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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 sys-

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

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 flood-

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

"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

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 offend-

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 1%bathrooms, four bedrooms, a mediation room, three-season porch, large eat-in kitchen and living

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 neces-

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Chronicle photos by Lori Copler

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





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

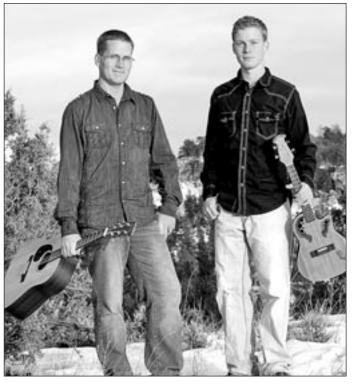
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Chronicle News and **Advertising Deadlines**

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, Starry's Embroidery, or by e-mailing the FFA advisor at rhaddad@gsl.k12.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 admis-

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, parslied 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 Audito-

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

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 IN-CREASE.

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

• 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 Copler **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

"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-

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

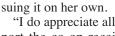
Bill Gessner of Co-op Development Services also said that a cooperative in Glencoe just was not feasible. Gessner indicated the cooperative needed about 1,000 members and \$250,000 to \$400,000 on hand "before we could even consider opening our doors. He told us it would take years of hard work and we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

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-



"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.





Special showing on Thurs., THE GUNMAN and 8 p.m. for DIVERGENT: INSURGENT American Sniper & McFarland will NOT play Thursday Evening.

Easter EggstraVaganZa Saturday, April 4 • 12-2 p.m.

Lighthouse Church (formerly Discover Church) 10478 Bell Ave • Hwy 212, Plato For more information, please call Pastor Paul at 320-310-2117 Huge Easter Egg Hunt - Bounce Houses - Games - Popcorn Food - Cup Cake Walk - Drawings for Bikes & Easter Baskets Cost: FREE

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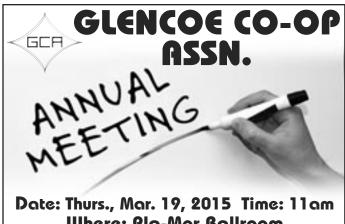
Buffalo Creek Watershed Marsh Water Project Phase 3 Implementation Timeline and Cost Allocation

Tuesday, March 31 5-7 p.m. **Glencoe City Center**

We will be going through the process of the Basic Water Management Project.

Senior Room





Where: Pla-Mor Ballroom 9th & Stevens • Glencoe LUNCH WILL FOLLOW MEETING.

If you are interested in running for the Board of Directors, contact our office by Friday, March 13. Qualifications required, call for details, 320-864-5561.

Vehicle damages shooting range The shooting range at the

Green Isle Sportsman Park was damaged by a vehicle last week, according to the Sibley County Sheriff's Of-

The park is located about three miles southwest of Green Isle.

On Wednesday, March 11, it was reported that a vehicle drove on the grass, causing extensive damage.

The sheriff's office is seeking information about the incident, and may be contacted at 507-237-4330, or 1-888-880-4567.

CINEMAGIC Century 9 (320)234-6800 766 Century Avenue • Hutchinson SHOWTIMES GOOD FROM 3/20-3/26/ THE DIVERGENT SERIES: INSURGENT (2D) PG-13 No Passes! Fri 4:00 7:00 9:35; Sat-Sun 1:00 4:00 THE DIVERGENT SERIES: INSURGENT (3D) PG-13 No Passes Or Discount Tickets! 3D Surcharge Fri 4:10 7:10 9:45; Sat-Sun 1:10 4:10 10 9:45: Mon-Thurs 4:10 7:10 9:45 DO YOU BELIEVE? PG-13 No Passes! Fri 4:15 7:05 9:35; Sat-Sun 1:15 4:15 7:05 9:35; Mon-Thurs 4:15 7:05 9:35 **THE GUNMAN** *R No Passes!* Fri 4:20 7:10 9:40; Sat-Sun 1:20 4:20 9:40; Mon-Thurs 4:20 7:10 9:40 CINDERELLA PG No Passes! Fri 4:15 7:00 9:25; Sat-Sun 1:15 4:15 7:00 9:25: Mon-Thurs 4:15 7:00 9:25 RUN ALL NIGHT R No Passes! Fri 4:30 7:15 9:40; Sat-Sun 1:30 4:30 7:15 9:40; Mon-Thurs 4:30 7:15 9:40 **UNFINISHED BUSINESS** *R* Fri 4:30 7:30 9:40; Sat-Sun 1:30 4:30 7:30 9:40; Mon-Thurs 4:30 7:30 9:40

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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

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 bigband 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 University. 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 experi-

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

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 Sloot, 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 Sloot 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

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 prop-

erties to the north of the city. "I don't think so," Keehn

'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 30inch 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

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

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

"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

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

Townships hold annual meetings; some also have elections of officials

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 Maiers 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 reorts 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 Mickolichek was re-elected supervisor for three years with 117 votes, while challenger Ross Jurek received 48 votes. Colleen Kaczmarek was re-elected treasurer with

Murder-

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Two people are dead as a

result of an apparent murder-

suicide that occurred in Nor-

wood Young America (NYA)

According to the Carver

County Sheriff's Office,

Mylo Willis Leistiko, 51, ap-

parently shot and killed

Lanaea Ann Harrison, 23, in

the house they shared at 920

Preserve Boulevard in Nor-

wood Young America. He

placed her body in a water-

fowl decoy bag, then turned

the gun on himself and com-

A preliminary investigation

indicates that Leistiko and

Harrison were involved in a

Leistiko's body was dis-

covered by a roommate of

the couple at about 5:07 p.m.

Wednesday, March 11. He

immediately called law en-

forcement officials, who dis-

covered Harrison's body in a

subsequent search of the resi-

The incident remains under

investigation by the Carver

County Sheriff's Office and

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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 received 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 currenty levy of \$110,000 for 2016. McLeod Count sheriff's deputy Scott Wawrzyniak was present to answer ques-

Rich Valley — Residents established the levy at \$62,000 for road and bridge, and \$1,000 each for the general 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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'Right to Try' proposal draws support, criticism

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

e have all become familiar with "right to die" legislative efforts, in which the dying are allowed to authorize the cessastion 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.

Feel strongly about an issue?

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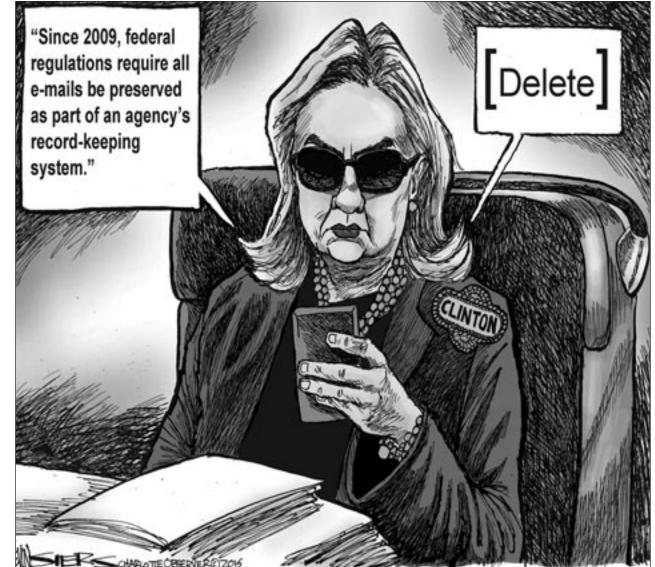
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through a letter to the editor.

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— L.С



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!"

the corner.

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

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?

Go for it. Kids can have fun learning at home.
 Don't do it. There are too many obstacles to overcome.
 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?

Give it back to taxpayers in rebates — 42%
 Spend it on roads and bridges — 39%
 Spend it on education — 10%
 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:

Letters

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 deal 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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Ben Franklin wrote in the Pennsylvania Gazette in 1731: "If printers were determined not to print anything till they were sure it would offend nobody there would be very little printed."



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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 or-

On behalf of hospice pa-

tients and their families, we

would like to thank the Glen-

coe and Hutchinson commu-

nities for their support of

2015 Blizzard Blast. We

raised a total of \$30,292,

which surpassed our \$30,000

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guests, volunteers, individu-

als who donated auction

items, Rhinestone for provid-

ing entertainment, Chef Craig

Letters to the Editor

ganization?

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

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

Blizzard Blast exceeded fundraising goal

for donating appetizers and

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helping with decorations, and

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We couldn't have achieved

ing the event.

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

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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loved ones at the end of life.

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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 Spot-Light 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

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 perform-

ance in a supporting role. · 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

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-

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.



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Stop obstructing the president's goals

To the Editor:

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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 con-

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

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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

with the upcoming vote. trict, we are not closing Lake-

only asking for what we need

So, in summary, as a dis-

side 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 Nevers, Samantha Swanlund, Dane Peterson and Damion Schwartz 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

Glencoe Subway

Free Kids' Packs

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, Skyler 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

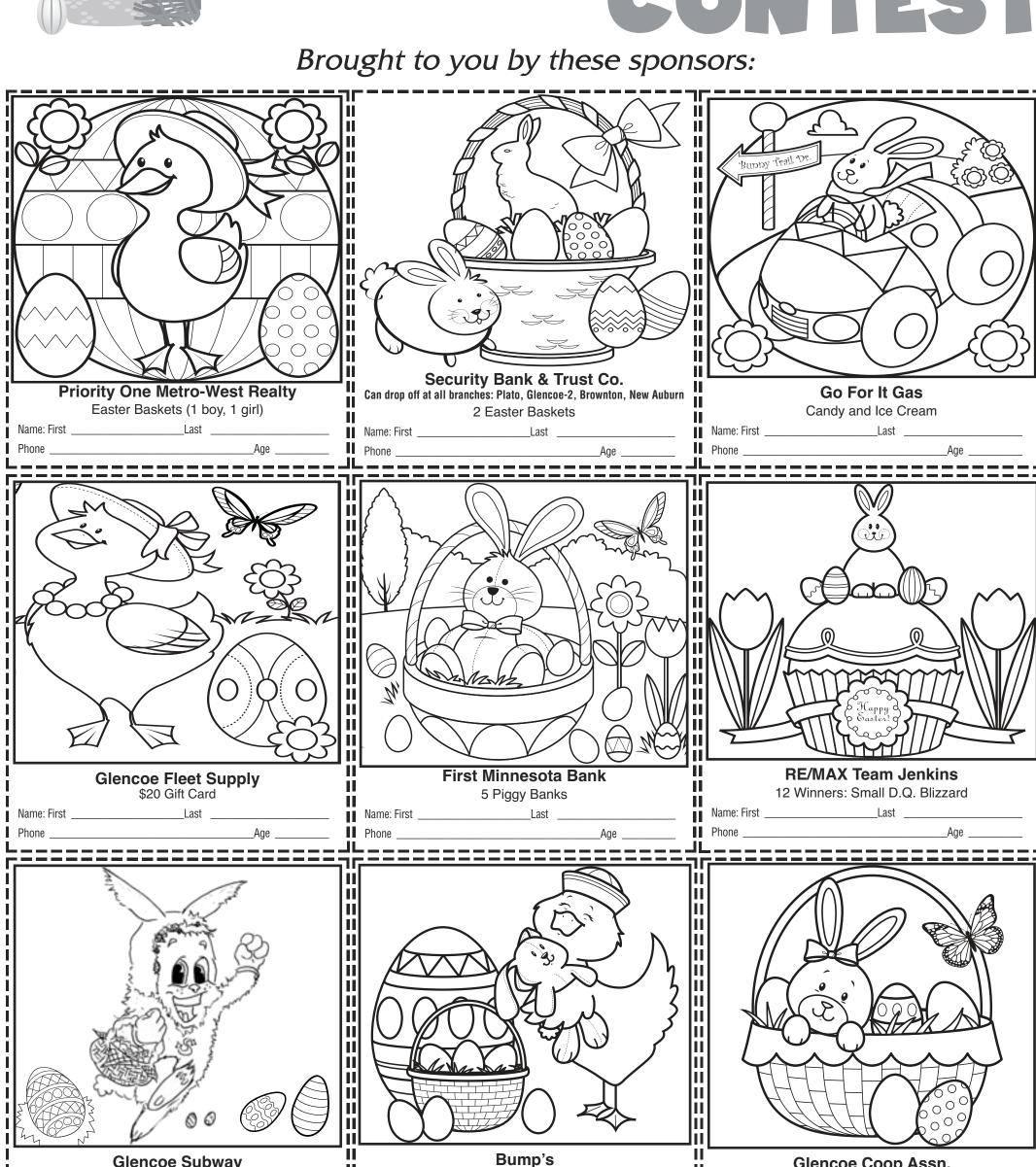
Hoops-Brown, Tristan Ronngren, Michael Headlee, Kassima Pedersen, Jason Arguijo-Amaya, Dominic Steinborn and Dawson Varpness. Not pictured: Connor Sullivan. Panther Paws are awarded to students who excel in the areas of responsibility, respect and

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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 Vil-Ianueva, Shania TeRonde, Laysha 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 Sixthgrade recipients include, in the front, from left, Zachary Voelz, Jorge Murillo, Tatyana Tkachencko, 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.

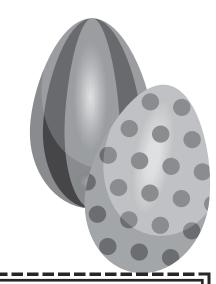
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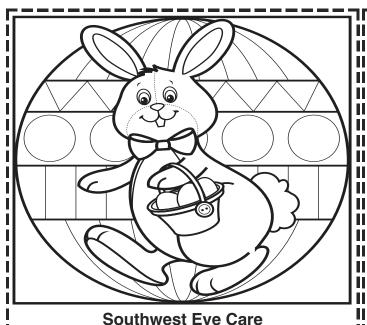
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- 3. You must have your entries to the participating stores by 5 p.m. March 27.

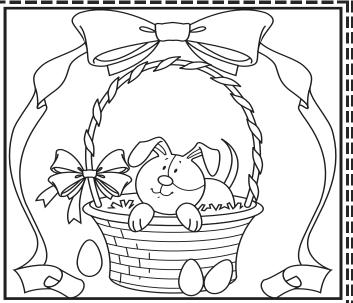
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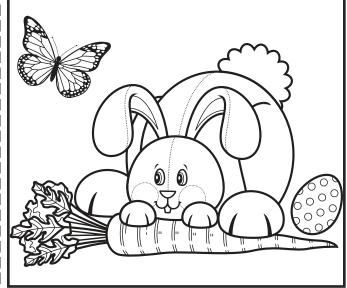




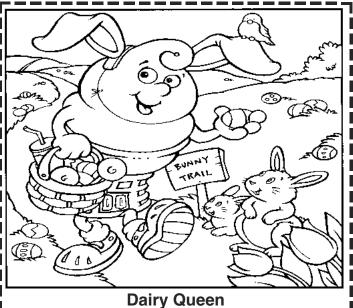
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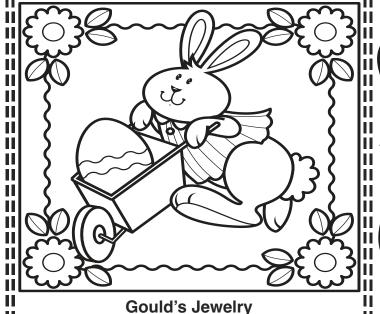
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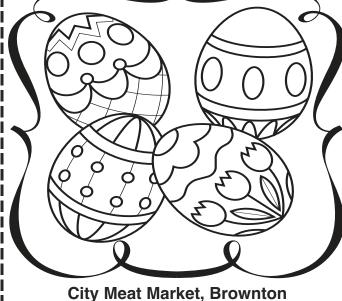
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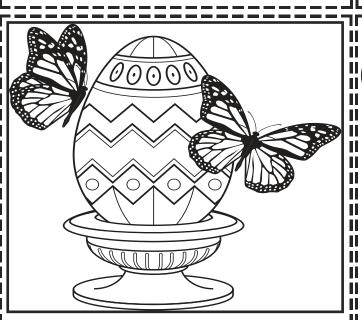
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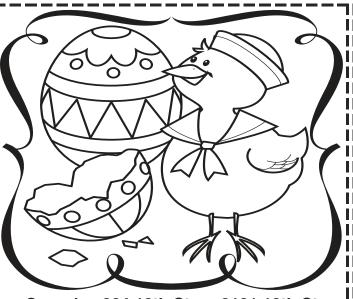
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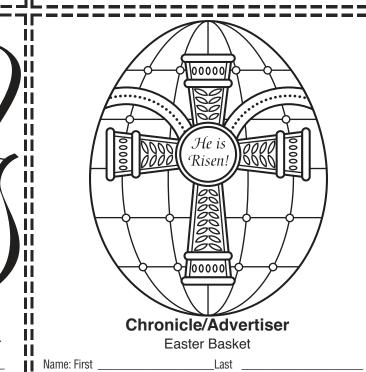
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Casey's - 804 13th St. or 2101 10th St. Can drop pictures off at both locations. 2 winners - Small 1-topping pizza for each winner ___ Name: First ______Last _____



Brownton facing up to \$12.5 million in improvements over next 25 years

By Lori Copler **Editor**

Addressing Brownton's most critical infrastructure needs could take several years and cost up to \$12.5 million, the Brownton City Council heard at a special meeting Tuesday, March 10.

John Rodeberg of Short Elliott Hendrickson (SEH), the city's engineering firm, presented the City Council with a preliminary engineering report. SEH is preparing the report so the city can qualify for funding from the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Rural Development program.

Rodeberg said the USDA requires an extensive, comprehensive report for consideration for funding, which may include both grants and low-interest loans.

The city actually has more needs than what will be submitted to the USDA, Rodeberg said, but the city's auditors and its financial consultant, David Drown Associates, suggested "finding a middle ground - what you can afford," said Rodeberg.

Rodeberg said SEH looked at all of the city's needs for the long term, and then prioritized them by the greatest

If the city qualifies for the USDA program, it will still need to levy to repay the

loans, "and this could take up your debt capacity for the next 30 to 40 years," said Rodeberg. "We need to make sure you can continue to operate while paying off your

Rodeberg said the USDA will provide grant funding for up to 40 percent of the cost to improve the sanitary sewer, but not the storm sewer and water system. The storm sewer and water improvements need to be funded through low-interest loans.

City Clerk Ella Kruse asked if the city could qualify for more grants if it tried again to have residents answer surveys regarding their

The city's median income, if low enough, could qualify it for more grants, she added.

A survey attempted by the City Council a couple of years ago found the city to be about a quarter-percent shy of meeting the standards.

Part of that, Kruse indicated, is because some people refused to fill out the survey.

Although the surveys are anonymous, Rodeberg said some people just don't like giving out their financial information.

Kruse said it might be worth another try if it was explained to residents that qualifying for more grants would help reduce the taxpayer portion of any improvements.

Rodeberg said he would take it up with the SEH staff.

Rodeberg said the improvements would be done in three phases, with the bulk being done right away in 2016 and 2017, at an estimated cost of \$6.8 million. About \$800,000 of that total will come in grant funding, the rest in lowinterest loans.

The first phase includes sewer lining, open-cut construction for water and sewer repairs and short-term lift station upgrades, Rodeberg said.

The first phase would include work under city streets and in city alleys.

The second phase, slated for 2021 or later, will include similar work done under the county-owned streets in the city limits.

"The county recently did some street work in town," said Rodeberg, who added that the city will try to coordinate its work with when the county next plans a road rehab project in the city.

"Hopefully, we can share some costs," said Rodeberg.

The second-phase costs are estimated at \$4 million, with about 10 percent, or \$400,000, in grant funding.

The final phase, scheduled for 2041, is to reconstruct the lift stations at an estimated cost of \$1.7 million, with about of \$650,000 of that funded through a grant.

Rodeberg said his estimates "are somewhat high, and include contingencies," and that he hopes the actual costs will

Rodeberg said the first phase is being spread over two years in hopes of drawing better bids, since more smaller contractors will be able to bid.

Doing the whole phase in one year will probably draw only large contractors, who have the two or three crews a day that are needed to do the

"What will this do for our I&I (inflow and infiltration)?" asked Mayor Norm Schwarze, who noted that a priority of the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency is to reduce the amount of storm water being treated in the city's wastewater treatment plant.

"I would guess you could drop that by 75 to 80 percent," said Rodeberg. He said the other component of the I&I issue is making sure homes and business buildings are not draining rainwater into the sanitary sewer.

Rodeberg said the next step in the process is to finish the engineering report for consideration by the USDA, and then begin final plans and specifications.

as well as a \$4,000 donation

from the townships have been

received to help with the

37.65 acres of city-owned

land around the sewer ponds

for the next three years. The

Council also granted the au-

thority to the mayor and

publics works supervisor to

award the lease to the highest

· Venier noted that the

city's open book meeting for

property valuation will be

held Tuesday, April 7, at 6

p.m., at the auditorium. The

purpose of the meeting is to

give tax payers a chance to

discuss their property valua-

• The Council will hold its

quarterly meeting Monday,

tion with the City Council.

• Approved publishing a request for bids to lease the

project.

bidder.

Weather Corner

By Jake Yurek

We get blasted back to reality this week as high temperatures drop 30-plus degrees from our record high this past Sunday.

But before everyone panics, just remember the average high for this time of year is around 43 degrees, so the record high of 70 we saw is definitely way outside the norm. Highs to end the week will continue to be above normal, with highs close to 50 Thursday and into the 50s

A cold front brings our weather winning streak to an end, though, as highs for the weekend will be stuck in the 30s with lows in the teens. All things considered, we really can't complain considering what we've had for weather the last week plus.

Precipitation continues to be our main concern, though, as our dry pattern continues. We will see a slight chance of a rain/snow mix Wednesday, but amounts will stay low. Some computer models are hinting at snow coating the ground, but I won't mention that since whatever (if anything) falls will melt quickly. There's another weak chance of rain showers late Friday in association with the cold front that will move through, but I'm guessing that risk will stay mostly north.

Indications are that we should begin to warm back up early next week as the cold pool of air gets ushered off to our east. We've officially turned the page on winter as Friday marks the official start of spring!! Have a great week, everyone!

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Wednesday night — Lows 29 to 35; clouds/light mix. Thursday — Highs 43 to 50, lows 27 to 33; partly cloudy.

Friday — Highs 46 to 54, lows 20 to 26; mostly clear. Saturday — Highs 34 to 42, lows 17 to 23; partly

Sunday — Highs 32 to 39; clear.

Weather Quiz: Why does it seem like it's always the places that don't need rain that get it, while droughtstricken areas can't buy a sprinkle? Answer to last week's question (February seemed bru-

tally cold, but how are we doing vs. average temperatures this winter?): February was indeed well below normal in the temperature department, but the rest of the winter has been relatively mild. Every month besides February was above normal with this month being well above normal.

Remember: I make the forecast, not the weather!

Frustrations mount with apartment building

Garbage piles, safety issues in Silver Lake

By Karin Ramige Cornwell **Publisher**

Mountains of garbage and life safety concerns at a local apartment complex were the hot topic at the Silver Lake City Council meeting Monday, March 16.

City officials have been receiving complaints about the mounting garbage at The Villager Apartments on Grove

This is not the first time garbage has been an issue at the Villager. The last reported garbage and blight issue was Aug. 29, 2014, according to a report from Police Chief For-

rest Henriksen. City Clerk Kerry Venier has been in contact with the two property owners and the police department has sent

certified letters to the owners. If the city has to pay to remove the garbage, the cost can be assessed on the property taxes through the county.

Garbage is not the only issue at the Villager. After McLeod County performed a foster care inspection at the property, Fire Chief Dale Kosek was contacted regarding life and fire safety hazards.

Kosek, along with Venier, contacted the city of Glencoe who has had a rental inspection process in place for over 10 years. Retired Glencoe Fire Chief and current City Rental Inspector Bob Scheidt assisted Kosek in performing a life safety inspection at the property.

Some of the more serious concerns were combustibles, such as boxes of clothing and furniture, in the hallways, smoke detectors with dead or no batteries, missing fire extinguishers, no locks on the front doors, and improperly stored flammables.

Councilor Nolan Johnson, speaking as a private taxpayer, expressed concern about dogs at large from the property and an excess of dog feces in his yard, which is near the Villager.

Venier and Kosek will meet

Silver Lake Music in the

Park chairpersons DeNeil and

Lisa Thompson and Ray and

Sharon Bandas, are looking

for donations of prizes to be

given away at Music in the

Park in Silver Lake which is

held on Thursday nights start-

Prizes sought for Music in the Park

ing June 25 through July 30 in 3115 for more information.

with one or both of the owners in this week to discuss the garbage and safety issues.

The city has blight and nuisance ordinances in place, but no formal rental property or-

The City Council has been working on adopting a formal rental ordinance which would require property owners to register all rental properties, pay a fee, have an initial fire and life safety inspection performed and receive a certificate of occupancy from the city. This would need to be done every couple of years.

Glencoe currently inspects all rental properties every two years, according to Scheidt.

Mayor Bruce Bebo asked how the city can enforce the ordinances going forward.

Reviewing the ordinances in the department head meetings, training of city staff and consistency were all suggested by Venier and other council members.

The city of Silver Lake will continue to work to formulate a rental ordinance that is right for the city.

In other business, the City Council:

· Voted to repair the flagpole outside the Silver Lake Auditorium. The cost for the repair will be \$373 versus \$3,559 to replace it. The cost of repair does not include painting the pole and looks to budget for a replacement pole in 2016. The replacement would involve some tree removal. The current estimate doesn't include additional landscaping that might be needed.

The Council asked if there was an opportunity to paint the current pole when it is down for repairs. Venier said he would look into the charge for a return trip to put the pole back up.

• Adopted a resolution approving the workers compensation insurance premium of \$29,966; \$27,060 was budgeted.

Venier said the current policy is a no-deductible policy. The premiums would be lower with a deductible for each claim. The lowest deductible would be around \$250 per claim. The city, on

the Legion Park on Main

donate cash for the musicians

who receive a small monetary

amount to cover their driving

expense, it would be greatly

appreciated. Call 320-327-

If someone would rather

average, has about four to eight workers compensation claims per year from its 75 employeess, which includes the police, fire and ambulance departments.

> • Heard from Public Works Director Dale Kosek about the possibility or replacing up to 100 feet of the sanitary line along Cleveland Avenue. The Public Works department has sent a camera through the line and is having Short, Elliot and Hendricks, the city's engineer firm, review the video.

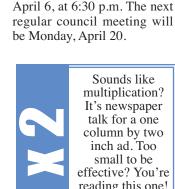
Kosek also reported that there have been some drainage issues in the neighborhood around the Foley building. It is unknown at this time if it is private or city owned drain tile causing the issue. Public Works will look into the matter further.

The \$16,000 pool addition project is on schedule to be completed by the time the pool opens. Private donations

Thank You

I would like to thank everyone in Hale Township for the good turn out and support at Tuesday's Annual Election.

Ron Mickolichek



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Thurs., March 19 — AA Group mtg. next to Post Office in Stewart, 8 p.m., call 320-212-5290 for info.; Stewart Lions; McLeod County Veterans Services informational seminars, county administrative building on Hennepin Ave., Glencoe, 1 p.m., 3 p.m. & 5 p.m.

Mon., March 23 — Tops Weigh-In mtg., 5-5:30 p.m.; Brownton Senior Citizens Club, Brownton Community Center, 1 p.m.; Brownton Rod & Gun Club, 7 p.m.

Thurs., March 26 — AA Group mtg. next to Post Office in Stewart, 8 p.m., call 320-212-5290 for info. Sun., March 29 — Stewart Lions Club annual pancake breakfast and kids' Easter party, Stewart Fire

Hall, 9 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Sat., April 4 — Brownton Women's Club annual Easter Egg Hunt, Brownton Community Center, door open at 9:30 a.m., hunt starts at 10 am.



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Brownton seniors meet

Twenty-two Brownton senior citizens met Monday, March 16, at the Brownton Community Center.

Cards were played after the meeting with the following winners — 500, Gladys Rickert, first, and Theola Fors, second; pinochle, Ordell Klucas, first, and Bernetta Alsleben, second; and sheephead, Harriett Bergs, first, and Lil Lindeman, second.

Elva Wendlandt won the door prize. Norma Albrecht served refreshments.

The next meeting will be Monday, March 23, at 1 p.m. All seniors are welcome.

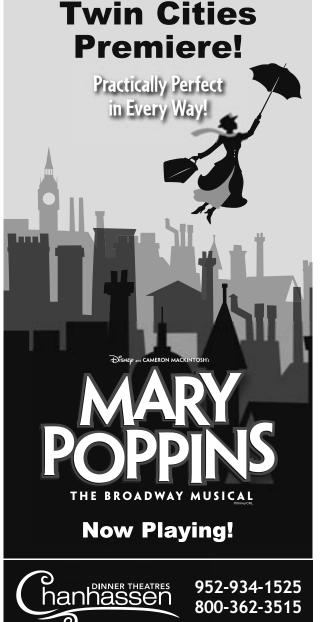
Grace Bible Church, Silver Lake WILD GAME FEED

Sunday, Mar. 29 • 5 p.m. (Meal served at 5:30 p.m.) Evening includes: Domesticated buffalo, samplings of wild game (and not-so-wild game), deserts, door prizes and a "Bird Dog Parade." Guest speaker: Daryl Christensen. He has been a fishing guide for 37 years,

book author, writer of more than 1,500 articles and one of the nation's top competitive walleye fishermen Tickets are only \$5 and can be ordered by calling the

church at (320)327-2352 or Shawn at (320)234-9425. Limited tickets available at the door.

Grace Bible is located in Silver Lake next to the city water tower. WWW.SILVERLAKECHURCH.ORG



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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 flytying, 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

People

Joyce Cripps of Hutchinson.

gal, Wash.

Clarkin of New Ulm.

Strohl of Plymouth.

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 Re-

gional 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

Marc and Leah Cathey of Glencoe announce the ar-

rival of a son, Jonah Leander Cathey, who was born Fri-

day, March 6, 2015, at Glencoe Regional Health Servic-

es. Jonah weighed 7 pounds, 5 ounces, and was 20½ inch-

es 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 Washou-

Daughter for Mathews family

Shandon and Brittany Mathews of Lester Prairie an-

nounce 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 Math-

ews of Glencoe and Steven Dunham and Rebecca

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,

Eric Godinez and Isabel Alvarado of Gaylord an-

nounce 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 sib-

lings are Annamaria Falcon, Noah Falcon and Alycia

Subak. Grandparents are Donna and Marvin Roach of

Silver Lake, Andy Spring of Silver Lake and Kathie

Daughter born to couple

and Sherri Arneson of Buffalo Lake.

Son born to Glencoe family

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, 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 featured 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

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 parentchild 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). Email gslecfe@gsl.k12.mn.us or call 320-864-2681 for more information or to sched-

Please join ECFE at Un-

ule a visit.

hinged! 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

Citizens met Monday, March 9, at the Silver Lake Auditorium, with 30 members pres-

Laura Kaczmarek and Kathy Kaczmarek. March anniversary was Roger and Genny Lhotka, who celebrated 50

years of marriage. The cards at Cedar Crest

A donation was received

31 winners were Yvonne



Preschool registration now open

GSL ECFE spring session started this week and there is still space available in a few classes. Classes are for all children age 0-5 years and their parents/grandparents and meet one day/week: Tuesday, Wednesday, or Thursday from 9 a.m. to 10:30 a.m., or Tuesday evenings from 4:45 p.m. to 6 p.m. E-mail gslecfe@gsl.k12. mn.us or call 320-864-2681 for more information or to **** Early Childhood Screening

is required for all Minnesota children entering kindergarten. It is recommended to have your child screened bechief executive officer. tween the ages of three and four years. Early Childhood Screening is a quick and simple check of how your child is growing and developing. It is free and you only need to complete it once. There are two dates left this spring for screening: March 27 and April 10. Call Becky at 320-864-2494 to schedule an ap-

pointment or more informa-

Williams-Schwarze joins **NSCS** scholar society

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

She is a 2 0 1 4 graduate of Glencoe-Silver Lake High School, and currently is a freshman

at Winona Kayla Williams-State Uni $v\,e\,r\,s\,i\,t\,y\,,$ Schwarze where she

is studying theatre. "NSCS is more than just a symbol of academic achievement," said Stephen E. Lolflin, NSCS founder and

"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.

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tion.

The Silver Lake Senior

March birthdays were

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.

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.

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

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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.

Obituaries

Roland 'Bud' Schwarzrock, Glencoe

Roland "Bud" Schwarzrock, 87, of Glencoe, died Friday, March 6, 2015, en route to Abbott Northwestern Hospital at 212 Medical Cen-

ter in Chas-

Funeral services were held Thursday, March 12, 2015, at First Evang e l i c a l Lutheran Church in Roland Glencoe Schwarzrock with the



Rev. Ronald Mathison officiating. Dawn Wolter was the organist. Congregational hymns were "Just As I Am," "I Know That My Redeemer Lives" and "My Hope is Built on Nothing Less.'

Military honors were by Glencoe American Legion Post 95

Honorary casket bearers were Jessie Stradtmann, Kelsey Koepp, Laura Bergmann and Sarah Mansager. Casket bearers were Jared Warren, Justin Larson, Justin Koepp, Alan Mansager, Gary Schwarzrock Jr. and Travis Stradtmann.

Interment was in the High Island Cemetery in New Auburn.

Roland "Bud" Schwarzrock was born June 8, 1927, in Penn Township, rural Brownton. He was the son of Friedrich and Selma (Spaude) Schwarzrock. He was baptized as an infant on July 3, 1927, by the Rev. George Diemer Sr. at St. Matthew's Lutheran Church in Penn Township, rural Brownton, and was confirmed in his faith as a youth on April 6, 1941, by the Rev. Hans Werner at Immanuel Lutheran Church in New Auburn. He received his education through the eighth grade at New Auburn School. He entered active military service in the U.S. Army on Nov. 19, 1945, and received the World War II Victory Medal and the Army of Occupation Medal for post-war service in Germany. He received an honor-

On March 27, 1949, he was united in marriage to Dorothy Ann Dittmer by the Rev. H.H. Schaller at St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church in Helen Township, rural Glencoe. The couple made their home in New Auburn and shared over 65 years of marriage together. Their marriage was blessed with four children, Beverly, Deb, Connie and Mark.

able discharge on Oct. 27,

1946.

Mr. Schwarzrock farmed all his life. He was a member of Immanuel Lutheran Church in New Auburn, where he served as a deacon and a trustee. He currently was a member of First Evangelical Lutheran Church in Glencoe.

Mr. Schwarzrock enjoyed working around the farm, hunting, fishing and playing cards. He loved spending time with his family and

friends, especially his children and grandchildren.

He is survived by his wife, Dorothy Ann Schwarzrock of Glencoe; children, Deb (Bruce) Bergmann and Connie (Mark) Larson, all of Glencoe; grandchildren, Laura Bergmann of Waconia, Sarah (Alan) Mansager of Waconia, Jessie (Travis) Stradtmann of Glencoe, Jared (Chrystal) Warren of Hutchinson, Justin Larson and Jacqi Peterson of Mankato, Kelsey (Justin) Koepp of Arlington and Guido Iannetti of California; great-grandchildren, Lexi Stradtmann, Kenzie Stradtmann, Paris Stradtmann, Macie Stradtmann, Alex Mansager, Jake Mansager, Tyson Warren, Jax Larson, Wyatt Koepp and Luca Fusco Iannetti; brotherin-law, Clifford Lipke; Al Maddox; nephews; nieces; other relatives; and many

He was preceded in death by his parents, Friedrich and Selma (Spaude) Schwarzrock; father-in-law and mother-in-law, Allie and Ella Dittmer; daughter, Beverly Maddox; son, Mark Schwarzrock; brother, Ray (Erma) Schwarzrock; and sisters, Lorraine (Martin) Schulz, Rosella (Alvin) Grochow and Marge Lipke.

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

Tracing Roots

By Ron Pulkrabek



2005: Czech family deported

Frank and Mary, (I'll change their names) were tired of living in Czechoslovakia under the strict communist regime put in force by the Russians 40 years earlier.

With great difficulty the family of four somehow escaped across the Iron Curtain, through electrified barbed wire fences, mine fields, guard towers, German Shepard dogs and Russian soldiers. In 1988, they arrived at a refugee camp in non-communist Austria for further processing, hopefully to a free country. After about one year, in late 1989, the Berlin Wall came down and people were free to cross borders.

Frank and Mary couldn't go back to Czechoslovakia because there was a warrant out for their arrest. They didn't know how the new government would treat them. They waited another year. Their young son came down with leukemia and this moved them to the top of the list to go to the United States for long and extensive treatments for their son.

They settled in Minneapolis and, little by little, their son's health improved. Frank, trained as a lawyer in Czechoslovakia, eventually got a job with Hennepin County. Mary worked her way up to become a loan officer at a local bank. They often worked extra jobs. They bought a nice house in a local suburb, paid taxes on it, paid income tax, had health insurance and their children attended local schools and graduated. They were never in trouble with the law. A daughter had been born to them while they were here, so she automatically became a U.S. citizen.

Each year, they reported to the immigration office and had their immigration cards updated. During the 12th year in this country, they went to renew their yearly status as they always had. The clerk looked at their papers and exclaimed, "You are in this country illegally!" Of course, this information was passed up the ladder to the highest level of the immigration officials, who started paperwork proceedings to return the family to the Czech Republic. One young son had previously been killed in a freak accident, another son had married an American girl and the youngest daughter was in the sixth grade. Per the Immigration Service, the married son and young daughter could stay in the United States.

Frank, Mary and their lawyer had many discussions with the Immigration Service. After several years and two appeal boards, an immigration judge ordered a mandate to have them deported and removed from the United States. They eventually received a notice from the Immigration Service to be at the Minneapolis airport on a certain day with tickets in their hands and board a plane back to the Czech Republic. Immigration officials would be at the airport to make sure they

got on the plane. They asked, "Who will look after our 9-year-old daughter? Where will we live or get jobs in the Czech Repbublic?" The Immigration Service was unconcerned! Their jobs would be held here for only two months. They may lose their house. They said goodbye to their friends. They didn't know what would happen next. They may never be back.

They arrived in Prague with their daughter with very little money and moved into a run-down, cheap apartment. They could not get jobs in an already saturated local job market. They eventually went

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to the American Embassy in Prague, where more papers were started to get them back to the United States with help from two Minnesota senators. Finally, after six months, with legal papers in their hands, they boarded a plane in Prague and landed back home in Minnesota to begin their lives all over again.

Can you image the amount of hours and dollars the immigration officials spent on deporting two people? And the thousands of dollars it cost Frank and Mary?

A friend of the couple commented, "They are the most humble, hardworking people we know and nobody ever gave them anything."

Mary was a very good friend of our relation and translated many Czech letters into English for them.

A few years later, Frank and Mary became United States citizens. Some people go through all sorts of dangerous ordeals and uncertainty to find freedom. We were born free!

Omission correction on "Quiet, Peaceful Koniska Cemetery" Dec. 31, 2014, article. Should read: For 80 years, Irvin Skorpik (Virgina Adams and Marilyn Mc-Mullin's father), the cemetery historian, president, and caretaker, helped his father starting at age 7. Marilyn is an active member of the Koniska Cemetery Association. Marilyn, I'm so sorry I missed your name.

Betty Jane Milbrett, 89, of Glencoe

Betty Milbrett, 89, of Glencoe, formerly of Lester Prairie, died Friday, March 13, 2015, at St. Mary's Care Center in Winsted.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, March 17, at Christ Lutheran Church in Glencoe with the



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Rood officiating. Twyla Kirkeby was the organist. Congregational hymns were "How Great Thou Art," "Jesus Loves Me" and "In the Garden."

Honorary casket bearers were Lonnie Jackels, Cletus Tauber, Chris Milbrett and Shayne Milbrett.

Casket bearers were Gary Jackels, Adam Telecky, Lance Jackels, Geoffrey Lukes, Shawn Lukes and Joshua Berg. Interment was in the Minnesota State Veterans Cemetery in Fort Ripley.

Betty Jane Milbrett was born Aug. 23, 1925, in Hector, the daughter of David and Loretta (Zimmerman) Martin. She was baptized as an infant and later confirmed in her faith as a youth, both at Zion United Methodist Church in Buffalo Lake. She was educated in Buffalo Lake.

From the moment she met her future husband, Melvin Milbrett, her life revolved around him. They were mar-

ried Nov. 5, 1943. Their union was blessed with seven children, LaRita, Melvin Jr., Lance, Lila, Shirley, Wendy and Marianne. The couple moved around a lot during their marriage, living in Mississippi, Wisconsin, Michigan, Illinois, Georgia, Kansas, California, Washington and numerous places in Minnesota. She worked on the farm, at a shoe factory and many restaurants. While waitressing in Aberdeen, Wash., at a large hotel, she met many movie stars who were filming the David Janson series and "Ring of Fire." The couple owned a few businesses, the latest a restaurant in Lester Prairie from 1968 until their retirement, when they moved to Meire Grove, Minn. After her husband's death, Mrs. Milbrett moved back to Glencoe, until she fell and broke her hip, which brought her to St. Mary's Care Center.

She was a member of Christ Lutheran Church, the Olivia VFW Auxiliary and the Red Hat Society.

Mrs. Milbrett enjoyed gardening, embroidery, crocheting, reading her True Story magazine, and find-a-word puzzles.

She is survived by her children, LaRita (Joseph) Jackels of Greenwald, Minn., Melvin Milbrett of Greenwald, Lila (Mark) Kapping of Buffalo Lake, Shirley (LeRoy) Jackels of Lester Prairie, Wendy (Larry) Telecky of Hutchinson and Marianna (Joseph) Lukes of Eagle Grove, Iowa; grandchildren, Rose Marie Lingl (Rick), Lonnie Jackels, Gary Jackels, Mindy Kollman (Greg), Rhonda Lahr, Ronnie Lampbrecht, Chris Milbrett (Mari), Cally Milbrett, Shayne Milbrett, Nicole Milbrett, Jessica Milbrett, Amanda Milbrett, Theresa Berg (Ted), JoAnne Schmoll (Peter), Katherine Tauber, Cletus Tauber, Lance Jackels, Kandice Jackels (Terry Peterson), Thomas Telecky (Carissa), Adam Telecky (Betsy), Crystal Jessen (Jered), Geoffrey Lukes (Beth) and Shawn Lukes (Debbie); 33 greatgrandchildren; seven greatgreat-grandchildren; siblings, Glenn (Katherine) Martin of Canton, Ohio, Joyce Morelli of Canton, Ohio, and Roger (Soledad) Martin of Chula Vista, Calif.; brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law, Arnie Milbrett and his special friend, Jan, of Hutchinson, and Ruby Milbrett of Buffalo Lake; nieces; nephews; other relatives; and many friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents, David and Loretta Martin; spouse, Melvin Milbrett; son, Lance Milbrett; son-in-law, Leo Tauber; daughter-in-law, Carol Milbrett; grandchild, Michael Jackels; and greatgreat-grandchild, Mason Gosewich.

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

Deaths

Richard Borchardt, 100, of Hutchinson

Richard Borchardt, 100, of Hutchinson, died Saturday, March 14, 2015, at Glencoe Regional Health Services long-term care.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held Thursday, March 19, at 10:30 a.m., at St. Anastasia Catholic Church in Hutchinson, with interment in the church cemetery. Military honors will be provided by the Hutchinson Memorial Rifle Squad.

Visitation will be today (Wednesday, March 18), from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m., and Thursday from 8 a.m. to 8:30 a.m., at the Dobratz-Hantge Funeral Chapel in Hutchinson, and will continue Thursday for one hour prior to the service at the church. Wednesday's visitation will include a rosary and parish prayers at 6:30 p.m.

An online guest book is available at www.hantge. com.

the time of Kevin's death. Special thanks to Pastor Mathison and all the workers at First Lutheran

Church who contributed to a beautiful service and luncheon; the Allina Hospice staff and the Johnson-McBride Funeral Chapel. Most of all, thank you to

all who offered prayers and words of sympathy, sent cards, and gave memorials and food. **Sharon Krueger** Norman & Arlyce Grack

Bob & Diana Easterday & family **Bryan Grack** Mike & Lisa Grack & family

We wish to extend our heartfelt thanks to our family and friends at the loss of our father, grandfather and husband, Werner J. Schmidt.

Thank You

Your cards, prayers, flowers, love and support during this difficult time has touched our hearts in immeasurable ways. Sincerely,

Family of Werner J. Schmidt Arleen Schmidt Janell & (Rev. Dr. David) Christenson & Family Keith & (Pauline) Schmidt & Family Melanie Schmidt (Joseph Cox)

In Memory of Rollie Rolf who passed away March 17, 2014

We thought of you with love today But that is nothing new. We thought of you yesterday and days before that too. We think of you in silence we often speak your name. All we have now are memories and your picture in a frame. Your memory is our keepsake with which we'll never part. God has you in His keeping, we have you in our hearts. A thousand times we cried. If love alone could have save you, you never would have died. In life we loved you dearly, in death we loved you still. In our hearts you hold a place no one can ever fill. It broke our hearts to lose you, but you didn't go alone.

For a part of us went with you the day God took you home. Sadly missed by wife, Lucille. children, grandchildren

and great-grandchildren

Rodney W. Herzog, 76

Rodney W. Herzog, 76, was born Nov. 22, 1938, and passed away peacefully on March 5, 2015.

He was preceded in death by his loving parents, William and Mabel Herzog, and beloved sister, Mae.

Born in Hutchinson, he graduated from Glencoe High School. Mr. Herzog worked as a chef and manager of the Jolly Troll Smorgasbord for over 20 years, and during those years made many friendships with customers, employees and suppliers. More importantly, Mr. Herzog's later years were spent dedicated to caring for both his parents — a truly devoted

He will be fondly remembered as a warm, gentle, giving person — always willing to help others. He will be missed by family, friends and

neighbors. A memorial to celebrate Mr. Herzog's life will be held at a later date. In honor of his enduring love for animals, donations to the Animal Humane Society are preferred.

Lucille Christensen, 95, of Watertown

Lucille Christensen, 95, of Watertown, formerly of Glencoe, died Monday, March 16, 2015, at Elim Nursing Home in Watertown.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held Thursday, March 19, at 11 a.m., at Church of St. Pius X in Glencoe, with interment following in the Glencoe Catholic Cemetery.

Visitation will be held today (Wednesday, March 18), from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m., at the Johnson-McBride Funeral Chapel in Glencoe. A prayer service will be held at 6:30 p.m. Visitation will continue Thursday, March 19, from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m., two hours prior to the service at the Thank You'

The family of Gene Boesche would like to express a sincere and heartfelt thank you for all the kindness shown at the time of his death.

A special thank you to all the staff and workers of Grand Meadows Senior Live ng in Glencoe and Lakeview Ranch of Dassel who gave wonderful care to Gene Thank you to Pastor Tyson Mastin for the pastoral care and beautiful funeral ervice, Cheryl Andrix and RaNaye Odegaard for providing beautiful music and songs. A sincere thank you to the Plato American Legion Post 641, Plato Fire Department, all the workers of St. John's Lutheran Church of Plato who contributed to the service in any way or in serving of the luncheon, and the ohnson-McBride Funeral Chapel.

Most of all, thank you to all who sent cards, flower arrangements, gave emorials and food, or offered prayers or words of sympathy

Glorian Boesche; Bruce & Ceil Boesche & family; Brian & Cheryl Boesche & family; Barry & Sandy Boesche & family; Brad & Kris Boesche & family

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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.



sandwich, tator tots, baby carrots,

en nuggets, tea biscuit, turkey

and cheese sandwich, mashed

potatoes, chicken gravy, sliced

cucumbers, orange wedges,

bagel fun lunch, vegetarian baked

beans, baby carrots, apple half,

Glencoe-Silver Lake

Junior, Senior High Lunch

beef, tortilla chips, steamed brown rice, creamy cheddar cheese

sauce, Mexican-style refried

beans, faiita-style chicken, ro-

maine, tomato and cheddar gar-

nish, cheese pizza, pepperoni

pizza, deli selections, citrus kid-

ney and northern bean salad,

baby carrots, apple, pineapple tid-

mashed potatoes, chicken gravy,

tea biscuit, seasoned carrots,

cheese pizza, Italian sausage

pizza, deli selections, marinated

tomato and cucumber salad,

broccoli florets, banana, chilled

dogs, vegetarian baked beans,

season fries, cheese pizza, beef

taco pizza, deli selections, confetti

cole slaw, cherry tomatoes, apple,

Thursday — Whole-grain rotini,

fajita-style chicken, whole-grain

bread stick, seasoned broccoli,

creamy alfredo sauce, marinara

Wednesday - Mini turkey corn

applesauce.

chilled peaches.

Tuesday - Popcorn chicken,

Monday - Seasoned taco

Friday - Cheese pizza, pizza

chilled pears.

chilled fruit cocktail.

Thursday - Whole-grain chick-

green grapes, pineapple tidbits.

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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.**

pears

fruit cocktail

bread, milk.

bles, fruit.

etables, fruit.

etables, fruit.

sauce, cheese pizza, chicken al-

fredo and broccoli pizza, deli se-

lections, caesar salad, jicama

sticks, orange wedges, chilled

toast sticks, scrambled eggs, pork

sausage patty, tator tots, cheese

pizza, pepperoni pizza, deli selec-

tions, sweet-corn and pepper

salad, baby carrots, apple, chilled

First Lutheran School

Monday - French toast sticks, ham patty, tator tots, applesauce,

Tuesday - Tator-tot hotdish,

Wednesday - Mini corn dogs,

Thursday — Au gratin potatoes

Friday - Pizza, caesar salad,

St. Pius X School Monday - Hot dog, vegeta-

Tuesday - Chicken patty on a

baked beans, peaches, wheat

and ham, pineapple, bread, milk.

peaches, tortilla chips, milk.

bun, vegetables, fruit.

wich, vegetables, fruit.

mixed vegetables, pears, bread,

Friday - Whole-grain french



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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, Ashanthy 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 Schmieg, choir.



Chronicle photo by Lori Copler

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 edu-

cation; and, back, Kaitlyn Uecker, band; Justine Helmbrecht, English; Courtney Larsen, art; and Madison Franck, alge-

Menus

March 23 - 27 Millie Beneke Manor of Glencoe, Brownton, Stewart and Silver Lake

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

Tuesday - Pork loin, whole parslied 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

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 sicks, scrambled eggs, ham and American cheese



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Communityschools lunch

The Glencoe-Silver Lake **School District hosted** one of its communityschools lunches Friday at noon. The communityschools 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.

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

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

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 Sil-

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 21speed 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

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





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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 per-

son 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.

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