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State-bound teams dominated coverage

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Rewarded

Lakeside Principal Diane Schultz hung around as she was duct taped to a cafeteria table by the students last Tuesday morning, Dec. 23, at Glencoe-Silver Lake Lakeside Elementary December all-school meeting. The students duct taped Schultz as part of a reward for exceeding their fall fundraising goal. At right, Santa Claus made a surprise appearance at the Helen Baker all-school meeting on Tuesday afternoon, Dec. 23. Santa was greeted by cheers and applause as he arrived at the sing along. Santa had high fives for everyone.



County Board amends tobacco ordinance, again

By Lori Cople Editor

The McLeod County Board of Commissioners once again tweaked its tobacco ordinance Tuesday, this time addressing an omission regarding “loosies” from its last tweak in November.

According to McLeod County Public Health Coordinator Kathy Nowak and educator Jean Johnson, the ordinance should have included a minimum cost for “loosies” — cigars that are removed from cartons and sold individually.

Johnson said the goal of establishing a minimum price is to discourage people from buying cigars cheaply and then selling them to minors at a higher cost.

The other option would be to not allow businesses to sell loosies, but Commissioner Sheldon Nies said he was not in favor of that.

“That’s a business decision,” said Nies.

Commissioner Ron Shimanski asked if the price set by the County Board would be “arbitrary, or locked in.”

Nowak said if the cost is included in the ordinance, it is locked in until the County Board decides to amend its ordinance again.

Nowak said the County Board could review it annually, or on a market basis.

Shimanski also asked to whom the ordinance would apply.

“Is this for a licensed business, or some guy on a street corner?” asked Shimanski.

Nies said the ordinance only applies to businesses to whom the county grants licenses for selling tobacco.

“We have no control over anyone else,” said Nies.

Shimanski also asked about the intent of the ordinance.

“Is it to keep it (cigars) out of the hands of children, or is it to make it inconvenient for sellers?” he asked.

“It’s about keeping it out of the hands of children,” said Johnson. “It’s about a person who buys a cigar and wants to sell it to a child — this makes it more difficult.”

Johnson and Novak said they had looked at other ordinances for ideas on the price, and suggested up to \$2.60 per cigar as the minimum.

Commissioner Paul Wright suggested \$2 per cigar, saying “it’s a nice, even number.” The County Board adopted Wright’s suggestion and unanimously voted to amend the ordinance once again.

In other business, the County Board:

- Granted a conditional use permit to Mohammed Gaabane to operate a farm-related business in Hale Township — the custom raising and slaughtering of goats.

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A look back at 2014: flooding again dominated the news

January

Jan. 1 — Missionaries Efi and Mindy (Lamberty) Tembon made plans to return to mission work in Cameroon after a lengthy stay in Minnesota. Mindy Tembon is a native of Glencoe.

Winners of the Glencoe Area Holly Days Lighting Contest were Tony Barth, 603 Fir Circle, first place; Leroy Lewin, 1527 Knight Ave., second place; and Dave Grimm, 210 Interwood Ave., third place. The contest was sponsored by the Glencoe Light & Power Commission.

Jan. 8 — Liam Henry Trebelhorn was the first baby born in 2014 at Glencoe Regional Health Services. He was born Jan. 3 at 4:26 p.m., and his parents are Luke and April Trebelhorn of Buffalo Lake.

The McLeod County Board of Commissioners ordered final plans for its proposed retrofit of its materials recovery facility (MRF) to accommodate one-sort recycling.

Linda Krueger of Glencoe reported that her group of volunteers set a record of sending off 163 packages for the Operation Minnesota Nice program, which sends care packages to military personnel during the holiday season.

Jan. 15 — The Glencoe-Silver Lake School Board’s selection of a chairperson for 2015 went to a deadlock three times before it finally gave up and postponed the decision. Both incumbent chairperson Clark Christianson and School Board Member Jamie Alsleben were nominated for the slot, and three times

the vote was deadlocked at 3-3.

The McLeod County Board of Commissioners re-elected District 3 Commissioner Paul Wright as its chair and District 2 Commissioner Kermit Terlinden as its vice chair at its reorganizational meeting Jan. 7.

Ronald G. Kelm was awarded a plaque for 45 years of service to the Brownton Fire Department at the department’s annual banquet. Kelm served from Aug. 5, 1968, to Aug. 5, 2013.

Jan. 22 — Fire destroyed Sidco 4x4 on East Ninth Street in Glencoe Monday night, Jan. 20. Glencoe Fire Chief Ron Grack said the fire apparently started in the heating system. Responding fire departments included Glencoe, Plato, Norwood Young America, Brownton, Lester Prairie, New Germany and Green Isle.

A visiting judge took testimony in McLeod County’s petition regarding a ruling on whether the proceeds from the Annamie Tudhope estate could be used for a jail addition. Tudhope left the bulk of her estate — about \$4 million — to the county with instructions that it be used for a new county jail to be built in Glencoe.

Jan. 29 — Garry Allen Kontz, 55, of Stewart, died sometime Sunday night or early Monday morning of exposure during blizzard-like conditions over the weekend. According to the McLeod County Sheriff’s Office, Kontz’ vehicle had apparently become stuck in the snow near the intersection of County Road 7 and 70th Street, south of Stewart, and he attempted to walk for help. After he was reported missing, a search party

began looking for Kontz and his body was discovered about 2¼ miles away from his vehicle.

February

Feb. 5 — The annual Blizzard Blast fundraiser for the local hospice program drew a good crowd to the Glencoe City Center.

City of Glencoe and Buffalo Creek Watershed officials met to discuss possible solutions for flooding in Glencoe, with an eye to improving the west ditch system.

Feb. 12 — The GSL School Board re-elected Clark Christianson as its chairman, after fellow Board Member Jamie Alsleben withdrew his name from consideration. The School Board had been unable to break a 3-3 tie in January as it selected its chairman for the year.

Brownton hosted another successful Cabin Fever Days community celebration, with a mystery dinner theater, concert and dance with Lost Highway, a bean-bag tournament, kids activities and more.

Feb. 19 — Robert Craggs of Burns & McDonnell, a consulting firm, presented a business plan regarding McLeod County’s proposed retrofit of its materials recovery facility to the County Board. Craggs predicted that a change to one-sort recycling from five-sort would increase both tonnage of materials recycling and revenues for the facility.

Members of the city of Glencoe’s personnel and legislative committee had high praise for the job performance of Mike Drew, public works director for streets and parks.



Chronicle file photo

Rain poured down the last week of June, up to 11 inches in a 12-hour spend, flooding area towns — including Glencoe — and forcing the cancellation of Glencoe Days.

Good crowds turned out for the annual Glencoe Business Expo. About 1,800 to 2,000 people attended the Expo.

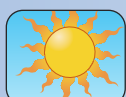
Feb. 26 — Trailblazer Transit and Wright County officials sat down to talk about the possible expansion of Trailblazer bus service into Wright County. The public transit system currently serving Wright and Sherburne counties was set to dissolve in July 2014.

March

March 5 — DaVita, a division of DaVita Healthcare Partners, Inc., a Fortune 500 company, is planning to locate a kidney dialysis facility in the former Hallmark store in Glencoe.

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Weather



Wed., 12-31
H: 17°, L: 11°



Thur., 1-1
H: 24°, L: 8°



Fri., 1-2
H: 22°, L: 13°



Sat., 1-3
H: 22°, L: -6°



Sun., 1-4
H: 0°, L: -4°

Looking Back: A little rain, a little snow, and dropping temps.

Date	Hi	Lo	Precip
Dec. 23	35	32	0.02
Dec. 24	34	28	0.00
Dec. 25	32	27	Trace

Dec. 26	31	23	0.27
Dec. 27	23	4	2.60
Dec. 28	25	0	0.00
Dec. 29	12	-5	0.00

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.

Vehicle slides off road, hits sign in Sibley County

On Sunday, Dec. 28, at 1:13 p.m., the Sibley County Sheriff's Office responded to a one-vehicle, property damage crash on Sibley County Road 9, about one mile south of State Highway 19.

The driver, Joseph Sinniger of North Mankato, lost control of his 2010 Ford Fusion

while entering into an "S" curve. The vehicle slid off the roadway and hit a sign. Slush on the roadway was a contributing factor, according to the sheriff's office.

Sinniger was wearing his seat belt and was not injured. There was moderate damage to the vehicle.

Happenings

Medallion hunt continues

The Glencoe Area Chamber of Commerce and Sno-Pros' Holly Days medallion hunt is still under way. Clues are released each Friday at 3 p.m. (until the medallion is found) at www.glencoeMN.org. The first clue was "cars drive by me." The second clue was "we'll leave the light on for you," and the third clue was "people come here for help." The fourth clue was released Friday, Dec. 26, and is "roll it over."

Abundant Table meal Jan. 7

Christ Lutheran Church of Glencoe will host its monthly Abundant Table community meal Wednesday, Jan. 7, in the church basement. Doors open at 4:30 p.m. and the meal is served at 5 p.m. This month's meal includes chicken vegetable hotdish, hamburger tomato hotdish, apple, grape and pineapple salad, relishes, bread and assorted pies. The meal is free and open to everyone — families and children, the elderly and all seeking fellowship or in need of a helping hand. Please call the church at 320-864-4549 so enough food is prepared. The church is located at 1820 Knight Ave.

Lions Club's Bar Bingo set

The Glencoe Lions Club will sponsor Bar Bingo at the Glencoe Country Club on Saturday, Jan. 3, at 2 p.m. Everyone age 18 and over is welcome to pay for cash prizes. The progressive Game 16 pay-out is \$1,199 if you have Bingo within 58 called numbers. Food, beverages and pull-tabs are available.

Legion Post to meet Jan. 8

Because the first Thursday of the month falls on a holiday, the Glencoe American Legion Post 95 will have its January meeting Thursday, Jan. 8, at 7 p.m., in the basement of the Glencoe VFW Post 5102. All members are encouraged to attend. Lunch will be served.

Lions' 'tip night' set Jan. 5

Members of the Glencoe Lions Club will be the hosts for "tip night" at Unhinged! Pizza in Glencoe on Monday, Jan. 5, from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. The Glencoe Lions will receive a portion of all sales, including deliveries.

Sportsmen Club to meet

The Glencoe Sportsmen Club will meet Monday, Jan. 5, at 7:30 p.m., at the VFW meeting room.

Women's club to meet Jan. 7

The Brownton Women's Club will meet Wednesday, Jan. 7, at 7:30 p.m., at the Brownton Community Center.

Railroad art topic of event

John Cartwright will have a presentation on railroad art on Monday, Jan. 12, at 6 p.m., in the educational media center of the McLeod County Historical Society and Museum. Cartwright is an artist who specializes in railroads, depots and trains. His drawings and pastels were awarded "best of show" at the 2012 Stone Arch Festival of Arts in Minneapolis. The museum is located at 380 School Road NW in Hutchinson.

County HHW facility closed

The McLeod County Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Facility will be closed from now through Jan. 2. The HHW Facility will reopen Monday, Jan. 5, to start off the new year. Certified technicians will not be available to accept hazardous waste during this closure. Therefore, no exceptions will be made during this time frame to maintain program safety. The McLeod County Solid Waste Department apologizes for any inconveniences this may cause.

Scouts 'thank you' breakfast

The local Boy Scouts troop will host a "thank you" breakfast on Saturday, Jan. 3, from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m., at First Lutheran Church in Glencoe.

Glencoe seniors meetings

The Glencoe Senior Citizens meet on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 12:30 p.m. in the seniors room at the Glencoe City Center. Sheephead is played on Tuesdays, and both sheephead and 500 are played on Thursdays. All seniors over 55 are invited. For more information, call 320-864-3799 and leave a message.

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

21 Brownton seniors met Monday

Twenty-one Brownton senior citizens met Monday at the Brownton Community Center on Monday, Dec. 29.

Cards were played in the afternoon with the following winners: 500, Gladys Rickert, first, and Audrey Tongen, second; pinochle, Archie Diehn, first, and Phyllis Mahnke,

second; and sheephead, Lil Lindeman, first, and Lowell Brelje, second.

Betty Katzenmeyer won the door prize, and Gladys Rickert served refreshments.

The next meeting will be Monday, Jan. 5, at 1 p.m. All area seniors are welcome.

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The County Board added two conditions to the permit to go along with the six stipulated by the County Planning Commission — that an eight-foot high fence be used to shield composting sites, and that the county planning office and environmental office annually review reports from the state of Minnesota, which will license and permit the operation.

The planning commission also had established hours of operation, the installation of an adequate fence for the pas-

turing of goats, a limit on the number of goats, a requirement that the conditional use permit will become void if the state ever pulls the license, and that Gaabane comply with state requirements for the proper composting of the entrails.

- Set a new ditch redetermination hearing for County Ditches 20 and 22 for Tuesday, Jan. 20, at 10 a.m.

- Approved the purchase of a new air conditioner and indoor air handler for the information technology server

room at a cost of \$10,456.

- Approved purchasing replacement batteries for the back-up system for the information technology department at a total cost of \$8,400. The batteries kick in during power outages, and also act as a surge protector.

- Renewed the county's participation in the Code Red emergency notification system at a cost of \$19,900 for 2015.

- Issued an outdoor fireworks permit to Northern Lighter Pyrotechnics of For-

est Lake to conduct testing on Jan. 10 from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. on Garden Avenue near Silver Lake.

- Approved final payments of \$29,387 to Structural Specialties, Inc., for the South Grade Road bridge construction, and \$171,833.67 to Duinink, Inc., for the County Road 25 reconstruction project.

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Bump's Family Restaurant's beef commercial was voted the best in the state by viewers of WCCO-TV.

March 12 — A visiting district court judge ruled that the estate of Annamaria Tudhope, who bequeathed about \$4 million to McLeod County for the construction of a new jail, could be used to expand the existing jail.

An aging population may leave McLeod County hurting for young employees while trying to deal with the needs of an aging population, the County Board heard at a workshop that featured Andi Egbert of the state demographer's office.

March 19 — The McLeod County Board initiated the design process for a proposed expansion of the county jail.

Dewey Klaustermeier was elected chairman of the city of Glencoe's planning and industrial commission.

March 26 — Political and financial debates have been hampering a plan to have Trailblazer Transit expand its service into Wright County.

The GSL School Board debated whether it should eliminate valedictorian and salutatorian honors at a workshop session.

April

April 2 — The Glencoe City Council received estimates for proposed street and utility projects in the Armstrong Avenue and Lincoln Park areas that could carry price tags of up to \$6 million.

The annual Tim Orth Foundation Basketball Jamboree was held Saturday at the GSL High School Gymnasium.

April 9 — Glencoe Regional Health Services announced \$2.3 million in cuts, primarily caused by gaps in costs and reimbursement from Medicare and Medicaid.

The McLeod County Board voted 3-2 to move ahead with the retrofit of its materials recycling facility despite a nearly \$1 million increase in the estimated cost of the retrofit.

The new projected cost is \$4.45 million, up from the original estimate of \$2.87 million to \$3.59 million.

April 16 — The McLeod County Board of Commissioners hosted a packed house as it took testimony on the benefits and challenges of adopting the state building code on a countywide basis.

The Glencoe-Silver Lake School Board accepted a base bid from Peterson Companies of Chisago City for the complete construction of new tennis courts.

April 23 — The McLeod County Board of Commissioners approved a purchase agreement for the Glencoe Oil property (from Chuck and John Shamlala) east of the courthouse.

The County Board reported that it will not pursue the countywide adoption of the state building code.

The Creekside Subdivision on the west edge of Glencoe has been tapped as a potential site for the city's third industrial park. Miller Manufacturing is looking to buy a portion of the subdivision to expand its plant.

April 30 — Talks between the Trailblazer Transit Joint Powers Board and the Wright County Board of Commissioners were discontinued. The Joint Powers Board voted to discontinue talks regarding the possible expansion of Trailblazer service in Wright County.

Kathy Ehlers is retiring after teaching 31 years at First Lutheran School in Glencoe.

May

May 7 — U.S. Sen. Al Franken, D-Minn., visited Winthrop to discuss the liquid propane (LP) shortage.

Extreme cold caused a rash of frozen water lines, and the Glencoe City Council discussed whether it should give a break on utility bills to those who had to constantly run water to keep their pipes

from freezing.

There were no injuries when a Dodge Caravan and a Glencoe-Silver Lake school bus collided at the intersection of 12th Street and Chandler Avenue Thursday at 7:30 a.m. There were 41 students on the bus.

May 14 — The Glencoe-Silver Lake School Board voted to hire three of four

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THIN ICE

The Swan Lake Aeration system is tentatively set to begin in January 2015, weather permitting.

Location:
Swan Lake,
McLeod County,
117 township,
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Stay clear of marked areas, and watch for future notices. F51-52Ca

CHRISTMAS TREE CURBSIDE PICKUP

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Jan. 2 thru Jan. 16



First Community Bank in Silver Lake has new lobby hours

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Emily Popelka was the class valedictorian for the GSL High School class of 2014, while Josh VonBerge had salutatorian honors.

Drug complaints triple in city

WINSTED — Since 2012, the number of drug complaints in Winsted has tripled, prompting the city to seek specialized help for complex cases. According to the Herald-Journal, the City Council approved membership with

the Southwest Metro Drug Task Force, an agency that assists police departments with search warrants, arrests, collection of evidence, testimony, forfeited items and other aspects of drug-related investigations.

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recommended positions for the 2014-15 school year — a full-time computer technician, a music teacher and a paraprofessional.

Glencoe Oil owners Chuck and John Shamla announced they would be closing their service station toward the end of May.

The McLeod County Board of Commissioners decided to end its dust-control program, noting that private contractors could provide the service at a lower cost to property owners.

May 21 — The McLeod County Board of Commissioners awarded bids for its 2014 road projects, the main project being a reconstruction of County Road 25 between County Road 26 and County Road 115, between Brownnton and Hutchinson.

Christ Lutheran Church in Glencoe dedicated its Veterans Memorial Wall Sunday afternoon, May 16.

May 28 — Although talks broke down with the Wright County Board of Commissioners, the Trailblazer Transit Joint Powers Board agreed to continue with its plans to provide transit service in Wright County.

Communities throughout McLeod County hosted their annual Memorial Day observances.

A head-on collision at the intersection of Highways 22 and 7 in Hutchinson killed one person and injured another. The accident was reported Tuesday, May 20, at 5:53 a.m. Killed was Ryan R. Allen, 28, of Hutchinson, and injured was Mark J. Lies, 57, also of Hutchinson. There was dense fog at the time of the accident.

Workers from Ken's Excavating began demolishing the former Sunlife Tanning building on Greeley Avenue.

June

June 4 — The Glencoe City Council approved the transfer of ownership of city property at 1230 Greeley Ave. to Joe and Amanda Mayland, owners of Main Street Bar in Hutchinson, as part of a redevelopment plan for the former Al's Sports Bar at 1226 Greeley Ave. The city-owned lot was formerly the home of Sunlife Tanning.

One hundred seven seniors graduated from GSL High School Friday evening. Emily Popelka was the class valedictorian and Josh VonBerge was the salutatorian.

State Sen. Scott Newman, R-Hutchinson, announced that he will run for Minnesota attorney general.

June 11 — The McLeod County Board of Commissioners heard that its Health

and Human Services Building, the former Glenhaven Nursing Home, is basically sound but needs extensive cosmetic and energy-efficiency upgrades.

The Glencoe-Silver Lake School Board approved its preliminary 2015 budget, noting that it will be deficit spending because of its healthy fund balances. Roof repair and the tennis court reconstruction drove up expenditures.

John and Chuck Shamla reflected on their family's 85 years in the gasoline and oil business as Glencoe Oil closed its doors. The property was sold to McLeod County for use for possible expansion of the courthouse.

Craig Kohls retired after 40 years as a teacher, principal and "jack of all trades" at First Lutheran School in Glencoe.

June 18 — Two of GSL's most beloved ECFE staff members, director Jan Mackenthun and parent educator Mary Jo Schimelfpenig, reflected on their careers as they prepared to retire at the end of the school year.

The Glencoe City Council approved the creation of a tax increment financing district for the former Creekside residential development on the west edge of town, turning it

instead into an industrial park.

A new traffic warning signal was installed at the intersection of Highway 212 and Chandler Avenue in Glencoe, in hopes of reducing the number of vehicle accidents at the intersection.

June 25 — Glencoe, Brownnton, New Auburn and other communities throughout McLeod County suffered flooding after about 11 inches of rain fell in a 12-hour span in the area. The floods caused Glencoe to postpone its annual Glencoe Days celebration.

Snap Fitness moved to its new location on 11th Street in Glencoe, the former Dueber's building.

July

July 2 — The Glencoe City Council and its parks board and planning commission met jointly to discuss proposed improvements in the Lincoln Park area.

Trailblazer Transit slowly began expanding bus service into Wright County, mostly with a contract with Functional Industries, an employment service for disabled adults.

The McLeod County Board of Commissioners authorized pumping flood water from Baldwin Court near Lester Prairie and 86th Circle near

Glencoe, with the hope of being reimbursed through the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA).

July 9 — Marietta Neumann, 85, called it a career as the executive director of the McLeod Emergency Food Shelf. She had a 31-year career with the food shelf, both as a volunteer and as the executive director.

The McLeod County Chronicle announced that staff writer Lori Copler will take over as editor when Rich Glennie retires from the position Aug. 1. Karin Ramige Cornwell, general manager, was named publisher.

A scaled-down version of Glencoe Days, cancelled during the June flooding, was rescheduled for Saturday, July 26, to be held in conjunction with the Glencoe Fire Department's "Heat in the Street" music festival.

July 16 — Plato hosted its annual White Squirrel Festival with sunny, warm weather.

The Glencoe-Silver Lake School Board approved the hiring of four paraprofessionals.

After nearly three years of sitting empty, the former Marathon gas station in Sil-

ver Lake was re-opened by Hutchinson Co-op, which is running it as a Cenex gas station and convenience store.

July 23 — Taqueria Del Buen Pastor, a food truck stationed at the intersection of 13th Street and Hennepin Avenue in Glencoe, was named WCCO's "best food truck in the state" by popular vote. The business is owned by Adan and Carolina Ramirez.

The McLeod County Board of Commissioners ordered schematic drawings for its proposed jail addition and courthouse security project.

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STATE THEATRE
Downtown Hutchinson
Fri Jan 2 to Thu Jan 8

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Mon-Thurs 4:30 7:15 9:40

HOBBIT (2D) PG-13
Fri-Sat-Sun 12:45 3:45 6:45 9:45
Mon-Thurs 3:45 6:45 9:45

HOBBIT (3D) Sorry, No Passes Or Discount
Tickets! 3D Surcharge Applies! PG-13
Daily 6:50 9:50

PENGUINS OF MADAGASCAR PG
Fri-Sat-Sun 1:20 4:20 Mon-Thurs 4:20

NIGHT AT THE MUSEUM 3 PG
Fri-Sat-Sun 12:55 3:05 5:15 7:25 9:35
Mon-Thurs 4:30 7:25 9:35

ANNIE PG No Passes!
Fri-Sat-Sun 1:15 4:15 7:00 9:30
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EXODUS: Gods & Kings PG-13
Fri-Sat-Sun 12:45 3:45 6:45
Mon-Thurs 3:45 6:45

HORRIBLE BOSSES 2 R Daily 9:45
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Mon-Thurs 4:30 7:10 9:45

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12:30, 2:40, 4:50¹, 7:00¹ & 9:05

Into the Woods PG
12:15, 2:40, 5:00¹, 7:20¹ & 9:40

Annie PG
12:20, 2:40, 4:55¹, 7:05¹ & 9:10

Unbroken PG-13
12:35, 4:30¹, 7:15¹ & 9:50

Hobbit: Battle of 5 Armies PG-13
12:40, 4:15¹, 6:55¹ & 9:40

Woman in Black 2: Angel of Death PG-13
12:25, 2:45, 5:00¹, 7:20¹ & 9:30

¹Show Times for Mon-Thurs Jan. 5-8

Special showing of
Into the Woods on
Thurs., Jan. 1 at 7:00 & 9:25
Hunger Games will not play on
Thurs., Jan. 1 at 7:10 & 9:40

Special showing of
Woman in Black 2 on
Thurs., Jan. 1 at 7:00 & 9:00
Exodus will not play on Thurs. Jan. 1

Cokato Museum sets open house for Jan. 4

The Cokato Museum and Historical Society will host their 15th-annual New Year's open house Sunday, Jan. 4, from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m., in the Centennial Room of the library/museum building.

The Finnish custom of "melting tin" will be demonstrated at the open house. This custom involves the melting of small pieces of tin and then casting the liquid

into a pail of cold water. The tin then forms unique shapes, which foretell what the coming year will bring for the tin bearer.

This event is free and open to the public. Light refreshments will be served. For more information, call the museum at 320-286-2427, or visit www.cokatomuseum.org.

Menus

Jan. 5 - Jan. 9
Millie Beneke Manor
of Glencoe, Brownnton, Stewart and Silver Lake
Senior Nutrition Sites
Monday — Swedish meatballs, paprika potatoes, spinach, bread, margarine, ice cream, low-fat milk.
Tuesday — Liver or pepper steak, buttered boiled potatoes, peas, bread, margarine, scalloped apples, low-fat milk.
Wednesday — Roast beef, mashed potatoes, carrots, dinner roll, margarine, pudding dessert, low-fat milk.
Thursday — Chicken chow mein, rice, chow mein noodles, oriental vegetables, mandarin orange gelatin, brownie, low-fat milk.
Friday — Creamy vegetable

soup, turkey sandwich, tropical fruit, crackers, margarine, cookie, low-fat milk.

First Lutheran School
Monday — Grilled chicken patty, whole-grain bun, Caesar salad, apples.
Tuesday — Beef taco, black bean salsa, peaches, tortilla shells.
Wednesday — Spaghetti with meat sauce, bread stick, pineapple.
Thursday — Hot ham and cheese sandwich, carrots, mixed fruit, whole-grain bun.
Friday — Chicken strips, baked beans, mandarin oranges, wheat bread.
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Record

Glencoe Police

TUESDAY, DEC. 23
9:14 a.m. — An officer and the Glencoe Ambulance responded to an address on 16th Street E for a male with flu-like symptoms. He was taken by ambulance to the emergency room.
1:32 p.m. — The police department received a report of an old mattress and a couch in an alley near Ninth Street E.
4:33 p.m. — A person on Elliott Avenue N reported that another person was pointing a laser pointer in their eyes.
10:06 p.m. — A female with stomach pains was taken to the emergency room by ambulance from an address on Newton Avenue.
WEDNESDAY, DEC. 24
3:58 a.m. — An "Amazing Spider Man" kids' bike was found on 16th Street E.
10:21 a.m. — Officers and the Glencoe Ambulance responded to a medical emergency on 15th Street E for an adult female who was not feeling well. She was taken by ambulance to the emergency room.
1:51 p.m. — Officers were requested for standby in a parking lot at a business on 11th Street E until all the employees had left for the day. The manager was concerned about a customer with whom the business has had issues in the past, and who had been at the business earlier in the day.
4:05 p.m. — A person reported

that someone was walking around in his neighbor's house on 10th Street E, and the neighbors were not home. It turned out to be someone who was watching the house and taking care of the dogs while the residents were away.
9:04 p.m. — A gas drive-off was reported at a business on Ninth Street E. Officers were unable to locate the vehicle.
9:24 p.m. — Suspicious activity was reported in the area of 11th Street E and Cardinal Avenue. It was a person who was letting his dogs out "to use the restroom."
9:29 p.m. — An officer took a report of harassment from a resident on 11th Street E.
THURSDAY, DEC. 25
6:51 p.m. — Officers and the Glencoe Ambulance responded to a medical emergency on Newton Avenue. A person with stomach pain was taken by ambulance to the hospital.
11:17 p.m. — An officer stopped a vehicle that was driving in circles in the area of First Street E and Hennepin Avenue N. The driver stated he was supposed to meet a friend and was getting confused as to where they were supposed to meet.
FRIDAY, DEC. 26
2:05 a.m. — A driver was cited for no proof of insurance and driving after suspension at a traffic stop in the area of Chandler Avenue N and Seventh Street E. The driver also was verbally warned about not wearing a seat belt and having brake lights that were not functioning.
9:48 a.m. — An officer took a

property damage report on DeSo- to Avenue N.
3:16 p.m. — An officer assisted at an accident on Highway 22.
SATURDAY, DEC. 27
12:59 a.m. — Officers assisted a male who had fallen on Ranger Drive. The male was not injured.
4:45 a.m. — A vehicle slid into the median in the area of Morningside Drive and 10th Street E, causing a tire to break off. A tow truck was called.
11:26 a.m. — A minor vehicle collision occurred in the area of 10th Street E and Falcon Avenue. Because damage was less than \$1,000, no state accident report was required. The drivers exchanged insurance information.
11:34 a.m. — An individual at an apartment complex reported that her mail had been stolen from her mailbox, and that there were people in the basement of the building who smoke marijuana.
8:05 p.m. — A driver was cited for driving after suspension and no proof of driver's insurance at a traffic stop in the area of 13th Street E and Armstrong Avenue.
8:21 p.m. — A car was reported stalled on the Hennepin Avenue bridge. The car had been pushed off the bridge and onto the shoulder before an officer arrived, and a tow had been arranged.
10:05 p.m. — A driver was cited for driving after revocation at a traffic stop in the area of Dairy Avenue and 80th Street.
11:54 p.m. — Officers and the Glencoe Ambulance responded to

Newton Avenue for a female with stomach pains. She was taken by ambulance to the hospital.
SUNDAY, DEC. 28
12:25 a.m. — A driver was cited for no child restraint system and given a verbal warning for speed at a traffic stop in the area of Glen Knoll Avenue N and 13th Street W.
1:36 a.m. — A passenger in a vehicle was cited for possession of drug paraphernalia and a small amount of marijuana at a traffic stop in the area of 13th Street E and Armstrong Avenue.
6:26 a.m. — An officer assisted the Glencoe Ambulance with a medical emergency on Prairie Avenue.
8:54 p.m. — A driver was cited for speeding at a traffic stop in the area of Highway 22 and 120th Street.
MONDAY, DEC. 29
9:30 a.m. — Officers provided traffic control for an ambulance coming from Plato with a critically ill patient.
9:35 a.m. — Officers served a search warrant on 12th Street E.
5:52 p.m. — An officer contacted the light plant after a power pole on Loudon Avenue N was discovered to be arcing near the top.
7:37 p.m. — An officer assisted the Glencoe Ambulance with a medical emergency at Casey's on 10th Street.
8:14 p.m. — Officers arrested a male for domestic assault on Judd Avenue N.

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Year in review: weather dominated

Our view: Weather impacted tax decisions, meetings, prices

People across the globe — even those in our own country — tend to think of Minnesota as being tucked just beneath the polar ice cap, with year-round snow, freezing temps, stalled cars and bundled-up residents.

Those of us who actually live in the state know, however, that Minnesota is subject to weather extremes, from frigid winters to sultry summers and floods, tornados and droughts.

As we paged through the 2014 issues of The Chronicle for our end-of-year round-up, it was obvious that, once again, the weather dominated the news.

We can actually look back to fall 2013, when wet weather hampered harvest efforts, and farmers and grain elevators began burning propane to dry grain. That, coupled with huge exports of domestic propane overseas, caused a severe shortage when the 2013-14 winter set in, one of the coldest on record for the state. That drove heating fuel prices up to record highs, and brought U.S. Sen. Al Franken to Winthrop to look for ideas on how to avoid another shortage.

Coming on the heels of that frigid winter was a long, wet spring that delayed planting. Some farmers planted and replanted two or three times; others were never able to get into their fields at all.

The poor growing season and falling commodity prices had a direct impact on the County Board's decision to not implement a proposed 2 percent levy increase for 2015; it instead held its levy at the 2014 level.

The wet spring climaxed at the start of summer, when late June rains dumped about 11 inches of water on the area in a scant 12-hour period, causing flooding throughout most of McLeod County's communities. Particularly hard hit was the eastern side of the county, especially

right here in Glencoe.

Emergency crews spent several days pumping water from streets, sewers and sanitary sewers, but that was just the beginning of the impact. Since then — and actually for several years of 100-year rain events — both the city of Glencoe and McLeod County have been working on flood mitigation efforts. Talks and plans continue today.

So far, this winter has been relatively mild. Let's hope that continues into a favorable spring for planting.

The year 2014 also was notable for another trend: the retirement of longtime leaders in our community. Rich Glennie retired after 23 years as the editor of The Chronicle, Craig Kohls ended a nearly 40-year career as an educator and principal at First Lutheran School, and longtime ECFE educators Jan Mackenthun and Mary Jo Schimelpfenig also stepped down from successful careers.

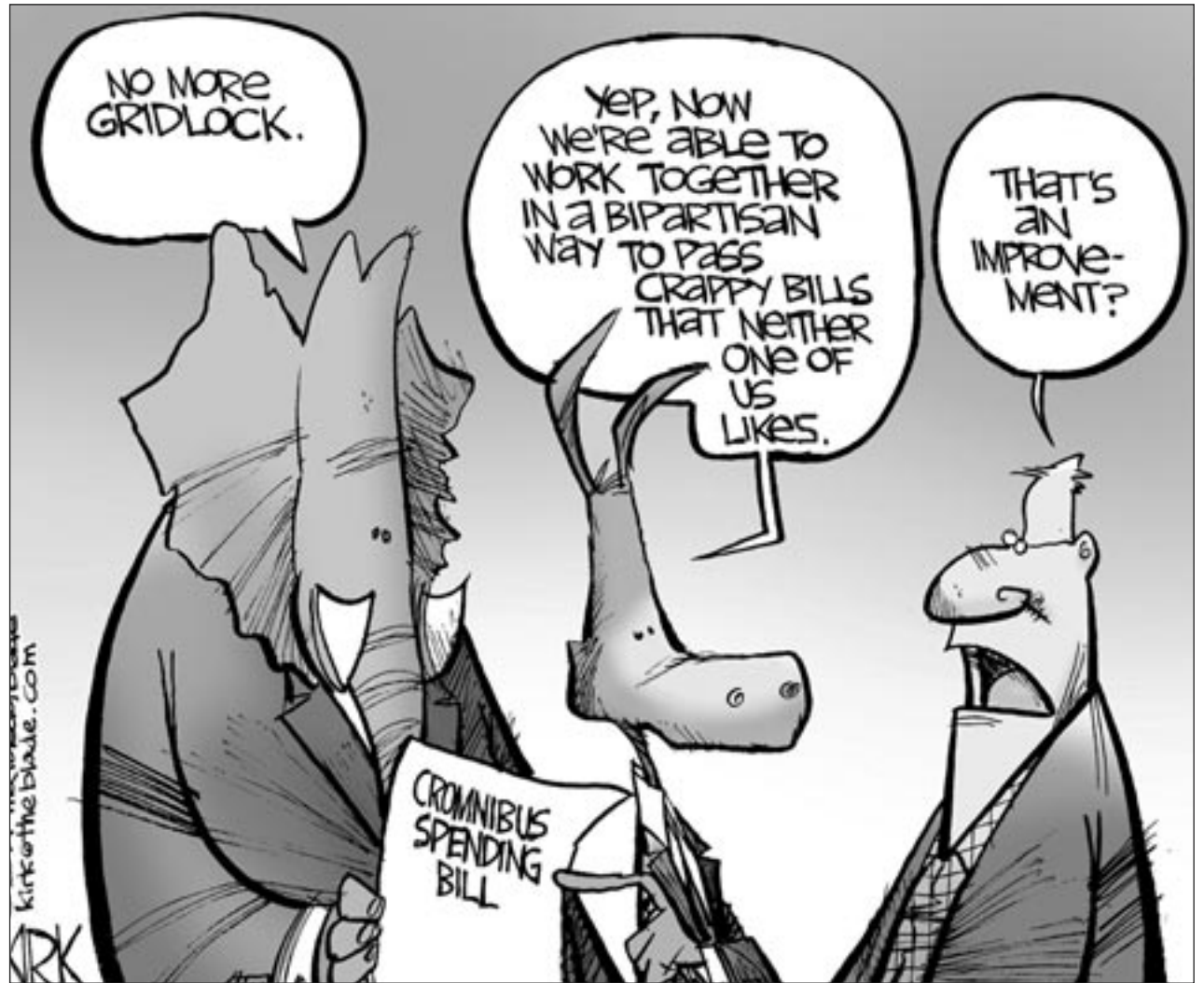
We also note that the landscape of downtown Glencoe is changing, with the renovation of Glencoe Wine and Spirits, the demolition of a couple of old, abandoned buildings, including Mark's Economart, and the arrival of DaVita Dialysis to the former Hallmark store.

Also noteworthy is that after a long recession, the building industry is starting to pick up: Miller Manufacturing is continuing to expand; the county is expanding its jail and courthouse, retrofitting its Materials Recovery Facility and upgrading its Health and Human Services Building; and the city of Glencoe is looking at major infrastructure improvements.

As we put 2014 behind us, we look forward to 2015 — hopefully, more economic development, more jobs, and better roads and utilities; and less snow, cold, rain and floods.

Happy New Year!

— L.C.



Letter writers contributed to editorial page

Editor's Note: The Chronicle's opinion page not only expresses the views of our own writers, but the views of community members, as well, who are invited share their opinions through letters to the editor. The following submitted letters during 2014, and we thank them:

January

Harlow Karg, Brownnton; Gary Ballard, Glencoe; Jan Conner, Hutchinson; Rosalind Kohls, Glencoe; Kevin L. Kuester, Glencoe-Silver Lake (GSL) School Board member; Bill Rosenwald, Glencoe; Ed Homan, McLeod County Solid Waste director; and Ron Shimanski, Silver Lake.

February

Gary Ballard, Glencoe; Jan Mackenthun, GSL ECFE/SR coordinator; Curt Carrigan, Brownnton; Jan Conner, Hutchinson; and Rachael Templin, Glencoe.

March

John Brunkhorst, McLeod County highway engineer; Marietta Neumann, McLeod Emergency Food Shelf; Nathan Unseth, Lester Prairie; Glynis Vacek, McLeod Alliance for Victims of Domestic Abuse; Tammy Tankersley, Glencoe; Jim Jordahl, Hutchinson; Peter Gepson and Randi Erlandson, GSL band and choir directors; Jami LaPray and Thom Miller, St. Louis Park; GSL band and choir trip chaperones; Jim Bobier, Acoma Township; Glen Schwartz, Glencoe; Michael Dietz, Glencoe Boy Scout Troop 352; Mary-Anne Olmsted-Kohls, Crow River Area Youth Orchestra; and Mark Erickson, Winthrop.

April

David Milbrand, Glencoe Township; Jacob Rieke, RS Fiber Cooperative; John Brunkhorst, McLeod County highway engineer; Theola

Fors, Brownnton; Mark Santelman, Winthrop; Kyle Ackerman, Hutchinson; Jan Mackenthun, GSL ECFE/SR coordinator; Charlene Engelmann, Glencoe Community Blood Drive coordinator; Jim Bobier, Acoma Township; Roger Becker, New Auburn; Jan Conner, Hutchinson; Christopher D. Sonju, GSL superintendent; Alice Olson, Brownnton; and Claire Iacona, Glencoe.

May

Charleen Engelmann, coordinator, Glencoe Community Blood Drive; Gary Ballard, Glencoe; Jan Conner, Hutchinson; and Mark L. Santelman, Winthrop.

June

Christopher Sonju, GSL superintendent; Jan Conner, Hutchinson; Jim Bobier, Hutchinson; Virginia Adams, Glencoe VFW Auxiliary; Mark L. Santelman, Winthrop; Paul Thissen, speaker of the Minnesota House; state Rep. Glenn Gruenhagen; Peggy Kinzler, Glencoe; Lars Ide, Glencoe; and Earl Dammann, Glencoe.

July

Terry Jones, Glencoe; Amy Metcalf, Glencoe; Arnold Brinkmann, Glencoe; James Lee Mackenthun, James Mackenthun and Dave Milbrand; Gary Vogt, Glencoe; Anne Twiss, GSL School Board; Charleen Engelmann, Glencoe Community Blood Drive coordinator; Kerry Venier, Silver Lake city clerk; Mark Santelman, Winthrop; and Christopher D. Sonju, GSL superintendent.

August

Jon Baldwin, Glencoe; Charleen Engelmann, Glencoe Community Blood Drive coordinator; Diane Robinson, Hutchinson; Linda Krueger, Glencoe; Todd Schnobrich, Crow River Habitat for Humanity;

Jan Conner, Hutchinson; Marie Thurn, Glencoe; Ron Shimanski, Silver Lake; Rich Glennie, Glencoe; Gloria Donnay and Tony Jesme, Glencoe; Christopher D. Sonju, GSL superintendent; Jan Conner, Hutchinson; Jon Risch, Glencoe; Tammy Tankersley, Glencoe; and Marietta Neumann, Winsted.

September

Jan Conner, Hutchinson; Pat Brinkman, Glencoe; Carl Johnson, St. Peter; and U.S. Congressman Collin C. Peterson.

October

James Peters, Glencoe veterans groups; Earl Dammann, Glencoe; Douglas O. Brown, Hutchinson; Beverly Janke, Glencoe; Theola Fors, Brownnton; Glynis Vacek, McLeod Alliance for Domestic Violence; Lori Adamietz, Glencoe; Gary Ballard, Glencoe; Rich Glennie, Glencoe; Jan Conner, Hutchinson; R.L. Hatlestad, Glencoe; Allen Robeck, Glencoe; Christopher D. Sonju, GSL superintendent; Randy Wilson, Glencoe mayor; Brian Thalmann and Randy Thalmann, Plato; James Peters, Glencoe Area Veterans Memorial Committee; Emily Gruenhagen, Glencoe; Donald Rudy, Glencoe; and Dave and Dee Czech, Arlington.

November

Charleen Engelmann, Glencoe Community Blood Drive; and Tim and Karla Ardolf, Glencoe; Jon Risch, Glencoe; Rich and Karen Glennie, Glencoe; Christopher D. Sonju, GSL superintendent; and Jan Mackenthun, Brownnton.

December

Gary Ballard, Glencoe; John Golden, Glencoe; Bruce Bebo, Silver Lake mayor; and Norma McNeil, Glencoe.

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online at www.glencoenews.com

Question of the week

What's your New Year resolution?

- 1) To get into shape
- 3) To lose weight
- 4) To save money
- 5) To get organized
- 6) Other

Results for most recent question:
What is your favorite holiday movie?

- 1) "It's a Wonderful Life" — 17%
- 3) "A Christmas Story" — 22%
- 4) "Elf" — 15%
- 5) "A White Christmas" — 17%
- 6) Other — 28%

46 votes. New question runs Dec. 31-Jan. 6



Feel strongly about an issue?

Share your opinion with The McLeod County Chronicle readers through a letter to the editor.

Please include your name, address and telephone number (for verification purposes).
email to: loric@glencoenews.com

Letter to the Editor

Absolutely supports school building referendum

To the Editor:

I believe we absolutely need to pass a referendum school bill.

Any delay will absolutely cost more money. We may need a new building or we may need additional rooms.

Last time, Glencoe did pass the

bill, but some of our neighbors did not support the project. I don't know why they wouldn't support a school system for their children and grandchildren.

Come on, Glencoe; let's get out the vote so we can pass the referendum. I don't want the school board

to trim or downsize. We need the best education for our students right now and in the future.

Come on, Glencoe, we can do it!
Norma McNeil
Glencoe

History

From the Brownton Bulletin archives

100 Years Ago

Jan. 1, 1914
O.C. Conrad, Editor
Not available.

75 Years Ago

Dec. 28, 1939
Milton D. Hakel, Editor

Installation of a dial telephone system in Brownton is stalemated by a delay in the shipment of the automatic switching equipment unit, but the project is now nearing reality. Some of the smaller equipment arrived and the telephone company mechanics have been working with the cables, getting them into readiness for the change when the switchboard arrives. Shipment is now expected in mid-January.

Miss Vivian M. Dwinell of Brownton and Mr. Selmer A. Moe of St. Paul were united in marriage Tuesday afternoon, Dec. 26, at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph L. Dwinell. Miss Dwinell is a graduate of Brownton High School and of the nurse's training program at Abbott Hospital in Minneapolis. The newlyweds will make their home in Minneapolis.

50 Years Ago

Dec. 31 1964
Charles H. Warner, Editor

Nicholas George Hubert, 2-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Hubert, was killed the evening of Christmas day when

the car his father was driving collided with a train at the crossing near the Lyle Meyer farm. Apparently, Tom tried to stop, but the car slid up to the tracks. The entire family was in the vehicle, including Mrs. Hubert and their other children, Lisa Beth, 4; and Richard Scott, 3. All three children were in the back seat, and Nicholas was thrown against the windshield at the impact, then out of the car. He was then carried up the tracks by the train. His mother, who leaped from the car before the crash, raced up the tracks and picked him up. Tom Hubert was pinned under the car, his ankle caught in the shock absorbers. David Meyer, who was out playing, raced into the house to tell his parents. Mrs. Meyer called Dr. Griebie and then went to Mrs. Hubert's assistance while Mr. Meyer assisted those in the car. Mr. Meyer also summoned the Yellowstone Garage's tow truck to hoist the vehicle off of Tom. Nicholas Hubert died a short time later at the Glencoe hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Krueger (Marlene Wilhelm) announce the birth of a son, Dec. 21.

20 Years Ago

Dec. 28, 1994
Lori Copler, Editor

A school bus and a mini-van collided at the intersection of Division Street and Fifth Avenue in Brownton on Wednesday, Dec. 21, at about 8:40 a.m. The driver of the mini-van, Edward Roberts

of Minnesota Lake, and a passenger, Pauline Fehn, also of Minnesota Lake, were taken to the Hutchinson Community Hospital for treatment of minor injuries. The driver of the school bus, Lyle Katzenmeyer of Brownton, was not injured. There were no children on the bus.

Immanuel Lutheran Church in Brownton began the celebration of its centennial year with a special service Monday afternoon.

McLeod West High School senior Angie Klockmann grabbed her 1,000th career rebound in the Dec. 20 tilt against Buffalo Lake-Hector. The feat earned her mention in the Star Tribune's "Prep Notes" last week.

10 Years Ago

Dec. 29, 2004
Lori Copler, Editor

The Raymond and Norma Albrecht family of rural Brownton was recently recognized with the Honorary Life Membership Award at the Minnesota Farm Bureau Federation's annual banquet.

Young people from Immanuel Lutheran Church visited the KARE 11 studio in St. Paul Dec. 19 to deliver the Toys for Tots they had collected as a youth group project. Those making the trip were Rachel Selle, Andrew Zellmann and Ryan Zimmerman. They met KARE 11 personality Belinda Jensen.

Tracing Roots

By Ron Pulkrabek



Peaceful Koniska Cemetery

The Koniska Cemetery is located halfway between Silver Lake and Glencoe on Koniska Street about one mile south of the Bear Creek Cemetery. It is located on a high hill, with 40 acres of woods on the north side. It overlooks the peaceful Koniska valley. The Crow River in the distance winds itself through the fields and pastures.

Inside the fenced-in area, 87 people are lying peacefully at rest. It is so quiet! Most are of Czech descent.

The cemetery was incorporated in 1887 with 10 members each contributing \$5 to purchase the one-acre plot of land. There were 10 people already buried there. Plots for eight people were \$5 or 62 cents a person. Each plot owner was assessed 50 cents per year. The following year, in 1888, they had 45 cents in the treasury fund. It is a non-denomination cemetery and never had a church.

For 80 years, Erwin Skorpik, (Virginia Adams' father) was the cemetery historian, president and caretaker. He helped his father, starting at age 7 and was still mowing the cemetery at age 87. He would arrive in an old three-quarter-ton Ford pickup, unlatch the end gate, attach an old barn door for a ramp and roll his 30-inch Snapper mower to the ground. Loading was a bit more difficult for 5-foot, 3-inch, 135-pound Erwin, pushing the mower up a 45 degree angle. Erwin had a great memory, mixed with wit, humor and wisdom, especially about laws of the township. He passed away at age 92 in 2004.

In 1997, I asked Erwin to

stand in front of every tombstone and tell me what he remembered about the people buried there. I have it on video tape and also assembled a booklet with colored pictures of the tombstones and Erwin's short history.

Buried here: Pulkrabek (15), Skorpik (12), Hatten (12), Harris (six), Mraz (five), Sablik (five), Lhotka (four), Charney (four), Torbert (four), Empanger (four), Krejsa (two), Penas (two), Remmel (two), Cerny (two), Polifka (two), Moravec (two), Fratzke (one), Brown (one), Flider (one), Swartosh (one), Darnell (one), Schaeve (one) and Edeburn (1).

Ages at death: 0 to 6, six; 10 to 50, nine; 50 to 70, 12; 70 to 80, 14; 80 to 90, 19; and 90 to 99, four.

Causes of death: diabetes, old age, pneumonia, heart disease, gun shot (suicide), benign prostate, tuberculosis, influenza, skull fracture, stillborn, apoplexy, Hodgkin's disease, etc.

Digging graves: Grave diggers often drove to the cemetery in cold, snowy, windy conditions in the winter with a horse and wagon loaded with wood to start a fire over the plot. Finding the right plot under the snow must have been difficult as some burials are in the alleys rather than on their plot. Then the fire, melting, chipping and digging process could begin; usually one foot at a time and repeat the process four or five times. If a liquor store was nearby, they would stop three or four times to let the melting process work and have a little "bump" to fortify their bodies; inside and out. All this work for \$6 was shared

by two men.

Come, rest and sit a while on the memorial bench nestled under gigantic evergreen trees. It is so quiet! Think about your ancestors who were real people doing real things during their lifetimes, mainly trying to keep their families fed.

Many came from the Old Country hearing rumors that everything in America was milk and honey, but once they got here they found how far from the truth that really was. Many people lying here never had electricity, never burned gas or oil, never rode in a car, never heard a radio, burned wood for heat, used an out-house, had huge gardens, never polluted the environment, grubbed out stumps, built miles of fences and erected farm buildings.

It was hot, hot in summer and cold, cold in winter with deep, deep snow. They were hard workers in difficult times, but occasionally did find time to enjoy themselves.

Things must have been so quiet! Quiet! Quiet! They did not know what to expect once they got to America, but surely it was better than staying in the Old Country. They knew they would never see their parents and relation again.

A study of history lists all the hardships our relation had gone through in the Old Country during World War I, World War II, the Nazi era, and Communism. We should be so grateful to our ancestors for coming to America and giving us what we have now, especially *freedom!*

From the Stewart Tribune archives

100 Years Ago

Jan. 1, 1914
Koeppen Brothers, Editors

The Tribune office has been lighted up with electricity since Wednesday evening and we sure do appreciate the change. Since moving the office, we were using kerosene lanterns because we had no desire to fire up our old gasoline lighting system for just a couple of weeks.

The new Evangelical Church in Grafton Township was dedicated Sunday. There were German services during the day and English services in the evening. There were people there from all over.

A large crowd of young and old folks gathered at the Richard Roepke home Sunday evening to assist the Roepkes in celebrating their silver wedding anniversary. Dancing was the chief amusement of the evening. A delicious supper was served at midnight.

75 Years Ago

Dec. 29, 1939
Harry Koeppen, Editor

Failing health has been the cause of a business deal of con-

siderable importance to the people of this community, because it sees the retirement of Dr. A.D. Ryan, veterinarian, who has sold his practice to Dr. T.F. Bartley of Vesta. Dr. Ryan retires after 18 years of practice here.

The wedding of Ambrose McGraw to Miss Lou Ella Arnoldt of St. Paul was solemnized Wednesday morning at St. Boniface Church here in Stewart.

Judges in the outside home decorating contest made the rounds of the village Sunday evening and, after plenty of travel and discussion, decided the winners of the contest: P.L. Schmitz, the Sisters of St. Joseph, and E.N. Schmitz, first, second and third place, respectively.

50 Years Ago

Dec. 31, 1964
Kermit T. Hubin, Editor

A spectacular, early morning fire destroyed the 40-foot by 80-foot frame creamery building in Stewart last Thursday. A brisk northwest wind, a power failure and freezing temperatures hampered firefighters' efforts. The fire alarm was sounded at about

2:30 a.m., and was turned in by Mrs. Norbert Schuelke, who noticed the illuminated skies before retiring. The creamery was taken over by Glencoe Butter & Produce in May, and the building has been used a pickup station since, with Floyd Meier as manager.

David Grabow of Stewart was named the administrator of the Buffalo Lake Nursing Home by the home's executive board last week. He will assume his duties Jan. 1.

35 Years Ago

Jan. 3, 1980
Anthony G. Blum, Editor

Peter Forcier, 96, died Sunday, Dec. 23, at Burns Manor in Hutchinson. Mr. Forcier farmed, worked for Hanson and Larson, and was the manager for a time of the Empire Elevator and Farmers Elevator in Stewart. He is survived by his wife, Nora; daughter, Mrs. Paul (Margaret) Maiers and a son, Francis, of Hutchinson; as well as 16 grandchildren and 34 great-grandchildren.

From the Silver Lake Leader archives

75 Years Ago

Dec. 30, 1939
Delbert Merrill, Publisher

The proud winner of the streamlined Firestone bicycle given away by the Silver Lake Oil Company last Friday was David John Mickolich, son of Mr. and Mrs. Edmund Mickolich of this community. And although he's still far too small to use his vehicle, brothers Tom and Floyd will assist as soon as they are able. Names selected were Bernadine Mallak, Joseph Jaskowiak, Mrs. John Wozniak, Frank S. Ruzicka, Edw. Pavlish, David John Mickolich, Mrs. Jos. Vacek, Ale Klenicky, Edwin LaMott and Wanous Brothers of Rich Valley. Judges were supervisor Tony Mallak and Thomas Purull.

John Noga won the \$60 Zenith radio given away last Saturday at Lowey's I.G.A. Store. And not having electric power, Mr. Noga disposed of his radio and rejoiced in a tidy sum of cash for Christmas.

equipment on the Irvan Posusta farm about five miles southeast of Silver Lake shortly before noon last Friday morning. Irvan had started a fire in the heater that morning and, after checking it to see that all was OK (he was planning on working in the shop), left for the barn; minutes later he saw flames from the shed, rushed to call the fire department and then tried to get the car out without any success. Fire departments from both Lester Prairie and Silver Lake responded to the call but, after every effort, the building was a total loss, as the high south wind fanned the flames into a furious blaze. The structure was just west of a granary, but no other building was threatened by the fire. The car was pulled from the burning building by a tractor, but it was already a total loss.

25 Years Ago

Dec. 28, 1989
Ken and Dorothy Merrill, Publishers

Snow was falling as the bells tolled in Silver Lake, tolled in celebration of the city of Silver Lake's 100th anniversary. One hundred years ago on Dec. 23, 1889, Silver Lake was incorporated as a community in Minnesota. Roger Lhotka was one of the three pulling the ropes of the bells to commemorate the 100-year celebration at St. Adalbert's Catholic Church. Leonard Penaz tolled at the Czech Brethren Presbyterian Church and Harry Krejci was at the St. Joseph Catholic Church. Each bell rang 100 times at the 6 p.m. hour to end the year celebration for the Silver Lake community.

Community Calendar

Thurs., Jan. 1 — HAPPY NEW YEAR! AA Group mtg. next to Post Office in Stewart, 8 p.m., call 320-212-5290 for info.

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

Tues., Jan. 6 — Narcotics Anonymous, Brownton Community Center, 7 p.m.; Brownton City Council, 7 p.m.

Wed., Jan. 7 — Brownton Women's Club, Brownton Community Center, 7 p.m.

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

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Deaths

Gilbert Roth, 94, of Lester Prairie

Gilbert Roth, 94, of Lester Prairie, died Saturday, Dec. 27, 2014, at his home in St. Louis Park.

Funeral services will be held Saturday, Jan. 3, at 2 p.m., at St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church in Lester Prairie with interment following in the church cemetery.

Visitation will be Friday, Jan. 2, from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m., at Paul-McBride Funeral Chapel in Lester Prairie, and will continue Saturday for

one hour before the service at the church.

Arrangements are with the Paul-McBride Funeral Chapel in Lester Prairie. An online guest book is available at www.hantge.com.

Carlene Latzke, 73, of Welcome

Carlene Latzke, 73, of Welcome, formerly of Norwood Young America (NYA) and Belle Plaine, died Thursday, Dec. 25, 2014, at Oaklawn Health Care Center in Mankato.

A memorial service will be held Monday, Jan. 5, at 11

a.m., at All Saints Lutheran Church in NYA with interment at a later date.

A gathering of family and friends will be held Monday, Jan. 5, from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m., two hours prior to the service at the church.

Arrangements are with the Paul-McBride Funeral Chapel in NYA. An online guest book is available at www.hantge.com.

Roger Horstman, 63, of Arlington

Roger Horstman, 63, of Arlington, died Monday, Dec. 29, 2014, at Oak Terrace

Health Center in Gaylord.

Memorial services will be held Saturday, Jan. 3, at 10:30 a.m., at the Johnson-McBride Funeral Chapel in Glencoe.

A gathering of family and friends will be held Friday, Jan. 2, from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m., at the Johnson-McBride Funeral Chapel in Glencoe, and will continue one hour prior to the service, also at the chapel.

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Agenda

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1. Mayor's appointment of council liaisons to various city departments.
2. Resolution 15-01: A resolution designating the city's official newspaper, depositories and various appointments.

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Obituaries

Oda 'Odie' Connick, 94, of Glencoe

Oda "Odie" Emilie Connick, 94, of Glencoe, died Saturday, Dec. 20, 2014, at Glencoe Regional Health Services in Glencoe.

Funeral services were held Friday, Dec. 26, at First Evangelical Lutheran Church in Glencoe with the Rev. Ronald Mathison officiating.

Dawn Wolter was the organist. Congregational hymns were "What a Friend We Have in Jesus," "Nearer, My God, To Thee" and "How Great Thou Art."

Pallbearers were David Diehn, Michael Becker, Veryl Schuch, Ronald Martin, Brian Becker, Luverne Becker and Ellsworth Becker. Interment was in the First Evangelical Lutheran Cemetery in Glencoe.

Oda "Odie" Emilie Connick was born Dec. 8, 1920, in Penn Township. She was

the daughter of Fred and Magdalena (Grochow) Becker. She was baptized as an infant on Dec. 26, 1920, by the Rev. George Diemer, and confirmed in her faith as a youth by the Rev. W. Ehrhardt Diemer, both at St. Matthew's Lutheran Church in Penn Township. She was educated at a country school in Penn Township.

On Sept. 25, 1941, she was united in marriage to Clarence Connick by the Rev. W. Ehrhardt Diemer at St. Matthew's Lutheran Church in Penn Township. The couple made their home on the farm until 1969, when they moved to Glencoe. In 2012, Mrs. Connick moved to Grand Meadows in Glencoe. The Connicks shared over 65 years of marriage before Mr. Connick's death on July 20, 2007.

In addition to being a loving wife and homemaker, Mrs. Connick worked at Green Giant and also made clothing alterations from her home. She was a member of First Evangelical Lutheran Church in Glencoe. She enjoyed cleaning, quilting,

sewing and embroidering. She also loved to play cards. She treasured the times spent with family and friends.

She is survived by her brother, Elmer Becker of Winthrop; sister, Rosie Ehlers of Glencoe; sisters-in-law, Beverly Becker of New Auburn, Myrtice Becker of New Auburn and Luella Connick of Glencoe; nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Fred and Magdalena Becker; husband, Clarence Connick; siblings, Leonard (Esther) Becker, Raymond (Helen) Becker, Halbert Becker, Linda (Ebert) Schuch, Gerhard Becker, and Arlene (Elmer) Burdorf; and brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law, Arthur Ehlers, Clara Becker, Ralph (Viola) Connick and Marvin (Eileen) Connick.

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

Wallace R. Kroells, 78, rural Green Isle

Wallace R. Kroells, 78, of rural Green Isle, died Sunday, Dec. 28, 2014, at the Waconia Good Samaritan Center in Waconia.

The funeral service was held Wednesday, Dec. 31, at Friedens County Line Church in rural Norway Young America (NYA) with the Rev. Joseph Clay and Chaplain Helmar Heckel officiating.

Serving as pallbearers were Randy Kroells, Terry Kroells, Darcy Kroells, Randy Herrmann, Craig Goetze and Steve Vogel. Honorary pallbearers were Drew and Adam Hedtke. Interment was in the Ferguson Cemetery, rural NYA.

Wallace Ronald Kroells was born Oct. 25, 1936, the son of Peter H. and Lena (Nellen) Kroells on the fami-

ly farm in Washington Lake Township of Sibley County. He was baptized Nov. 29, 1936, at St. Paul's Evangelical Reformed Church in Hamburg by the Rev. Otto Vriesen. He was confirmed in his faith on April 2, 1950, at St. Paul's Evangelical Reformed Church with the Rev. Vriesen officiating. He attended District 25 and graduated from Central High School in 1954.

On June 27, 1959, Mr. Kroells was united in marriage to Marlene Von Berge at Frieden's County Line Church in rural NYA. Their marriage was blessed with a daughter, Susie. They shared over 55 years of marriage.

Mr. Kroells spent his entire life farming his Washington Lake Township farm until he became a resident of the Waconia Good Samaritan Center. He took great pride in his farm, especially his John Deere tractors. He enjoyed spending time with family and friends, especially that spent with his grandsons, Drew and Adam.

Mr. Kroells is survived by his loving family: wife, Marlene Kroells of Green Isle; daughter, Susie (Todd) Hedtke of Green Isle; grandsons, Drew and Adam Hedtke; brother, Harlan Kroells of Green Isle; sister, Dorothy Ische of NYA; sisters-in-law and brothers-in-law, Lyla Kroells of NYA, Harold and Muriel Von Berge of NYA, LeRoy and Joyce Von Berge of Plato, and Vernon Von Berge of Glencoe; nieces, nephews, other relatives, and many friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Peter H. and Lena Kroells; brother, Milton Kroells; sister and brother-in-law, Esther and Martin Oelfke; father-in-law and mother-in-law, Herb and Malinda Von Berge; brother-in-law, Raymond Ische; and sisters-in-law, Betty Kroells and Marlys Von Berge.

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

Harold R. Radoush, 81, Silver Lake

Harold R. Radoush, 81, of Silver Lake, died Monday, Dec. 29, 2014, at the Hutchinson hospital.

Funeral services will be held Saturday, Jan. 3, at 11 a.m., at Faith Presbyterian Church in Silver Lake. Visitation will be one hour prior to the service at the church.

Mr. Radoush was born Oct. 17, 1933, to Joseph and Anna (Schiller) Radoush Sr. in Hale Township, McLeod County. He was baptized and confirmed at Faith Presbyterian Church in Silver Lake. He attended District 69 elementary school and Hutchinson High School.

He served his country in the U.S. Army, and was discharged in 1959 after serving a 2½-year term in Germany.

He and his brothers, Donald and Roger, purchased the home farm from their parents and proceeded to build the farm from 40 acres to 400 acres before retiring.

Mr. Radoush was a hunter, trapper, avid reader, a journalist, collector of Native American art and a collector of coins. He enjoyed watching football, was a wonderful storyteller and a historian for war-time periods. Harold, Donald and Roger attended the re-enactment of Jesse James in Northfield. He also enjoyed going to the casinos. He was a generous and giving man.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Joseph Sr. and Anna; and sisters and brother, Alice Radoush, Robert Radoush Sr. and Joan Grant.

He is survived by his stepson, John Mross; brothers and sisters, Joseph Radoush Jr., Roger Radoush, Donald Radoush, Marlyce (Elroy) Lenzen, Wallace Radoush and Rosemary Radoush; special friend, Karen Schwartz; 14 nieces and nephews; and numerous Army comrades.

The Maresh Funeral Home in Silver Lake is serving the family. Online condolences may be made at www.mareshfuneralhome.com.



Weather Corner

By Jake Yurek

Winter made its frigid return this week as we started off with highs struggling to hit positive numbers. The typical winter pattern for us has set up with a large area of low pressure over Canada pumping in cold weather our way.

We will rebound a bit mid-week, however, as warmer weather is allowed to filter in. I'm thinking highs will push into the 20s through Saturday and then drop back down for Sunday behind another cold front.

Two weak storm systems will pass by the area this week, giving us glancing shots of snow. The first will move in late New Year's Day into Friday, and the next on Saturday. Both systems are pointed more to our north, so at this stage I'm not too worried. If the impulses were to give us more of a direct hit, we could be in the running for accumulating snow, but that might also be held down due to a larger storm to our south keeping moisture locked down there.

After the impulse passes us Thursday, it will have a large effect on the east coast as it's projected to intensify for that area.

Taking a look at the extended shows a potentially better chance of snow early in the week, followed by more up-and-down temperature swings.

Happy New Year, everyone; be safe and have a great 2015!

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Wednesday night — Lows 4 to 10; clear.
Thursday — Highs 18 to 24, lows 7 to 13; Clouds/night snow showers.
Friday — Highs 21 to 28, lows 6 to 12; partly cloudy.
Saturday — Highs 17 to 24, lows 4 to 10; clouds/snow showers.
Sunday — Highs 6 to 14; partly cloudy.

Weather Quiz: How does ice on a lake form and get thicker?

Answer to last week's question (What are some of January's weather extremes?): Highest temperature, 58 degrees, Jan. 25, 1944; lowest temperature, -41 degrees, Jan. 21, 1888; most precipitation, 1.21 inches, Jan. 24, 1967; most snowfall 17.2 inches, Jan. 22, 1982, and that occurred two days after we saw 17.1 inches.

Remember: I make the forecast, not the weather!

Edie Sieler, 65, Glencoe

Edie Sieler, 65, of Glencoe, died peacefully at home, surrounded by her children and grandchildren, on Friday, Dec. 26, 2014.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Bill and Thelma; and her sister, Shirley.

She is survived by her children, Edie Sieler Brandt, Katie, Joseph, Peter and Matthew; siblings, Tom, Dan, Eileen, Ruth and Joyce; and 10 grandchildren.

A memorial service will be held at St. Pius X Parish, 1014 Knight Ave. N, Glencoe, on Jan. 24 at 10 a.m., followed by a reception across the street at the Glencoe City Center, 1107 11th St. E.

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Fire Department's "Heat in the Street" music festival hosted a crowd far beyond what it had expected, with between 2,500 and 3,000 people attending.

Ryan M. Sturges, 23, of Glencoe, was killed July 23 when his pickup truck struck the rear of a semi on Highway 7 about three miles west of Silver Lake.

Rich Glennie, editor of the The McLeod County Chronicle for 23 years, reflected on his career at The Chronicle and other newspapers he had worked at over the years.

August

Aug. 6 — About 30 people attended a Glencoe City Council meeting to ask it to ditch a proposed trail planned for its Lincoln Park improvements and to save as many trees as possible in the project area.

A rural Brownton woman, Janette Goettl, launched an effort to establish a natural food cooperative in Glencoe.

The McLeod County Board voted to install a new floor in the commercial building at the fairgrounds.

Aug. 13 — The Glencoe Historic Preservation Society received a donation from cousins Bob Miley and Mary (Lende) Haxby — memorabilia from pioneer pilot Charles Lindbergh, who crashed a plane on the George Miley farm near Glencoe in 1923. Among the memorabilia was a prop from the plane.

Former Glencoe Police Chief Jeffrey Cummins was injured in a two-vehicle crash at the intersection of Highway 212 and Morningside Drive on Monday, Aug. 11.

Lennie Albers was introduced as the new executive director of the McLeod Emergency Food Shelf.

Aug. 20 — Five people filed for candidacy for the Glencoe-Silver Lake School, board including incumbents Jason Lindeman, Clark Christianson and Anne Twiss, as well as former school board member Gary Schreifels and Pat Fogarty, a Silver Lake resident.

The Roger and Peggy Engelmänn family, owners of Engelmänn Dairy of Plato, was named the McLeod County Farm Family of the Year for 2014.

A groundbreaking ceremony was held for the city of Biscay's new wastewater collection system.

Incumbent Jon Christensen and challenger Joe Nagel advanced in the District 5 County Commissioner primary election. Bill Hard also ran, but was eliminated in the primary.

Aug. 27 — The McLeod County Board of Commissioners moved ahead with the conceptual design for its proposed jail expansion project.

Dean Scheele, a native of Hamburg, took over the reins as the principal of First Lutheran School in Glencoe.

September

Sept. 3 — The McLeod County Board of Commissioners set a workshop to consider needs for its Health and Human Services building, including tuck pointing, replacement windows and insulation.

The city of Glencoe learned that its employee health insur-

ance premiums will be increasing 24 percent in 2015.

Sept. 10 — The Glencoe City Council heard feasibility reports on two large reconstruction projects planned for 2015 — in the area of Lincoln Park and Armstrong Avenue — at a total cost of about \$11 million.

A Stewart couple, Donn and Kimberly Bemis, were both seriously injured in a motorcycle crash in Caver County on Sept. 7.

Sept. 17 — Homecoming royalty candidates for GSL High School were announced. They include queen candidates Mary Schmitt, Ellie Lepel, Becca Green, Callie Raduenz and Rachel Rusten; and king candidates, Derek Posusta, Garrett Ober, Christopher Lemke, Keaton Anderson and Patrick Kunkel.

The McLeod County Board of Commissioners voted to bond for \$10 million for various capital improvement projects, saying it could repay the bond without raising its levy.

The Glencoe City Council voted to donate a house in the Creekside Subdivision to Habitat for Humanity.

Sept. 24 — Rachel Rusten was crowned the 2014 GSL homecoming queen and Patrick Kunkel was crowned king at the coronation ceremony Sept. 22.

The city of Glencoe purchased a leaf vacuum and made plans to provide curbside leaf pickup for residents.

A Glencoe-Silver Lake school bus ran off a road in a mishap Wednesday afternoon, Sept. 17. Some minor cuts and bruises were reported among the children who were on the bus.

October

Oct. 1 — The McLeod County Board of Commissioners approved an "after-the-fact" conditional use permit for the city of Biscay's new wastewater collection and treatment system.

Dr. Virgil Voigt, a longtime Hutchinson veterinarian and native of the Glencoe area, was honored by having a wildlife management area, located near Biscay, named after him.

April Krienke, 19, of Glencoe, won a new Honda Fit automobile at the Minnesota State Fair.

Oct. 8 — About 30 people attended a city of Glencoe public hearing regarding proposed street and utility improvements amounting to \$11 million. The residents were concerned about the affordability of assessments to property owners.

The McLeod County Board of Commissioners is considering leasing space in Hutchinson's industrial park in order to keep processing recycled materials while the materials recovery facility (MRF) is undergoing a retrofit.

Oct. 15 — The McLeod County Board of Commissioners tabled a request by its public health department to add "e-cigs" to its tobacco ordinance.

The GSL School Board heard that the breakfast in the classroom program will end at the end of October.

Oct. 22 — The Glencoe City Council considered de-

laying the Armstrong Avenue project until 2016 to help keep the city's overall tax levy from spiking.

The Glencoe Area Chamber of Commerce's candidates forum drew a large audience, who provided several pointed questions for those seeking office.

Oct. 29 — The McLeod Cooperative Power Association sought a conditional use permit from McLeod County to construct a solar panel array on property it owns near Arnold Equipment on Lindbergh Trail.

November

Nov. 5 — The city of Glencoe will have a new council person as of Jan. 1, as Allen Robeck defeated incumbent Lori Adamietz for the City Council's at-large seat. The McLeod County Board will have two new commissioners, as Doug Krueger won over incumbent Kermit Terlinden in District 2 and Joe Nagel won over incumbent Jon Christensen in District 5.

The new Glencoe Woodworking Club, located in the basement of the Glencoe City Center, is up and running and planned an open house for the public.

Nov. 12 — GSL High School's fall musical, "Shrek," opened its run Thursday, Nov. 13, at the high school auditorium.

All three of the Glencoe-Silver Lake School Board incumbents — Clark Christianson, Jason Lindeman and Anne Twiss — were re-elected to new terms in the Nov. 4 election. There were five total candidates for the three openings.

Nov. 19 — The GSL School Board set a workshop session after hearing that heating malfunctions at the Helen Baker Elementary School has resulted in overly warm classrooms, some reaching 98 to 99 degrees.

The McLeod County Board indicated that it will likely dip into its reserves to cover an additional \$200,000 in costs for its jail expansion project than had originally been an-



Chronicle file photo

Fire destroyed Sidco 4x4 on East Ninth Street in Glencoe on Monday night, Jan. 20. Fire Chief Ron Grack said the fire apparently started in the heating

system. Along with Glencoe, departments from Plato, Norwood Young America, Brownton, Lester Prairie, New Germany and Green Isle responded.

tipulated.

A Lester Prairie mother and her son were killed in a two-vehicle accident on Highway 212 in Carver County on Saturday afternoon, Nov. 8. The deceased were identified as Angelica Salas, 29, and her son, Jorge Salas, 6. They were passengers in a vehicle driven by Jorge Salas, 29. The elder Jorge Salas and another child, Omar Salas, 4, were seriously injured.

Nov. 26 — The GSL School Board, meeting in a workshop session, began considering a May building referendum vote to address needs at Helen Baker Elementary and space issues at the junior and senior high schools.

Demolition began on the former Mark's Economart grocery store on Greeley Avenue.

The Glencoe Area Chamber of Commerce honored volunteers Kelly Rach and Gale Hoese at its annual luncheon.

December

Dec. 3 — The Glencoe City Council approved 3 percent raises for its employees for 2015.

The Glencoe-Silver Lake School District debated asking for special legislative action for 2015, noting that

Labor Day is Sept. 7, and the earliest start date under state law is Sept. 8.

Jessica Grams joined The McLeod County Chronicle news staff as a general assignment reporter.

Dec. 10 — The County Board amended its tobacco ordinance to include e-cigarettes on a 3-2 vote.

The McLeod Co-op Power Board of Directors announced that it has hired Carrie Buckley as its new general manager. She began her duties Dec. 1.

Dec. 17 — On split votes, the McLeod County Board of Commissioners nixed a proposed 2 percent levy increase

for 2015, opting instead to not raise taxes at all.

The Glencoe City Council heard that the Denny's Barber Shop building on Greeley Avenue is slated for demolition.

Dec. 24 — Trailblazer Transit's expansion into Wright County will save McLeod and Sibley counties money, the Joint Powers Board heard at a recent meeting.

The Glencoe-Silver Lake School Board held a lengthy workshop discussion with its architect, Paul Youngquist, on possible solutions to its building needs.

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