and sister, Dorothy Ann Warnholtz.

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



Carl Aul



Marguerite Perschau

### Raymond L. Wilkens, 68, of Plato

Raymond "Ray" L. Wilkens, 68, of Plato, died Wednesday, Nov. 19, 2014, at Hennepin County Medical Center in Minneapolis.

Funeral services were held Sunday, Nov. 23, at Friedens County Line Church in rural Norwood Young America (NYA) with the Rev. Joseph Clay officiating.

Serving as pallbearers were Terry Schwartz, Dean Schwartz, Tony Scheele, David Franke, Nathan Wilkens and Robert Wilkens. Military honors were provided by Plato American Legion Post 641. Interment was in the Ferguson Cemetery in rural Norwood Young America.

Raymond "Ray" L. Wilkens was born Sept. 12, 1946, in Glencoe, the son of Henry and Lorna (Kruschke) Wilkens. He was baptized Sept. 22, 1946, and confirmed in his faith on April 10, 1961, at Friedens County Line Church. After graduat-

ing from Glencoe High School, he was drafted into the U.S. Army. He had been an active member of Plato American Legion Post 641.

On April 24, 1971, he was united in marriage with Bonnie Schwartz at St. Paul's Evangelical Reformed Church of Hamburg. Their union was blessed with three children, Chad, Jennifer and Bryan. The couple made their home in rural Plato, where they were engaged in farming. Mr. Wilkens sold his dairy cattle in 1993 and began working for Ed Dammann Construction.

Mr. Wilkens had many talents and was able to fix anything. He never lost his love for the farm. He enjoyed bowling with this team at the King Pin in Plato and in recent years he took up the game of golf. He was a devoted member and volunteer at his church. He cherished the time spent with friends and family, especially his grandchildren. He loved watching his children and grandchildren play sports and activities; he was their biggest fan.

He is survived by his loving family: wife, Bonnie Wilkens of Plato; children,

Chad (Natalie) Wilkens of Plato, Jennifer (Paul) Heuer of NYA and Bryan (Janelle) Wilkens of Cologne; grandchildren, Benjamin Heuer, Katelyn Heuer, RaeAnn Heuer, Johnathan Wilkens, James Wilkens and Willow Wilkens; mother, Lorna Wilkens of Waconia; sisters and brothers, Myra (Ken) Franke of Plato, Orville (Betty) Wilkens of Plato, Vernon (Colleen) Wilkens of Plato, Doris Schwartz of Plato and Charlie (Peggy) Wilkens of Plato; mother-in-law, Lorna Schwartz of NYA; sisters-in-law and brothers-in-law, Bev and Ed Herbst of Hamburg, Cheryl and Scott Scheele of NYA and Pat and Terry Zellmann of NYA; his dog, Buzz; nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

He was preceded in death by his father, Henry Wilkens; father-in-law, William Schwartz; sister and brothers-in-law, Lois and Chuck Pinsky and Richard Schwartz; and great-nephew, Will Schultz.

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

### Herbert Henry Becker, 100, Glencoe

Herbert Henry Becker, 100, of Glencoe and formerly of New Auburn, died Sunday, Nov. 16, 2014, at Glencoe Regional Health Services Long-Term Care.

Funeral services were held Thursday, Nov. 20, at Immanuel Evangelical Lutheran Church in New Auburn with the Rev. Bradley Danielson officiating. Ruth Ann Gehrke was the organist. Soloist Andrea Lynn sang "Old Man." Congregational hymns were "Oh, Take My Hand, Dear Father," "Amazing Grace" and "Just As I Am."

Pallbearers were Eldon Becker, Michael Becker, David Gehrke, Eric Dahlke, Tim Becker and David Knick.

Interment was in High Island Cemetery in New Auburn.

Herbert Henry Becker was born July 27, 1914, at his home in New Auburn Township, the son of Charles and Alvina (Alsleben) Becker. He was baptized as an infant on Aug. 14, 1914, by the Rev. Diemer, and was confirmed in his faith as a youth on April 1, 1928, by the Rev. Werner, both at Immanuel Evangelical Lutheran Church

in New Auburn. He attended District 36 German country school near New Auburn. He was blessed with one son, Roger.

Mr. Becker was a farmer for 30 years and lived on the family farm near New Auburn until the age of 98. He also worked for the city of Glencoe as a sanitation engineer for 15 years. He was a lifelong member of Immanuel Evangelical Lutheran Church in New Auburn.

Mr. Becker enjoyed watching the deer walk across the yard at the farm. Many times he fished the creek that ran through his farm. He used his binoculars to watch the geese and ducks land in the slough. It was a hunter's wonderland for him. He also enjoyed traveling, playing cards, and fishing and hunting, shooting his last deer at the age of 85. He cherished the time spent with family and friends.

He is survived by his wife, Luella Becker of Glencoe; son, Roger Becker and wife Kathy of New Auburn; grandchildren, Wendy Becker and special friend Linda, Timothy Becker and special friend Amber, Cindy Dahlke and husband Dean, Kari Brinkman and husband Kirk, and Ryan Becker and his special friend Amber; 11 great-grandchildren; brother, Eddie Becker of Glencoe; sisters-in-law, Lorraine Gehrke of Winthrop, Bernice Knick of Glencoe, Mildred "Millie"

Knick of Hutchinson and Fran Knick of Hutchinson; nephews, nieces, other relatives and many friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Charles and Alvina Becker; brother, Arthur Becker and his wife Gladys; sister, Esther Grenke and her husband Leonard; and brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law, Dorothy Becker, Ellsworth Knick and his wife Mildred, Eugene Knick, Earl Knick, Vernon Knick and Wilmer Gehrke.

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



Ray Wilkens



Herbert Becker

### Myrtle Gehrke, 97, of Winthrop

Myrtle Gehrke, 97, of Winthrop, died Friday, Nov. 21, 2014, at the Good Samaritan Society in Winthrop.

The funeral service will be Wednesday, Nov. 26, at 11 a.m., at St. Matthew's Lutheran Church, Penn Township, with the Rev. Andrew Hermodson-Olsen officiating. Visitation is Wednesday, Nov. 26, from 9:30 a.m. to 11 a.m., at the church.

Bev Wangerin is the organist, and soloist Darwin Frauendienst will sing "I'm But a Stranger Here." Congregational hymns are "How Great Thou Art" and "Asleep in Jesus."

Pallbearers are Lyle Schoekopf, Joshua Streich, Ross Jahnke, Cole Johnson, Keenan Johnson and Alyssa Gehrke. Interment will be in the Winthrop Cemetery.

Myrtle Hulda (Ellies) Gehrke was born March 22, 1917, in Winthrop. She was

the daughter of Fred and Anna (Becke) Ellies. She was baptized as an infant on April 22, 1917, by the Rev. George Diemer of Penn Township, and confirmed in her faith as a youth on June 22, 1930, by the Rev. J.J. Roesche at Peace Lutheran Church in Winthrop.

On Nov. 19, 1934, she was united in marriage to Raymond Gehrke by the Rev. C.J. Kowalske in Stewart. After their marriage, the couple farmed in the Brownton and Winthrop areas until retiring in 1968, when they moved into Winthrop. Mrs. Gehrke worked at the Winthrop Care Center for 16 years. The couple shared 75 years of marriage before Mr. Gehrke's death on July 2, 2010. They were blessed with one son, Orville.

Mrs. Gehrke was a member of St. Matthew's Lutheran Church in Penn Township all her married life.

Mrs. Gehrke enjoyed fishing, card playing, fancy work, quilting, gardening, flowers, baking and visiting. She especially loved spending time with her son, Orville, and her grandchild-

dren.

She is survived by her son, Orville Gehrke of Burnsville; three grandchildren, Kimberly (husband Dave) Streich of Hutchinson, Karla (husband Craig) Johnson of Victoria and Kenton (wife Tracy) Gehrke of Sartell; 10 great-grandchildren, Josh and Anna Streich, Jessica (Streich) and Ross Jahnke, Samantha, Cole, Alea and Keenan Johnson, and Alex, Alyssa, Aidan and Lily Gehrke; four great-grandchildren, Taylah, Kenley and Bryn Jahnke and Andelyn Streich; step-sister, Helen Miller of Hutchinson; nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Fred and Anna Ellies; husband, Raymond Gehrke; brothers, Milton (wife Elsie) Ellies and Melvin (wife Marie) Ellies; father-in-law and mother-in-law; brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law; and stepbrothers, Clarence, Henry and Melvin Lehmborg.

Arrangements were by the Dalin-Hantge Funeral Chapel in Winthrop. Online obituaries and guest book are available at www.hantge.com.



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The family of Paul Anderle Sr. would like to thank the McLeod Co. Sheriff's Dept., Coroner's Dept., and First Responders, especially Brian Nemecek, for their prompt response to our medical emergency last Sunday, Nov. 16.  
Thank you to Maresh Funeral Home for their support and compassion in assisting us with Dad's funeral services.  
Thank you to Fr. Tony Stubeda and Celia Knoll of the Holy Family Parish for their visits to our Dad on the farm. They were greatly appreciated.  
Thank you to Fr. Paul Schumacher and Fr. Tony Stubeda for presiding at our Dad's Mass of Christian Burial. We are extremely grateful.  
Thank you to the CCW ladies who served the luncheon.  
Thank you to the Holy Family Adult Choir and Alice Nowak.  
Your thoughtfulness is greatly appreciated. God Bless Each of You.  
Don & Marlene Havelka & family  
Paul Anderle Jr.  
Roger & Betty Steele  
Ralph & Judy Anderson & family  
Randy & Mary Nass & family  
Tony & Nancy Humlicek



## History

### From the Brownton Bulletin archives

#### 100 Years Ago

**Nov. 27, 1914**  
**O.C. Conrad, Editor**  
 After an illness lasting more than a year, "Auntie" Peters died last Friday at the home of Mr. Peter Ewald, four miles northeast of this village. She was 85. A native of Germany, she came with her husband, P.L. Peters, to America in 1883 and settled in Iowa. Her husband died in 1895, at which time she came to Minnesota to keep house for her cousin, Mr. Ewald. She was the mother of 12 children, nine of whom are surviving.

John Thom tells he has sold his farm, consisting of 160 acres in Round Grove Township, five miles southwest of Brownton, to H.T. Klitzke. Consideration was \$10,400, or \$65 per acre.

#### 75 Years Ago

**Nov. 23, 1939**  
**Milton D. Hake, Editor**  
 A very pretty fall wedding was solemnized at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Brownton Sunday afternoon, Nov. 19, when Miss Mildred Kohls, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. August Kohls, became the bride of Mr. Harvey J. Henschel, son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Henschel of Arlington.

Brownton is going to have a beautiful and spacious new playground, as the Brownton School District and the village each purchased a parcel of land directly east of the school building. It will be developed into a play-

ground for both school and public use.

Robert Rickert, residing southwest of Brownton, broke his leg Monday in an unusual manner — he was running and chasing some livestock when he tripped over his dog. His right leg was broken just above the ankle.

#### 50 Years Ago

**Nov. 26, 1964**  
**Charles H. Warner, Editor**  
 Mrs. Henry Burich received quite a shock Saturday afternoon around 3:15 when she came out of Janke's Food store with her groceries and could not find her 1961 Ford. Upon investigation, it was discovered that someone must have taken her car and left another in its place. Sheriff Leon Odegaard quickly learned the car left on Brownton's main street belonged to a Dassel woman. The woman had gone shopping in Dassel with her two daughters. A 16-year-old girl stayed with the car, while the mother and other daughter went into a store, and the 16-year-old then drove away. Upon reaching Brownton, she took the Burich car. Shortly after 10 p.m., she filled the Burich car with gas in Mankato and drove off without paying for it. About 10:22 p.m., she crashed into a utility pole in the city of Mankato at a high rate of speed, totalling the car. She was taken to a Mankato hospital for treatment of injuries and then released to the custody of her

parents.

#### 20 Years Ago

**Nov. 23, 1994**  
**Lori Copler, Editor**  
 Officials from the city of Stewart, the Stewart Fire Department and several townships met Wednesday, Nov. 16, to consider the purchase of a new tanker truck.

An armed robbery in Hutchinson resulted in the death of a convenience store clerk and the arrest of four people, two adults and two juveniles, all male. According to the Hutchinson Police Department, two juveniles entered George's Food and Fuel on Adams Street Thursday night and a 15-year-old allegedly shot and killed clerk Mickey Wilfert, 19, of New Ulm, a student at Hutchinson Technical College. Arrested were Harley Dean Hildenbrand, 17, Jason Todd Walters, 20, and Jeffrey Patrick Meidl, 19, all of Hutchinson. The 15-year-old also was arrested but not identified.

Three Stewart businesses were burglarized Thursday between 2 a.m. and 5:30 a.m., according to Police Chief Arnie Olson. The three businesses were Stewart Hardware, Larry's Red Owl and Schmidt Salvage. About \$1,000 in merchandise was taken from the hardware store and about \$600 worth from the grocery. Nothing was taken from Schmidt Salvage, although it had been broken into.

### From the Stewart Tribune archives

#### 100 Years Ago

**Nov. 27, 1914**  
**Koepen Brothers, Editors**  
 Fred Kregger was the victim of an accident the first of the week which very nearly cost him the sight in one eye. He was butchering a hog and, in some way while struggling with the animal, the knife in his hand caught him above the eye, inflicting a long, deep gash from about an inch above the eye to about an inch below. The lower lid was completely cut in two, but fortunately the eye itself was not touched.

A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Adolph Metalek of Collins last Friday.

#### 75 Years Ago

**Nov. 24, 1939**  
**Harry Koepen, Editor**  
 Erbin Pielh is the 1939 champion rabbit hunter of the Stewart Rod & Gun Club, although closely pressed by Jerome Doerr for honors. Fred Pikal and Reuben Ziemann placed third and

fourth. A total of 217 jackrabbits, 33 cottontails and six crows were killed in the nine-day hunt, which ended Sunday.

Otto Roepke, aged resident of Round Grove Township, passed away at his home last Friday after an illness of a year. Funeral services were held Monday at the Fernando Lutheran church.

Funeral services were held last Friday morning at St. Boniface Catholic Church for Alfred Robert Grams, 1-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Grams of Lake Allie. The child passed away at the Loretto Hospital in New Ulm the previous Tuesday.

#### 50 Years Ago

**Nov. 26, 1964**  
**Kermit T. Hubin, Editor**  
 The following persons were the recipients of dressed turkeys given away by the Stewart Improvement Association Friday evening: Mrs. Stan Maiers, Mrs. John J. Forcier, Leroy Lewin, Allan Maiers, Mrs. Oscar Blum, Leo Schuelke, Joe Pichotta, Mrs. Vernon Kuehl, Sanford Ebent, George Richards, Mrs. Joe

Maiers, Mrs. Ray J. Mayer, Ronald Penk, Howard Wick and Fred J. Kloempken.

Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Peetsch (June Callier) announce the birth of a baby girl, Shelly, born Nov. 10.

#### 35 Years Ago

**Nov. 29, 1979**  
**Anthony G. Blum, Editor**  
 Elmer Rettig of rural Stewart reported Tuesday that sometime during the night of Nov. 19, his John Deere 4020 tractor, along with a bottom plow, were stolen from a field along Highway 212 near Brownton. The tractor has an estimated value of \$10,000, and the plow is valued at \$900.

Mr. and Mrs. Dwight Kottke announce the birth of a son, Daniel Edward, on Nov. 24.

Dean and Nancy Stockmann announce the birth of their first child, Curtis Dean, on Nov. 11.

Mr. and Mrs. Kevin Klucas (Janelle Boelter) of Brainerd are proud to announce the birth of a son, Christopher Lee, born Oct. 30.

### From the Chronicle archives

#### 30 Years Ago

**Nov. 28, 1984**  
**Bill Ramige, Editor**  
 The new grandstand at Vollmer Field in Glencoe started taking shape last week when crews erected the framework for the seats and roof. Vollmer Field will be the site of the 1985 District VFW Baseball Tournament in late July.

The McLeod County Public Health Nursing Service recently instituted a 24-hour "on-call" service. The service is directed at clients who are acutely or terminally ill and who may have a need for a home health aid after hours.

#### 20 Years Ago

**Nov. 30, 1994**  
**Rich Glennie, Editor**  
 The first snowfall of the season dumped seven inches of wet

heavy snow mixed with rain and high winds, on Sunday, and created hazardous driving conditions throughout much of the state. Many motorists who had not honed up on their winter driving skills ended up in area ditches.

Lee's Super Valu is nearing completion of its expansion and renovation project. The work has added a deli and expanded the bakery, as well as other services in the downtown grocery store.

Tom Pinske of the Pinske Edge in Plato will appear on Hometime, a home fix-it, remodeling TV program on Public Broadcasting Station (PBS), Channel 2. Pinske will demonstrate how to make and install counter tops.

#### 10 Years Ago

**Dec. 1, 2004**  
**Rich Glennie, Editor**  
 Lacey Dahlberg, a fourth

grader at Glencoe-Silver Lake Lakeside Elementary, performed with the Minnesota Choral Directors Association Elementary Honor Choir at the Ted Mann Concert Hall at the University of Minnesota on Saturday, Nov. 20.

Seventeen Glencoe-Silver Lake athletes earned All-Wright County conference awards during the fall sports season. All-Conference tennis athletes were Marianne Barau, Amanda George, Hali Haukos and Amanda Stifter. All-WCC football athletes were Tim Thomas, Travis Ardolf, Mike Bartels and Chris Odegaard. All-WCC cross country runners were Anthony Exsted, Katy Delwiche, Casey Just, Kelli Just, Katie Zirbes and Maggie Zirbes. All-West Metro soccer athletes were Mark Patino and Eric Jenneke and All-WCC volleyball athlete was Ashlee Gunderson.

## Deaths

### Darrel Radke, 76, of Hutchinson

Darrel Radke, 76, of Hutchinson, died Friday, Nov. 21, 2014, at the Harmony River Living Center in Hutchinson.

The funeral service will be Wednesday, Nov. 26, at 11 a.m., at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Brownton with interment following in the church cemetery. The Brownton American Legion will provide military honors.

Visitation was Tuesday and will continue today (Wednesday) from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. at the church.

Dobrutz-Hantge Funeral Chapel in Hutchinson is in charge of the arrangements. Online obituaries and guest book are available at www.hantge.com.

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### Evangeline Neuhaus, 84, of Glencoe

Evangeline "Vangie" Neuhaus, 84, of Glencoe, died Sunday, Nov. 23, 2014, at Grand Meadows Senior Living in Glencoe.

Funeral services will be Friday, Nov. 28, at 11 a.m., at First Evangelical Lutheran Church in Glencoe, with interment following in the church cemetery.

Visitation will be Thursday, Nov. 27, from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m., at the Johnson-McBride Funeral Chapel in Glencoe, and will continue one hour prior to the service on Friday.

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

obituaries and guest book are available at www.hantge.com.

### John Winn, 88, of Glencoe

John Winn, 88, of Glencoe, died Friday, Nov. 21, 2014, at Abbott Northwestern Hospital in Minneapolis.

Memorial services will be Wednesday, Nov. 26, at 11 a.m., at the Johnson-McBride Funeral Chapel in Glencoe, with interment following in the Glencoe City Cemetery.

A gathering of family and friends will be held Wednesday, Nov. 26, from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m., one hour prior to the service at the chapel.

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

### From the Silver Lake Leader archives

#### 75 Years Ago

**Nov. 25, 1939**  
**Delbert Merrill, Publisher**  
 Mert Roger's neat little office building used in the transaction of his used car business has been moved off Main Street and to the rear of Slavik's tavern, where it will be available for use again next spring.

The Frank Kalvodas are nicely settled in their new home in Pleasant Hill. Mr. Kalvoda bought Jim Pawlak's fine farm, which until recently, was leased by Stanley Pokorny.

Steve Reml is using crutches as the result of injuries to his foot sustained when a heavy piece of wood fell while sawing wood.

John Picha recently purchased Will Zanda's interest in the Silver Lake Feed & Coal Co. and now announces a partnership with his son, Art Picha.

#### 50 Years Ago

**Nov. 19, 1964**  
**Wilbert Merrill, Publisher**  
 LuWayne Wraspir and Edw. Goede caught a big beaver in front of the Silver Hi Café and Drive-In last Thursday evening. They managed to get the big animal into an empty barrel and called Game Warden Ed Reed, who came with a cage and took the animal away for releasing.

Mike Papez of Glencoe caught a 5½-pound walleye in Silver Lake last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Chester Kaczmarek of Glencoe announce the engagement of their daughter, Phyllis, to Roger A. LeBrun, son of Mr. and Mrs. Anthony LeBrun of Winthrop.

At the Silver Lake Legion Post 141 meeting on Monday, Cub Scouts Jimmy Chalupsky, Kevin Trnka and Douglas

Micka, on behalf of the pack, presented Commander Henry Pokorny with a check of \$50.

#### 25 Years Ago

**Nov. 23, 1989**  
**Ken and Dorothy Merrill, Publishers**  
 Monday evening, the City Council reluctantly accepted the resignation of Dale Miska. Miska resigned, after serving for five years, due to a job change.

The consolation prize winners of the junior class give-away included: turkeys — Mark Loch, Mabel Blasness, Pauline Hedlund, Joe Vacek and A. Zypke. The grand prize winner of the quarter of beef was Willie Van-DeSteege.

Ron and Carol (Nowak) Miller of Glencoe, announce the birth of a son, Seth Aron, born on Nov. 2, at Waconia Ridgeview Hospital.

## Tracing Roots

By Ron Pulkrabek



### Checking S.D. Czechs, Part 3

Tyndall — 1920: population 1,400. Houska and Ulrich have a tavern; Oliva has a general store; Skorpik, Bednar, Jilek, Moravec and Dr. Klima live here. ZCJB Lodge 80 is active. 2007 update: population is 1,172; a nice town with St. Leo's Catholic Church and school complex; a barmaid tries to find us a CD by the "Tyndall Button Box Gang" via several phone calls. Several patrons thought they heard of the band but were not sure.

Witten — 1920: ZCJB Lodge 215; not on map in 2007.

Dixon — 1920: Janousek, Dvorak, Preslicka and Klima, live in the area. ZCJB Lodge 194 is active. 2007 update: not on the map.

Herrick — 1920: A few Czechs live here. ZCJB Lodge 216. 2007 update: population 96.

Gregory — 1920: population 1,000. Matousek, Kucera, Vesely, Dolezal, Fiala, Svanda, Janousek, Dvorak, Pochow and Klima live here. CSPS Lodge 232 and ZCJB Lodge 162 are here. In 1917, Gregory County raised \$6,000 for WW I War Relief for the Czech lands and \$125,000 in War Bonds and Stamps. 2007 update: population 1,510.

Fairfax — 1920: population 400. St. Anthony Catholic Church, Catholic Workman Lodge 98 and ZCJB Lodge 129, named the "Opera House" with F.J. Kasper as president, are active. 2007 update: population 113.

Lake Andes — 1920: population 600. Many Czechs have businesses here. In 1918, \$1,900 was collected for the Czech Lands WW I Relief. ZCJB Lodge 103 is active. 2007 update: population 778.

Geddes — 1920: population 650. Several Czechs have businesses here. ZCJB Lodge 143 is active. 2007 update: population 244.

The Rev. Francis Kun, a Presbyterian minister, origi-

nally from Iowa, organized many Czech churches in South Dakota. He later was the minister at the Silver Lake Czech Brethren Presbyterian Church starting in 1876 to about 1891.

The Rev. Francis Pokorny, (1867-1962) as a young, first-time theological student, came to the area around Tyndall, Kimble and Eagle, S.D., in 1889 through 1891. He first met Frank Matousek, the harness maker, and Joseph Matousek who, with others, arranged for the Rev. Pokorny to stay at various households and preach from time to time. He more or less worked for room and board and rode around on any horse that was available. He helped establish the First Bohemian Presbyterian Church in Brule County, S.D. Pastors Link, Skerik, Wrbitzky, Krenick and the Rev. Jerome Kucera followed. From 1891 until 1910, he served the Bohemian Reformed Church of Silver Lake and the Jan Hus Church north of the Bohemian Hall. From 1910 to 1930, he served in Ely, Iowa. You can read more on his life in his book, "My Way through Life," and the biography of Frantisek Kun called, "Verny Sluzebnik" (Faithful Servant).

Large families in South Dakota:

Albert Wagner family had 14 children (six grew to adulthood); John Bouska family had 14 children (six died young); Thomas Kostel family had eight children (three died young); John Novotny family had 16 children (two died young).

Large families in the Glencoe, Silver Lake and Hutchinson areas:

In 1868, Anton and Anna Pulkrabek, who homesteaded a 160-acre farm south of Silver Lake (now owned by John and Bonnie Mohr) had 15 children. Two babies died in the Czech Lands and one baby died on the farm. At age 45, Mary gave birth to her 15th child; her oldest child was 27 at the time. Mary died at age 85. They are buried on the Koniska Cemetery.

Joseph and Mary Pulkrabek had 11 children; Anton and Cecilia Pulkrabek had nine children; Amil and Anna Pulkrabek had 12 children; Maude (Pulkrabek) Dvorak had nine children; Charles and Fanny (Nemec) Pulkrabek had 10 children; John and Anna (Moticka) Pulkrabek had nine children; Wencil and Caroline Pulkrabek had 14 children; John and Anna (Svihel) Pulkrabek had 12 children; Emily (Pulkrabek) Skolicky had 10 children; Anna (Pulkrabek) Dolezal's son, John Dolezal and Sophie (Schultz) had 10 children; Mary (Pulkrabek) Brabec had 10 children. (In 1920, her husband John died at age 49, leaving Mary to raise 10 children alone in Montana, the youngest age 2).

The Joseph and Frances Nemec family, neighbors to the Pulkrabeks, had 11 children. Three of them were named Frank. Two baby Franks died, the third Frank lived. During 1897 to 1904, five Nemecs married five Pulkrabeks.

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The Community Strings will perform its Christmas program, "Make a Beautiful Noise," at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Glencoe on Sunday, Dec. 14, at 3 p.m. and 7 p.m. Members of the Community Strings are, front row from left, Korbin Guetter, Soren Bortnum, Benton Freitag, Charlie Bortnum, Carter Ziegler and Ashyton Bullert; second row, Joy Freitag, Jaelynn Pinske, Ella Lundstrom, Kathy Schrempp, Mark Lueders, Teresa

Kuester, Roxanna Boe and Sara Mathews; third row, Melissa Pinske, Elisa Burgstahler, Cassidy Albrecht, Kristin Bortnum, Bekah Lundstrom and Shanda Landes; and back row, Scott Landes, Aaron Borass, Lon Roach, Joel Noennig, Jack Noennig, Benton Noennig and Jens Lundstrom. Not pictured: Sam Bullert, Adam Eberhard and Nancy Koperud.

## Community Strings Christmas program set for Sunday, Dec. 14

The annual Community Strings Christmas program, "Make a Joyful Noise," will be held at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Glencoe on Sunday, Dec. 14, with programs at 3 p.m. and 7 p.m. A free-will offering will be taken to support area charities and defray the costs of the Community Strings program. People are encouraged to bring non-perishable items for the food shelf.

The Community Strings were created by Melissa Pinske and her father, Dr. Jack Noennig, as a family musical group. Over the years, the Community Strings have included the four Noennig children and most of their grandchildren playing violin,

string bass and keyboard.

The Community Strings expanded to include area violinists, young and old. About five years ago, the Community Strings added violas and cellos, with membership reaching about 50. Current musicians come from Arlington, Cokato, Glencoe, Hamburg, Hutchinson, Jordan, Norwood, Plato and Young America. Ten of the musicians have gone off to college with some of them using their musical talents. This year, several of the college students will be returning to perform in the Christmas program.

The goal of Community Strings is to provide an opportunity for string musicians

to enjoy their talents and share them with the public. In its ninth year, the Community Strings have performed for local festivals, fundraisers, nursing homes, churches and area businesses. Good Shepherd Lutheran Church has allowed the Community Strings to rehearse weekly in the church, culminating in the annual Christmas program.

This year's program, "Make a Joyful Noise," will feature both secular and religious Christmas music. As requested, there will be more carols for people to sing, and a few surprises during the program. Bring your whole family for an enjoyable afternoon or evening on Dec. 14.

## New ECFE director, educator finds position a good fit for her

By Alyssa Schauer  
Staff Writer

Alicia Beste, 38, is the new director and parent educator in the Glencoe-Silver Lake (GSL) Early Childhood Family Education program, replacing Jan Mackenthun, previous ECFE director, and Mary Jo Schimelpfenig, previous parent educator, who both retired last June.

"For the last eight years, I've stayed at home, caring for my four children, and working part time at the library. I've come to ECFE events before with my children, so when the opportunity presented itself, I couldn't pass it up," Beste said.

Beste said she originally applied for the parent educator position, hoping to use her skills as a parent and her background in psychology to assist other parents in the program.

"But then Chris (Sonju, GSL superintendent) came back to me and said the position had changed a bit," Beste said. She explained she spends her full-time employment as the director, a half-time ECFE teacher and as a parent educator.

"Jan (Mackenthun) used to be the full-time ECFE teacher, and the district hired Becky Shogren to teach a section of the preschool," Beste said.

Beste, a GSL graduate, earned two bachelor's degrees in psychology and Spanish from Valparaiso University in Indiana.

"Then I came back home to be closer to family and earned my teaching license from St. Cloud State University. I'm certified to teach K-12 Spanish," Beste said.

She taught in Sartell for two years, and then at Sibley East for four years. She coached cheerleading and is in her sixth year doing the choreography for the fall musical at GSL.

"Since I was staying home with my children, doing choreography was a fun way to still be involved with students, theater and the school. It's always fun," Beste said.

Beste, and her husband, Jason Zehnder, have four children, Lucia Beste Zehnder, 8, Beatrice Beste Zehnder, 6, Winnie Beste Zehnder, 4, and Maxwell Beste Zehnder, 2.

"I knew when I was going to go back to work, any time away from my children had to be worthwhile. And this job has proved to be just that. I love being here. It's easy for me to come to work and a positive place to be," Beste said.

Beste said she brings her background to several aspects of the job, such as using her psychology knowledge in parent education, and her Spanish helping migrant fam-



Chronicle photo by Alyssa Schauer

Alicia Beste is the new director and parent educator for the Glencoe-Silver Lake Early Childhood Family Education program, bringing her experience as a parent and background in psychology and Spanish to the position. She replaced Jan Mackenthun, previous ECFE director, and Mary Jo Schimelpfenig, previous parent educator, who both retired in June.

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"It feels great to be using my psychology degree, especially the things I've learned about child development and group dynamics. That's been huge. And Spanish as well. I'm glad to get back into that. It's been cool to use that part of my brain again," Beste laughed.

She said her goal in the ECFE program is to "maintain the thing Jan and Mary Jo built. They built an amazing program. The love and relationships they have with these families and students, it's amazing. They are very special."

Beste said one of her goals is to continue outreach. With technology, much has changed in the ECFE program, and she said she is implementing different avenues to get the "news out" about ECFE.

"There are so many people yet in the community who don't know exactly who we are or what we do here. We put our events in the newspaper, but I know many parents, like myself, are online and want to find information online," Beste said.

She said she is working to get everything online so that it's easier for parents to register for events and obtain information about ECFE and

what there is to offer both students and parents.

She added that as a parent educator, it isn't her job to "tell people how to parent. I want people to know we're here to support you as a parent, and since I am a parent, I feel I have that experience."

Beste has also organized "free" events for parents and children, to give more people in the community a chance to come "see what ECFE is all about at no cost."

"I want to encourage people to join us. To come see the new building, meet the staff, see what it's all about. It's been wonderful to see families taking advantage of these activities already," Beste said.

She "gives props" to her staff, the paras, teachers and parents. "They are amazing. My job here is going great, and I couldn't do it without all of them," she said.

She added that secretaries Megan Nelson and Deb Schiroo have been "amazing, and extremely helpful, and of course, "Jan and Mary Jo have been very helpful. This program was Jan's baby for many years, and I appreciate how kind and helpful both Jan and Mary Jo have been."

"And to get the support from the district is huge. It's wonderful."



Chronicle photo by Lori Copler

Kelly Rach, left, was named the community volunteer of the year, while Gale Hoese, right, was the recipient of the Mike Popelka Chamber Volunteer of the

Year Award. The awards were announced at the Glencoe Area Chamber of Commerce's annual luncheon and meeting on Thursday, Nov. 20.

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to accommodate a new Main Street Sports Bar, the new Ag Services Center in the industrial park, and the remodeling of Glencoe Wine & Spirits.

Jon Braband, chief executive officer for Glencoe Regional Health Services, was the guest speaker, and outlined some of the new servic-

es available at Glencoe's local medical clinic, hospital, long-term care and assisted-living facilities.

## ADM donates to Sportsmans Club

Archer Daniels Midland (ADM) Company recently donated \$500 to the Glencoe Sportsmans Club.

The donation will be used for educating young kids on wildlife, maintenance at the sanctuary and veterinary bills incurred by the animals, according to Terry Buska, president of the Sportsmans Club.

The Glencoe Sportsman Club started out in the 1930s as Isaak Walton League and

over the years switched to the Glencoe Sportsman Club. In 1985, land was donated by the Kenny Wacker family to start the Sportsmans Sanctuary. With declining membership, the club relies on donations to keep the sanctuary going.

The donation was given through ADM Cares and it is greatly appreciated by the club. ADM Cares is a social investment program that di-

rects funds to initiatives and organizations that drive meaningful social, economic and environmental progress worldwide. The program comprises three distinct focus areas: supporting the responsible development of agriculture, improving the quality of life in ADM communities and fostering employee giving and volunteer activities.

## Corrections

In Irene Hajicek's obituary last week, those who preceded her in death should have included Mrs. Hajicek's sister and brother-in-law, Mathilda and John Hettver. \*\*\*\*\*

In the Stewart history last week, it was incorrectly reported in the 50 years ago segment regarding the wedding of Madonna "Donna" (Kalenberg) and Steven Twite that Donna is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Kalenberg. It should have read that she is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Norbert Kalenberg. \*\*\*\*\*

In the article about Brent Posusta and his flooring business last week, one company he works with was omitted. Posusta said he does the majority of his business with Carpets Plus Color Tile of Hutchinson. \*\*\*\*\*

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