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## Glencoe, Silver Lake, GSL voters pick new faces

### Voters nix school referendum

The Glencoe City Council might have a new look to it, with at least one and perhaps two new members after Tuesday's Election Day voting that saw Silver Lake voters pick two new councilors and a new mayor and school district voters favor bringing two new members aboard.

No results on Glencoe's city council election were available at 11 p.m. when The Chronicle went to press. Councilor Allen Robeck was seeking re-election against Michael Drew for the councilor-at-large position.

Second Precinct Councilor John Schrupp was unchallenged in a re-election bid. Paul Lemke was unchallenged in a bid to

represent the third precinct. Councilor Gary Ziemer did not seek re-election.

In Silver Lake, the city council will have a new look. Dorothy "Dot" Butler defeated Mayor Bruce Bebo, 199 to 142. Newcomers Josh Winfrey and Chris Penaz won election to the city council with 218 and 169 votes, respectively. Incumbent Josh Mason finished third with 150 votes. Incumbent Ken Merrill did not seek re-election.

Voters in the Glencoe-Silver Lake School District were apparently reluctant to OK the district's request for additional per pupil funding via an operating levy referendum. With 15 of 20 precincts reporting, the proposal was failing, 1,545 to 1,118 (58 percent against, 41 percent in favor).

Director Jason Lindeman was leading the voting with 1,371 votes with 15 of 20 precincts reporting. Newcomers Jonathan Lemke had 1,196 votes (19 percent) and Alicia Luckhardt had received 1,102 votes (18 percent) when The Chronicle went to press late last night. Valarie Bandas had 944 votes, Andrea Janke had 897 votes and James Entinger had 523 votes in the race for three seats.

Incumbent longtime directors Anne Twiss and Clark Christianson did not seek re-election to the school board.

A complete report on the outcome of local and area elections will be on The Chronicle's Web site — www.glencoenews.com — Wednesday and next week's paper.

## Quilts of Valor Area women sew so vets know they're not forgotten

By John Mueller  
Editor

Give a group of women time, the material needed, room to work and a veteran to sew for and they'll create a lasting memento that tells former soldiers their service was not forgotten or taken for granted.

A group of women from Glencoe and McLeod County meet regularly on the upper level of a quilt shop in downtown Hutchinson and create tangible gifts of appreciation for veterans. The women sew for the Quilts of Valor program, a national organization supporting veterans. Quilts of Valor has presented almost 200,000 quilts to veterans around the United States. Group of quilters from across the United States are submitting nominations for the national organization's 200,000th donated quilt.

Women like Jeanne Pagel of Glencoe, Nancy Greve of Hutchinson and Vicky Harris of Silver Lake have made quilts for veterans who served their country during World War II, the Korean War, and the Vietnam War. Veterans who never saw combat are also among those who will receive a quilt. The trio is part of a larger group of quilters, some of whom have left Minnesota

for warmer weather in the South.

"If they didn't do all this work, we wouldn't be able to do it for the veterans," said Al Schochenmaier, a member of the Glencoe American Legion and VFW who coordinates the presentation of quilts to veterans.

The women have presented quilts to the oldest veterans first, former soldiers nearing the end of their lives so they can enjoy the quilts and the symbol of gratitude longer. Last June, the women presented a quilt to Art Ellanson, a 100-year-old World War II veteran. He passed away three days after the presentation.

"It's a labor of love. We love what we're doing and who we're doing it for," Greve said.

The women have made dozens of quilts for veterans in McLeod County and neighboring communities. Pagel and the group made seven quilts for veterans in Glencoe last year and expect to finish about 13 this year. They'll present quilts to veterans from Christ Lutheran Church Nov. 11 at a 2 p.m. service at the church in Glencoe. The Litchfield Area Male Chorus will be providing special music.



Chronicle photo by John Mueller

Vicky Harris of Silver Lake (left), Jeanne Pagel of Glencoe (center) and Nancy Greve of Hutchinson (right) are among a group of women who create quilts for veterans in Glencoe, the rest of McLeod County and surrounding communities.

### A change of focus

Greve started quilting for veterans in 2003. Five years ago, she decided to focus her efforts locally. The women have completed over 200 quilts for veterans since 2013. This year, they expect to complete about 45 quilts overall. They meet every Thursday at Quilt Haven on Main Street in downtown Hutchinson. The

Disabled American Veterans (DAV) provides the group funding for fabric and long-arm stitching.

"We don't have to fundraise," Greve said.

For Pagel, quilting for veterans comes easy. She enjoys the work with her hands and is passionate about providing the quilts to people as a tangible sign their service was

not forgotten. Pagel understands the importance of military service. Her grandmother, Clara Ostlie of Glencoe, was a five-star mother during World War II.

"It's a natural for me," Pagel said.

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Chronicle photo by John Mueller

Duane Becker has created a display honoring veterans at his home in Brownton.

## Brownton veteran displays his pride for everyone to see

By John Mueller  
Editor

There is no doubt of where his pride rests.

Duane Becker's yard in Brownton hosts a display honoring his military service and the service of family members and Americans who served their country. Becker served in the U.S. Navy on active duty from 1963 to '67 plus two years of inactive duty. The side yard of his

house on North Ninth Avenue in Brownton includes a colorful, carefully planned display honoring the service.

People in the area have stopped to see his display and chat with the amicable veteran about the display and swap stories of military service. The display, as indicated

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## New wastewater plant might cost more than city planned

### Base bid comes in over 7 percent above estimate

By John Mueller  
Editor

After about two years of planning for a new wastewater treatment plant to replace a facility unable to meet state and federal standards, Glencoe has a \$4.96 million-plus problem.

Monday evening, Nov. 5, the Glencoe City Council took a preliminary look at bids on its proposed wastewater treatment plant. The bids to construct the plant came in just over 7 percent above the engineer's estimate of \$18,750,100. The low bid base bid of \$20,100,400 came in from Rice Lake Construction Group of Deerwood, Minn. Add in the additional costs for pre-design services, engineering, facility planning, construction administration, wage compliance monitoring, finance and legal administration, and quality control testing and the base cost climbs to just over \$25.2 million

with the alternates and \$24.7 without the alternates.

The city council reviewed the base bids as well as the alternate bids for a vector pad, roof work on buildings at the wastewater treatment plant facility and doors and windows on buildings at the facility.

The council plans to discuss how it will proceed in light of the higher-than-expected bids at a workshop Tuesday, Nov. 13, and then consider awarding the contract for building the new facility at the council's first meeting Nov. 19.

Council members discussed the bids at a workshop last month. Councilor Allen Robeck suggested rebidding the project. Noting there are very few companies that build wastewater treatment plants, staff and the other members of the council declined Robeck's suggestion. Monday, Councilor John Schrupp, who works in the construction industry, noted a 10 percent increase in the cost of steel as well as a similar

### Wastewater

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### Weather

Wed., 11-7 H: 34°, L: 21°	Thur., 11-8 H: 32°, L: 21°	Fri., 11-9 H: 26°, L: 13°	Sat., 11-10 H: 29°, L: 24°	Sun., 11-11 H: 31°, L: 18°

Looking back: Fall is here without a doubt, as the damp, cold and bitter winds attest. Now it's a matter of getting ready for winter. Hang on, folks.

Date	Hi	Lo	Rain
Oct. 30	51	35	0.00
Oct. 31	53	24	0.00

Nov. 1	52	29	0.00
Nov. 2	44	34	0.08
Nov. 3	42	34	0.40
Nov. 4	42	35	0.02
Nov. 5	42	34	0.22

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

### Chronicle News and Advertising Deadlines

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

# Happenings

## Abundant Table meal

Christ Lutheran Church's Abundant Table ministry team will hold its community Thanksgiving dinner Wednesday, Nov. 7 at the church.

Preparations for the meal begin at 4:30 p.m. and serving runs from 5 to 6 p.m. The menu for the no-cost dinner includes turkey, dressing, mashed potatoes and gravy, green bean casserole, cranberry sauce, dinner rolls, and pumpkin pie for dessert.

Additional information is available at 320-864-4549. Christ Lutheran Church is located at 1820 Knight Ave. N. in Glencoe.

## Caregiver group meeting

The Glencoe caregiver support and discussion group will meet Thursday, Nov. 8, 10:30 a.m., at Christ Lutheran Church.

The church is at 1820 Knight Ave. N. For more information, call Sarah Doering, Lutheran Social Services' caregiver support and respite coordinator, at 320-221-4513.

## 'Cats, the Musical'

The GSL Drama Department is presenting its fall play, 'Cats, the Musical' Thursday through Saturday, Nov. 8-10 and Nov. 15-17 in the high school auditorium.

The doors open at 6:30 p.m. Tickets are available at the door.

## VFW Auxiliary meeting

Glencoe VFW Auxiliary Post 5102 will hold a meeting Nov. 12, 7:30 p.m.

The meeting will include a presentation on the folding of the American flag, why it is folded 13 times, the meaning of each fold and what that means.

There will also be an inspection so members should plan to attend.

## Legion, auxiliary meeting

Brownton American Legion and Auxiliary Post 143 will meet Tuesday, Nov. 13, 7:30 p.m., in the Brownton Community Center.

This is a night after the regularly scheduled meeting. Host and hostesses for the night are Marge Klabunde, Julie and Clyde Ziemann.

Final plans will be made for the Nov. 16 American Legion Fun Night and Raffle.

## Living nativity planning

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

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

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

## K of C paper drive

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

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

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

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

## Poultry party in Plato

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

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

The event is sponsored by the Plato baseball club.

## Info on human trafficking

Christ Lutheran Church in Glencoe is hosting an informational meeting on human trafficking and sexual exploitation in greater Minnesota Monday, Nov. 19, 7 p.m.

This no-cost presentation will include information on efforts in greater Minnesota to fight human trafficking, prostitution and sexual exploitation.

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

## Thanksgiving in Silver Lake

The Silver Lake Auditorium again will be the site for the 16th Annual Silver Lake Thanksgiving dinner Thursday, Nov. 22.

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

Food will be served promptly at noon. To know how many people might be served, prospective attendees are asked to call 320-327-2412 or 320-327-3157 or stop by Silver Lake City Hall to sign up by Wednesday, Nov. 21.

People needing transportation should call 320-327-3157 by Nov. 20 to make arrangements to be picked up.

## Community Thanksgiving

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

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

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

# GSL senior picked for national honor choir

Glencoe-Silver Lake High School senior Elise Petersen practiced to gain a part in her local, district, and state music honor ensembles. The work paid off.

Petersen has been selected for the 2018 All-National Honors Ensembles mixed choir performing Nov. 25-28, at Disney's Coronado Springs Resort at Walt Disney World in Orlando. She is one of 551 students from 49 states selected for the honor.

The mixed choir and jazz ensemble choir concerts are Nov. 27, 7-8:30 p.m., and the guitar ensemble, symphony orchestra and concert band concerts begin Nov. 28, 10 a.m., in the ballroom at Disney Coronado Springs Resort.

At Glencoe-Silver Lake High School, Petersen has been a part of the choral program since ninth grade. She was also selected for the Madrigal Singers. Petersen has been in the GSL musicals for five years. As a junior, Petersen earned

the lead role of Sandy in "Grease," and this fall she is playing the part of Grizabella in "Cats."

Petersen has also studied classical violin for 13 years and voice for the last three years. She has played violin in orchestras including Minnesota Youth Symphonies and Greater Twin Cities Youth Symphonies. She often leads worship at Westwood Community Church in Excelsior.

Petersen is on GSL's varsity softball team and plays for the South Central Piranhas softball team during the summer. She is a member of GSL's student government and National Honors Society.

Performers selected for the all-national honor ensembles represent collaboration and creativity in its highest musical form. The ensembles consist of a new jazz ensemble, mixed choir, guitar ensemble, symphony orchestra, and concert band. Petersen and the other students

were chosen through an audition process. The jazz ensemble will have 20 instrumentalists, the mixed choir 240 vocalists, the guitar ensemble 48 guitarists, the symphony orchestra 122 instrumentalists and the concert band 121 instrumentalists. Eligible students qualified for their state-level honor ensemble program and competed against top students for a spot in these national honor ensembles.

Selected students will be rehearsing a challenging repertoire in preparation for performing under the baton of five prominent conductors in the United States, Todd Stoll, jazz ensemble, Amanda Quist, mixed choir; Michael Quantz, guitar ensemble; Jean Montès, symphony orchestra; and Dennis Glocke, concert band. All conductors have received honors in their respective field and will spend several days rehearsing with students before the concert.

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"I love to quilt."

The quilts are impressive. At 80-inches by 60-inches, the quilts are substantial. Each quilt can take up to 25 hours to make, Pagel said. The quilts have five yards of material on both the front and backsides. The national Quilts of Valor organization values each quilt at about \$800 each, assuming the women's volunteer time would be worth about \$10 per hour.

The fabric on both sides is generally a patriotic design, commonly featuring stars, eagles, and red-white-and-blue stripes. The two layers have a layer of fleece fill between them. A long-arm quilter stitches them together using stars and other patriotic shapes. The long-arm quilting

is an expensive process the local group receives as a donation. The women then apply hand-stitched binding to hold the entire quilt in place. Applying the binding takes between four and six hours.

"It's something we do that's not showy. It's not done with a lot of fanfare. We keep it simple," Schochenmaier said. "At the same token, the vets really appreciate it."

The common response from the veterans, many of whom are decades removed from their service, is they didn't think anybody remembered or cared they had served. "You hear that all the time," Greve said.

The quilt will include a label carrying the name of the veteran, the people who made



Submitted photo

Jeanne Pagel, Diane VonBerge, Betty Dahlke and Vicky Harris have created quilts to be presented to Glencoe veterans Sunday, Nov. 11, 2 p.m., at Christ Lutheran in Glencoe.

it for the veteran and directions for caring for the quilt. The women said the veterans typically proudly display their quilts.

"The fun part of making the quilts is giving it to them," Pagel said. "It means they are not forgotten."

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increase in the cost of copper.

The city has enacted a series of rate increases in wastewater to help fund the debt service on the new facility. The service fee increased from \$9 to \$16.70 in 2018 and will climb to \$28 by 2020. The usage fee increased from \$7.25 in 2017 to \$9 in 2018. It will increase to \$10 by 2020. The monthly residential equivalent unit fee for treating about 3,455 gallons, the amount a typical family uses, is scheduled to increase from \$34.05 in 2017 to \$62.55 by 2020.

Estimates the council reviewed Monday included annual debt service payments of \$864,705 if a \$7 million grant the city won is factored into the equation.

The city will finance the project with about \$9.8 million in grants and a \$15 million loan repaid over 20 years at an interest rate ranging from 1.3 to 1.6 percent.

## MnDOT projects

The council heard the Minnesota Department of Transportation's plans for improvements to Highways 22 and 212 from Lindsey Bruer, MnDOT's District 8 planning director.

MnDOT is planning a three-quarter intersection for the junction of County Road 1 and Highway 212 in 2022. The intersection improvement is similar to the intersection redesign at County Road 53 and Highway 212 in Cologne. Mill and overlay work is also planned on Highway 22 between Cedar Avenue and Highway 212 in 2022.

The agency is also planning a study of improvements and changes to highways 212 and 22. It picks up where a 2003 study left off. The study will look at potential safety improvements.

In other action at the Nov. 5 meeting, the Glencoe City

## Council:

• Paid bills and payroll expenses totaling \$646,107.61.

• Heard an appeal from Sarah Mallory on a possible designation of her dog as being potentially dangerous. The council rescheduled a second hearing after Mallory argued the city had not followed its own ordinance on the first hearing in September. The date of the hearing has not yet been set.

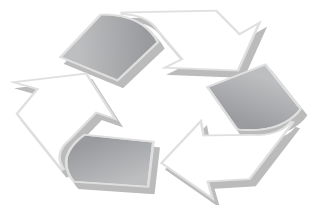
• Granted a request from Casey's General Store locations for renewal of tobacco sales licenses.

• Approved the sale of tax-increment financing bonds for Panther Heights to Security Bank and Trust for \$453,000

and acquire property for the apartment project. The true interest cost is 3.68 percent fixed for 15 years.

• Scheduled a special meeting for Nov. 13, 4:30 p.m., to canvass election results.

• Approved an agreement with McLeod County to have the county provide assessment services for \$7.50 per parcel.



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# County looking at costs for redesigning Junglaus building

By Jakob Kounkel  
Staff Writer

Despite an informal petition opposing McLeod County's capital improvement plan, the county board heard presentations from I&S Group, Inc. (ISG) — the original architects that worked on the Junglaus building — and Contegry Group, Inc. (CGI) a construction management contractor.

The petition originated on Facebook, which isn't a formal outlet for petitions against the county. The board couldn't accept the accumulated "signatures" of over 100 people, which were really just commenters on a Facebook post.

The board didn't approve either big-ticket item, one \$575,000 line item and a \$224,000 line item, at its Nov. 6 meeting because of timeline restrictions on the capital improve-

ment project. Phase 1 of the project is an environmental assessment the county has to complete by Nov. 9. On Dec. 6, the county will be issuing debt, and on Dec. 13 will be closing on the Junglaus building and surrounding buildings.

Commissioner Joe Nagel explained to Contegry President Larry Filippi and Project Manager Sam Lauer as well as ISG Senior Architect Bryan Paulson the board wants to hit the aforementioned dates before moving forward with formal approval. The groups will be on the board's agenda again at its Dec. 18 meeting.

ISG, out of Mankato, is charging a fixed fee amount of \$575,000. For over half a million dollars, Paulson said the group is a, "one-stop shop" for the county's architectural needs. According to the line item on the agenda, the fee

includes, "architectural, interior design, landscape architecture, civil, structural, mechanical, electrical engineering, low voltage/security, and topographic/boundary survey."

ISG has also worked closely with McLeod County Building Services Supervisor Scott Grivna for the past two years. Grivna even offered a wave and a smile to Paulson as he walked into the board room.

Commissioner Ron Shimanski asked Paulson, "Have you done this with other buildings?" referring to repurposing an existing building as opposed to starting fresh.

"Oh yes," Paulson said, "I've been in this business for 35 years."

"I look forward to seeing the project move forward with you," Shimanski replied.

As for CGI, the commissioners were overtly pleased with previous work the construction

management company has done in the county.

Commissioner Paul Wright said that he, "can't think of any company I'd rather have," and that CGI was, "nothing short of excellent on the jail project."

CGI, if approved at the Dec. 18 board meeting, will work with the county in the pre-construction phase, customary construction coordination and scheduling, constructability review, cost estimating, and allocation of construction activities among the contractors for a contract cost of \$224,000, plus \$15,775 per month for on-site project coordinator supervision and reimbursables for construction phase administration.

Between architecture and construction management costs, the county could be approving a total of \$799,000 at its Dec. 18 meeting, not including monthly on-site supervision costs.



Chronicle photo by John Mueller

## Pavement work

A crew from Wm. Mueller & Sons completed paving a new section of East 14th Street Friday afternoon.

## Glencoe-Silver Lake students selected to perform at GAC

Four Glencoe-Silver Lake High School students were selected to participate in the 30th Annual Bjorling Music Festival at Gustavus Adolphus College.

The four -- Austin Brewton, Drew Hedtke, Haley Lukes, and Tyson Werner -- were selected from hundreds

of applicants. For the first time, the festival will also include an honor choir and honor orchestra in addition to the two honor bands.

The festival, took place Nov. 4-5 and included 282 high school musicians from 65 different high schools across Minnesota, Iowa,

North Dakota, South Dakota, Illinois, and Wisconsin. Over the two-day festival, students will work with faculty in master classes, experience performances from several ensembles at Gustavus, as well as rehearse and perform a concert with other outstanding high school musicians.

## City, chamber hosting downtown ideas workshop Tuesday

The City of Glencoe and the Glencoe Area Chamber of Commerce are hosting a public workshop on the downtown revitalization plan Tuesday, Nov. 13, 6 p.m.

The workshop will be to solicit input and ideas for Glencoe's downtown. The workshop will be held in Glencoe City Center's south ballroom. The workshop is part of a public engagement process for Glencoe's downtown revitalization and vibrancy plan.

The planning initiative was recently initiated by both organizations as an opportunity to build a roadmap for supporting existing busi-

nesses as well as attracting new businesses to the community. Another goal of the plan is to support development enhancing the quality of life for local residents as well as attract more visitors to Glencoe.

Local residents and other stakeholders are encouraged to attend the workshop as it's a key opportunity to share their ideas and strategies for supporting future growth in Glencoe's downtown commercial corridor.

Those planning on attending should RSVP for the workshop by contacting Dan Ehrke at city offices, 320-864-5586.

## Glencoe VFW, Aux. honoring vets Nov. 12

To promote Americanism with children in the community, the Glencoe VFW Auxiliary and post will present small American flags and certificates to children Monday, Nov. 12.

Kindergartners at Lincoln Elementary School and First Evangelical Lutheran School will receive a small American flag and certificate for learning the Pledge of Allegiance. They will be honored with a program at the school beginning Monday, Nov. 12, 8:20 a.m.

First-graders will also receive a pencil and coloring sheets and second-graders will receive a ruler during a program scheduled for 9:45 a.m. at Lincoln Elementary School. A program will be held at First Evangelical Lutheran at 1:45 p.m.

### Veterans Day

Veterans Day, Nov. 11, is a holiday in the United States honoring all veterans of the armed forces. Veterans are soldiers who have served or

are serving in the armed forces.

Veterans Day is intended to thank and honor those who served in the military — the U.S. Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines and Coast Guard — honorably during times of war and peace. The honor is intended for veterans living and deceased.

The day is intended to give people time to thank a veteran, said Virginia Adams, the VFW Auxiliary's Americanism committee chairperson.

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on a sign Becker had made, is in honor of the men and women who served in the armed forces of the United States of America past and present.

"God bless America," it states.

The display includes photographs of the ship Becker served on, the USS MacDonough, a guided missile frigate. It also includes photos of the USS Chicago, a cruiser his brother, Sylvan, served on and the dock landing ship, USS Comstock, on which his nephew served. The display includes banners for each branch of the service as well as decorative stones holding the logos for each branch of the service. An aluminum frame Becker had made supports the flags.

There are solar lights on the display and photos of the signing of the Japanese surrender on the USS Missouri in 1945 and soldiers in combat.

Becker started the display about five years ago. He's added to it slowly over the years. The flagpole over the display has a solar-powered light on. He also has solar-powered lights so people can see his display at night from the street. He said people around Brownston know of the display. He's had many visitors stop by to see it. A visitor to Brownston from Iowa stopped by and asked if he could take photos of it.

"They can take all the pictures they want," he said.

Becker has plans to expand the display in the years to come. He is thinking about making a sign chronicling the military service of relatives. It's all about pride in the U.S. military and family members who choose to serve their country.

Becker joined the U.S. Navy in 1963. After his service was completed, he spent the rest of his working days as a mechanic/warehouse worker for Green Giant and Seneca Food before he retired five years ago. He grew up on the family's 160-acre farm six miles south of Brownston and a mile west of Highway 15. He enlisted in the Navy to avoid the uncertainty of the draft. He joined the Navy after his brother, Sylvan, enlisted.

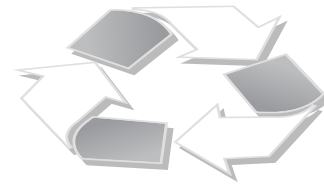
"If you're on a ship, you're going out to sea," he said. "I liked the idea of being on the water and seeing the world."

His ship, the USS MacDonough, spent time in the Atlantic, the Caribbean and the Mediterranean. It carried guided missiles capable of being armed with nuclear warheads, a capability that required Becker be vetted by the FBI for the highest security

clearance available for an enlisted man.

Becker looks back on his service to America with pride. He admires young people who serve their country.

"It's a great thing to serve," he said.



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"Leadership. You have to do it yourself, but you can't do it alone."

## Drivers warned to be cautious around school bus stops

In the wake of crashes involving children and adults at bus stops, Glencoe-Silver Lake Schools is encouraging area motorists to be cautious around bus stops as children get on and off buses.

About 77 percent of Glencoe-Silver Lake's 1,600 students use school busing each day.

Tragic crashes involving children in Indiana, Florida and Pennsylvania were recently in the news. The calls prompted calls for drivers to increase the amount of caution as they approach school bus stops.

State law says when a school bus is

stopped on a street or highway, or other location where signs have been erected and is displaying an extended stop-signal arm and flashing red lights, the driver of a vehicle approaching the bus shall stop the vehicle at least 20 feet away from the bus. The vehicle driver shall not allow the vehicle to move until the school bus stop-signal arm is retracted and the red lights are no longer flashing.

Glencoe police have issued 19 citations for stop-arm violations dating back to the 2016-17 school year. The citations were written in 2017-18 (eight) and 2016-17 (11). There have been no cita-

tions written so far this year. Sheriff's deputies have written one citation so far this year. They wrote two citations last year and five during the 2016-17 school year.

Glencoe police didn't write a stop-arm violation during the 2015-16 school year and wrote two the previous year.

State law also says no person may pass or attempt to pass a school bus in a motor vehicle on the right-hand, passenger-door side of the bus when the school bus is displaying the pre-warning flashing amber signals.

## Thank a veteran everyday

### Our view: We've done plenty; we should do more

Americans will, we hope, take some time to honor its veterans of military service Nov. 11. It is, after all, the least we can do for a group of women and men to whom we owe so much.

One day, that's all. But this isn't a greeting-card holiday. We would hope people would appreciate veterans and the contributions they make toward a free society each and every day. Next time you see a veteran on the street, thank him or her for service to our country. Though they may not say it, most veterans will truly appreciate the notion someone took the time to be thankful to them for serving their country.

We live in an era where many soldiers returning from a faraway land, like Vietnam, were greeted with insults, taunts and accusations. They are beginning to fade away before us. They went to a land many knew nothing about and fought in a war they had no say over. Like it or not, they did their job.

Fast forward to today, soldiers return coming home from a war they had no say over. Many of them volunteered, enlisted for service. Others fulfilled an obligation. They did their job.

They weren't berated for their service. Fortunately, we have learned something since the 1960s and '70s. We have learned a thing or two from our lack of insight. Hopefully, we are better for it.

Whether the veterans of today served in combat or served in peacetime, we owe them a debt of gratitude far greater than one day's recognition on the 11th day of the 11th month. We owe them gratitude for their service but also the effort to understand, if only a little, what it means to serve.

The men and women who serve in peacetime keep our military prepared. They respond to calls for help, from their fellow citizens in times of natural disaster and from our allies in need around the world.

The soldiers who left the farms, small cities and towns to storm the beaches of France in 1944 and the young men and women of today who defended their country in the Middle East have much in common, even if they are separated by several generations. Their country was threatened, attacked. They answered the call to serve.

They deserve far more than a single day of recognition.

Our military offers young men and women valuable vocational and leadership training. As a society, we get far more back from them than we provide. It is arguable whether or not we provide them the appropriate paycheck for the portion of their youth they have given their country.

If there is even one veteran who does not receive the quality of care earned, that is one too many. Soldiers returning from the Middle East have waited too long for mental health care. A horrible number of them struggled with anxiety, isolation and depression. Unable to cope, many took their lives in a fight they couldn't win.

We owe our veterans so much for the blank check they offered their country. Education, vocational training, housing, health care. Fund one less bomber, one less weapon of mass destruction. We have a debt to repay.

All our veterans, no matter when and where they served, are worth it.

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## Everything in this newspaper is important to someone

By Matt Geiger

It's become something of a mantra for me, in recent years.

Weekly community newspapers are eclectic, to say the least. We publish photos of ribbons being cut at bakeries, and donations being dropped off at local food pantries. We print the school honor roll, the court report, and in-depth stories on decisions made by planning commissions and town boards. Sometimes we cover murders, abuse, and horrific car crashes, and when we do our community journalists often experience these tragedies as both reporters and neighbors — as both professionals and human beings. We cover the referendum that will determine whether a new school is built and our readers' taxes will rise. We publish birth announcements, obituaries, and the various things that, when wedged between those two book ends,

make up the lives that make up our communities.

I've learned more than I ever wanted to know about sewage, in order to cover the approval and construction of a new treatment plant. I interviewed a survivor of the Iran hostage crisis about what it's like to be held prisoner in a foreign land while the world looks on. I've interviewed grandmothers about their favorite holiday recipes. Perhaps most importantly, I've interviewed little kids about what they want to be when they grow up, and what type of world they hope to inhabit.

I've even eaten lutefisk — a type of gelatinous Scandinavian fish that is usually only consumed as part of a dare — in the warm hum of a local church's kitchen. (I even liked it, which I think qualifies as a kind of small-town gonzo journalism.)

People sometimes ask me why community newspapers

are important. My reply is always the same. It's because everything in those pages is important to someone. Maybe the ribbon cutting isn't flashy enough to go viral, and the Thanksgiving turkey recipe is not going to change culinary trends across the nation. But these things, these small things in communities across the county and across the world, are what give meaning and purpose to all of our lives.

The ribbon-cutting is the culmination of a childhood dream. The donations at the food pantry will allow a family to gather around their table without worrying if there is enough to fill each plate. The honor roll goes on the fridge, of course, because it's a reminder to a young student that she can flourish when she applies herself. The birth announcement marks the proudest, greatest moment of a mother and father's life to-

gether. The face looking out from the obituary is one that a wife, and children, and grandchildren, will never kiss again. The new school being paid for with the referendum is where a young student might develop an interest in science, growing up and developing a treatment for cancer or Alzheimer's, allowing millions of people to live a little longer, and have their faces kissed by those who love them a few more times.

Journalism matters, now more than ever, because people matter. Community journalism matters, now more than ever, because roughly half the world's population lives in small communities, and in the pages of their newspapers, they see themselves and the ones they love.

Matt Geiger is the executive editor of News Publishing Co. in Black Earth, Wis.

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### Question of the week

What's your weather preference for the coming winter?

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

Results for most recent question:

A downtown revitalization study is underway. What changes would you like to see downtown?

- 1) More sit-down restaurants with outdoor patios — 20%
- 2) More green space, a large plaza and a fountain where performers could entertain people — 18%
- 3) Various types of retail, perhaps a hardware store — 47%
- 4) Downtown Glencoe is fine; leave it alone — 16%.

45 votes.

Next poll runs Nov. 7-13.



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## Obituaries

### The Rev. Harvey Kath, 80, of Plymouth

The Rev. Harvey Gerald Kath, 80, of Plymouth, Minnesota, and formerly of Glencoe, passed away Tuesday, Oct. 30, at J. A. Wedum Hospice House in Brooklyn Park. Funeral services were held Monday, Nov. 5, 11 a.m., at First Evangelical Lutheran Church in Glencoe, with interment following at the church cemetery.



The Rev. Harvey Kath

Pastor Daniel Welch and the Rev. Dr. Robert Holst were the officiating clergy. LCMS District President Lucas Woodford delivered remarks.

Dawn Wolter was the organist and soloist Jenni Becker performed "In Christ Alone." The First Evangelical Lutheran Choir performed "Reach Out," "For All The Saints," "A Mighty Fortress," and "I Know That My Redeemer Lives."

Jonathan Kath, Alison Kath, Alexander Kath, Anthony Kath, Paul Dvorak, and Patrick Kaytor were casket-bearers.

The Rev. Harvey Gerald Kath was born June 2, 1938, in Pequot Lakes, Crow Wing County, Minn. He was the son of Gerald Leonard and Erna Dorothea (Bruns) Kath. He was baptized June 19, 1938, by the Rev. G. L. Kath at Gloria Dei Lutheran Church in Pequot Lakes, and confirmed in his faith May 11, 1952, by the Rev. G. L. Kath at St. John Lutheran in Villard, Minn. The Rev. Kath received his elementary education in Trosky and Villard. Harvey attended Concordia Academy during his high school years, graduating in 1956. He continued his education attending Concordia

Senior College and graduating in 1960. The Rev. Kath completed his education at Concordia Seminary in St. Louis, Mo., graduating with a master's degree of sacred theology in 1964.

July 28, 1962, the Rev. Kath was united in marriage to Norita Mae Willner by the Rev. G. L. Kath at Trinity Lutheran Church in Medford, Wis. He and Norita made their home in several places throughout their marriage, including Papua New Guinea, Hamburg Wis., Glencoe, Park Rapids and most recently in Plymouth. Their marriage was blessed with three children, Rachel, Jonathan and Kristina and three grandchildren, Alison, Alexander and Anthony. Harvey and Norita have shared over 56 years of marriage.

The Rev. Kath was a minister of the gospel. His first call was to work in the mission field in Papua New Guinea from 1965-1969. He then served at St. Paul Lutheran Church, St. John's Lutheran Church, and Immanuel Lutheran Church all in Hamburg, Wis. The Rev. Kath completed his work life at First Evangelical Lutheran Church in Glencoe, serving there for 26 years from 1976-2002. After retirement, he returned to his mission work in Papua New Guinea. The Rev. Kath was an active member in Papua New Guinea Mission Society producing educational materials and participating as a board member. He was able to return to Papua New Guinea 10 times to continue his work there. He was also a member of the Glencoe Rotary Club.

The Rev. Kath was an adventurous person with a great sense of humor who loved to tell jokes. He enjoyed gardening, stamp collecting and reading. He was an avid sports fan always in the

stands cheering on his home team or practicing his skills as an armchair ref cheering on the Vikings. The Rev. Kath loved to explore and learn about history and different cultures. He traveled around the world with Norita to Russia, China, Greece, Egypt, Europe, the South Pacific, Australia and the Holy Land. He cherished his time spent with friends and family. One of his greatest joys in life was spending time with his grandchildren.

The Rev. Kath passed away Tuesday, Oct. 30, at the J. A. Wedum Hospice House in Brooklyn Park at the age of 80 years, 4 months and 28 days.

Blessed be his memory. He is survived by his wife, Norita Kath of Plymouth; children, Rachel Kath-Dvorak and her husband, Paul, of Minneapolis, Jonathan Kath of Otsego, Kristina Kath of Plymouth; grandchildren, Alison Kath, Alexander Kath, Anthony Kath; sister, Harriet Weisgram and her husband, Dennis, of Alexandria; brothers, Gordon Kath and his wife, Roxanne, of Nevis, Vernon Kath and his wife, Linda, of Evansville; sister-in-law, Nancy Kath of Seattle; nephews, nieces, other relatives and many friends.

The Rev. Kath was preceded in death by his parents, Gerald and Erna Kath; brother, Gilbert Kath.

Memorials are preferred to First Lutheran School in Glencoe, Papua New Guinea Mission Society and Concordia University in St. Paul.

The Johnson-McBride Funeral Chapel of Glencoe handled the arrangements. Online obituaries and guest book available at [www.mcbridechapel.com](http://www.mcbridechapel.com) and visitors can click on obituaries/guest book.

### Renee Henning, 80, of Plato

Renee Henning, 80, of Plato, passed away Saturday, Oct. 27, at St. Mary's Care Center in Winsted.



Renee Henning

Funeral service were held Thursday, Nov. 1, 1 p.m., at St. John's Lutheran Church in Plato, with interment following in the church cemetery.

Pastor Tyson Mastin was the officiating clergy.

Yvonne Schuette was the organist and "How Great Thou Art," "Amazing Grace," and "What A Friend We Have In Jesus" were the congregational hymns.

Jake Hanson, Zach Hanson, Jim Klaustermeier, Jerry Schwartz, Norma Henning, and Jeff Hanson were the casket-bearers.

Renee Henning was born Nov. 29, in Watertown. She was the daughter of David and Alice (Jones) Peterson. She was baptized as an infant Jan. 6, 1938, and was later confirmed in her faith as a youth on April 25, 1952. She grew up on the family farm in Watertown. Mrs. Henning received her education in Wa-

tertown and was a graduate of the Watertown High School Class of 1956. She furthered her education at Augsburg College.

Aug. 22, 1959, Renee was united in marriage to Daryl Henning. After their marriage, the couple resided in Plato. Renee and Daryl were blessed with three children. She was a loving mother and homemaker. Renee and Daryl owned and operated Plato Grocery and Henning Painting & Decorating. Mrs. Henning was employed at UMCO in Watertown and Telex in Glencoe. She and Daryl shared 17 years of marriage before he passed away March 4, 1977.

Mrs. Henning was a member of St. John's Lutheran Church in Plato. She also volunteered at the Plato grade school as a photographer.

Mrs. Henning enjoyed embroidering, cooking, baking cookies, fishing, reading, loved animals, especially cats and dogs, and sports. She also cherished the time spent with friends and with family, especially her grandchildren, great-grandchildren and visits from Savannah at St. Mary's Care Center.

When Mrs. Henning needed assistance with her daily care, she became a resident of

St. Mary's Care Center in Winsted in 2017, and passed away there Saturday, Oct. 27, at the age of 80 years. Blessed be her memory.

Mrs. Henning is survived by her children, Susan Hanson and her husband, Jeff, of Rochester, Dan Henning and his wife, Norma, of Glencoe, Dwight Henning and his wife, Sarah, of Faribault; grandchildren, Zachary Hanson and special friend, JoHanna Pearce, of Rochester, Jacob Hanson of Rochester, Sara Georges and her husband, Nick, of St. Cloud, Tracie Henning and her special friend, John Segler, of Glencoe, Kyle Steinborn of Glencoe, Elizabeth Westermann and her husband, Steve, of Midland, Mich., Melissa Henning of Faribault; seven great-grandchildren; nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

Mrs. Henning was preceded in death by her parents, David and Alice Peterson; father-in-law & mother-in-law, Adolph and Freida Henning; husband, Daryl Henning; sister, Audrey Johnson; and brother, Wallace Peterson.

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## Library busy with fall activities

The Glencoe Public Library will host a historical program presented by Melanie Stringer as Laura Ingalls Wilder, Friday, Nov. 9, 4 p.m., in the Glencoe Library Activity Room.

Stringer is an expert on Laura Ingalls Wilder and brings the beloved historical writer and storyteller to life with her stories, interpretations, and persona. This is a Minnesota legacy program presented by Pioneerland Library System. There is no registration or cost to this presentation. Coffee and cookies will be served.

November will contain programs for everyone. Tod-

dlers Storytimes will be held each Tuesday, 10 a.m., and Saturday, 10:30 a.m., Nov. 1 is Mystery Book Club at 6 p.m. discussing "Sherlock Holmes and the Red Demon." Tuesday, Nov. 6, 6 p.m., is LEGO League with a Thanksgiving challenge for builders ages 6 and older. Nov. 9, 4 p.m., is Stringer's "Just As I Am...Meet Laura Ingalls Wilder" program. Friday, Nov. 16, 11:30 a.m., the Luncheon Book Club meets to discuss "Alice in France."

The Glencoe Library will be closed Monday, Nov. 12 in honor of Veteran's Day and Nov. 22 for Thanksgiving holiday.

The Glencoe Library is preparing for Christmas by being thankful to patrons for their generous donation of books, DVDs, audiobooks, money, and Christmas trees. The Ninth Annual Gift of Christmas Trees is themed "Hobbies and Collections." Visit the library after Thanksgiving and enjoy the Christmas trees and decorations.

Dec. 1, 10:30-11:30 a.m., is the annual Elf Christmas Party for children and parents to begin the Christmas season. The children could bring a new toy will learn how to wrap their toys, story snacks, and music to celebrate Christmastime.

## Wayne W. Mackenthun, 80, of Glencoe

Wayne William Mackenthun, 80, of Glencoe, Minnesota, passed away Tuesday, Oct. 30, at his home in Glencoe, Minnesota.



Wayne Mackenthun

Funeral services were held Friday, Nov. 2, 11 a.m. at First Evangelical Lutheran Church in Glencoe, with interment following at the church cemetery.

Pastor Daniel Welch was the officiating clergy.

Paul Otte was the organist and "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God," "Beautiful Savior," and "Abide With Me" were the congregational hymns.

Brian Gruenewald, Jim Mackenthun, Bill Mackenthun, Roger Lucht, Don Belter, and Brian Thalman were the casket-bearers.

Wayne William Mackenthun was born Aug. 31, in Green Isle Township, Sibley County, Minnesota. He was the son of Mabel (Lucht) and William G. Mackenthun. Rev. Alf Streufert baptized him as an infant Sept. 25, 1938. Mr. Mackenthun was confirmed in his faith as a youth April 6,

1952 by Rev. A. H. Fellwork, both at First Evangelical Lutheran Church in Glencoe. He received his education in Glencoe, graduating with the Glencoe High School Class of 1956.

Mr. Mackenthun entered active military service in the United States Army Jan. 3, 1957, and served during peacetime. He received an honorable discharge on Dec. 10, 1959.

Aug. 9, 1963, Mr. Mackenthun was united in marriage to Janet Winterfeldt by Rev. R. W. Koepf at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Brown-ton. He and Janet made their home on the family farm near Glencoe. Their life was blessed with three children, Andrea, Andrew and Alicia. They shared over 55 years of marriage.

Wayne was a dairy farmer and welder. After retiring from farming, he worked at Thalman Seeds in Plato. Mr. Mackenthun lived his whole life on the family farm where he was born and died. He was a lifelong member at First Evangelical Lutheran Church in Glencoe, where he served as a deacon for over 30 years, chaired the building committee for the 2000 addition and crafted many specialty items for use therein. Mr. Mackenthun enjoyed reading, wood-

working, metal working, drawing and being in nature. He loved the time spent with his family and friends.

Mr. Mackenthun passed away Tuesday, Oct. 30, at his home at the age of 80 years, 1 month and 30 days.

Blessed be his memory. He is survived by his wife, Janet Mackenthun of Glencoe; children, Andrea Mackenthun of Glencoe, Alicia Mackenthun of Chaska; sisters, Merle Schlueter of Hutchinson, Joanne Gruenewald and her husband, Ray, of Gaylord; sister-in-law, Betty Meier and her husband, Larry, of Stewart; nephew, nieces, other relatives and many friends. Wayne was preceded in death by his parents, William G. and Mabel Mackenthun; father-in-law and mother-in-law, Walter and Elsie Winterfeldt; brothers-in-law and sister-in-law, Lloyd Schlueter, Wayne and Sandra Winterfeldt; and nephew, Kevin Winterfeldt.

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## Elmer Arthur John Raduenz, 81, of Plato

Elmer Arthur John Raduenz, 81, of Plato, passed away Sunday, Oct. 28, at Sibley Medical Center in Arlington.



Elmer Raduenz

Pastor Tom Evans was the officiating clergy.

Melissa Pinsky was the organist. "Movin' On" was the prelude music. "What A Friend We Have In Jesus," "Rock Of Ages," and "On Eagle's Wings" were the congregational hymns.

Elmer's grandchildren were the urn bearers.

Elmer Arthur John Raduenz was born May 11, 1937, at his parent's home in New Auburn Township, Sibley County. He was the son of Arthur Henry John and Augusta Alvina Emilie (Kuhnau) Raduenz. Elmer was baptized as an infant and later confirmed in his faith as a youth April 2, 1950, both at Zion Lutheran Church in New Auburn Township. His confirmation verse was II Peter 3:18 "But grow in grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To him be glory both now and forever! Amen." Elmer received his education at a

country school through the eighth grade.

Oct. 14, 1960, Elmer was united in marriage to Marlys Ahlbrecht at St. John's Lutheran Church in Plato. Elmer and Marlys made their home in Plato. Their life was blessed with four daughters, Evon, Amy, Julie and Melissa. Elmer and Marlys shared 58 years of marriage.

Mr. Raduenz worked at Plato Woodwork in Plato for 25 years retiring in 2001. He was a member of St. John's Lutheran Church in Plato. He also was a member of the Plato Fire Department for 21 years.

Mr. Raduenz enjoyed listening to old-time music, camping, woodworking, playing cards, help farming, mowing the lawn and snow removal. He loved spending time with his friends and family, especially his grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Mr. Raduenz passed away Sunday, Oct. 28, at Sibley Medical Center in Arlington, at the age of 81 years, 5 months and 17 days.

Blessed be his memory. Mr. Raduenz is survived by his wife, Marlys Raduenz of Plato; daughters, Evon Busler and her friend, Brenda, of Glencoe, Amy Gomulak and her husband, Ed, of Glencoe, Julie Schuette and her husband, Brian, of Glencoe, Melissa Voelz and her special friend, Dean, of Glencoe;

grandchildren, Kelsey Busler and her special friend, Ryan Clobes, Jordan Busler and his wife, Heidi, Jesse Tichy and his wife, Angela, James Tichy and his special friend, Alex Brusven, Michaela Tichy and her fiancé, Kyler Kohonen, Seth Schuette and his special friend, Hannah Lemke, Ashley Voelz, Zachary Voelz; great-grandchildren, Chloe Tichy, Gracin Tichy; sister, Erma Pagel of Glencoe; brother, Dennis Raduenz and his wife, Sandy, of Hutchinson; sister-in-law, Leona Ahlbrecht of Plato; and nephews, nieces, other relatives and many friends.

Mr. Raduenz was preceded in death by his parents, Arthur and Augusta Raduenz; parents-in-law, Herman and Augusta Ahlbrecht; siblings, Gladys Bergs and her husband, Raymond, Darline Hoecke and her husband, Glenn, Darwin Raduenz and his wife, Darlene, Karen Cheever; brother-in-law, Melvin Ahlbrecht; nephew, Ricky Lee Raduenz; nieces, Deborah Hoecke, and RaNaye Weber.

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## People

### Milbretts have a son

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

### Longhenrys welcome son

Emma and Derek Longhenry welcomed Brady Alan Thomas Longhenry to their family on Nov. 3, 2018. He weighed 7 pounds, 8 ounces and measured 21.5 inches at birth. Grandparents are Alan and Brenda Birkholz of Glencoe, Tom and Cindy Longhenry of Glencoe.



### In Loving Memory of Herman Stark

Mar. 31, 1923 - Nov. 9, 2016

I thought of you today, but that is nothing new. I thought about you yesterday and days before that too. I think of you in silence, I often speak your name. All I have are memories and your picture in a frame. Your memory is a keepsake from which I'll never part. God has you in His arms, I have you in my heart.

Sadly missed by Dave Stark, Deb Krone and many relatives and friends.

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A pizza delivery boy, Niko Simonette, made his way through the “jungle” to Pastor John, dressed as a pirate, from Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Glencoe.



John Henry Becker, in his bear costume, gets help from Vonnie Husted to try to get the candy without touching the sides, a Halloween rendition of “Operation.”

Chronicle photos by Jakob Kounkel

## ‘Trunk-or-Treat’ at First Evangelical Lutheran

Approximately 500 children attended the “Trunk-or-Treat” event in the parking lot at First Evangelical Lutheran Church in Glencoe. There were 30 decorated trunks for kids to play games and collect Halloween goodies. The Glencoe Fire Department participated by displaying a fire truck. More than 200 people enjoyed a “reformation” meal that included brats, German potato salad, kraut and apple bars. Meal proceeds raised \$1,014 for the First Lutheran School’s seventh- and eighth-grade Wolf Ridge trip and \$112 for MEFS. A cooperative effort between First Evangelical Lutheran, Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Thrivent Financial Action Team and generous community members.

# County sees health services soar

By Jakob Kounkel  
Staff writer

With rising costs in the McLeod County Social Services Department, costing the county an additional \$1,007,121 over last year, commissioners and county administration are concerned about rising program costs and unfunded state mandates imposed on the county.

Along with the increase in expenditure also comes additional revenue for the department of \$578,056, leaving a gross increase of \$429,065 for social services in 2019.

McLeod County Human Services Director Gary Sprynczynatyk echoes their concern, but has a different take on the accompanying difficulties. When asked if government mandates and regulations impede on expediency and/or good work, Sprynczynatyk posited the real issue is when the dollars get shifted. Overall, around 95 percent of the social services’ department money is allocated for specific purposes, according to Sprynczynatyk. That leaves little wiggle-room for sporadic legislative changes in funding.

For example, when Congress makes a change in legislation that re-allocates social services money, it’s likely nothing changes in the amount of people coming in to utilize a program, leaving counties like McLeod to shoulder the cost through its tax levy.

Financial bugaboo aside, a mandated increase in social services of just over \$1 million for 2019, only a year’s time, can lead a logical-thinking person to a dismal reality. Even with seemingly endless improvements in technology, medicine, industry and connectedness, some mental health statistics slope acutely, painfully downwards.

It’s easy to talk about dollars and allocation and legislation. It’s hard to find an answer to why, with technological and medical improvements covering every corner of the world, people are still more depressed and anxious than ever before. It seems as if affluence and urbanism has bolstered an increase in depression, suicide and anxiety.

In Sebastian Junger’s book, *Tribe: On Homecoming and Belonging*, he writes, “There is remarkably small rate of depression and suicide in tribal societies, almost to where it’s nonexistent.” He continues to say members of a tribal society would only succumb to suicide for reasons not correlative to mental health, like being a burden to the rest of the tribe or if a loved one had died.

There’s a sharp contrast between the nearly non-existent mental health statistics in pre-industrial societies to becoming one of the most prevalent forms of illness in American life today. The National Institute of Mental Health (NIMH) estimated that 16.2 million adults (6.7 percent of all U.S. adults) in the U.S. had at least one major depressive episode in 2016. In the same year, NIMH estimated 2.2 million adolescents (9 percent of all U.S. adolescents) aged 12 to 17 years old had at least one major depressive episode with severe impairment.

Mental Health America (MHA) highlighted five key findings from a 2018 MHA report, one of which was that the “rate of youth experiencing a mental health condition continues to rise” from 11.93 percent to 12.63 percent over a year’s time. Adult suicidal ideation has increased from 3.77 to 4.04 percent, and major depressive episodes in youth increased from 8.66 to

12.63 percent. Sprynczynatyk and Leah Lundgren, social services supervisor for mental health and chemical dependency programs for McLeod County, think the consistent uptick in mental health problems across the nation could be due to a hyper-awareness of mental health, and social services becoming more popular and accessible.

Sprynczynatyk and Lundgren also thought it possible that the statistics look so discouraging because of a collective redefinition of what constitutes as a mental illness to be more inclusive, though they agreed that the bigger reason is due to increased awareness.

Lundgren pointed out, even though social media was marketed as the best way to connect and achieve higher social acuity, researchers have proven that to be dead wrong, she said. “You could write a whole other article on that alone,” Lundgren said, as she mentioned the vast amount of studies that highlight social media’s inherent ability to isolate people — a contrast to the common perception of the role social media plays in social life.

The increase in social services money doesn’t always indicate an increased need for services, but rather an increased need for dollars. Legislators can defund certain programs and functions of the social services department, which can cause an increase to the tax levy. In the county’s case, out-of-home placements are costing more than \$300,000 more than last year, and Sprynczynatyk said funding a sudden spike in need for services isn’t easy for a county or its human services department.



## Weather Corner

By Jake Yurek

We’ve been slightly ahead of schedule with weather this fall as October felt like November and now November is going to feel like December. It’s been well below normal lately and things will only get worse this week as Canada opens up its doors and cold air streams in. Highs to end the week will most likely be stuck in the 20s, with lows in the teens (perhaps upper-single digits not too far away). Wind chills will also be an issue for the first time this season, so you’re going to want to get that winter coat out of the closet. As for precipitation, we’ll be below freezing so anything we get this week will fall in the form of snow. There was a chance of light snow early Tuesday and after that our best chances will be Thursday night into Friday and maybe some stray snow showers Saturday. The Friday snowfall could accumulate but it’ll be starved of moisture so not everyone will see it. The main thing we’ll all notice is the cold weather this week and unfortunately it looks like it’ll hold on into next week as well. I’m really hoping this early winter means an early spring. Have a great week, all, and bundle up! Thank you for your service, veterans.

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Wednesday night: Lows 17-23, clouds.

Thursday: Highs 27-33, lows 14-20, clouds/night snow showers.

Friday: Highs 21-27, lows 9-15, early snow showers/clouds.

Saturday: Highs 26-32, lows 13-19, partly cloudy, scattered snow showers.

Sunday: Highs 28-34, partly cloudy.

**Weather Quiz:** How has the weather been around other parts of the country this fall?

**Last week’s question:** What are some of November’s weather extremes?

**Answer to last week’s question:** Highest temperature 77 degrees (1933 and 1999), lowest temperature -25 degrees (11/29/1875), most precipitation 2.52 inches (11/11/1940), most snowfall 18.5 inches (11/1/1991). The average high goes from 50 at the beginning of the month and ends up at 33 degrees by the end of the month.

Remember, I make the forecast, not the weather.

## FSA county committee elections to begin this week

Eligible agricultural producers in the 2018 FSA county committee elections will be receiving ballots this week. Producers must return ballots to their local FSA offices by Dec. 3 to ensure their vote is counted.

“County committee members represent the farmers, ranchers and foresters in our Minnesota communities,” said Joe Martin, FSA’s state executive director. “It is a valued partnership that helps us better understand the needs of the farmers and ranchers we serve.”

Nearly 7,700 FSA county committee members serve FSA offices nationwide. Each committee has three to 11 elected members who serve three-year terms of office. One-third of county committee seats are up for election each year. County committee members apply their knowledge and judgment to help FSA make important decisions on its commodity support programs, conservation programs, indemnity and disaster programs, and emergency programs and eligibility.

Producers must participate or cooperate in an FSA program to be eligible to vote in the county committee election, Martin said. Farmers and ranchers who supervise and conduct the farming operations of an entire farm, but are not of legal voting age, may also be eligible to vote.

other forms of identification are required at check-in.

People who are 17 years of age in most states (16 with parental consent where allowed by state law), weigh at least 110 pounds and are in generally good health may be eligible to donate blood. High school students and other donors 18 years of age and younger also have to meet certain height and weight requirements.

## Red Cross Bloodmobile visiting

Facing an ongoing need for donated blood platelets, the Red Cross Bloodmobile will be in the area later this month.

The Bloodmobile will be in Glencoe next Wednesday, Nov. 14, 1-7 p.m., at the Glencoe City Center ballroom.

To make an appointment, contact Nelda Klaustermeier at 320-864-3475. There are about 12-14 slots still open. At each blood drive, appoint-

ments always have priority over walk-ins.

The Red Cross Bloodmobile will also be in Hutchinson Nov. 30, 1-7 p.m., at Family Video, 108 First Ave. NE.

Simply download the American Red Cross Blood Donor App, visit RedCrossBlood.org online or call 1-800-733-2767 to make an appointment or for more information. A blood donor card or driver’s license or two

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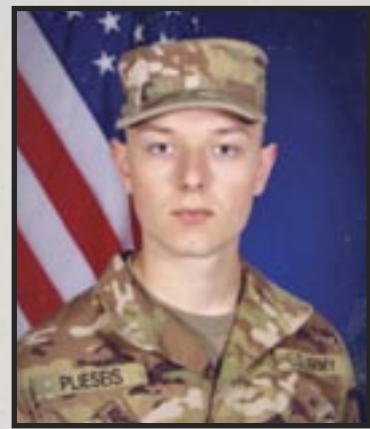
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