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City, other officials ponder storm water options

By Rich Glennie
Correspondent

A plan, called Glencoe northeast drainage improvements, was the topic of a workshop session at the Glencoe City Center Wednesday afternoon, and it included representatives from the city and county as well as state water experts and Buffalo Creek Watershed District board members.

Being looked at was a project that would redirect flood waters from the north and central portions of Glencoe eastward to the east ditch system.

Justin Black and John Rodeberg of Short Elliott Hendrickson (SEH) made a project presentation that included extending a 30-inch overflow sewer line from near the northeast end of the high school parking lot, south to 16th Street and then east along 16th Street, and the future

16th Street, to the east ditch system. It would either go directly to the ditch and thus pass through private property, or turn south from 16th Street and run just east of Grand Meadows, connect into an existing city sewer line and then east to the ditch.

A third option is to continue south and under the railroad tracks in order to keep the entire project within the city limits. While the third option was favored by the group, it also adds more cost to the project.

SEH's estimated cost was about \$700,000 to \$800,000, or about half the cost of an earlier plan that included larger pipes.

The problem is how to pay for it, and who pays for it.

City Administrator Mark Larson said the city is seeking Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) or Department of Natural

Resources (DNR) funding to help pay for the project.

But, he added, "I'm not sure the city should bear all the cost," since the majority of the water runoff comes from the watershed north of Glencoe and outside the city limits. All that water must pass through the community in order to get to Buffalo Creek.

Mayor Randy Wilson noted that the west ditch project, which includes a similar scenario, has been divided up as far as costs. The portion that runs through the city, 16 percent, will be paid by the city. The remainder will be paid either through state and federal funds or by affected property owners, or both.

With the northeast diversion, however, the majority of the proposed work lies within the city limits.

"Are you thinking landowners north (of the city) should help pay?"

asked McLeod County Commissioner Doug Krueger, who represents Glencoe as well as surrounding Glencoe and Helen townships.

"No," Larson replied, but he added the "city is frustrated paying the cost, but has no control over the tiling north of town." He said that tiling contributes to the rapid runoff from farm fields into the city's holding ponds, overpowering the sewer system, causing widespread flooding.

While a portion of the east ditch lies within city limits, Krueger said the broader look shows it circles north of Glencoe, "but is not functioning." Improvements to the east ditch system north of Glencoe also could help ease the runoff into Glencoe. But Krueger said his research of the ditch indicates it is a private ditch, "but no one knows where the agreements are. This is not easy."

Larry Phillips of the Buffalo Creek Watershed Board also suggested that improvements to the east ditch north of the Stuewe farm "would help eliminate some of the water out of the central area of town."

"It would be easier if it was a county ditch," Krueger added.

"If it's on your farm, it's your ditch," Phillips added of disputed ownership and responsibility.

Rodeberg and Black showed aerial photos from the 2014 June flooding that was labeled a "500-year rain event." He said two watershed districts became one "due to the size of the event. It was an unprecedented amount of water."

As a result, the water levels were

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County Board approves permit for Sober Farm

By Dave Pedersen
Correspondent

The McLeod County Board of Commissioners on Tuesday granted a conditional use permit for Todd Knapper and Kirstin Jacques to operate a transitional housing facility known as Sober Farm in an existing dwelling in Round Grove Township for overnight lodging and facilities for up to six residents at a time to assist in alcohol and drug addiction recovery.

The action was taken after a public hearing where concern was expressed by some neighbors of the facility located in Stewart. Approval also came after receiving recommendation by the Board of Supervisors of Round Grove Township and approval by the county planning advisory committee. County commissioners added two more requirements to the list of 10 presented by Zoning Administrator Larry Gasow.

The major change that was important to neighbors was there will be 24-hour supervision at the home for at least six months or upon review, whichever is longer. Also added was the policy of not allowing sex offenders or violent offenders.

Residents of the Sober Farm home will have demonstrated 30 days of continuous recovery immediately prior to joining the residents at the home located in the agricultural district in Section 3 of Round Grove Township. Then there is a maximum stay of 90 days.

Other conditions include that the applicant shall contact county environmentalist regarding the septic system and number of bedrooms, making any required changes in six months.

The applicant shall maintain a working relationship with neighboring farmers. Sober Farm shall adopt a plan to address the health, safety and welfare for those residing at the facility and safety measures shall be practiced at all times.

The McLeod County sheriff shall be notified of the business operation plan and location. Applicant shall provide 24/7 on-call services. Residents shall not exceed six at any

given time. A licensed solid waste hauler shall be contracted for waste collection.

A six-month review from the date of inception shall be performed by the planning advisory commission. Another review shall be performed one year from the date of county board approval.

All local, county and state regulations and licensures shall be adhered to and copies shall be provided to the planning and zoning office for verification.

The Sober Farm residence has 1½ bathrooms, four bedrooms, a meditation room, three-season porch, large eat-in kitchen and living room.

Knapper said this will not generate addition traffic on this road since most people won't bring cars. Residents will be of the same sex at the same time. He says everybody gets a background check. Guidelines followed come from the Minnesota Association of Sober Housing (MASH), which Knapper says has a stringent code of ethics.

Residents are not court-ordered, they are volunteers. Jacques said to become sober it takes 14 days for chemicals to leave the body and at least 30 days to break the habit.

"In most cases after treatment recovering people need a stepping stone to get back into real life," adds Jacques. "In this 90-day plan they learn to live sober by either a clinical or spiritual path, whatever is more comfortable. It is a program to learn accountability in the fellowship of the house. It is not just a place to live."

Jacques said if a resident breaks the house rules they are out and lose their deposit. It is not just about using again, it could be from damage to property or any misbehavior that will not be tolerated.

The big concern by the board and area residents was to have 24-hour supervision. Knapper and Jacques said they are open to having a house manager, but believe it is not necessary.

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Chronicle photos by Lori Copley

Irish for a day

Silver Lake hosted its annual St. Patrick's Day parade on a beautiful, spring Saturday afternoon. Everyone was Irish for a day in the Polish-Czech community, donning green clothing. Above, Pola-Czesky junior royalty Katelyn Fiecke and Meadow Askerud, accompanied by ambassador Brooke Noeldner, carried the Irish flag in the parade. At right is grand marshal and parade organizer Sandy Posusta, who tossed candy and shamrock-adorned jewelry to parade watchers. Because of conflicting activities, the traditional Irish "after-glow" was not held after this year's parade, but Posusta promises it will be back on the schedule for next year's celebration.



Weather

Wed., 3-18 H: 43°, L: 33°	Thur., 3-19 H: 50°, L: 31°	Fri., 3-20 H: 54°, L: 26°	Sat., 3-21 H: 39°, L: 24°	Sun., 3-22 H: 43°, L: 27°

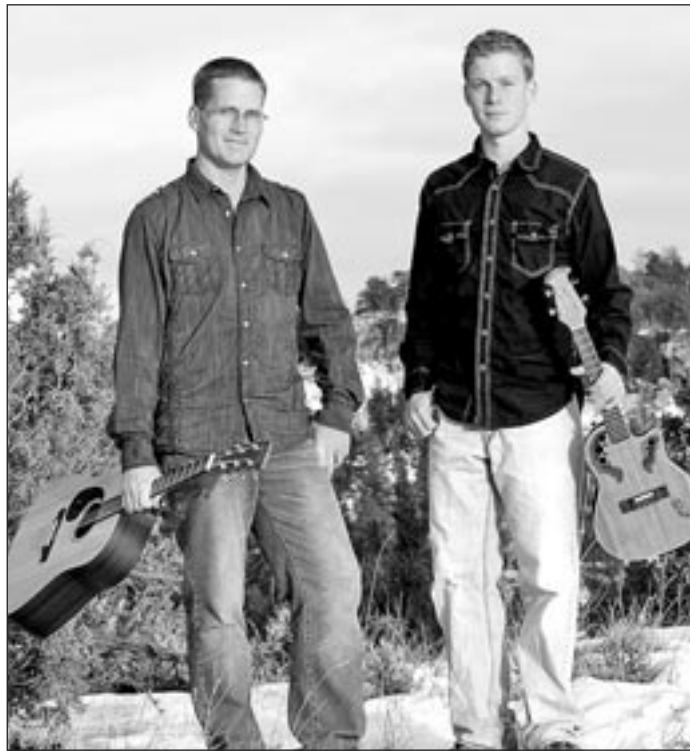
Looking back: A run of warm weather last week gives way to more spring-like temperatures this week.

Date	Hi	Lo	Precip.
March 10	64	30	0.00
March 11	59	24	0.00
March 12	65	38	0.00
March 13	58	37	0.00
March 14	66	29	0.00
March 15	72	37	0.00
March 16	60	34	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.



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Hamburg duo release CD

Creekside Community Church, 114 E Shamrock Dr., Arlington, is hosting a free concert Sunday, March 22, at 3 p.m., featuring Allen and Matt Carlson of Hamburg, a father and son duo who share a passion for music, especially classic country, gospel and hymns. The Carlsons recently released a new CD, "What Really Matters," and the concert will feature some of the selections from the CD. The concert is open to the public.

Happenings

Seminars for Cold War vets

McLeod County Veterans Services is hosting three informational seminars for veterans with military service between 1955 and 1964 on Thursday, March 19, at 1 p.m., 3 p.m. and 5 p.m., at the county's administrative building on Hennepin Avenue North in Glencoe. For details, contact Veterans Services at 320-864-1268.

FFA sets pork chop supper

The Glencoe-Silver Lake FFA Chapter will host a pork chop supper Tuesday, March 24, from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., at the Glencoe City Center Ballroom. Tickets are available in advance for a reduced rate from FFA members, the Glencoe Veterinary Clinic, Starr's Embroidery, or by e-mailing the FFA advisor at rhaddad@gs.lk12.mn.us. Full-price tickets will be available at the door. Free entertainment at 6:30 p.m. will be by the GSL jazz bands with special guests, "The MIDiots," from Bemidji State University. Proceeds will be used for FFA scholarships and leadership programs.

Caregiver group to meet

The Glencoe Caregiver Discussion Group will meet Tuesday, March 24, at 5:45 p.m., at Grand Meadows Senior Living, 1420 Prairie Ave., Glencoe. The topic is "family meetings." For more information, contact Jan Novotny at 320-894-0479.

SL Sportsmen annual meeting

The Silver Lake Sportsmen's Club Board of Directors annual meeting will be Saturday, March 21, at 7 p.m., in the Silver Lake Legion club rooms. All members are welcome and encouraged to attend.

Stewart kids' Easter party set

The Stewart Lions Club will host its annual pancake breakfast and kids' Easter party Sunday, March 29, from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., at the Stewart Fire Hall. A free-will donation will be accepted for the breakfast, which includes all-you-can-eat pancakes, scrambled eggs, sausage, fruit, milk, juice and coffee. Proceeds go to local projects. Kids can participate in a coloring contest and have their photographs taken with the Easter Bunny.

Easter egg hunt set April 4

The Brownton Women's Club will host its annual Easter egg hunt for children ages toddler through third grade on Saturday, April 4, at the Brownton Community Center. Doors open at 9:30 a.m. and the hunt starts at 10 a.m. Please bring your own basket or bag to collect eggs. Treat bags and prizes will be given, and the Easter Bunny will be present for pictures. There is no charge for admission.

Dining site birthday party

The Silver Lake Senior Nutrition Dining Site will have its March birthday party Tuesday, March 24. The menu includes pork loin, parried potatoes, carrots, dinner roll with margarine, frosted cake and low-fat milk. Please call Site Manager Pearl Branden at 320-327-2621 or 320-327-2536 to reserve a meal if you plan to attend.

Degree of Honor meeting set

The Degree of Honor 182 will have its social meeting Tuesday, March 24, 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 320-864-3799 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.

School district names polling sites, gives absentee ballot information

Residents of Glencoe-Silver Lake (GSL) School District, Independent School District 2859, will be given the opportunity to vote on one question during the school district's special election on Tuesday, May 12. The ballot question asks for approval of up to \$24.19 million for a school district bond issue:

The ballot question is as follows:

Shall the school board of Independent School District No. 2859 (Glencoe-Silver Lake Public Schools) be authorized to issue its general obligation school building bonds in an amount not to exceed \$24,190,000 to provide funds for the acquisition and betterment of school sites and facilities in order to relocate grades K-2 to the existing 7-12 campus in Glencoe, to improve safety, to repurpose program space within the current Lincoln Junior High School and GSL High School facilities, and to complete window upgrades at the Lakeside Elementary School facility in Silver Lake?

BY VOTING "YES" ON THIS BALLOT QUESTION, YOU ARE VOTING FOR A PROPERTY TAX INCREASE.

It is important for voters to

know that school district combined polling places may differ from where you normally vote for a primary or general election. Polls will be open from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. on May 12 at the following combined polling places:

- Lincoln School, 1621 E 16th St., Glencoe (city of Glencoe; and Glencoe Township; city of Biscay; and Hassan Valley Township, McLeod County);
- New Auburn City Hall, 8402 Fourth Ave., New Auburn (city of New Auburn; and Green Isle and New Auburn townships, Sibley County);
- Plato Fire Hall, 112 Second Ave. NE, Plato (city of Plato; and Helen and Bergen Townships, McLeod County; and Young America Township, Carver County);
- Lakeside School, 229 Lake Ave., Silver Lake (city of Silver Lake; and Hale, Rich Valley, Hutchinson and Winsted townships, McLeod County; and Stockholm Township, Wright County);
- Brownton Community Center, 310 Second St. N, Brownton (city of Brownton; and Penn, Sumter, Collins and Round Grove townships, McLeod County).

Voters may choose to vote

by absentee ballot. The first day absentee ballots will be available is Friday, March 27. Applications for absentee ballots will be available at the GSL District Office at Lincoln Junior High School, 1621 E 16th St., Glencoe. The office is open from 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday. Applications also are available from the school district's website at www.gsl.k12.mn.us. If the application for absentee ballot is received at the district office before absentee ballots are available, the absentee ballot will be mailed to the address specified in the application when absentee ballots become available.

The last day to submit written applications for absentee ballots to the district office is the day before the school district special election (Monday, May 11). You may return your application by fax, mail or in person.

You may vote in person at the district office or an absentee ballot will be mailed to you upon receipt of the application. Absentee ballots must be received by the school district clerk by 5 p.m. on election day. Ballots received by election officials after election day will not be counted.

For more information about obtaining an application for an absentee ballot, call the GSL District Office at 320-864-2491. Voters are reminded to allow enough time for mail service if required.

Any eligible voter residing in the school district may vote at the school district special election at the combined polling place for the precinct in which he or she resides. A voter must be eligible to vote in this election. An unregistered individual may register to vote at the combined polling place on election day.

Additional information about the special election is available on the school district's website at www.gsl.k12.mn.us or by contacting Chris Sonju, superintendent of schools, at 320-864-2498, by e-mail at Csonju@gsl.k12.mn.us, or Michelle Sander, business manager, at 320-864-2496, MSander@gsl.k12.mn.us.

Additional information about voting during the school district special election is available by calling Dawn Peterson, superintendent's secretary, at 320-864-2495 or at DPeterson@gsl.k12.mn.us.

Glencoe Food Cooperative dissolves, but plans under way for private store

By Lori Cople Editor

The Glencoe Food Co-op is dissolving before it ever opened its doors, but that doesn't mean the area will never have a business that offers organic food and other natural products.

One of the co-op's organizers, Janette Goettl, said Friday that the co-op's initial members have voted to dissolve the cooperative and discontinue efforts after a market study and consultants showed that there was a slim chance of getting it off the ground.

"But I'm still passionate about this and still want to bring something like this to Glencoe," said Goettl.

Goettl said she has decided to pursue a natural food and products outlet as a private business owner, and is currently preparing a business plan for consideration to obtain funding.

Goettl said a privately owned business will be smaller than what a cooperative would have provided, but she still plans to offer organically grown food and natural cleaning, beauty and other products.

She said she will need about 1,200 square feet of space to get the business under way, and is looking at space in downtown Glencoe.

Goettl said several factors led to the cooperative's steering committee's recommendation to discontinue pursuing a cooperative store.

First, a feasibility and market study "stated that our numbers were not favorable for the success" of the coop-

erative.

Next, Goettl asked Co-op Development Services to review the study.

Bill Gessner of Co-op Development Services also said that a cooperative in Glencoe just was not feasible. Gessner indicated the cooperative needed about 1,000 members and \$250,000 to \$400,000 on hand "before we could even consider opening our doors. He told us it would take years of hard work and we only had a 20 percent chance to make it."

The steering committee also looked at recent efforts to start a cooperative in Willmar, which dissolved recently when it ended up 200 members shy of its needed 1,000 members and about \$500,000 short of start-up funds. After four years of work, that cooperative plans to dissolve next month.

Goettl said it also became obvious that the cooperative would not be able to obtain funding. And based on recommendations, it was suggested to the steering committee that it was better to dissolve now and look at other options, rather than invest more time, money and effort into establishing a cooperative.

"I'm still very passionate about having a store in Glencoe," said Goettl, who said that starting a private business will get goods into the hands of those who desire them earlier than if organizers still continued to pursue a cooperative.

Goettl said that there is enough interest in a natural outlet for her to continue pur-

suing it on her own.

"I do appreciate all the support the co-op received this past year, and I especially want to say thanks to our steering committee for all their hard work," said Goettl.

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The MIDIots, an electronic music ensemble comprised of Bemidji State University instructors, will perform Tuesday, March 24, at the Glencoe City Center, along with the Glencoe-Silver Lake High School jazz bands.

MIDIots to join high school bands in concert

On Tuesday, March 24, the Glencoe-Silver Lake High School Music Department will present an evening of contemporary jazz and big-band music featuring three ensembles: GSL Jazz I, GSL Jazz II and special guests, "The MIDIots."

This free concert starts at 6:30 p.m. at the Glencoe City Center. Prior to the concert, there is a pork chop dinner by the GSL Ag Promoters FFA Alumni. The dinner starts at 5:30 p.m.

MIDIots is an innovative electronic music ensemble comprised of faculty members from Bemidji State Uni-

versity. Del Lyren, electronic wind instrument, Eric Sundeen, MalletKat, Greg Gaston, Wavedrum and MIDI percussion, and Lee Foster, bass and FX, along with sound engineer John Stewart, collaborate to perform original compositions and contemporary arrangements in an electrifying concert experience.

The MIDIots are an imaginative and inventive group continually exploring unique musical directions with exhilarating artistic expression. Their first CD, "Before the Dawn," was released in fall 2013.

No one hurt in crash

There were no injuries in a two-vehicle crash Sunday at about 3:45 p.m. in the city of Winthrop.

According to the Sibley County Sheriff's Office, a 2006 Chevrolet Equinox, driven by Heidie Louise Sloat, 21, of Winthrop, was eastbound on Third Street and had stopped at a stop sign. A 2015 Kia Sorento,

driven by Ellen Ann Anderson, 39, of Winthrop, was northbound on County Road 33 when the vehicles collided in the intersection.

Both drivers were wearing their seat belts and were not injured. The Sloat vehicle had moderate damage, while the Anderson vehicle was lightly damaged.

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2.5 feet above the 100-year elevation designed for the city's north central holding ponds. Flood water in the school pond near the high school was 3.3 feet higher than designed, while levels farther east were 3.5 feet below the 100-year elevations "because water was not getting from the school area to the east ditch," Rodeberg said.

Because of that, during the peak flooding, water was flowing back into the ponds instead of east to the east ditch, which was only half full at the time.

Rodeberg said the proposal of the 30-inch sewer pipe would act as an overflow sewer connecting at the high school sewer that currently drains into the wetlands just east of the high school. He said it is important to protect that wetlands area and maintain its elevations. By running the proposed 30-inch relief line past the wetlands and east along 16th Street "it will create the lowest impact at the lowest cost" to the high school wetlands.

Rocky Keehn, also of SEH, said there is a need to get the 30-inch pipe at more depth to better move the water.

Larson asked if the proposal will negatively impact the high school property or properties to the north of the city.

"I don't think so," Keehn replied.

"We need all the parties on board," Larson stressed about any project.

City Council Member Kevin Dietz added, "has anyone talked to people about the east ditch?"

"That's the next step," Rodeberg said.

Phillips said a red flag to the watershed district is if the proposed plan negatively affects landowners in the area. "We do not want to back up water into their property," he said there is a permitting process required to do any project, including permission from the watershed district.

Krueger also was concerned about adding more water to the east ditch and how that might affect farmers who might want to do more tiling in the future. He did not

favor such a restriction.

Asked whether the proposed tile line would allow future development to tie into it, Phillips cautioned against anyone else tiling into the 30-inch sewer pipe.

Larson said the goal is to move that water, even though "it's not our water." If the project is built, Larson said it also will benefit the 1,100 acres north of the city "at city cost."

Phillips also questioned the impact this project might have on a future Morningside extension project that was put on hold several years ago. That extension would be right over the proposed 30-inch sewer line east of the high school, about where a roundabout was planned.

Black said the sewer line would be about 10 to 12 feet deep at that location, and the roundabout could be constructed right on top of it.

The next steps are to talk to the landowners who might be impacted by the project and "get everybody on board," Rodeberg said.

Wilson noted the city is a landowner, too, "and we have 5,600 people who want this thing fixed." He added this project "should not be a negative."

If it is modeled so the project does not negatively impact the east ditch, "I don't see an issue," Phillips said. He said more firm plans are still needed, "but the concept I'm fairly comfortable with."

Larson said a project has now been identified. It needs to be presented to the public, and the city needs to identify funding sources before preliminary designs are drawn up.

"Is the pipe big enough?" Krueger asked. The engineers felt it is.

"If you dream too big, it may not happen at all," Wilson said of the previous \$1.8 million proposal. "We have to make some decisions here."

Wilson said he hoped a project could be done next year. "We need to push it hard."

"But we need to find the money," Larson stressed.

By Lori Copler
Editor

All Minnesota townships had their annual meetings March 10, and those who do not have fall elections also had annual elections. Following is a round-up of results:

Acoma — About 45 residents attended the annual meeting, and agreed to keep the 2016 tax levy the same as 2015: general fund, \$55,000; road and bridge, \$143,000; town hall, \$10,000; fire administration, \$20,000; heavy equipment, \$5,000; and fire equipment, \$25,000.

Bergen — Voters agreed to build a new town hall at a cost not to exceed \$400,000, according to Amy Meyer, township clerk. The 2016 levy was set, with \$130,000 dedicated to the road and bridge fund, \$33,000 to the general fund and \$25,000 for fire protection.

Collins — Eighteen voters turned out and re-elected Pete Maier to another three-year term as supervisor and Dan Benson to a two-year term as treasurer. The 2016 levy was set at \$141,000, which is an increase of \$11,000 over the current year. The increase was needed to cover the cost of new fire trucks, said Clerk Al Fredrickson. Voters heard reports from the Stewart and Brownton fire departments and from McLeod County Commissioner Paul Wright.

Glencoe — Chair James Hueser reported that voters approved a new bridge for the west side of Glencoe.

Hale — Hale Township had probably the largest turnout of voters with 166 votes cast in the election. Ron Mickolich was re-elected supervisor for three years with 117 votes, while challenger Ross Jurek received 48 votes. Colleen Kaczmarek was re-elected treasurer with

150 votes. The levy stayed the same, with \$80,000 dedicated to the road and bridge fund and \$85,000 to the revenue fund. It was reported that the snowplow truck approved at last year's annual meeting had been purchased. There also were reports regarding the Silver Lake fire and ambulance departments.

Hassan Valley — Garrett Luthens was re-elected supervisor and Shirley Troska was elected as the treasurer. The 22 residents who were present also heard from McLeod County Commissioner Sheldon Nies on the need to replace worn-out street signs.

Helen — Not available.

Hutchinson — There were 15 residents in attendance at the annual meeting, and a wide variety of topics were discussed — from property taxes to snow plowing, according to Clerk John Gregor. The general levy was set at \$12,000, and the fire levy was set at \$27,638. Jon Christensen was elected supervisor for a three-year term and Marlys Swensen was elected treasurer for a two-year term. Each received 25 votes.

Lynn — Eighteen residents were in attendance at the annual meeting and heard a report from Wright regarding single-sort recycling. Reports also were given on road work and fire protection. Residents set the levy, with \$25,000 for the general fund, \$70,000 for road and bridge, \$25,000 for fire protection and \$20,000 for the savings account, a total of \$140,000. Doug Johnson was re-elected supervisor, and Jackie Reiner was elected as the treasurer. Each received 19 votes.

Penn — Penn Township had a unique milestone as Supervisor Lester Lindeman ended 54 years of service with the township. He re-

ceived a plaque from Board Chair Wilbert Hahn. Kevin Miller was elected to fill Lindeman's position, and Veryl Becker was re-elected as the treasurer to a two-year term. The New Auburn and Brownton fire chiefs gave updates on their departments. Wright reported on the jail expansion, one-sort recycling and the proposed sober house conditional use permit in Round Grove Township. The voters maintained the current levy of \$110,000 for 2016. McLeod County sheriff's deputy Scott Wawrzyniak was present to answer questions.

Rich Valley — Residents established the levy at \$62,000 for road and bridge, and \$1,000 each for the gen-

eral and fire protection funds. Items on the agenda included finances, road conditions and a possible shed addition.

Round Grove — Nineteen voters cast ballots, re-electing Leroy Hedtke as treasurer and Robert Doerr as supervisor. Each received 19 votes. The levy was set at \$95,000. Concerned residents talked about the conditional use permit for Sober Farm, which the township board already approved, according to Clerk Deb Zellmann. However, the permit is still pending before the McLeod County Board of Commissioners.

Sumter — The main topic was the levy, which the residents voted to keep the same as the current year.

Winsted — Not available.

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Murder-suicide reported in NYA

Two people are dead as a result of an apparent murder-suicide that occurred in Norwood Young America (NYA) Wednesday, March 11.

According to the Carver County Sheriff's Office, Mylo Willis Leistiko, 51, apparently shot and killed Lanaea Ann Harrison, 23, in the house they shared at 920 Preserve Boulevard in Norwood Young America. He placed her body in a waterfowl decoy bag, then turned the gun on himself and committed suicide.

A preliminary investigation indicates that Leistiko and Harrison were involved in a romantic relationship.

Leistiko's body was discovered by a roommate of the couple at about 5:07 p.m. Wednesday, March 11. He immediately called law enforcement officials, who discovered Harrison's body in a subsequent search of the residence.

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'Right to Try' proposal draws support, criticism

Our view: Why not let the terminally ill try trial drugs, devices?

We have all become familiar with "right to die" legislative efforts, in which the dying are allowed to authorize the cessation of resuscitative efforts as their lives come to a close.

Now, according to the Star Tribune, there is a legislative effort for a "right to try." Right to try legislation allows those diagnosed with terminal illness a chance to try unapproved, experimental drugs and devices as a last-chance effort to save their lives.

It seems that beginning-of-life and end-of-life issues always seem to spark controversy and debate, and this proposed legislation is no exception. And this is no surprise; life is our greatest gift and one worth debating, particularly when it comes to ensuring its quality.

The right to try legislation would allow terminally ill people easier access to drugs and devices that are still undergoing clinical trials.

The proposed bill comes with some caveats: first, patients must truly be diagnosed as being terminal. Second, the experimental drugs and devices must have already passed the Food and Drug Administration's (FDA) first phase of testing, which is the FDA's most vigorous. Third, the patient must have their physician's approval. And, fourth, pharmaceutical companies are under no obligation to provide the drugs or devices.

Opponents raise a variety of concerns. Among those concerns is that the trial drugs and devices will pro-

vide a sense of false hope. Although these items must pass the FDA's first phase of approval, which ensures they are not toxic, there is no guarantee that the drugs or devices actually work, or whether there would be long-term side effects or ongoing benefits.

There also are concerns about costs. If the drugs or devices do cause side effects or other harm that require medical care, who pays for that?

As much as we understand the concerns, we feel that everyone has a right to life. We believe that most terminally ill people will understand that the miracle may not happen. And their experiences with trial drugs may help with future research and experimentation.

The Star Tribune article featured a 56-year-old woman who is terminally ill with amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS, also known as Lou Gehrig's Disease). An experimental drug has showed positive results in small samplings, but has not yet been approved.

This woman's body is rapidly deteriorating. The end of her life will include muscle paralysis, an inability to move and a slow suffocation when she no longer has the ability to breathe on her own.

"If I'm going to die from this disease, my feeling is, give me a chance, at least," the Golden Valley woman said.

Yes, let's at least give her a chance.

— L.C.



Brilliance? Or just odd social behavior?

I tried a scientific experiment recently. I head-butted an engine block to test out the hardness of my head. I now have a scrape on my forehead, but the headache has subsided.

Actually, I was helping my son haul his latest acquisition, another engine block, off his truck bed and into the garage. As we placed it on the garage floor, I pinched my finger against another piece of his engine junk, jerked my head forward and promptly ran headlong into the engine block we had just plopped down. He laughed; I cringed as I saw stars. I swear I'm getting too old to be hauling engine blocks.

Lo and behold, several days later he comes back with another "prize" that needs to go down into the basement.

"Get one of your buddies to help you," I said.

"You're it," my son replied.

"Then get new relatives!"

After a pause, I added, "Then get your mother to help you!" Then I realized she was standing right around the corner.

So down in the basement we went, hauling another engine block, this time using chains as handles. By the way, this is the same son who helped me haul an old refrigerator up from the basement last year, only to end up wearing the refrigerator on my chest when I slipped and fell down. We didn't hurt ourselves this time.

You would think I would have known better. Apparently not.

All this reminded me of a book I just read. (I read a lot in my retirement.) It's entitled "A Short History of Nearly Everything" by Bill



Rich Glennie

Bryson. It's normally not what I read because it is a mix of science and math (not my strong suits) rolled into a humorous narrative. In other words, I had to think a lot about what I was reading.

I have always claimed that science and math are naturals together. Just like English and history often go together. Bryson's book is a combination of all of that.

But I had to wade through the "Big Bang Theory" and Einstein's "Theory of Relativity" to get to the good parts ... the people behind all these wonderful discoveries. And many of these scientists were quite eccentric, as only Bryson can parlay in his book.

For example, Bryson writes about a family of British intellectuals by the name of Haldane, whom the author called "outstandingly eccentric." The senior Haldane, a professor of physiology at Oxford University, was absent minded as well.

As Bryson writes: "Once after his wife had sent him upstairs to change for a dinner party, he failed to return and was discovered asleep in bed in

his pajamas. When roused, Haldane explained he had found himself disrobing and assumed it was bedtime. His idea of a vacation was to travel to Cornwall to study hookworm in miners."

The younger Haldane never had a degree in science, Bryson writes, but became a brilliant scientist in his own right. Bryson writes that Haldane and his father tested gases and gas masks, "... taking turns to see how long it took them to pass out."

Added Bryson: "Perhaps uniquely among human beings, the younger Haldane found World War I 'a very enjoyable experience' and freely admitted he 'enjoyed the opportunity of killing people.'"

The elder Haldane, in his experiments on himself, broke bones, had collapsed lungs and perforated his ear drums, Bryson writes, and "...in his essays, Haldane wrote '... the drum generally heals up; and if the hole remains, although one is somewhat deaf, one can blow tobacco smoke out of the ear in question, which is a social accomplishment.'"

Byron's book is filled with similar hilarious accounts of people who made such amazing discoveries throughout history, but were just a little ... odd. It is a great read, and you might even learn something.

So mashing my head into an engine block may be a sign of brilliance disguised as odd social behavior. I think I'll stick with that theory.

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



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Question of the week

The Glencoe-Silver Lake School District is considering a trial run of a "Digital/Different Day" to provide learning opportunities to students on snow days. What do you think?

- 1) Go for it. Kids can have fun learning at home.
- 2) Don't do it. There are too many obstacles to overcome.
- 3) I don't know enough to form an opinion.

Results for most recent question:

The state of Minnesota was anticipating a \$1.9 billion surplus as of February 2015. What should the state do with the money?

- 1) Give it back to taxpayers in rebates — 42%
- 2) Spend it on roads and bridges — 39%
- 3) Spend it on education — 10%
- 4) Build up its reserve fund — 9%

79 votes. New question runs March 18 - 24.

Letters to the Editor

No plans to close Lakeside Elementary School

To the Editor:

As we move closer and closer to the May 12 vote, I want to take this time to address a question that has been brought to my attention. It has to do with Lakeside Elementary School.

Over the years, I have had many people tell me that "they have heard" that Lakeside will be closed if the building bond passes. I'm not sure where they heard this, or where

it has been coming from, but it has never come from the district.

I am here to say that Lakeside Elementary School will be the third-through sixth-grade elementary school at GSL if this project passes. I would say that by approval of this vote, this keeps a school in Silver Lake much more likely than if it doesn't pass.

Over the past several years, the district has spent money to add

classrooms, replace windows, and to put in security measures. This building is in good shape, with the exception of about 50 percent of the windows that need to be replaced. This is why we have designated \$250,000 to go toward windows at Lakeside as a part of this project.

The school district facility plan

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Guest Column:

Answers to UWMC questions

By Paul Thompson
United Way of McLeod County (UWMC)

We are proud to be wrapping up our 53rd-annual campaign and 50-plus years of service in the region.

This year has again proven to be an exciting time for us as we continue to work with outstanding partner agencies. Additionally, we are thrilled to continue our 2-1-1 Community Help Line and Dolly Parton's Imagination Library initiatives. It has been a positive learning experience for us, as we campaign throughout all of the zip codes in the county this summer.

We are overwhelmed by the tremendous generosity of individuals, small businesses and corporations throughout the area that have already given or pledged this winter and have pushed us nearer our established campaign need of \$270,000. In this time of budget constraints, we are amazed at the capacity of people to give of themselves.

As we travel throughout the county making campaign presentations this summer, there have been a number of thoughtful questions raised by folks regarding the United Way and its practices. We thought this a great place to answer some frequently asked questions. The following are a few of the questions we receive most often while visiting service clubs, small businesses and corporations.

Is the United Way of McLeod County a local organization?

The United Way of McLeod County is one of 1,200 independent United Ways across the country organized to help improve their communities. While we all share a common name and logo, the United Way of McLeod County is an independent, locally controlled organization governed by a volunteer board of directors from throughout McLeod County.

Why Should I give to the United Way of McLeod County?

The United Way is the most effective way to direct your charitable donations to caring and well-run community programs. Volunteers carefully invest your gift in programs that have proven records of providing life transforming services in a cost-effective manner.

How does United Way invest my gift?

Each year, over 35 trained volunteers work to carefully review the management and effectiveness of the agencies funded and use this information to determine funding levels. This information gathered from the review process is focused on results. The four key factors in these results include: program accountability, demonstrated change in peoples lives, efficiently and effectively run programs, and programs that are responsive to a changing community.

What if I can't afford to

give?
By giving a small amount each pay period through payroll deduction, most working people can afford to contribute. Even a small contribution will help someone who might not otherwise receive help. By giving just \$1 each week, you provide a night of hotel lodging for a homeless family or much needed groceries at a food shelf.

What amount of money raised goes to fund administration?

Over the last eight years, our overhead costs for staff, rent, campaign materials, accounting fees, etc., has averaged 19 percent of money raised. This percentage is well below the Minnesota Charities Review Council's recommended maximum of 30 percent and the Better Business Bureau's guideline of 35 percent for fundraising costs by charities.

Does United Way only help the poor?

United Way works to benefit the entire community. Examples of broad-based services include: emergency food and shelter programs for people who have been affected by a disaster such as a fire, domestic violence prevention and counseling, and family crisis and stability programs. No one knows when a tragedy will strike and when help will be needed. Each of us benefits from living in a peaceful, healthy community.



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Pictured are the Glencoe-Silver Lake fall musical cast members who will be honored at the SpotLight awards ceremony in June. Front row, from left, Katie Twiss,

Julia Gomez, Morgan Dahlke and Rachel Bonderman; and, back row, Katy Kunkel, Tina Bonillo and Travis Uecker. Missing was Lily Kirchoff.

Tickets now available for SpotLight Musical Theatre Awards program

GSL's 'Shrek' cast members to be featured June 15

Cast members from Glencoe-Silver Lake's fall musical, "Shrek," will be among those performing at the SpotLight Musical Theatre Program on Monday, June 15, at 7 p.m., at the State Theatre on Hennepin Avenue in Minneapolis.

Tickets are now on sale and may be obtained by visiting hennepintheatretrust.org, through Ticketmaster by calling 1-800-982-2727, or by visiting a Ticketmaster outlet center. Students who are performing do not need to buy a ticket.

Several GSL "Shrek" cast members and the production as a whole were recognized by the SpotLight Musical Theatre Program, including:

- Honorable mention vocal performance by a chorus.
- Honorable mention acting performance by a chorus.
- Tina Bonilla as Shrek, outstanding performance in a leading role.
- Rachel Bonderman as Fiona, honorable mention performance in a leading role.
- Travis Uecker as Donkey, honorable mention performance in a leading role.
- Julia Gomez as Dragon, honorable mention performance in a supporting role.

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- Katy Kunkel as Gingy, honorable mention performance in a supporting role.

- Katie Twiss as Pinocchio, honorable mention performance in a supporting role.

- Lily Kirchoff as Young Fiona, outstanding performance in a featured role.

- Morgan Dahlke as Teen Fiona, honorable mention performance in a featured role.

The SpotLight Showcase performance will include outstanding overall and production schools; outstanding and honorable mention individual honorees in lead, supporting and featured roles; outstanding student orchestra honorees; Triple Threat semi-finalists and finalists; and featured work from behind-the-scenes honorees.

This year marks the 10th anniversary of SpotLight, the only program of its kind in Minnesota, and has served more than 40,000 students and 100 schools.

SpotLight provides significantly valuable educational, performing and creative experiences that help students develop essential skills for success such as collaboration, critical thinking, problem solving and self-expression. In the program, students work with local and national theatre professionals who offer training, hands-on learning, critical feedback, on-site school workshops and master classes.

This year's SpotLight honors will be performed on two nights, June 14 and June 15, with GSL slated for the Monday, June 15, performance.

Letters to the Editor

Blizzard Blast exceeded fundraising goal

To the Editor:

On behalf of hospice patients and their families, we would like to thank the Glencoe and Hutchinson communities for their support of 2015 Blizzard Blast. We raised a total of \$30,292, which surpassed our \$30,000 goal.

A special thanks to our guests, volunteers, individuals who donated auction items, Rhinestone for providing entertainment, Chef Craig

for donating appetizers and preparing a great meal, Glencoe City Center and Hannah for being so accommodating, Wendy's Wonder Works for helping with decorations, and Dr. John Bergseng for emceeding the event.

We couldn't have achieved this goal without the hard work and dedication of Sara Kramer and the 2015 Blizzard Blast Committee: Lona Oltmann, Gail Rolf, Mary Trnka, Rachel Clausen, Sheri

ri Stamps and Leslie Johnson.

Thanks again for making a difference in the lives of hospice patients and supporting our new music and massage therapists — two important positions that will provide comfort to our friends and loved ones at the end of life.

Ron Bagnall
Allina Health Hospice Foundation

P.S. Please join us next year on Jan. 29 for the 2016 Blizzard Blast.

Stop obstructing the president's goals

To the Editor:

Throughout President Obama's presidency, the opposition party has done nothing but obstruct any actions that would benefit the ordinary citizens of the country. They are totally disrespectful of him, call him a foreigner, a Muslim, and assorted other snarky comments. The actions of Congress have ground to a complete halt where anything he proposes is met with no action, and

compromise is a foreign concept. They continue to grind away at the Affordable Care Act with the Supreme Court to the detriment of their constituents.

This time, however, they have gone a step too far. The actions of the 47 senators who authored the letter to hard line ayatollahs in Iran was borderline treasonous. We have listened to the right wing of the party with their continuous steady stream of

accusations which have no basis in fact and said nothing. The time has come for rational people to stand up and say this is enough. Repeated untruthful comments do not make them so.

Support our duly elected President, who has done an admirable job against all odds.

Jan Conner
Hutchinson

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includes Lakeside. If the district didn't include Lakeside in its facility plans, this would increase the total cost of the upcoming vote considerably. I believe this is an example of

only asking for what we need with the upcoming vote.

So, in summary, as a district, we are not closing Lakeside Elementary School and look forward to having this

facility be in the district for many years to come.

Christopher D. Sonju
Superintendent of Schools



Submitted photo

St. Pius science fair

St. Pius X School fourth graders Jenna Neyers, Samantha Swanlund, Dane Peterson and Damion Schwanz competed in the Holy Trinity Science Fair March 10. Samantha and Jenna were awarded blue ribbons, which qualifies their projects to move on to the regional science fair.

Damion and Dane scored high enough to earn purple ribbons, which is like a grand champion at the fair, and also qualified for the regional science fair, which will be held Saturday, April 25, Minnesota State University, Mankato.

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3rd-grade February Panther Paws

February Panther Paw awards at Glencoe-Silver Lake Lakeside Elementary were announced Friday afternoon. Third-grade honorees included, front row, from left, Gracey Templin, Ashton LaPlante, Gildardo Pacheco, Skyley Askerud and Victor Torres Tobias; and,

back row, Hunter Schmitt, Lillian George, Pedro Sanchez, Erika Urban, Hailey Carrillo and Katie Sibila. Panther Paws are awarded to students who excel in the areas of responsibility, respect and safety.



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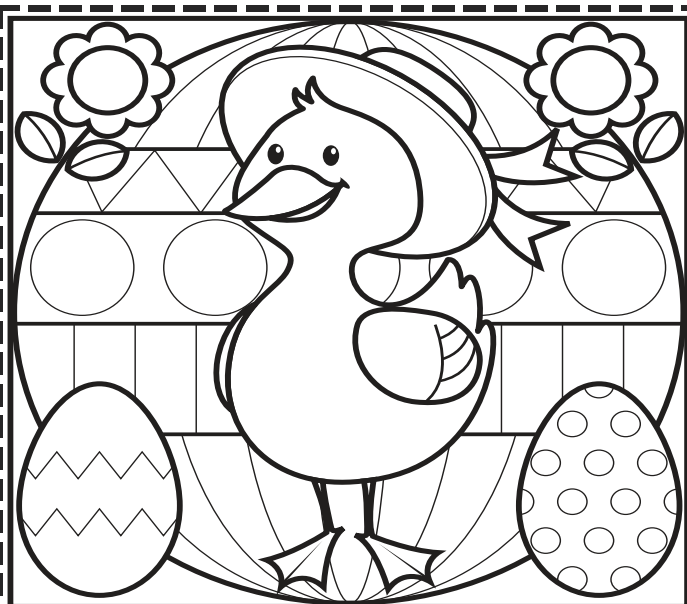
February 4th-grade Panther Paws

February Panther Paw awards were announced Friday, Feb. 27, at Glencoe-Silver Lake Lakeside Elementary. Fourth-grade recipients include, in the front, from left, Marisol Ignacio, Sydney Harpel, Adan Cortez, Parker Simonson, Caleb Schuth, and Ingrid Sanchez; and, back row, Christian

Hoops-Brown, Tristan Ronngren, Michael Headlee, Kassima Pedersen, Jason Arguijo-Amaya, Dominic Steinborn and Dawson Varpness. Not pictured: Connor Sullivan. Panther Paws are awarded to students who excel in the areas of responsibility, respect and safety.

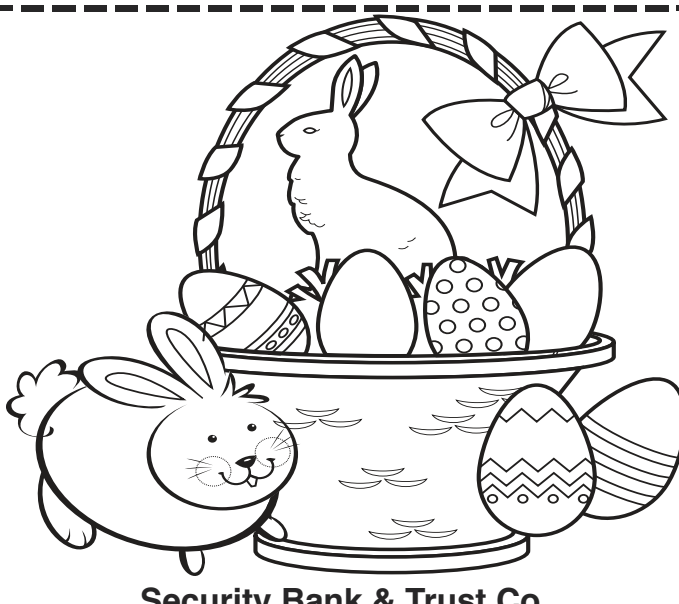
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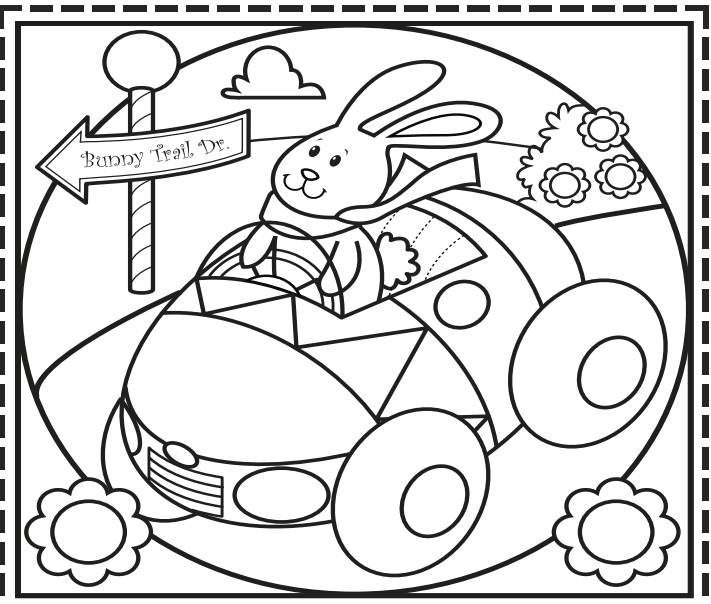
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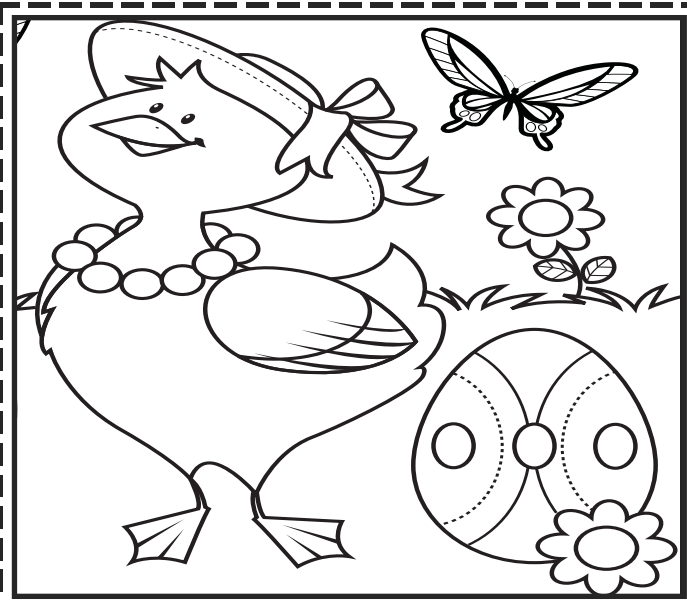
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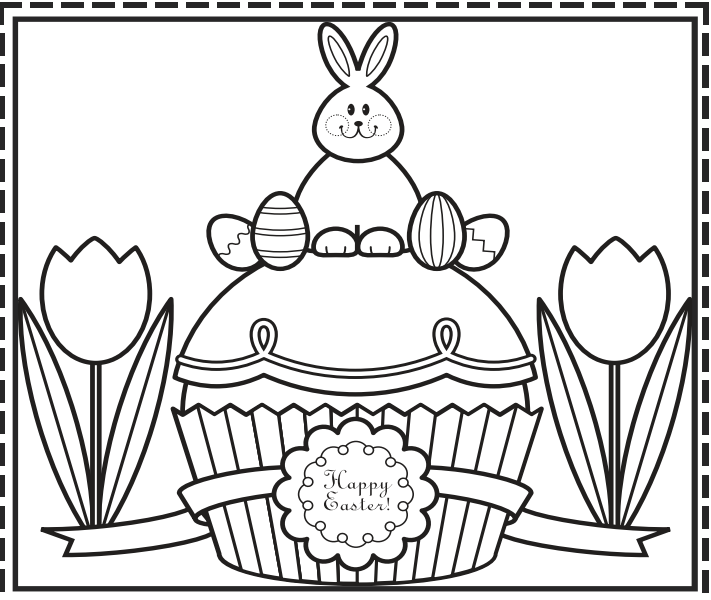
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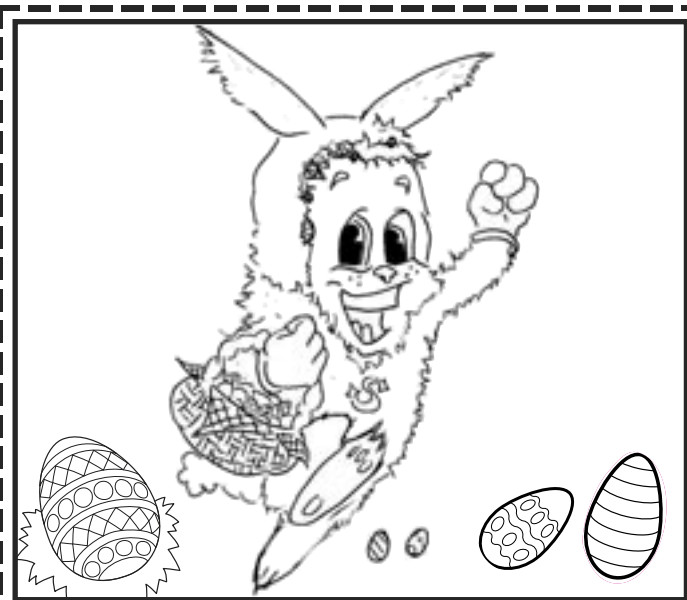
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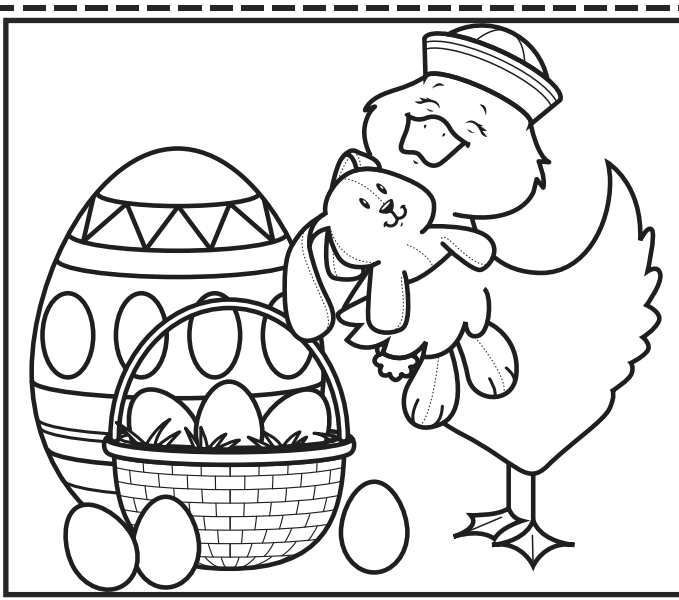
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5th-grade February Panther Paws

Fifth-grade February Panther Paw honorees, announced Feb. 27 at Glencoe-Silver Lake Lakeside Elementary, are, front row, from left, Magdalena Villanueva, Shania TeRonde, Laysa Hernandez, Kody Stoeckman, Christian Ramos and Grace Patnaude; and, back

row, Sofia Mattson, Erik Duvall, Sophia Becker, Azeneth Becerra, Zachery Nowak and Zachery Meyer. Not pictured: Amanda Rosenlund and Kalista Willhite. Panther Paws are awarded to students who excel in the areas of responsibility, respect and safety.

February 6th-grade Panther Paws

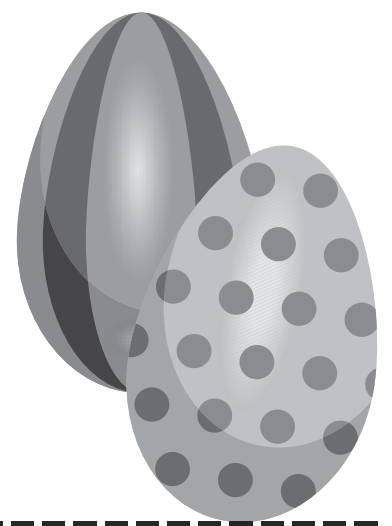
February Panther Paw awards were announced Friday, Feb. 27, at Glencoe-Silver Lake Lakeside Elementary Sixth-grade recipients include, in the front, from left, Zachary Voelz, Jorge Murillo, Tatyana Tkachenko, Mikayla Witte, and Kennedy Wraspir; and, in the back

row, Mason Dietel, Chase Noeldner, Zach Bargmann, Travis Blomer, JoAnna Nowak and Nathan Warner. Not pictured: Olivia Dammann and Rhissa Eiden. Panther Paws are awarded to students who excel in the areas of responsibility, respect and safety.

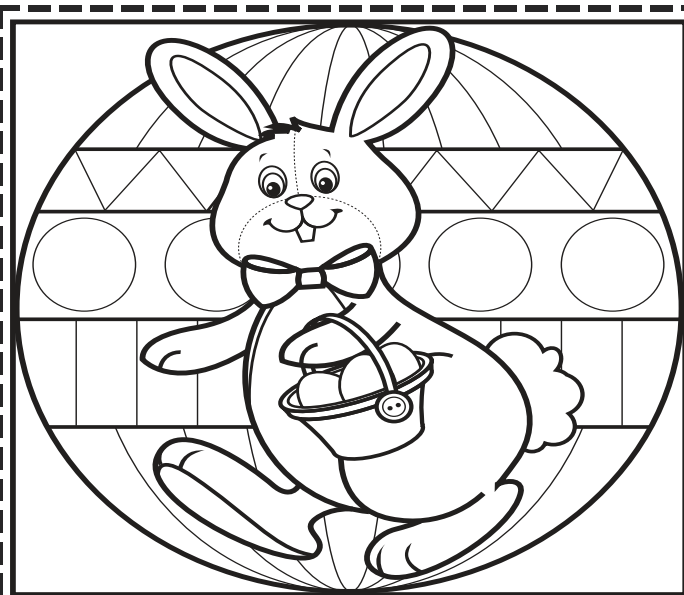
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4. Winners will be announced in the April 1 Chronicle.
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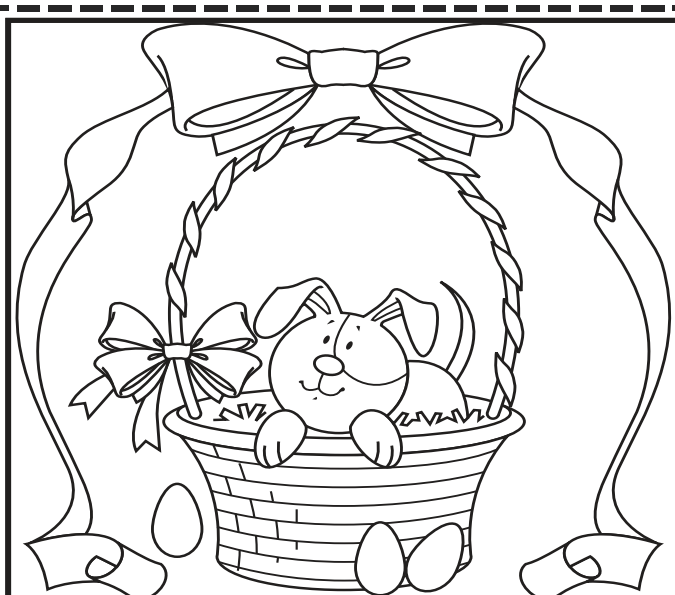


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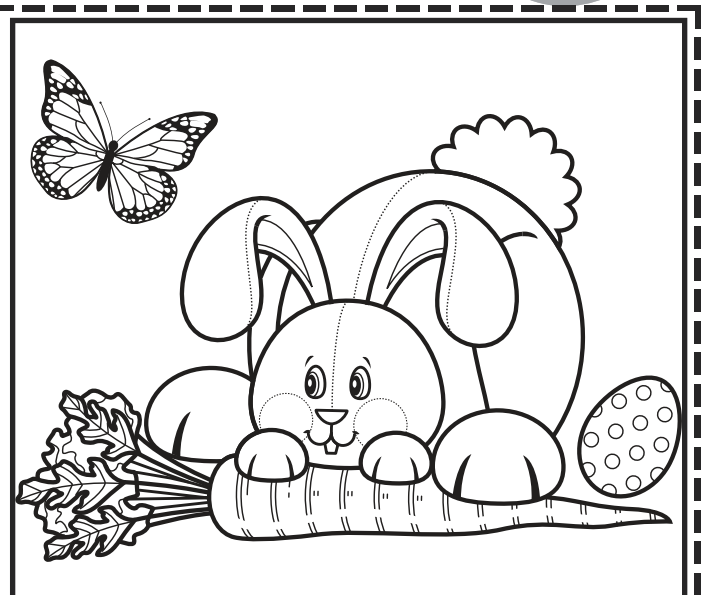
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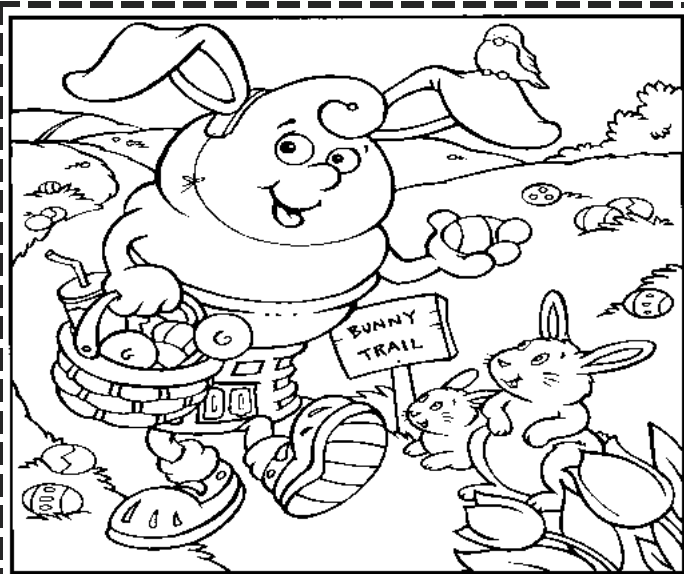
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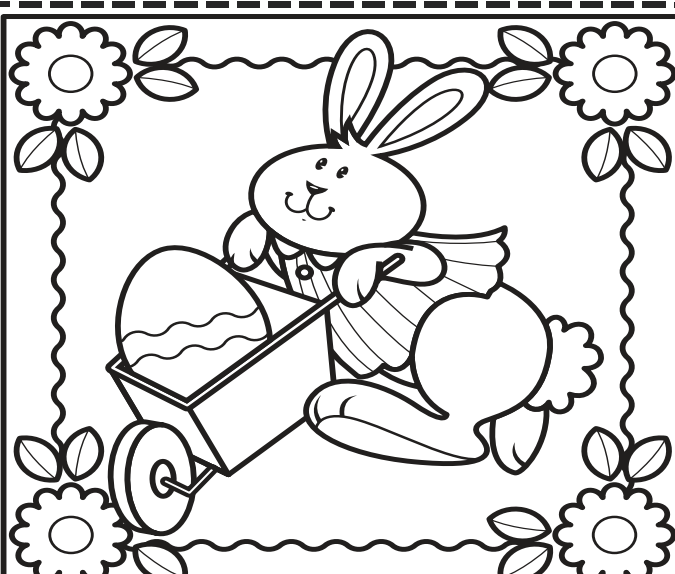
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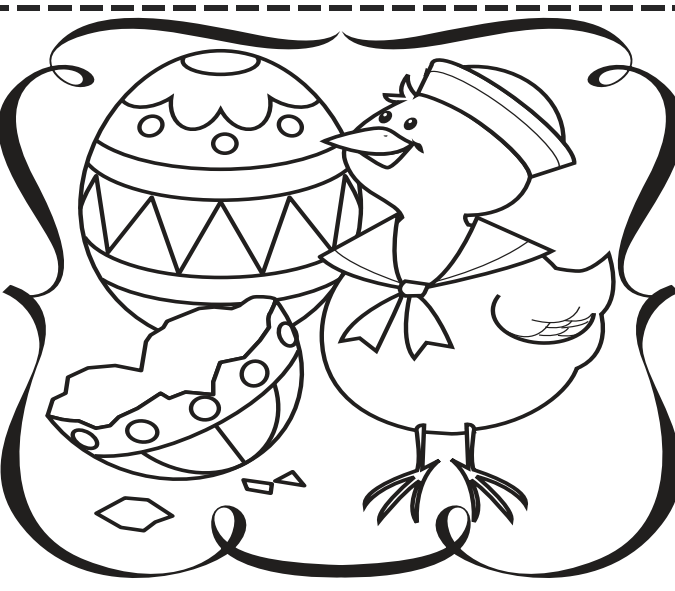
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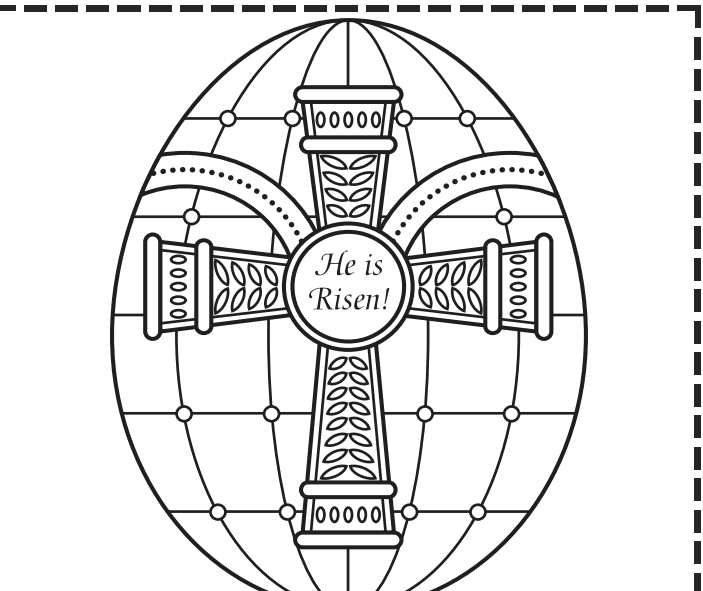
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Big Little Hunting & Fishing Expo set for March 21 in Hutch

The Big Little Hunting & Fishing Expo will be held Saturday, March 21, from 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., in the Commercial Building at the McLeod County Fairgrounds in Hutchinson.

Outdoor-related booths will fill the building. Kids will enjoy such things as baby kangaroos, a live trout pond, minnow races, hands-on fly-tying, bow shooting and much more.

Individuals are invited to bring their racks and mounts (old or new) and have them officially scored at no charge by the Minnesota official measurers.

There will be free seminars throughout the day on such topics as cooking wild game, fly fishing, predator calling, walleye fishing, bow hunting and how to start a hunting

ministry to the physically handicapped.

The Christian Deer Hunters Association also will unveil a brand new audio book (on USB flash drive) of "Devotions for Deer Hunters: Big Book Volume 1." This audio book was written by over 40 different authors and contains 90 different devotional entries. Narrator of this new work is executive treasurer for the Christian Deer Hunters Association, Doug Anderson of Hutchinson.

Admission to the event is for any donation. Parking and seminars are free. Food will be served during the day. Doors open at 9 a.m. For more information, seminar times, auction times and the exhibitors' list, visit www.christiandeerhunters.org or call 320-327-2266.



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Lutheran Schools Week

First Evangelical Lutheran School of Glencoe celebrated a fun and busy Lutheran Schools week March 3-8. Students participated in numerous activities, including "Dress Like a Biblical Character," "Pajama Day," Rock-Paper-Scissors tournament, Bible trivia, and breakfast at church. At the Sunday worship service, all of the teachers and students sang "Walking on a Journey" (pictured above). Following services, events culminated with the eighth-annual First Lutheran School luncheon and auction fundraiser. Approximately 230 people enjoyed a delicious soup and sandwich luncheon. A silent auction fea-

tured 234 items, all generously donated by students, groups, individuals and area businesses. Some competitive bidding was generated at the live auction; of special note was a 1-pound package of freshly made gritswurst that sold for \$90! Numerous volunteers, matching funds from National Mutual and Thrivent Financial, and generous donors and attendees raised more than \$13,400. First Evangelical Lutheran School serves the Glencoe and surrounding communities by providing an education with Christian values.



Early Childhood Family Education

Preschool registration now open

GSL Preschool registration is now open for next year!

There are some exciting changes for 2015-2016. Transportation within the GSL District is now included with tuition. There also is a new preschool class: 1+1. One day/week children attend class with a parent/grandparent, and one day they attend class on their own. Along with transportation, preschool tuition also offers parent-child classes, monthly parent seminars, and local field trips. Preschool registration is ongoing until classes are full. Preschool registration packets are available in the ECFE office, or you may print them from the GSL website, www.gsl.k12.mn.us, (select "COMM ED/ECFE" tab). E-mail gslecfe@gsl.k12.mn.us or call 320-864-2681 for more information or to schedule a visit.

Please join ECFE at Unhinged! Pizza of Glencoe on Monday, March 23, from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m., for a tip night. Ridgewater College Helping Hands Club is working at the event and money raised will be donated to: Glencoe-Silver Lake Early Childhood Family Education/Preschool and Hutchinson Early Childhood Family Education. Unhinged! Pizza is located at 2408 Ninth St. E., Glencoe.

Silver Lake senior citizens have meeting

The Silver Lake Senior Citizens met Monday, March 9, at the Silver Lake Auditorium, with 30 members present.

March birthdays were Laura Kaczmarek and Kathy Kaczmarek. March anniversary was Roger and Genny Lhotka, who celebrated 50 years of marriage.

The cards at Cedar Crest will be March 18 at 1:30 p.m. The Silver Lake Lions sausage supper was March 12. The next county quarterly meeting will be April 15.

A donation was received from the Dolores Shimanski family.

The next regular meeting will be April 13 at 1:30 p.m. The lunch committee will be Hubert and Margaret Scherman and Mary Jaskowiak.

31 winners were Yvonne Urban and Doris Wrapsir. 500 winners were Tony Victorian, Genny Lhotka, Ed Goode, Richard Kosek, Judy Penas, Gary Kaczmarek, Marcella Pokornowski, LeRoy Penas, Don Benz and Delonis Goede.

Williams-Schwarze joins NSCS scholar society

Kayla Ann Williams-Schwarze of Glencoe has accepted membership into The National Society of Collegiate Scholars (NSCS).



Kayla Williams-Schwarze

She is a 2014 graduate of Glencoe-Silver Lake High School, and currently is a freshman at Winona State University, where she is studying theatre.

"NSCS is more than just a symbol of academic achievement," said Stephen E. Loflin, NSCS founder and chief executive officer.

"Membership gives students access to a number of amazing benefits, including career and networking resources, scholarships, travel and service projects both on campus and in the community."

NSCS is a member of the Association of College Honor Societies and is the nation's only interdisciplinary honors organization for first-year and second-year college students. Membership is by invitation only, based on grade point average and class standing. NSCS has over a million lifetime members and 300 chapters in all 50 states, the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico.

For more information about NSCS, call 202-265-9000, or visit its website at nscs.org.

People

Girl for Silver Lake couple

Robert Cripps and Victoria Wendorff of Silver Lake announce the arrival of a daughter, Raelyn Jaymes Cripps, born Thursday, March 5, 2015, at Glencoe Regional Health Services. Raelyn weighed 7 pounds, 2 ounces, and was 18½ inches in length at birth. Her sibling is Aaliyah Hofmeister. Grandparents are Jay Wendorff of Brownton, Cheryl Artmann of Glencoe and Scott and Joyce Cripps of Hutchinson.

Son born to Glencoe family

Marc and Leah Cathey of Glencoe announce the arrival of a son, Jonah Leander Cathey, who was born Friday, March 6, 2015, at Glencoe Regional Health Services. Jonah weighed 7 pounds, 5 ounces, and was 20½ inches in length. He joins a brother, Gabriel, and sisters, Emma, Veronica and Iris. Grandparents are Gene and Barb Seipel of Glencoe and Angela Cathey of Washougal, Wash.

Daughter for Mathews family

Shandon and Brittany Mathews of Lester Prairie announce the birth of a daughter, Lia Shandi Mathews, born Monday, March 2, 2015, at Glencoe Regional Health Services. Lia weighed 7 pounds, 4 ounces, and was 19 inches long at birth. She joins brothers Broc, age 6, and Keaton, age 4. Grandparents are Virgil and Lynn Mathews of Glencoe and Steven Dunham and Rebecca Clarkin of New Ulm.

Son for Buffalo Lake couple

Andrew Arneson and Venessa Green of Buffalo Lake announce the birth of their son, Huntley Steven Arneson, born Thursday, Feb. 26, 2015, at Glencoe Regional Health Services. Huntley weighed 7 pounds, 5 ounces, and was 20 inches long at birth. His sibling is Brooklyn. Grandparents are Cindy and Tyr Gustafson of Cokato and Glencoe, Rob and Michelle Arneson of Howard Lake, and Sherri Arneson of Buffalo Lake.

Daughter born to couple

Eric Godinez and Isabel Alvarado of Gaylord announce the birth of their daughter, Destiny Mae Godinez, born Tuesday, Feb. 24, 2015, at Glencoe Regional Health Services. Destiny weighed 6 pounds, 5 ounces, and was 20 inches long at birth. Her siblings are Isabella, Anahii and Rubii. Grandparents are Gerardo and Amanda Godinez of Gaylord and Adalia Alvarado of Glencoe.

SL couple announces birth

Anna Hawk and Bryon Spring of Silver Lake announce the birth of Nash Donnavin Roach Spring, born Friday, Feb. 27, 2015, at Hutchinson Health. Nash's siblings are Annamaria Falcon, Noah Falcon and Alycia Subak. Grandparents are Donna and Marvin Roach of Silver Lake, Andy Spring of Silver Lake and Kathie Strohl of Plymouth.



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Plato blood drive

The Red Cross blood drive held Feb. 26 at Lighthouse Church, Plato, netted 51 units of blood. The goal was 43 units. Pictured above are, front, Ken and Myra Franke, blood drive coordinators, and, back, Samantha Schilling and Jenna Smith, volunteers from Ridgewater College. Volunteers put in a cumulative 63 hours at the blood drive. The next Plato blood drive will be Wednesday, June 24, at Lighthouse Church.

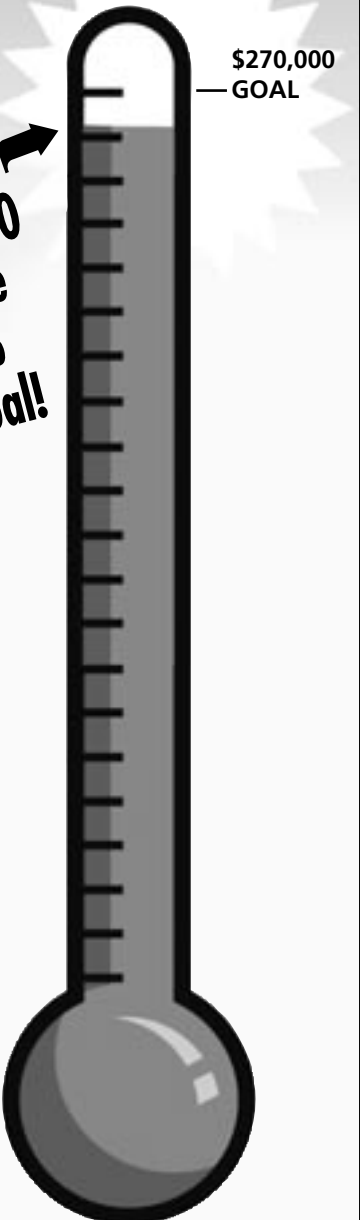
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GSL High School pillars of character

February "pillars of character" at Glencoe-Silver Lake High School include, front row from left, Daniela Acevedo, Maddie Monahan, Ethan Wolff and Sloan Becker; and, back, Mitch Pinske, Teddy Petersen, Jacob Popelka, Alex Romando and Eric Villnow. Missing are Mitch Rolf and Hunter Eiden.



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GSL High School students of the month

Glencoe-Silver Lake High February students of the month are, front from left, Zoe Christensen, Roxanna Sanchez and Isabell Mallak; and, back, Alexis Salgado and Austin Keck. Missing is Brent Duenow.



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7th-grade students of the month

Glencoe-Silver Lake Lincoln Junior High seventh-grade February students of the month are, front from left, Ashanthi Guardado, health; Jack Becker, agriculture/industrial technology; and Reece Schwirtz, pre-algebra; and, back, Jennifer Ramos, English; Mia LaPlante, science; and Kayla Salmela, music. Not pictured: Noe Hernandez, social studies; and Lydia Schmiege, choir.



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8th-grade students of the month

Glencoe-Silver Lake Lincoln Junior High eighth-grade February students of the month are, front from left, Charles Urban, science; Madelynn Brown, history; and Kaleigh Rumrill, physical education; and, back, Kaitlyn Uecker, band; Justine Helmbrecht, English; Courtney Larsen, art; and Madison Franck, algebra.

Menus

March 23 - 27 Millie Beneke Manor of Glencoe, Brownston, Stewart and Silver Lake Senior Nutrition Sites

Monday — Hamburger, baked beans, peaches, bun with margarine, ice cream, low-fat milk.

Tuesday — Pork loin, whole parried potatoes, carrots, dinner roll with margarine, frosted cake, low-fat milk.

Wednesday — Chicken ala king, mixed vegetables, fruit salad, rice, cookie, low-fat milk.

Thursday — Hot beef sandwich, mashed potatoes and gravy, stewed tomatoes, bread with margarine, pudding, low-fat milk.

Friday — Tuna noodle casserole, peas, cole slaw, bread with margarine, rosy pears, low-fat milk.

Glencoe-Silver Lake Helen Baker Lunch

Monday — Crispy chicken patty sandwich, baked crinkle fries, celery sticks, apple half, chilled peaches.

Tuesday — Macaroni and cheese, whole-grain bread stick, green beans, broccoli florets, banana, chilled applesauce.

Wednesday — Whole-grain pancakes, scrambled eggs, tator tots, baby carrots, green grapes, pineapple tidbits.

Thursday — Whole-grain chicken nuggets, mashed potatoes, chicken gravy, sliced cucumbers, orange wedges, chilled pears.

Friday — Cheese pizza, vegetarian baked beans, baby carrots, apple half, chilled fruit cocktail.

Glencoe-Silver Lake Lakeside Lunch

Monday — Crispy chicken patty sandwich, turkey and cheese sandwich, baked crinkle fries, celery sticks, apple half, chilled peaches.

Tuesday — Macaroni and cheese, double-cheese chef salad, whole-grain bread stick, green beans, broccoli florets, banana, chilled applesauce.

Wednesday — Whole-grain french toast sticks, scrambled eggs, ham and American cheese

sandwich, tator tots, baby carrots, green grapes, pineapple tidbits.

Thursday — Whole-grain chicken nuggets, tea biscuit, turkey and cheese sandwich, mashed potatoes, chicken gravy, sliced cucumbers, orange wedges, chilled pears.

Friday — Cheese pizza, pizza bagel fun lunch, vegetarian baked beans, baby carrots, apple half, chilled fruit cocktail.

Glencoe-Silver Lake Junior, Senior High Lunch

Monday — Seasoned taco beef, tortilla chips, steamed brown rice, creamy cheddar cheese sauce, Mexican-style refried beans, fajita-style chicken, romaine, tomato and cheddar garnish, cheese pizza, pepperoni pizza, deli selections, citrus kidney and northern bean salad, baby carrots, apple, pineapple tidbits.

Tuesday — Popcorn chicken, mashed potatoes, chicken gravy, tea biscuit, seasoned carrots, cheese pizza, Italian sausage pizza, deli selections, marinated tomato and cucumber salad, broccoli florets, banana, chilled applesauce.

Wednesday — Mini turkey corn dogs, vegetarian baked beans, season fries, cheese pizza, beef taco pizza, deli selections, confetti cole slaw, cherry tomatoes, apple, chilled peaches.

Thursday — Whole-grain rotini, fajita-style chicken, whole-grain bread stick, seasoned broccoli, creamy alfredo sauce, marinara

sauce, cheese pizza, chicken alfredo and broccoli pizza, deli selections, caesar salad, jicama sticks, orange wedges, chilled pears.

Friday — Whole-grain french toast sticks, scrambled eggs, pork sausage patty, tator tots, cheese pizza, pepperoni pizza, deli selections, sweet-corn and pepper salad, baby carrots, apple, chilled fruit cocktail.

First Lutheran School

Monday — French toast sticks, ham patty, tator tots, applesauce, milk.

Tuesday — Tator-tot hotdish, mixed vegetables, pears, bread, milk.

Wednesday — Mini corn dogs, baked beans, peaches, wheat bread, milk.

Thursday — Au gratin potatoes and ham, pineapple, bread, milk.

Friday — Pizza, caesar salad, peaches, tortilla chips, milk.

St. Pius X School

Monday — Hot dog, vegetables, fruit.

Tuesday — Chicken patty on a bun, vegetables, fruit.

Wednesday — Sloppy joe, vegetables, fruit.

Thursday — Hot ham sandwich, vegetables, fruit.

Friday — Italian dunkers, vegetables, fruit.



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Community-schools lunch

The Glencoe-Silver Lake School District hosted one of its community-schools lunches Friday at noon. The community-schools concept brings community leaders and students together to share common interests and learn more about activities at the school. Above, the Mock Trial team, which came just shy of competing at the state level, talked about its season. At left, Business Manager Michelle Sander gave a brief overview of the district's proposed building addition and improvements. The school district is planning a special election May 12 on the proposed \$24 million project, which includes an addition to the junior-senior high campus to host kindergarten through second-grade students.

Sober Farm Continued from page 1

Jacques said the goal is to have residents learn accountability for themselves. Plus, the program would be more costly with one more salary to pay and have one less person it can help.

There would be no guests allowed during the week, just family on weekends. The

focus is on working with recovering alcoholics.

At the public hearing, Charles Vacek said he lives three-quarters of a mile away and was not notified, finding out at work. Gasow said a notice was in the paper and letters went to neighbors within a half mile of the home.

A resident who lives near the Sober Farm said she does not like the chance of putting her three small children in danger. Plus, nobody would want to move next to a Sober Farm.

The vote to approve with the conditions added passed unanimously.

Record

Glencoe Police

TUESDAY, MARCH 10

8:09 a.m. — An officer investigated a possible criminal sexual conduct incident.

10:42 a.m. — An officer responded to a blight issue on Ninth Street E, and documented a vehicle with no tires and a pile of tires in the backyard.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 11

5:22 p.m. — The police department received a report of possible drug activity in the area of Fir Avenue N and Basswood Street W. The reporting party said adults were smoking and the reporting party "did not think it was a cigarette." However, the people were gone before an officer arrived.

THURSDAY, MARCH 12

2:24 a.m. — An officer responded to an animal complaint on 15th Street E, in which a dog had reportedly been barking for two hours.

10:25 p.m. — Officers and the Glencoe Ambulance responded to a medical on Greeley Avenue. A female was taken by ambulance to the hospital.

FRIDAY, MARCH 13

4:35 a.m. — An administrative citation for sound amplification in violation of the city ordinance was issued on Ash Street.

9:43 a.m. — An officer and the Glencoe Ambulance responded to a medical emergency on 13th Street E.

10:58 a.m. — An elderly woman fell at an address on Prairie Avenue, and was taken by ambulance to the emergency room.

12:04 p.m. — A woman reported that she found a note on her vehicle on Greeley Avenue saying someone had hit the vehicle. However, there was no sign of damage to the vehicle, and no one in the area saw the accident nor knew who would have left the note.

12:28 p.m. — An issue of identity theft and theft from a debit card was reported on 14th Street.

2:01 p.m. — Officers assisted the Minnesota State Patrol with an incident in the area of Highway 7 and Fox Avenue near Silver Lake.

2:18 p.m. — A gas drive-off was reported at a station on Ninth Street E.

2:27 p.m. — An officer took a report of a possible scam on Queen Avenue N.

9:33 p.m. — An officer received a complaint of a male screaming and yelling outside on Birch Avenue N. An officer sat in the area for over 10 minutes and did not hear anything.

10:55 p.m. — A men's 21-speed bicycle was found by the old café on 12th Street.

11:49 p.m. — A person on Ranger Drive reported that her brother-in-law had swallowed his hearing aid. He was taken by ambulance to the emergency room.

SATURDAY, MARCH 14

4:04 a.m. — A driver was arrested for driving after revocation and no insurance at a traffic stop in the area of 11th Street and Baldwin Avenue. There also was a McLeod County warrant for the driver's arrest for driving after revocation and no insurance.

12:20 p.m. — Water was reported to be running inside a vacant residence on Baxter Avenue N. The residence was a rental property with no current tenants. The city was contacted to shut off the water, and the property owner was notified of the issue.

SUNDAY, MARCH 15

3:02 a.m. — An officer responded to a disturbance on Baxter Avenue N.

3:44 p.m. — A gas drive-off was reported at Casey's on 13th Street E. An officer contacted the car's owner, who said he will return to pay for the gas.

MONDAY, MARCH 16

12:14 p.m. — The police department received a report of a hurt cat on 15th Street E. When an officer arrived, there was no one around to point out the injured cat, but there was one present that took off when the officer got out of his squad.

3:18 p.m. — A driver was cited for not having a valid license at a traffic stop that was the result of a driving complaint on 16th Street E.

9:18 p.m. — A resident on 12th Street E reported a possible Internet scam involving Craig's List.

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