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## Glencoe to have 2 new council members

By Lori Copley  
Editor

The city of Glencoe will have two new council members Jan. 1, according to unofficial election results.

Milan Alexander defeated incumbent Daniel Perschau 367-253 in Precinct 1 and Cory Neid defeated incumbent Kevin Dietz 316-281 in Precinct 4.

Mayor Randy Wilson held off a write-in campaign by Jeffrey Scharpe to retain his seat, 1,243 votes to 1,135 write-in votes.

Rich Pohlmeier will be the new McLeod County Commissioner for District 4.

Pohlmeier, of Brownton, received 1,576 votes to Jeff Nies' 1,411. Nies is from Hutchinson, and is the son of retiring Commissioner Sheldon Nies. There were 399 write-in votes, but it was unknown Tuesday night how many of those were for Ane

Fitzgerald, who ran a write-in campaign.

Paul Wright, rural Hutchinson was returned to the District 3 county board seat, with 1,998 votes to challenger Rob Raiche's 1,369. Raiche is from Hutchinson.

Commissioner Ron Shimanski, Silver Lake, running unopposed in District 1, received 3,291 votes to be elected to another term.

Incumbent city council members and mayors were re-elected in Biscay, Brownton and Silver Lake.

In Biscay, Mayor Thomas Urban was re-elected to a two-year term with 37 votes, while incumbent council members Donovan Dose and Leroy Knoll were elected to two-year terms with 39 and 44 votes respectively, and incumbent Dennis Schwanke was re-elected to a four-year term with 46 votes.

In Brownton, Mayor Norman

Schwarze was re-elected with 228 votes to challenger Tyler Raddatz' 101, and incumbent council members Brian Dressel and Tim Olson were returned to their seats with 228 and 206 votes respectively, while candidate Larry Durbin garnered 53 votes and candidate Tina Fahey attracted 78.

Silver Lake Mayor Bruce Bebo was returned for a two-year term with 282 votes while challenger James Pavlish earned 81 votes. Incumbent council members Brenda Fogarty and Nolan Johnson were re-elected with 287 and 298 votes, respectively.

Plato had two open council seats and four candidates. Incumbent Dennis Oltmann was re-elected with 128 votes, and Stacy Sohns earned the other seat with 58 votes. Jamie Krueger received 54 votes and Eric Seeman had 52. Incumbent coun-

cilor Robert Pflipsen chose not to run again.

In Stewart, there was no candidate for mayor, but incumbent mayor Jason Peirce had 30 write-in votes and Kevin Klucas had 29. Incumbent council members Klucas and Carol Altrichter were re-elected with 109 and 128 votes, respectively.

In New Auburn, Mayor Doug Munsch was re-elected with 120 votes to Fred Grack's 48. Dennis Kuehl was re-elected as a council member with 118 votes, while Wayne "Scootie" Schultz received 123 votes for the other council seat. Incumbent Becky Brockoff received 75 votes.

Area township results include:

Glencoe Township — Bruce Bargmann and Michael Keenan were elected supervisors, while David Milbrand was elected clerk and Tim Haag was elected treasurer.

All ran uncontested.

Helen Township — Leslie Engelman was re-elected supervisor.

Rich Valley — John Mohr was elected supervisor over incumbent Bob Novak, 245-135; Tom Radtke was elected supervisor over incumbent Rodney Schmidt, 182-179; and Faye Bruckschen, running unopposed, was re-elected clerk with 353 votes.

Sumter Township — Scott Erpelding was elected supervisor with 137 votes over Chad Duehn's 116; Jeff Kosek was re-elected supervisor with 241 votes and Donald Huske was re-elected treasurer with 224 votes.

All three Glencoe-Silver Lake School Board candidates, all incumbents, were easily returned to their seats — Jamie Alsleben, Kevin Kuester and Donna VonBerge. They ran unopposed.

## County Board updated on jail project progress

By Lori Copley  
Editor

Now that there has been a good stretch of dry weather, rapid progress is being made on the extension to the McLeod County Jail and Courthouse, the County Board heard at its Tuesday meeting.

Sam Lauer of Contegrity, the county's construction management firm, told the board that load-bearing walls for the first floor of the jail addition are done, the lower level floors have been poured, and the topping is ready for the first floor.

Once the first floor is done, the contractors can begin to get the roof in place.

"The big push is to get the roof done and get it (the addition) closed up," said Lauer.

He also reported that the contractors will be able to use natural gas from the permanent service line to heat the addition during the remainder of construction, rather than having to use liquid propane. Lauer said that using natural gas should save significantly on heating costs over the winter.

Lauer also reported that the new Judd Avenue between 10th and 11th streets, located east of the Courthouse parking lot, is close to being opened.

Lauer said the first two lifts have been paved, and the final lift will be done in spring.

Lauer said the road should be

ready for traffic once appropriate signage is in place.

County Attorney Mike Junge said that the county will need to make arrangements to turn ownership of the road over to the city of Glencoe, and he wasn't sure if its should be opened until ownership transfer is complete.

Lauer also said that he plans to document the road in its current condition so that if there are issues over the winter, there would be something to compare it to in the spring.

Commissioner Doug Krueger asked about a planned storm water pond.

Lauer said the pond is currently at its maximum depth, but is not finished yet. He said clay will be brought in, and the pond will be much more shallow than its current state.

Krueger also brought up the fact that several cars in the area were coated with construction dust on a day of light drizzle, and some car owners were asking that they be reimbursed for cleaning costs.

"I just wanted to make sure you are aware of it," Krueger told his fellow commissioners.

Lauer said cars affected were some belonging to county employees, and some parked at the Post Office and a nearby dental clinic.

Lauer said he is pushing the contractor to make contact with the car owners.

## Veterans Day program set Friday at high school

Glencoe-Silver Lake High School will host its Veterans Day program Friday, Nov. 11, at 10:10 a.m., in the high school gymnasium. The program is open to the public.

The featured speaker will be Sgt. Vihin Patel of the Minnesota National Guard.

Patel enlisted in the U.S. Marines Corps in 2004 as a motor transportation operator. He conducted three tours in Iraq and one tour with the U.S. Navy aboard the aircraft carrier U.S.S. Tarawa. He transferred to Quantico, Virginia, in 2010 and held the billet of dispatch supervisor for base motors. Patel organized

the logistical movements of two Marine Corps marathons and conducted numerous OCS operations to train future commissioned officers of the Marine Corps.

Patel was discharged from active duty on Dec. 25, 2012, and moved to Minnesota. He enlisted in the Army National Guard in 2013 as an 88mm motor transportation operator and currently drills in Chisholm with the 114th Transportation.

Patel and his wife Kathryn reside in Glencoe and have two children, Noah, 7, and Brooklyn, 4, both students at Glencoe-Silver Lake's Helen Baker Elementary School.



Chronicle photo by Lori Copley

The cast and crew of Glencoe-Silver Lake's fall musical, "Legally Blonde The Musical," have been hard at work for the past couple of months in preparation of the production, which is set to open Thursday, Nov. 10, in the high school auditorium. Some of the cast members, pictured above at a recent rehearsal, include, in

the front, from left, Leah Bettcher, Bethany Cross, Emmi Jerabek, Megan Warner and Bryanna Paul; and, back, Summer Hayes, Megan Jochum, Kendra Klobe, Elida Roskamp, Emma Petersen, Elsie Graupmann, Shawna Goettl, Izzy Elias, Izzie Petersen and Lili Kirchoff.

## 'Legally Blonde' to open Thursday

"Audience members will be tickled pink by 'Legally Blonde the Musical,'" says Kay Wilson, director of GSL's fall theater production. "The musical entertains, but also conveys a valuable message: Be true to yourself!"

Based on the hit movie, "Legally Blonde," the musical is an invigorating gift of musical fun, wrapped up with a snappy pink bow! Elle Woods is the southern California co-ed cutie, who is accustomed to getting what she wants. When her boyfriend, Warner, calls it off because she is not serious about her future, Elle turns her attention from fashion to the books and enrolls in Harvard Law School. Along the way, Elle proves that kindness and compassion never go out of style.

The show features Emmi Jerabek as Elle Woods. Elise Petersen plays the beautician who encourages Elle to be true to herself and her natural

hair color. The handsome but self-centered Warner, Elle's college boyfriend, is played by Jacob Reichow. The main cast is rounded out with Anthony LaPlante as Emmett, the Harvard teaching assistant who sees Elle's true potential; Marissa Kirchoff as the formidable Professor Callahan; Katie Twiss as Vivienne, Elle's prestige-seeking nemesis; Marisa Luchsinger as Brooke Wyndome, the fitness queen; and Leah Bettcher, Bethany Cross, Morgan Dahlke, Bryanna Paul, and Maren Warner as Elle's loyal muses.

Supporting roles are filled by Dan Cross, Izzy Elias, Adam Garoutte, Shawna Goettl, Elsie Graupmann, Molly Green, Summer Hayes, Megan Jochum, Mackenzie Kantack, Haley Kirchoff, Lily Kirchoff, Kendra Klobe, Eli Kuehn, Haley Lukes, Rachael Meyer, Emma Petersen, Izzie Petersen, Brandi Pikal,

Elida Roskamp, Anna Salgado, Sarah Schmiege, Ben Siers, Jonah Tankersley, Jake Vasek, and Grace Witte.

The production is enhanced by pit musicians Alyssa Ebert, Amanda Husted, Bennett Lepel, Becky Peterson, Laura Popelka, and Robin Swift. Sound, lighting, and special effects are synchronized by Allie Harpel, JoAnna Nowak, Taryn Reichow, Shania Rose, and Theresa Siers.

Director Wilson is assisted by Sarah Sims (choreographer), Holly Corrick (assistant director), and Valerie Bonderman (costume coordinator).

Performances are Nov. 10-12 and Nov. 17-19 at GSL High School Auditorium. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. for the 7 p.m. performances. Tickets are \$6 for adults and \$4 for students. GSL activity passes apply.

### Weather



Wed., 11-9 H: 60°, L: 41°  
 Thur., 11-10 H: 62°, L: 37°  
 Fri., 11-11 H: 49°, L: 32°  
 Sat., 11-12 H: 55°, L: 41°  
 Sun., 11-13 H: 62°, L: 37°

Looking back: Until a trace of rain arrived Monday, farmers and hunters enjoyed warm, dry weather.

Date	Hi	Lo	Rain
Nov. 1	61	39	0.00
Nov. 2	59	38	0.00

Nov. 3	65	42	0.00
Nov. 4	69	57	0.00
Nov. 5	74	34	0.00
Nov. 6	69	44	0.00
Nov. 7	67	42	Trace

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

### World Nice tip night Nov. 16

Word Nice will have a tip night fundraiser at Unhinged! Pizza in Glencoe on Wednesday, Nov. 16, from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m.

### Community Thanksgiving

The annual community Thanksgiving dinner is set for Thursday, Nov. 24, at noon, at First Congregational Church, 1400 Elliott Ave. N, Glencoe. All are welcome to attend. The dinner is sponsored by Glencoe area churches and Thrivent Financial. There is no charge for the dinner; a free-will offering will be given to the local food shelf. Please RSVP if possible to 320-864-3855.

### Fall luncheon, bake sale set

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, 1407 Cedar Ave. N, Glencoe, will host a fall luncheon and bake sale Thursday, Nov. 10, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. The menu includes a hot turkey sandwich, potato salad, relishes, chips, dessert and a beverage. There is a charge. Take-outs and deliveries are available by calling 320-864-6157.

### Family night with Dabbs

A family/parent night with Reggie Dabbs is set for Tuesday, Nov. 15, at 7 p.m., in the Glencoe-Silver Lake High School Auditorium. Dabbs has committed his life to making a positive difference in the lives of young people, and encourages parents and students with the message, "You can't change the past, but you can change your future." For more information about Dabbs, visit <http://regiedabbsonline.com>.

### Faith soup, sandwich supper

Faith Presbyterian Church, Silver Lake, will host a soup and sandwich supper and bake sale Saturday, Nov. 19, from 4:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the church. The menu includes various soups, sandwich and dessert selections.

### Community fellowship dinner

Brownton Congregational Church, located at the intersection of Fifth Avenue and Division Street in Brownton, is hosting a community fellowship dinner Wednesday, Nov. 9, from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. The dinner is open to the public; a free-will donation will be accepted.

### ECFE 'Turkey Time' Nov. 22

Glencoe-Silver Lake Early Childhood Family Education (ECFE) will host "Turkey Time" Tuesday, Nov. 22, from 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. or 6 p.m. to 7 p.m., at the Early Childhood Learning Center, 1621 16th St. E, Glencoe. Children ages 1 through kindergarten-entry can participate in stories, songs, activities and crafts. Older siblings are welcome, but the activities are designed for children ages 1 to 5. Tuition is free, but new, unwrapped toys and games will be collected for donation to local children in need.

### Brownton Legion, Auxiliary

Edward Ewald Post 143 of the American Legion and its Auxiliary Unit will meet Monday, Nov. 14, at 7:30 p.m., in the Brownton Community Center. The Auxiliary will hear from Katie Twiss, who attended Girls State this summer. The group also will make plans for the Legion Fun Night Friday, Nov. 18. Host and hostesses are Clyde and Julie Ziemer and Margie Klabunde. A light lunch will be served after the meeting.

### Hotdish Sunday set Nov. 13

Brownton Congregational Church's Harmony Circle will host its second-annual Hotdish Sunday on Sunday, Nov. 13, from 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Hotdishes include goulash, macaroni and cheese, tator-tot chicken hotdish, scalloped potatoes and ham and German potato salad. Veterans eat free. Tickets are available at the door. The church is located at the intersection of Division Street and Fifth Avenue in Brownton.

### Silver Lake Senior Citizens

The Silver Lake Senior Citizens Club will meet Monday, Nov. 14, at 1 p.m., at the Silver Lake Auditorium.

### Glencoe seniors meetings

The Glencoe Senior Citizens meet on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 12:30 p.m. in the seniors room at the Glencoe City Center. Sheephead is played on Tuesdays, and both sheephead and 500 are played on Thursdays. All seniors over 55 are invited. For more information, call 320-510-1551 and leave a message.

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

## County Road 7 to close temporarily on Nov. 14

McLeod County Road 7 between 150th Street and Airport Road, south of Hutchinson, will be closed starting Monday, Nov. 14.

Crews will be replacing a centerline culvert over McCuen Creek. Juul Contracting of Hutchinson will be doing the work.

The road is expected to be closed for three to five days, depending on the weather. There will not be a posted detour; motorists should plan

alternate routes, such as 150th Street, Highway 15 and Airport Road.

Any questions regarding the project can be directed to Phil Schmalz, assistant county engineer, at 320-484-4362, or by email to [phillip.schmalz@co.mcleod.mn.us](mailto:phillip.schmalz@co.mcleod.mn.us).

Information also will be posted on the McLeod County Highway Department's Facebook and Twitter pages, user name McLeodCoHwy.



Submitted photo

Recently welcomed first-year members of the Glencoe-Silver Lake High School National Honor Society include, front row from left, Ashlyn Stuewe, Ellie Schmidt, Lexi Hansch, Zoe Christensen, Mackenzie Davis and Sierra Trebesch; and, back row, Mickalyn

Frahm, Tarin Michaelis, Aubrey Giesen, Paige Litzau, Taryn Reichow, Ariel Brelje, Laura Popelka, Paul Lemke and Mariah Koester. Not pictured: Brittney Medina, Jessica Alsleben, Kyle Christensen.

## NHS welcomes new members, takes on projects

By Katie Twiss, Jacob Fehrenbach and Dini Schweikert

Glencoe-Silver Lake's National Honor Society (NHS) is hard at work this fall on service projects in the community. It welcomed its newest members, pictured above.

This year, NHS has already conducted a coat drive in conjunction with Common Cup Ministry, and as a district collected coats for those in need. Many members (NHS)

helped the GSL Booster Club host its annual Color-A-Thon run fundraiser, which was located at Oak Leaf Park in Glencoe. Participants ran or walked the 5k while members of NHS threw colored powder. The Booster Club donated all profits to GSL Activities.

Banners have been hung for the blood drive and exciting events are being planned for the holiday season.

NHS is launching a new project in effort to assist the

Gift of Life Transplant House in Rochester. The Gift of Life house is a not-for-profit accommodation that provides support to transplant recipients and their families. GSL's very own Cheryl Templin has spent time in this house and understands the importance of their needs. With great respect and honor to her, NHS will be collecting items such as paper towels, napkins, liquid hand soap, liquid dish soap, wrapped candies, stamps and toilet bowl clean-

er. NHS is asking for students and community members to help it support this wonderful organization by dropping off donations at either the Lincoln Junior High office, the high school office or at the table set up at the high school musical, "Legally Blonde," which opens this Thursday evening.

Other raffles will be taking place at the musical's premier; proceeds also will benefit the Transplant House.

## 2nd half ag taxes due on Nov. 15

McLeod County Auditor-Treasurer Cindy Schultz Ford reminds taxpayers that the second half of property tax for agricultural properties is due Nov. 15.

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

Those interested in paying by credit card or e-check should visit the county website, [www.co.mcleod.mn.us](http://www.co.mcleod.mn.us). There is a fee for paying in this manner.

If mailing, return the payment stub with the payment to ensure proper credit to property tax records. Mailed payments must have postmarks of Nov. 15 or before. Payments received with postmarks after Nov. 15 will be assessed a penalty, per Minnesota statute. Most post offices are now using a servicing center. Mail can be post-marked two to three days after pickup, so plan accordingly.

For more information, call 320-864-1271 or 320-864-1273.

**FALL LUNCHEON & BAKE SALE**  
**Thurs., Nov. 10**  
 Serving 11 a.m.-1 p.m.  
*Menu: Hot turkey sandwich, potato salad, relishes, chips, dessert & beverage*  
**Good Shepherd Lutheran Church**  
 1407 Cedar Ave., Glencoe  
 864-6157  
 Price: \$8.00  
 Takeouts & Deliveries Available.

**Dubb's Grill & Bar**  
**Thanksgiving Day Buffet 11 a.m.-1 p.m.**  
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## St. Pius X marathon raises \$21,000

St. Pius X Catholic School students raised over \$21,000 in donations at its annual marathon for non-public education Friday, Oct. 14. Students and parents walked through Glencoe to show their support of non-public education.

Prior to the walk, students collected donations from family, friends and businesses. They also asked for prayer intentions, and have hundreds of intentions to pray over the school year.

The St. Pius X parish Knights of Columbus are a major sponsor for the marathon each year. Their members provide supervision for the walk and also contribute \$7,000 to the school during the marathon.

**THANK YOU!**  
 For your donations and helping us in the fight to end Alzheimer's. Together we raised \$45,000.

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## City Council to file order of repair for Hennepin Avenue property

By Karin Ramige  
Publisher

The Glencoe City Council voted to move forward on filing an order for repair for 1128 Hennepin Ave.

The building, formerly the General Store and a number of Mexican restaurants, has been vacant for more than five years and is scheduled to be forfeited to the county for back taxes in 2017.

The owners listed on the order are Fernando Cruz, address unknown, and Security Bank and Trust of Glencoe.

The order states the city finds the building to be hazardous because there is:

- No electricity or running water to the building.
- Water intrusion.
- The structure of the building and its components are failing.
- The roof is leaking, sagging, and unlikely to handle a snow load.
- Structural failure of roof joints.
- Thirty percent of the floor system is covered with moisture and has been exposed to water for a significant amount of time.
- Due to the roof's condition, the building may lack structural integrity and there is a threat to collapse onto the neighboring buildings.

The property has been inspected by Paumen and Associates, a structural engineering firm from Glencoe, and Glencoe Fire Marshal Bob Scheidt.

City Administrator Mark Larson reported that there has been concern that the building was attached to the adjacent building, but further inspections have indicated that there is a very little space between the two buildings with only the front facade attached.

The order gives the listed property owners 30 days to make the following repairs:

- Install proper electricity to the building and take necessary steps to connect a water supply to the property.

- Repair all areas where there is water intrusion.

- Repair all structural defects of the building and its components.

- Repair all roof leaks and sagging of the roof.

- Repair all roof joints.

- Replace the wood floor system that is covered with moisture and has been exposed to the water for a significant period of time.

- Repair structural integrity and threat of collapse to avoid damage or collapse onto the neighboring buildings.

After the 30-day period, the city has the right to repair the hazardous conditions or tear down the building.

Larson reported that the county auditor's office has indicated that the county has no interest in the property and will turn it over to the city once forfeited.

In other business, the Council:

- Approved the purchase of a 2017 Ford F550 Supercab with plow, box and hoist from Nelson Auto Center of Fergus Falls for approximately \$65,710 before tax and licensing.

The purchase will be made with a five-year municipal lease/purchase agreement with annual payment of around \$15,225, including tax and licensing, at an interest rate of around 2 percent. The city would have the option to purchase the vehicle at little cost at the end of the five-year term.

Council Member Alan Robeck asked if it was possible to pay for the vehicle in full to save around \$10,000.

After a quick calculation, Council Member John Schrupp noted that the \$65,710 did not include the

tax and licensing and sales tax alone could be around \$5,000. The licensing fees were unknown.

Mayor Randy Wilson noted that with the low interest rate, he would recommend paying over the five years to leave cash available for other projects.

Council Member Dan Perschau said the matter was discussed at length at the finance committee meeting with no issues in the five year payment plan.

Robeck voted against the purchase.

- Approved a recommendation by the finance committee to transfer \$10,000 annually from the profits of the Oak Leaf Park campground to the Parks Improvement Fund (PIF).

Money from the PIF was used for the initial costs of the campground.

- Voted to approve a recommendation to replace the roof at the joint maintenance facility building. The city shares the facility with the Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT).

The roof sustained significant hail damage earlier in the year. The council approved a recommendation to replace the existing asphalt roof with a standing seam metal roof pending MnDOT approval. The metal roof would be an additional \$20,000, which would be split with MnDOT.

- Approved the third and final reading of Ordinance 596 in regards to the mayor and council salaries.

- Set a canvassing board meeting for Tuesday, Nov. 15, at 4 p.m., to canvass the Nov. 8 election results.

- Closed the meeting to discuss police union negotiations. Robeck voted against closing the meeting.



Submitted photo

The Moreno family will be able to move into their new home, built by Crow River Habitat for Humanity, by Thanks-

giving. Pictured, from left to right, are Julio, Daniel, Jeanette, Julio Jr., Mayra, Nicole and Julia Moreno.

## Habitat to dedicate new home

After months of hard work, construction is nearly complete and the Moreno family of seven will buy and move into their new home before Thanksgiving.

This is Crow River Habitat for Humanity's 24th home since 1994 and the community is invited to the home dedication on Saturday, Nov. 12, at 10 a.m., at 504 Hilltop Drive NE in Hutchinson. Along with local Habitat for Humanity representatives and neighbors, the family will speak during a short program.

Becoming Habitat Homebuyers has given parents Julio and Mayra Moreno the confidence to improve their family's lives.

The family has also been very active in the building of their new home, spending over 400 hours of "sweat equity," a basic tenet of Habitat for Humanity. Julio Moreno is grateful to his employer, Millerbernd Systems, who was flexible with his time this summer so he could commit time to building the home, as well as while he battled thy-

roid cancer in recent years.

Mayra and Julio Moreno and their five children, ranging from age 1 up to 15, are extremely excited for their future in this new home. They look forward to having a dog, enjoying backyard camping, and going on family bike rides on the Luce Line Trail.

"We all can't wait to have more space," said Mayra Moreno. "Everyone will be happier with more bedrooms and closets, plus a place for the children to play."

The family is filled with appreciation and is very thankful, not only for Habitat for Humanity in McLeod County, but to the hundreds of volunteers who have helped build their home and the generous support from everyone in this community.

Crow River Habitat plans to build a 25th home in 2017. To get involved, visit crhf.org.

Crow River Habitat for Humanity has built 24 homes in McLeod County since 1994. It costs approximately

\$120,000 to \$145,000 to build a quality three-bedroom, one-bath home. Project funds come in the form of gifts and no-interest loans. Homes are sold, at cost, on 20- to 30-year interest-free mortgages held by Crow River Habitat for Humanity. Loan payments (approximately \$550 - \$650 per month) include principal, taxes, insurance, maintenance and are recycled to the building fund. Homeowners invest 200 hours of "sweat equity" and deposit an earnest money payment of approximately \$3,000 to cover closing costs and homeowner insurance. The family selection committee screens potential homeowners. A written application is followed by an extensive home visit. Applicants must have regular income sufficient to pay for their new Habitat house.

For more information, to donate or to volunteer, please visit [www.crhf.org](http://www.crhf.org), or follow it on <https://www.facebook.com/crhf/>.

## Ehrke updates City Council on economic development progress

By Karin Ramige  
Publisher

Glencoe Assistant City Administrator Dan Ehrke updated the Glencoe City Council on the many economic development projects going on in the city.

Ehrke reported that the sale of land to Twin Cities and Western (TC&W) railroad was completed a couple of weeks ago. TC&W immediately started work on its expansion project in the industrial park on the east side of Glencoe.

Also in the east industrial park, Rice Builders has been making progress on its new building and it is working on hiring staff for the location.

In the Glentech Industrial park, along Highway 22 west

of Glencoe, the sale of land to BP Seeds has been closed and construction is expected to begin shortly.

Ehrke also reported that he has been working on securing a grant from the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) that would provide 100 percent of the funding for a phase two environmental study at the old creamery site.

The owners of the property have completed the phase one study. The phase two study must be completed in order to seek grant funding for contamination removal.

The city is working on an access agreement with the owners.

The location has been mentioned as a possible site for a new fire hall.

Ehrke also reported that there have been a number of new home starts in the city this year.

He also reported he is working with two current businesses on expansion plans.

Ehrke also gave an update on the Glencoe City Center, which he also manages.

He reported that 17 weddings have been scheduled for 2017 so far, with a few more tours scheduled in the next couple of weeks.

There are also a few weddings scheduled for 2018.

Ehrke said that the Glencoe City Center has received favorable reviews on the website, which have led to some new leads.

Swinging Country Band  
with Phyllis Hummel  
appearing at

**NEISEN'S BISCAY**  
Sun., Nov. 13  
3-6:30 p.m.

**PHYLLIS BIRTHDAY**  
COMPLIMENTARY CAKE  
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Call 320-420-3666 for Bookings

Music by Artists: Kitty Wells, Loretta, Tammy, Patsy, George Jones, George Strait, Conway Twitty, Johnny Cash, Waylon, Willie, Merle, Charlie Pride, Don Williams, Chuck Berry, Elvis, Buddy Holly and MORE!

38th Annual  
**Art Expo & Craft Fair**  
Saturday, Nov. 19  
9 a.m. - 2 p.m.  
Activity Center  
at Middle School  
8700 CR 6 SW  
Howard Lake

No admission fee.  
Food stand.  
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## Nov. 8: The end of nation's oddest election

Our view: Plenty on the ballot besides the presidential candidates

It's been good news, bad news for those who qualify for Social Security benefits. The good news: recipients received an increase in their benefit. The bad news: the average raise amounts to \$5 per month.

A \$5 per month increase is almost an insult to those who have paid into the system and worked hard all their lives and expect to reap the benefits of their endeavors. It's like tipping a waitress a nickel for two hours of excellent service in a busy restaurant.

People in this country are in a near-panic over Social Security. With an ever-increasing elderly population, full retirement benefits have already been pushed well past the former age of 65. And many of us worry that we will never see a dime of what we paid into Social Security when we finally reach retirement age.

Experts are blaming the stingy raise on the consumer price index. Social Security benefits are based on a formula that includes, in part, the consumer price index. Recently, the index had been kept down by lower gasoline prices. While lower gas prices help those of us who regu-

larly commute to work, school and activities, they don't do much for those who don't work, rarely leave home and who may not drive at all.

There are those who think the formula needs to be fixed. That's all well and good, but that's only a small bandage on a large wound.

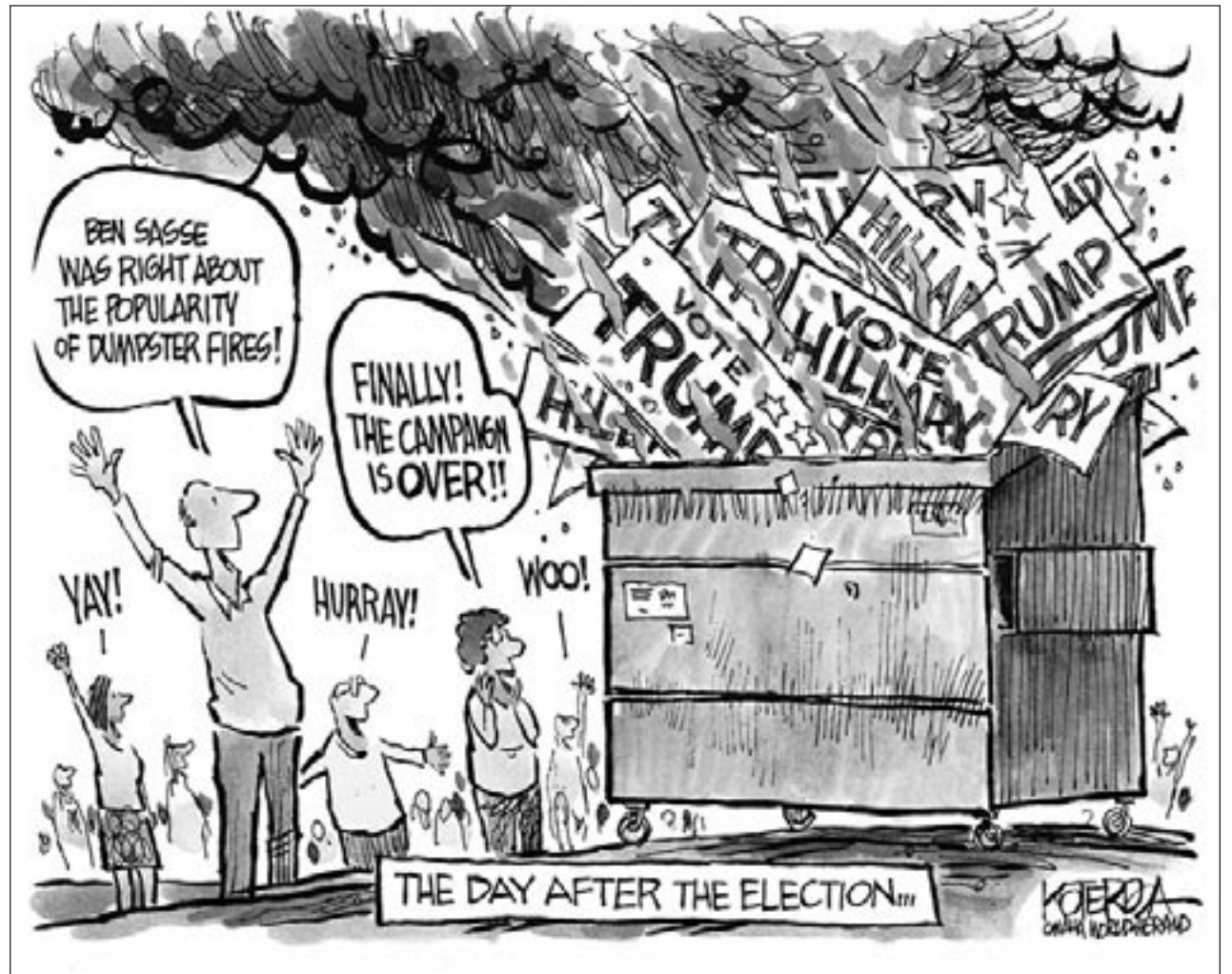
Congress has been kicking the problems of Social Security and an aging population (which brings with it increased health-care costs) down the road long enough.

Whoever is in power when we wake up today, the morning after the election, needs to have two primary goals in mind as the new administration and Congress goes to work: reform of health care, and reform of the Social Security system.

So many other issues will begin to fix themselves once those two huge matters are resolved.

Let's encourage everyone, from the president on down, to roll up their sleeves and get to work on these issues.

— L.C.



## Street to nowhere finally completed

Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Rejoice, Christmas has come early to the citizens of Glencoe. We have a new street in town just in time for Heat in the Street ... 2017.

The new block of Judd Avenue connecting busy 10th Street with the not-as-busy 11th Street now has its first layer of blacktop as of last week. And it only took an additional three months to complete.

The McLeod County Board and its top officials should be commended for their "swift" action. If only all government responded as quickly. Oh, that's right, government does act about as swiftly. Never mind to that commendation.

It was a tough race to see whether the one new block of Judd Avenue would be completed before the snow flies. Since its original completion date flew past months ago, it was a good bet the street would remain in disarray throughout the winter.

Plan B may have been to use the bare street as a one-block cross country ski trail or have it flooded and used as another outdoor skating rink. We still have a mound of dirt on site to use as a sledding hill if the



Rich Glennie

county ever cuts down the tall weeds and small trees growing on it.

So with Judd Avenue complete, Glencoe can now claim a city "street-to-nowhere" to match our "trail-to-nowhere." Aren't we lucky?

That goes hand-in-hand with Glencoe's theme of being the "stop sign capitol of the state." Ever notice that stop signs have a habit of popping up where least expected?

Now after years of being a straight shot on 11th Street from Pryor Avenue east to Union Avenue, we now have a stop sign on that stretch at Stevens Avenue. Didn't even know there was a Stevens Av-

enue? Or Queen Avenue for that matter?

Haven't noticed the new stop signs? Well, you probably blew through them like so many of us. Apparently it just showed up without warning.

Why that three-way intersection needed a two-way stop sign designation is known only to the local stop sign gods. There did not seem to be that much traffic congestion along that stretch of 11th Street, and it seemed to be one of the few remaining stretches without a stop sign every other block.

One aim of the stop signs is to channel motorists to other streets with less signage. But at this rate, there will be no other streets with less signage.

So those traveling the streets of Glencoe, add a few more minutes to your commute through town, unless, of course, you are taking the new "street-to-nowhere." No stop signs on that one ... yet.

**Rich Glennie was the editor of The Chronicle for 23 years. He retired Aug. 1, 2014, but still plans to submit an occasional column.**

## Letter to the Editor

### Lunch issues on GSL board agenda

To the Editor:

It appears that there are concerns and/or issues with the lunch program/process at the various schools within the Glencoe-Silver Lake School District, including, but not limited to, there not being enough time given to the students to sufficiently eat a healthy, nutritious meal. Unfortunately, many parents may not actually be aware of the whole process that the kids must go through before they are able to sit down and begin eating.

This issue has been brought to the attention of various members of school administration, as well as the

school board, and we have finally gained approval to bring this issue up at the next school board meeting on Monday, Nov. 14, at 7 p.m., at the Lincoln Meeting Room (Room 124), 1621 E. 16th St., Glencoe.

The reason for this letter is to aid in getting this information out to the general public so that they may join in the School Board meeting in order to gain more information, as well as show their support in working with all individuals to come up with the best solution for all involved.

Jodi Redman  
Brownton

## Letters to the Editor

### Only one week to 3rd, final blood drive of the year

To the Editor:

As you read this, we are only one week away from the third and final 2016 Glencoe Community Blood Drive for the year: next Wednesday, Nov. 16, from 1 p.m. to 7 p.m., at the Glencoe City Center Ballroom.

The American Red Cross has set our goal at 128 units for this blood drive. Please help us meet that goal. Types O negative, O positive, A negative and B negative blood are always needed; donors with these blood types are strongly encouraged by the ARC to consider giving at this drive.

Your donation is crucially needed, no matter what blood type you are. Your one unit can help save up to three patients; every unit counts. If you have made an appointment, we remind you to please keep it. If you don't have an appointment and want to check for any openings, please contact our Appointment Supervisor Nelda Klaustermeier at 320-864-

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There are some important things to remember!

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- Donors who do not bring the printed pass with them to their donation or cannot show it on their mobile device will be asked to com-

plete the questions again.

To use RapidPass, participating donors should follow these steps:

- Visit [redcrossblood.org/rapidpass](http://redcrossblood.org/rapidpass).
- Read the information.
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- Print the RapidPass or email the PDF to themselves so that it shows on their mobile device when they come to donate.

If you do decide not to use the RapidPass online tool, you will be following the usual procedure of completing the required paperwork and medical questionnaire at the blood drive.

Make a THANKS-giving donation and bless three patients with your gift of life. Thank you for your time and your donation next Wednesday, Nov. 16.

Charleen Engelmann,  
Coordinator  
Glencoe Community Blood Drive

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**Question of the week**

Veterans Day is Friday. How do you observe it?

- 1) Attend a Veterans Day program.
- 2) Personally thank every veteran I meet.
- 3) Fly the U.S. Flag.
- 4) All of the above.
- 5) Some of the above.
- 6) None of the above.

Results for most recent question:

**Tuesday, Nov. 8, is election day.**  
Who do you think will be our new president?

- 1) Donald Trump — 52%
- 2) Hillary Clinton — 36%
- 3) I don't care — 12%

113 votes. New question runs Nov. 9-Nov. 15

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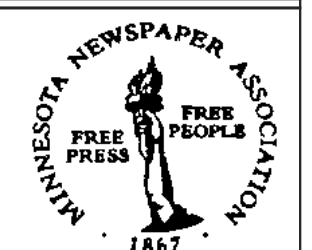
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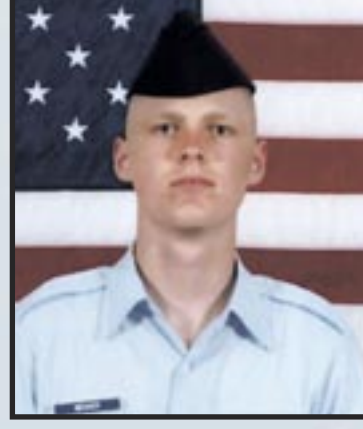
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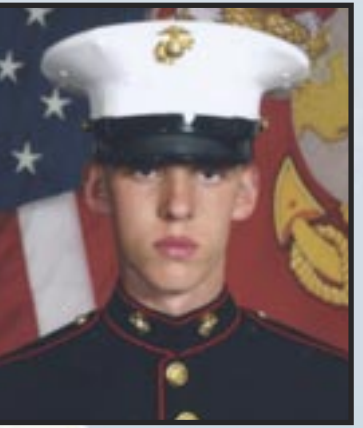
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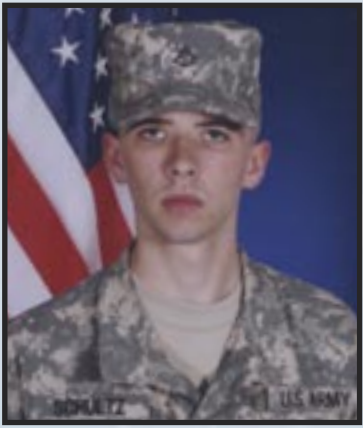
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