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Expectations high for robotics team

By Rich Glennie
Editor

If enthusiasm counts for anything, the new Glencoe-Silver Lake High School robotics program will be highly successful.

The first-ever program at GSL got off to a solid start last fall with 15 students, both male and female, in grades 9 to 12, signed up, and they have been working hard since October to get the start-up program up and running.

The addition of Mike Sundblad to the GSL High School staff this year was the motivation to add robotics competition to the extracurricular offerings at GSL.

Sundblad took over as the high school's industrial technology instructor after the retirement of Rick Corrick, and brought with him experience in robotics competition from his previous school in Albert Lea.

The program start-up costs are about \$6,500, and about \$5,000 there after. Sundblad told the GSL School Board in October that grants are often available for the first two years of the program.

Local contributions have helped fund the program, too, along with student activity fees. In December, the board received notice that Medtronics donated the \$6,500 to the pro-

gram this year, and PRI Robotics chipped in another \$500. Since then, other contributors include Hutchinson Technologies Inc. of \$500 in tools, Tim Johnson, tools, and 3M donated \$500 in materials, Sundblad said.

By securing funding for the GSL "budget-neutral" program, Sundblad said that allowed meetings and safety instructions for students to begin in October, but the competition did not get under way until the materials for this year's contest were released on Jan. 5.

In pitching the program to the GSL School Board last fall, Sundblad said the program incorporates engineering, math, science and computer knowledge to accomplish the tasks needed to build and operate a robot.

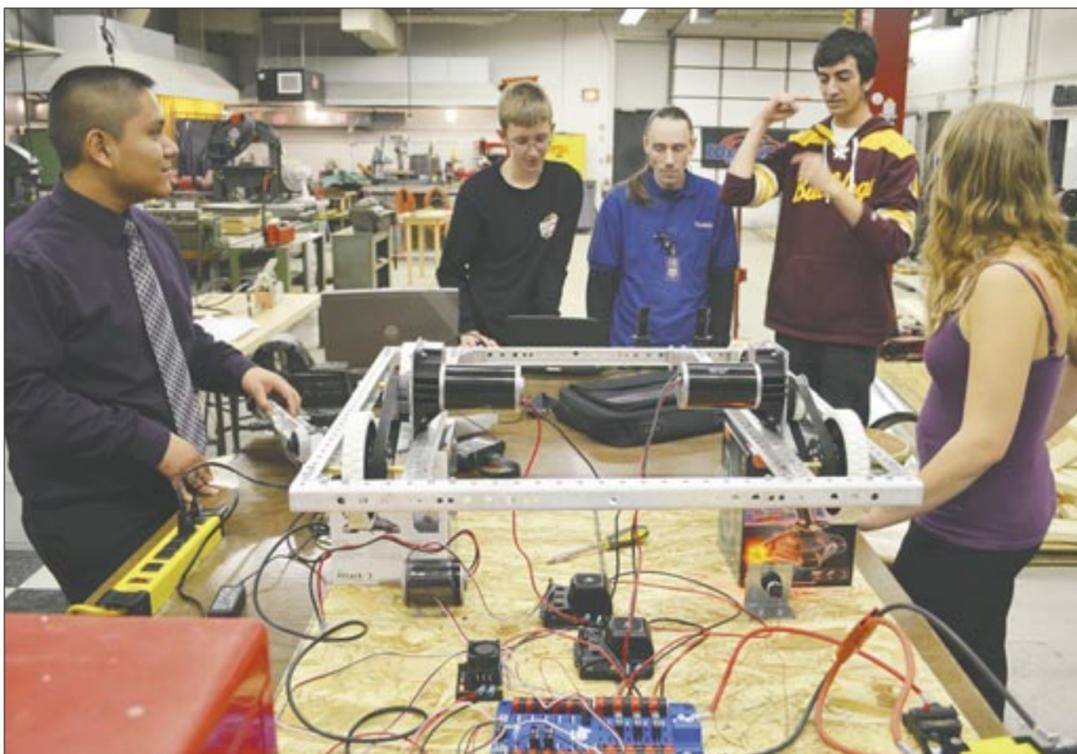
This year's challenge to these young robotics enthusiasts is to construct a robot from the parts available. The robot needs to be able to throw a frisbee and also climb a pyramid.

Since Jan 5, the students and volunteers, including GSL staff members, have been working feverishly to meet the deadline of Feb. 18.

On Feb. 18, the project needs to be sealed and not touched

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Students of the Glencoe-Silver Lake Robotics class set the frame work for their robot in the old shop area of the high school. They were working on the computer joy sticks that operate the robot. From left to right are Gustavo Villalobos, Chandler Swift, volunteer mentor Randy Johnson, Mike Coughlin and Danielle

Mathews. GSL's robotics team, made up of 15 students, has until Feb. 18 to design and make the robot operational leading up to regional competition in March. The robot needs to be able to toss a frisbee this year.



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'Pink Out' at ballgames

Girls' basketball coaches Dave Wendlandt, Zach Otto-Fisher and Cullen Ober donned pink T-shirts as part of a "Pink Out" cancer fund-raising event held Saturday in conjunction with the girls' and boys' basketball doubleheader. The games pitted Glencoe-Silver Lake against Norwood Young America. Ober said the "Pink Out" was to raise funds for breast cancer research, and coaches

and players from all the teams, as well as many of the fans in the stands, wore the pink shirts. The proceeds from the sale of the T-shirts, activities at halftime of each game as well as concessions will go to the Tim Orth Foundation and the Susan G. Komen Walk For the Cure programs. For results of the basketball games, see this week's sports section. The efforts raised \$5,600.

Budget revised as costs go up, revenues decline

By Rich Glennie
Editor

Glencoe-Silver Lake Business Manager Michelle Sander presented the GSL School Board with a revised 2012-13 budget with slightly increased expenditures and slightly decreased revenues.

The revised revenues are \$15.5 million, down from the proposed \$15.7 million last June.

The revised expenditures are \$16.27 million, up from June's projected \$16.197 million.

Despite that, the GSL School District will have a healthy general fund balance of \$5.1 million on June 30, 2013, compared to the June 30, 2012, fund balance of \$5.85 million. Total budget revenues are \$18 million and expenditures are \$18.46 million. Enrollment is the main determining factor, Sander told the School Board.

She pointed to a list that indicated 304 GSL district students open enrolled out of the district and only 70 open enrolled in. She said the majority of the students leaving live on the perimeters of the GSL District.

Hutchinson claims the most at 109 students followed by Norwood Young America (39), Sibley East (37), Dassel-Cokato (32) and Lester Prairie (22).

As to the fund balance, Sander said most school boards

feel fortunate to have a 6 to 10 percent fund balance, while GSL's was at 36 percent on June 30, 2012.

But with the current trends of expenses being more than revenues, Sander said by June 30, 2014, the fund balance could be at 19 percent.

The School Board has a policy of maintaining a 20 percent fund balance before cuts kick in.

"The district has done a great job keeping an eye on the fund balance," Sander said, and at the same time has "made good progress in meeting students' needs."

In another matter, Sander updated the board of several projects.

She said additional security for the district's buildings are being discussed. Outside of Lakeside Elementary in Silver Lake, Sander said none of the other buildings — Helen Baker Elementary, Lincoln Jr. High and GSL High School — have real secure main entrances.

She said the question now is whether the district should start spending on making more secure facilities, or should it tie that into its proposed building referendum?

She said security was incor-

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Blizzard Blast set Jan. 25; benefits hospice

Allina Health Home Care Services (formerly known as ConnectCare) will have its 7th annual Blizzard Blast charity event Friday, Jan. 25, from 5 p.m. to 11:30 p.m., at the Glencoe City Center.

As in the past, the event will include dinner, live and silent auctions, raffles, wine tasting and live entertainment featuring Blurred Vision.

Tickets are \$30 per person and include dinner, the dance and a chance at a grand prize drawing of \$500. Second prize is \$200, and third prize is \$100. You do not need to be present to win.

Tickets can be bought in Glencoe at Glencoe Regional Health Services (GRHS), the Glencoe Chamber of Commerce, Coborn's and CareConnection

Thrift Shop; and in Hutchinson at Hutchinson Health Care, Cash Wise Foods, and the Allina Health Home Care Services office.

For more information, call Allina Health at 1-800-454-8616, or visit www.allinahealth.org/blizaardblast.

All proceeds from the event benefit local hospice services.

Weather

Wed., 1-16	Thur., 1-17	Fri., 1-18	Sat., 1-19	Sun., 1-20
H: 33°, L: 5°	H: 11°, L: 9°	H: 35°, L: 20°	H: 30°, L: 4°	H: 5°, L: -2°

Looking back: Temperatures got warm enough early last week to rain. Then the January reality returned with the cold.

Date	Hi	Lo	Snow
Jan. 8	32	10	0.00
Jan. 9	34	21	0.00

Jan. 10	38	25	0.18*
Jan. 11	36	30	Tr.*
Jan. 12	30	-1	Tr.
Jan. 13	7	-3	0.10
Jan. 14	14	-1	0.00

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

Chronicle News and Advertising Deadlines

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

Happenings

Legion Auxiliary meets Jan. 21

The Glencoe American Legion Ladies Auxiliary Unit 95 will meet at 7 p.m., Monday, Jan. 21, at the Glencoe Fire Hall. Lunch will be served.

Lake Marion meeting set

The Lake Marion Improvement Association will meet Thursday, Jan. 17, at 6:30 p.m., at the Brownton Rod and Gun Club located on the south bay of the lake (County Road 87). All friends of the lake are invited to attend. Meetings are on the third Thursday in April, June and August. For more information, call 320-328-9911.

Business Expo set Saturday

The annual Silver Lake Business Expo is scheduled from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Saturday, Jan. 19, in the Silver Lake Auditorium. Admission is free, lunch is available and there will be door prizes. The Phoenix Drumline will perform on stage at 1 p.m. The Silver Lake Fire Department will have a demonstration at 11 a.m., and Sue Kieser will be present with her therapy dog, Ella.

Legion/Auxiliary to meet

The Stewart American Legion and Auxiliary will meet Monday, Jan. 21, at 7 p.m., in the community center. This is an invitation for new members. The guest speaker will be Norma Syverson, who will talk about national security. Hostesses will be Nissy Langenbau and Virgene Roepke.

Study Club meets Jan. 21

The Glencoe Study Club will meet at 7:30 p.m., Monday, Jan. 21, at the home of Louise Carlson. The program will be presented by Larry Winters and the topic will be the Bone Builders program.

Lions Bingo begins Jan. 19

The Glencoe Lions will be sponsoring "bar bingo" at the Glencoe Country Club beginning at 2 p.m., Saturday, Jan. 19. Players must be at least 18 years of age to play.

TOPS meets on Thursdays

Glencoe TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) Chapter 1558 meets on Thursday nights at Christ Lutheran Church. Weigh-in starts at 5:15 p.m. and the meeting starts at 5:45 p.m. For more information call Gloria at 320-864-4174 or Judy at 320-864-5495.

Glencoe seniors to meet

The Glencoe Senior Citizens group will meet at 12:30 p.m., Thursday, Jan. 17, at the senior room in the Glencoe City Center. The group will play 500 and Sheephead, and all area senior citizens are invited to attend. The club also will meet at 12:30 p.m., Tuesday, Jan. 22, for card playing.

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.

Gruenhagen begins 2nd term in House

Minnesota House District 18B Rep. Glenn Gruenhagen, R-Glencoe, began his second term on Tuesday, officially taking the oath of office at a swearing-in ceremony at the State Capitol in St. Paul, which officially marked the beginning of the 2013 legislative session.



Gruenhagen

Gruenhagen represents District 18B, which includes southern McLeod County and all of Sibley County.

"It is an honor to return to the Legislature for a second term," Gruenhagen said. "I'm deeply grateful to the people of my district for entrusting me with the responsibility of representing District 18B, and I will strive to be a voice for rural Minnesota this upcoming session, and bring those issues and concerns to

Saint Paul."

Gruenhagen will serve on four committees this session; the Education Finance Committee, the Health and Human Services Finance Committee, the Health and Human Services Policy Committee, and the Higher Education Finance and Policy Committee.

Gruenhagen's office will be in the State Office Building, Room 241, across from the State Capitol in St. Paul.

"I hope constituents will feel welcome to stop by my office if they are in the area," Gruenhagen said. "I also hope constituents will contact me with their questions, concerns, and feedback about legislation and issues being discussed at the Capitol."

He can be reached by phone at 651-296-4229, or by e-mail at Rep. Glenn.Gruenhagen@house.mn.

Constituents can sign up for legislative updates on Gruenhagen's legislative website.

Corrections & Clarifications

In Jan. 4 police report, the Glencoe Police Department wanted to clarify that the person who drove into a garage door at a home on Scout Hill Drive was not the homeowner. The driver was later arrested in Hutchinson and charged with driving under

the influence. No names were released.

The Chronicle strives for accuracy in its reports. If you find an error, bring it to our attention. Call 864-5518 and ask for Rich Glennie, editor.



Chronicle photos by Rich Glennie

Responsibility retreat at GSL

Members of the Glencoe-Silver Lake National Honor Society, student government, student council and other school youth leaders held a Responsibility Retreat last Thursday morning in the high school media center. To start the morning, the students, above, participated in several warm-up events like "Rock, Paper, Scissors" and math exercises. They included Beth Bonilla, Gustavo Villabos and Kaitlyn Boesche. At the right are retreat leaders Eric Malmberg and Megan Kirsch of Youth Frontiers of the Twin Cities. The retreat challenges the youth leaders "to acknowledge and accept their ability to respond" in their school and to take a leadership role "in making your school a better place."



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again until the regional competition at the University of Minnesota on March 28-30.

The top three teams from the region go on to state competition, and the top one from the state goes to the national competition in St. Louis, Mo.

One GSL team member, Danielle Mathews said she was not much into technology before she joined the robotics program, but, "honestly, I'm learning a lot more than I expected. I never thought I'd learn this much!"

Mathews said the team has been working on the "trial-and-error method," and working as a team to figure things out.

Since getting the materials for this year's contest, Mathews said the team works on the project every day after school, every Saturday and could work on Sundays, if needed, to meet the Feb. 18 deadline.

Mathews said she appreciates the school board's approval of the robotics program. "I'm learning a lot."

Fellow robotics team member Mike Coughlin, a senior, agrees. He has been working of the computer software for the robotic job sticks that operate the robot.

After high school, Coughlin said he wants to get into computer science and computer programming when he heads off to college.

The program for this year's contest "is a different language" and offers a good challenge, he said. The robotic designs and challenges change each year. Last year's competition had the robots shooting balls into baskets.

Coughlin said his brother is an electrical engineer and mentioned being in the high school robotics program will give him an edge in college.

Working on the two joy sticks needed to operate the robot, Coughlin said each trigger operates differently, one goes counterclockwise and the other clockwise to make the robot turn.

Coughlin said there are a

lot of rules with the contest, even for the driver of the robot.

"This is perfect for some of us," Coughlin said of the robotics program. It is a hands-on experience, including learning how to solder among other skills, he added.

Both Mathews and Coughlin stressed it is a team-oriented program in which everyone contributes to the project's success.

Sundblad said each team in the robotics contest "gets a tub of parts" with no specific instructions. Each team designs its own robot from the parts available.

After the six-week window to design and build the robot, the project is sealed, and the only things the teams can work on are things like the computer that runs the robot.

Sundblad said there are two regional competitions, one in Duluth and the other at the University of Minnesota's Mariucci Arena in March. The GSL team will attend the U of M regional along with about 60 other teams from around the area.

Sundblad said the regional is a three-day event with the first day for practice with the robots, and the other two days to compete to qualify.

He said the competition is three robots against three other robots, and partner teams are picked to get down to the final eight.

The competition is different than other competitions, Sundblad said, because the teams help each other "while competing."

He said the competitors want "everyone's robot to work and be on the field," so they help each other solve problems. He said it is not unusual to see other teams helping solve problems for their competitors.

Albert Lea will be GSL's mentor for the first year of competition, Sundblad said.

As a first-year program, Sundblad said he tried to keep expectations low, but the GSL students are not sat-

isfied with low expectations, he said. "They have high expectations!"

Besides Mathews and Coughlin, also on the first-year robotics team are Sloan Becker, Jordan Bergemann, Ismael Calderon, Joe Fehrenbach, Patrick Fehrenbach, Samantha Johnson, Parker Kerslake, Madeline Kuehn, Kurtis Kunkel, Ashlyn Ratike, Gabe Schweikert, Shawn Seevers, Chandler Swift, Gustavo Villalobos and Ethan Wolff.

'Give Kids a Smile' free dental care set Feb. 1

Dr. Shawn Knorr of Contemporary Dental, Glencoe, is joining with dental professionals across the state to provide free care to children whose families cannot afford to pay for their dental care.

The service day is known as "Give Kids a Smile," and will be held at the Contemporary Dental office on Feb. 1. Contemporary Dental is located at 1015 Greeley Ave., Glencoe.

Anyone with questions, or who is interested in scheduling an appointment for Feb. 1, may call the dental office at 320-864-3129.

The Minnesota Dental Association is sponsoring "Give Kids a Smile" because dentists are committed to providing all children with dental care and improving access to care throughout Minnesota.

"Give Kids a Smile" is an annual one-day volunteer initiative to provide free educational, preventive and restorative services to children from low-income families that do not have dental insurance. Now in its 10th consecutive year, "Give Kids a Smile" has provided free dental care to nearly 40,000 children.

Patients seeking appointments should be under the age of 18 and must be accompanied by a parent or legal guardian. Information on specific services that will be provided will be outlined when an appointment is scheduled. You must have an appointment in advance of your visit.

The Minnesota Dental Association is the voice of dentistry in Minnesota, representing 80 percent of practicing dentists.

A NOTE OF THANKS

Many thanks to the Glencoe, New Auburn, Arlington & Plato Fire Departments which answered our call for help as our machine shed was struck by lightning on May 26, 2012. The efforts of the departments working together saved the surrounding structures.

Thanks again for your help & the Lord bless you all.

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Mock Trial run

Glencoe-Silver Lake's Mock Trial team gave a preview of its case before the GSL School Board on Monday night. The team begins competition at Mankato on Thursday against New County School. Captains of GSL's team are Mitchell Polzin and Shannon Twiss, left, who played the part of an attorney quizzing witnesses, above, Josie Kjenstad, left, and Ellie Forcier. The case being argued this year involves a boating accident on the night of the senior prom. A number of the students did not attend the after-prom events, instead went boating. Many of these students were drinking and one student drowned. GSL's Mock Trial team also will compete on Jan. 22 against Maple River, also at Mankato, and Jan. 29 at the Nicollet County Government Center against St. Peter High School. GSL adviser Tom Schoper said the team recently won two out of three rounds in competition at Macalester College.



County Board fines businesses for under-age tobacco sales

By Lori Copley
Staff Writer

The McLeod County Board of Commissioners, at its Jan. 8 meeting, levied a \$75 civil fine on two businesses for allegedly selling tobacco products to a minor.

Employees at the two businesses, Cactus Jack's II in Stewart and the Silver Lake American Legion, also received citations from law enforcement.

Gary Mallak of the Silver Lake American Legion contended the compliance checks conducted by law enforcement were actually a form of entrapment.

"In my opinion, we were tricked into making this illegal sale," said Mallak, who asserted that the youth used in the check had a beard and was dressed to look much older than 18.

"If you alter someone's appearance that drastically, it's entrapment," said Mallak. Mallak also said that the check was conducted during the Legion's steak fry, one of the busiest times for employees.

Mallak also said the Legion

has stopped payment on its check for its tobacco license, saying that the little profit it makes by selling tobacco "isn't worth this."

He also contended that if the county's goal is to stop under-age use of tobacco, it needs to address other issues.

Mallak said the Legion in Silver Lake has installed tamper-proof containers outside for its smokers, so that juveniles cannot fish out the used butts and smoke the remainder of the cigarettes.

That is not the case with the municipal liquor store in Silver Lake, Mallak said, which has buckets with sand. Mallak said he has seen youths take butts out of the containers and light them up as they walk down the street.

"The cops drive right by and do nothing," Mallak contended.

County Auditor-Treasurer Cindy Schultz suggested that the issue be brought up to the public health department.

Commissioner Sheldon Nies expressed some sympathy for Mallak's concerns, but noted that in the compliance checks the "same individual

was used in other spots and they didn't get caught," meaning those employees carded the individual.

Nies also noted that the civil fine was only \$75 for first-time offenders.

"It's set at that not so much to be a hardship, but as to send a message," said Nies. Nies also said that the County Board has issued similar civil fines in the past, and had set a precedent for doing so.

Mallak contended that the action was "unfair to a veterans' organization. We never knowingly do something like that." He added that the Legion instructs its employees to ask for identification of anyone who "doesn't look like they are over 30."

New 5th District Commissioner Jon Christensen voted against imposing the civil fines, but did not offer a reason for his vote.

No one from Cactus Jack's II appeared before the County Board, but Schultz said that business also dropped its application for a 2013 tobacco license.

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porated into the plans for the Lincoln Jr. High/high school building addition that was twice defeated in 2011 referendums.

Lakeside's main entrance was renovated last year, Sander said, and visitors must now enter the building through the main office and be "buzzed" into the building.

Another change at the high school was to lock the north doors during the day, forcing visitors to come through the front entrance and into the main office.

Sander said more security cameras also are planned at Lakeside after cameras were updated at Lincoln this year.

Sander also updated the board of revisions to the food service program.

The district has added an after-school snack program for those students in extracurricular activities.

The program, which began after the Christmas break, is offered from 3 p.m. to 3:15 p.m. in the cafeteria and includes "healthy snacks," she added.

Sanders said the program is set up on a trial basis to see if the students use it, and it will be tweaked as to what the students like and do not like.

The fee is \$1 and is free to those students eligible for free and reduced lunches. Staff members also can use the after-school snack program, she added.

So far, the most popular items are the sandwiches, Sandér said. "It's a good snack for a good price."

In other matters, the School Board:

- Authorized Superintendent Chris Sonju to make reductions in curriculum and staffing for next school year. It is a formality in case the district is looking at making budget cuts.

Sonju said the resolution does not mean staff cuts are planned, however.

- Set a meet-and-confer session with staff for Feb. 6 to set the calendar for next school year.

- Approved a trip to Peru for nine GSL Spanish students and teacher Terri Windschitl at the end of the 2013-14 school

year. The cost will be funded by the students, and there is no cost to the school district.

- Accepted the following donations:

Kurt and Shirley Luhmann, \$250 for the theater department.

Silver Lake American Legion Post 141, \$200 for the Close Up program, and \$200 for the robotics program.

Prairie Woods Environmental Learning Center, \$1,000 for the Supermileage program.

Plato Lions Club, \$100 for Close Up.

Silver Lake Lions Club, \$100 for seventh-grade health Quest program.

Michelle Gilbertson and Carol and John Siefert, toys for the ECFE program.

Crow River Snow Pros, \$1,000 for Close Up and \$800 for the FFA program.

Thompson Reuter and Pat Chiariello, \$1,000 for activities scholarships.

Brownston Lions Club, \$500 for Close Up.

New Auburn Lions Club, \$200 for Close Up.

Plato Fire Department, \$200 for National FFA Convention.

Court Administration working way toward paperless offices

By Lori Copley
Staff Writer

The Court Administration offices in McLeod and Sibley counties are working their way to being "paperless," the McLeod County Board heard at its Jan. 8 meeting.

Karen Messner, court administrator for both counties, which are part of Minnesota's 1st District courts, gave the County Board an update on activities in the Court Administration department.

Among the strides toward a paperless court system are "e-charging," "e-citations" and "e-appeals," said Messner. The "e" refers to electronic.

Local law enforcement agencies have been issuing e-citations for a few years, Messner said, but recently switched software programs, meaning more changes and training for everyone.

With e-citations, officers can issue a citation by swiping driver licenses through a bar code reader and printing out a citation. The citations also are forwarded to court administration.

For the past six months, Messner said, court administration has been working on the "e-charging" of criminal complaints.

Rather than having to come in to the Court Administration office and file paper complaints, "criminal complaints will come through electronically," Messner said, being forwarded to prosecutors. The prosecutors will forward the complaints directly to judges, who will then determine if there is probable cause to proceed.

In the western half of the 1st District, which includes Scott, Carver, LeSueur, Sibley and McLeod counties, at-

orneys can now file electronic appeals to cases that have already been tried. The "e-appeals" went live on Nov. 19, Messner said. Eventually, all courts in the 1st District will be able to accept e-appeals, she said.

Along with those improvements, Messner said the Court Administration office continues to scan current paper documents so that they can be added to the electronic system.

Eventually, it all should be paperless.

And, along with that, will come several levels of security so that private documents can only be seen by those authorized to do so.

Messner also reported on a new program called "Early Neutral Evaluations," or "ENE" which will be a resource for parents who are divorcing and need to negotiate custodial issues.

Rather than going through the court system, those par-

ents can work with evaluators, who could be counselors, therapists or financial consultants, to work out issues before the divorce is finalized by a judge.

There will be a fee, said Messner, but probably not as much as hiring an attorney to negotiate divorce settlements.

Other counties have implemented similar programs, Messner said.

"In some of those counties, it's been 18 months since they had a court trial regarding a divorce," said Messner.

Messner said that local attorney Jodi Winters had been instrumental in helping to develop a local ENE program.

An informational brochure regarding the new program is being developed, Messner said, and the service should be available soon.

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Did not take long before DFLers began to raid taxpayers' pocketbooks

Our view: Proposed minimum wage increase will do more harm than good to small businesses

It may not take long for the taxpayers' pocketbooks to start emptying with the DFL-controlled Legislature. There seems to be nothing the DFLers do not like when it comes to spending your tax dollars, or extending the long arm of government into Minnesotans' lives.

No sooner had the legislative session gotten under way, the DFLers were looking at new or expanded taxes.

Payback of the state's educational funding, state-funded all-day kindergarten statewide, property tax relief for low-income households, more money for enticing businesses to Minnesota. All are commendable if we can afford them. We cannot, unless there are corresponding cuts elsewhere.

Add to all that is a proposal to hike the state's minimum wage to \$7.50 an hour from the current \$6.15 an hour. While that looks logical on paper, to small businesses like The Chronicle and others on main street, that is a major expense at a time when businesses are looking at ways to better match their shrinking revenues.

Adding to the expense side may mean trimming staff, and that is counterproductive for workers making minimum wage. They may be the first ones cut loose because businesses cannot afford them.

The other alternative is to raise price of the product and risk losing customers. Neither alternative is very attractive.

The minimum wage debate puts small businesses between a rock and a hard place. They cannot win.

Many of these minimum wage earners, high school-aged in particular, already face a tough job market. Raising expenses to businesses will only make that tougher.

But on a bigger scope, DFLers

also are looking at expanding the next state biennium budget to as much as \$40 billion while staring in the face of a possible \$1.1 billion budget deficit.

Expected revenues are around \$38 billion over the next biennium, that is an increase as the state's economy slowly improves.

In setting the current 2011-12 biennium budget, Republicans proposed a \$34 billion budget, including \$4 billion in federal stimulus money, and Gov. Dayton and the DFLers countered with a \$39.5 billion budget, even though state revenues were only \$30 billion at the time.

After acrimonious debate and a weeks-long shutdown of state government, the two sides settled on \$35.5 billion. To make up the \$1.5 billion difference, the two sides agreed to shift education funding and raid the tobacco trust fund. Both short-sighted solutions.

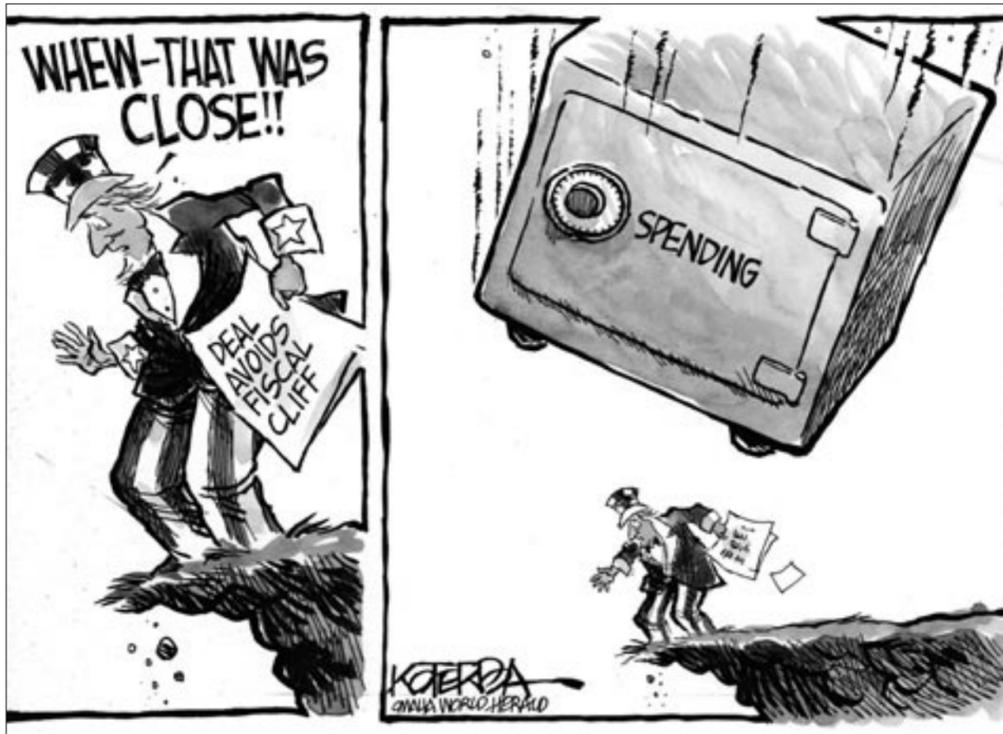
That stimulus money is gone in this next biennium debate. Although the economy is gradually improving, state revenues will not go up enough to cover what DFLers' plans for the next two years. Taxing Minnesotans to death is not a good solution. Expanding the sales tax also is counterproductive.

We again encourage state legislators to look at a cap on state spending at the current level — \$35.5 billion. Let the economy catch up before expanding our spending habits.

Otherwise, we will be right back into the red ink that has become the norm in recent legislative budget debates.

Let us begin to live within our means, and not live precariously on the hopes of an economic turnaround.

— R.G.



Guest column:

What the fiscal cliff deal really tells us

By Lee H. Hamilton

Ordinarily, the start of a new Congress is a time for optimism. Fresh faces and a purposeful spirit combine to get Congress off to a hopeful start.

Yet Capitol Hill right now is far from optimistic. That's because last year's session, with its distressing end by the edge of the fiscal cliff, left the new Congress confronting head on all the challenges that should have been resolved but weren't: getting spending and the deficit under control, spurring economic growth, and reforming the tax code.

Congressional performance at the end of 2012 fell far short, leaving not just a sour taste in most Americans' mouths, but real cause for concern about how Congress operates. We learned a lot about Capitol Hill from the fiscal cliff episode, and not much of it is flattering.

Even when faced with dire consequences, for instance, Congress seems incapable of addressing big national needs in an ambitious way. In an earlier effort to punt on fiscal issues, it created the "fiscal cliff" — and then failed to deal with it. Instead, it cobbled together yet another stopgap measure at the last moment.

All of the key issues it had a chance to resolve — the sequester, spending, the debt ceiling — will have to be revisited in the next few months. And that's before Congress can even get to the real issues of reviving economic growth with investments in research, human capital and infrastructure.

This throws into sharp relief an even more fundamental problem: the traditional legislative system for dealing with tough issues in a rational manner is broken. The time-honored approach afforded by the regular committee process, the pull and tug of negotiations as legislation worked its way through multiple players, the vetting and deal-making that once took place in a Congress organized to do so — all of that is gone.

Instead, like an uncontrollable twitch, Congress repeatedly indulges in fiscal brinkmanship. This leaves it unable to deal effectively with our challenges, raises serious doubts about the viability of our system, and causes the rest of the world to question our ability to lead.

It was noteworthy that the broad outlines of the fiscal cliff agreement were negotiated by two people, Vice President Joe Biden and Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell, while thousands of tiny but important details were left to staff.

Some of the most prominent names in American politics decried the lack of transparency in the process and their own irrelevance to it. The issues being negotiated were of enormous importance to their constituents, but powerful and backbench legislators alike had less input into what was going on than even the unelected staff members of the key players. Their only role was an up-or-down vote at the end.

This is worth noticing because one other thing the fiscal cliff fiasco made clear is that the approach many new members of Congress took during the campaign — that they intend to help Congress get things done — is sorely needed. Politicians on Capitol Hill at the moment are simply unwilling to make truly hard decisions.

Commenting on the Republicans in the wake of the negotiations, New York Times columnist David Brooks said, "The core thing (the fiscal cliff

deal) says about them is that they want to reform entitlements and cut spending, but they can't actually propose any plans to do these things because it would be politically unpopular."

The same might be said of Democrats and the White House, who recognize that entitlement reform needs to be on the table, but are reluctant to specify what they want to see.

So we're left with two parties passing one another in the night, unable to come to terms and unwilling to risk alienating their core constituencies to do so.

In our system of representative democracy, Capitol Hill should be the place where their competing concerns get hammered out.

What we learned from the fiscal cliff negotiations is that Congress isn't that place. As a former member, I'm embarrassed that we can't govern this nation better. Maybe the new Congress will have the courage to change course.

Lee Hamilton is director of the Center on Congress at Indiana University. He was a member of the U.S. House of Representatives for 34 years.

Letters to Editor

Gruenhagen: Highest priority is to be a voice for rural Minnesota

To the Editor:

It was an honor and a privilege to take the oath of office on Tuesday and be sworn in for the second time to the Minnesota House of Representatives.

One of my highest priorities this session is to be a voice for rural Minnesota. Agriculture is such an important part of our local economies, and we must make sure that rural Minnesota is adequately represented in Saint Paul.

One of the first motions of the 2013 legislative session was made by Rep. Rod Hamilton, a rural Minnesota pork producer by trade, to adjust the committee structure to ensure fairness for Minnesota's agriculture community.

Speaker Paul Thissen, a Democrat from Minneapolis, chose to combine the Agriculture Finance committee with the Environment Finance Committee. This is deeply concerning, as the Environment Finance Committee is chaired by a representative from Minneapolis, who has repeatedly voted against Agriculture budget bills that enjoyed wide bipartisan support, and has voted for legislation that disproportionately favors metro cities and suburbs over Greater Min-

nesota.

I was proud to stand for rural Minnesota and vote to recombine the Agriculture Finance Committee with the Agriculture Policy Committee, and was disappointed that my DFL colleagues voted down the motion. I firmly believe that combining the two committees would strengthen the voice of rural Minnesota here at the Capitol.

The current chair of the Agriculture Policy Committee is Rep. Jeanne Poppe, a rural legislator who has served on past agriculture committees. She understands the issues and challenges facing the agriculture industry.

One in five jobs in Minnesota are related to the agriculture industry — it's imperative that we keep the best interests of rural Minnesota in mind this session, and that those interests are well represented.

I hope the DFL and Speaker Thissen will make the right choice, recombine the committees, and help to strengthen the voice of the greater agricultural community in Saint Paul.

Rep. Glenn Gruenhagen,
R-Glencoe
District 18B

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- Yes
- No
- Not sure

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- Mildly important — 22%
- Not important — 39%
- There was a strike? — 28%

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Students of December

The December students of the month were honored at Glencoe-Silver Lake High School on Tuesday. They included, front row, from left, Samantha Dahlke, Mariah Exsted, Alyson Winn, Patrick

Fehrenbach and Chandler Swift. In the back are Jenna Haag, Emily Lawrence, Mitch Polzin, Wyatt Ackerson and Katelynn Kunkel.



Chronicle photo by Rich Glennie

December Pillars of Character

The December Pillars of Character award recipients were, front row, from left, Sloan Becker for responsibility; Eric Thalmann for respect; Brooke Kosek for caring; Alexis Wendlandt for citizenship; Ellie Forcier for respect; and Carissa Parpart for responsibility. In the back are Emily

Lawrence for responsibility; Jalen Metcalf for trustworthiness; Clarissa Ober for caring; Joe Fehrenbach for caring; John Seipel for responsibility; and Mackenzie Mrkvicka for responsibility. Missing was Shelby Clouse, honored for caring.

Record

Police Report

Police issued five "snowbird" citations during the early hours of Tuesday, Jan. 8.

Also on Tuesday, a 5:54 p.m., police were called to an accident that occurred in the 2200 block of 11th Street. Involved was a Land Rover driven by Anne Tyler Hager Rudy that was driving through a parking lot. Rudy said she did not

see a Ford Focus, driven by Meredith Triplet, and hit the Ford Focus on the left front headlight and fender, causing damage. The Land Rover was damaged on the left front grill and bumper.

Two more "snowbird" citations were issued early Wednesday morning.

On Wednesday afternoon, police assisted a man who had fallen down and was transported to the emergency room at Glencoe

Regional Health Services.

Only one "snowbird" ticket was issued on Thursday morning.

Police were called to the scene on 23th Street and Hennepin Avenue at 10:40 p.m., Thursday, where a vehicle had gone off the road, hit a snowbank and a power pole. The power pole was not damaged, and the vehicle was pulled out of the snowbank.

PPAT certification deadline March 1

Farmers and private applicators who have their certification expire on March 1, have received a postcard in the mail from the Minnesota Department of Agriculture. If you are not sure about your certification expiration date, and if you do not get a postcard, you might need to check the date on your private pesticide applicator card.

The postcard says you can renew the certification by one of three options. You are welcome to use the option that works best for you.

One option is to get a written test and manual from a county Extension office. In some counties you can call and request a copy be mailed to you. If you need a new study manual there will likely be a fee for postage along with a \$10 cost for the manual. The new tests and manuals are now available.

The second option is to take the test online. The online test was available shortly after Jan. 8. You will be able to find this on the Pesticide Safety and Environmental Education Website at <http://www.pat.umn.edu>.

You will need to use a credit card to pay the fee online, and you will get a score as soon as you indicate you have completed the test. Check any information provided about computer capacity needed.

The third option for renewing the certification will be to attend one of the workshops conducted by University of Minnesota Extension during January and February.

To be approved by Minnesota Department of Agriculture, three hours of in-



Farm Notes

By Nathan Winter

struction time is required. Attend 15 minutes prior to the time of the workshop for registration purposes. Generally, workshops are scheduled for 3-1/2 hours to allow for a couple stretch breaks. Most all of the workshops do not have a lunch option.

Note, individuals who are getting the certification for the first time or who have let the certification expire prior to March 1 are required to take one of the two test options and are not eligible to be recertified through a workshop.

The workshops that are in or closest to the McLeod and Meeker County area include:

Litchfield, Tuesday, Jan. 22, from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., at the Meeker County Courthouse.

Cologne, Wednesday, Jan. 30, from 12:30 p.m. to 4 p.m., at the Cologne Community Center.

Buffalo, Thursday, Feb. 7, from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., at the Wright County Government Center.

Willmar, Friday, Feb. 8, from 8:30 a.m. to noon, at the Health & Human Services building.

Arlington, Tuesday, Feb. 19, from 1 p.m. to 4:30 p.m., at the Arlington Community Center

Cold Spring, Wednesday,

Feb. 20, from 12:30 p.m. to 4 p.m., at the American Legion Post.

Hutchinson, Thursday, Feb. 21, from 5:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. at the Hutchinson Event Center.

All PPAT workshop locations can be found at the website listed above, calling a county extension office or by contacting the University of Minnesota Extension Farm Info Line at 800-232-9077. A flyer is mailed to people with certification that expire in March. Questions about McLeod and Meeker county sites can be directed to Extension Educator Nathan Winter at 320-484-4303 in McLeod County or 320-693-5275 in Meeker County.

Upcoming educational events:

- Hutchinson Agribusiness Committee Winter Seminar, Hutchinson, Jan. 31.
- Soils 101 Workshop, Wattertown, Feb. 4.
- Effective Manure and Nutrient Management: "Will Grid Soil Sampling Work for My Livestock Farm?" Litchfield, Feb. 13.
- McLeod County Master Gardener Horticultural Day, March 23.
- Meeker County Gardeners Gala, April 9.

Planning commission approves special use, variance requests

By Rich Glennie
Editor

The Glencoe Planning and Industrial Commission reorganized for the new year Thursday night in the senior room at the City Center, but minus one member.

Commissioner Brian Schlagel resigned his seat on the planning commission because he took a job out of state. His vacant position will be advertised by the city.

In other action, Board Chairman Dewey Klaustermeier was re-elected to lead the commission meetings. Vice Chairman Ron Knop also was re-elected, and new commissioner Wes Olson was elected secretary. The fourth commissioner is Lynn Exsted.

The commission agenda included two items. The first was a special use permit request by Corey Polifka to sell used vehicles, and the other was by Bob Schuette to build an over-sized garage.

Both requests were recommended for approval by the full City Council, but Polifka's request met with opposition from neighbor, Sandra Skolberg-Aaberg.

Corey Polifka, who sold cars for a Waconia dealership for over 20 years before the business closed last year, said his proposed used vehicle sales business would be limited to a maximum of five at any one time.

His sale business would be located on property owned by his father, Ken, along the 2200 block of Hennepin Avenue.

Corey Polifka said he can only transfer five titles a year or else he would need a dealer's license from the state. He said his aim is to supplement his income with the used car business.

With a special use permit, the city would review the permit each year.

Ken Polifka said the lot is already zoned commercial.

Corey Polifka said a small-sign will be posted as required by the state.

In a letter to the commission, Skolberg-Aaberg said the better place for the business is on Corey Polifka's own property.

When asked why he did not put the used car sales on his property in the county, Corey Polifka said his entire property would need to be rezoned.

"People try to keep their property in respectable condition and eye appealing, and do not wish to have used cars lined up in the city," Skolberg-Aaberg wrote.

City Administrator Mark Larson said the special use permit is reviewed each year and is for this specific use only. If the property is sold, the permit does not go with it.

The vote was 4-0 in recommending approval.

It also was 4-0 when Schuette requested a variance to build a garage on his property at 1412 Birch Ave. that is 1,064 square feet in size, 64 square feet larger than permitted by city ordinance.



Early Childhood Family Education

ECFE's winter/spring classes begin Jan. 28

The ECFE winter/spring parent-child classes are starting the week of Jan. 28-Feb. 1.

If you've been thinking about coming to a parent-child class with your infant, toddler, or preschool-aged child, there is still time to register. ECFE classes are a great place to meet other families with children close in age to your children. Also, they are an opportunity to spend one-on-one time with your special little one without the distractions of home.

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Early childhood screening

for all 3- to 5-year-old children, who have not yet completed screening, will be held Friday, Jan. 25, at First Congregational UCC in Glencoe from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Your child should be screened a full year before s/he goes to kindergarten. Call Helen Baker Elementary School to schedule your appointment at 320-864-2666. All children eligible for kindergarten in fall 2013 must have proof of screening to begin kindergarten.

If your 3- to 5-year-old child is not enrolled in preschool or is in preschool but could benefit from another day, try ECFE Plus. ECFE Plus adds one day of class without a parent when a family is enrolled in an ECFE parent-child class at another time.

For more information about this option, go to www.gsl.k12.mn.us, click on COMM ED/ECFE, then Early Childhood Family Education, or call 320-864-2681.

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Brownton City Council, pet owners debate ordinance

By Lori Copley
Staff Writer

New Brownton Mayor Jay Werner's first meeting Jan. 8 was no cakewalk, as an overflow crowd packed the City Council chambers in protest of the city's intention to enforce its ordinance regarding the number of licensed pets allowed per household.

The city's pet ordinance, adopted in 2003, allows two pets per household. Both dogs and cats are required to be licensed in Brownton.

Any person, firm or corporation with three or more pets is considered a kennel, and kennels are not allowed within the city limits, according to the ordinance.

In response to complaints about pets, the City Council has in the past two months discussed the enforcement of the ordinance, and instructed its city clerk to send out letters to those who are known to have more pets than the or-

dinance allows.

However, several people — including former Mayor Curt Carrigan — argued that the ordinance punishes responsible pet owners for the transgressions of irresponsible ones.

Resident DJ Rotter presented the City Council with a petition signed by 102 people protesting the Council's action.

The letter, which contained an April 30 deadline to comply with the ordinance by "relocating" pets, generated a "highly emotional and passionate response," said Rotter.

Responsible pet owners, Rotter asserted, "don't deserve to be forced to get rid of their beloved pets" because of the actions of other pet owners who don't follow the ordinance's other sections, which address animals running at large, dangerous pets and noise.

Council Member Brian

Dressel said the issue was driven, in part, by complaints about dogs barking.

And City Clerk Cindy Lindeman said there is at least one household with four dogs that has been the subject of many complaints because the dogs "have been running at large."

Council Member Norm Schwarze indicated that more and more people seem to be ignoring the ordinance.

"It's getting lax," said Schwarze. "People know the ordinance and they still get more pets. If you have other suggestions, we're open to that."

Police Chief Ken Bauer agrees that the number of violators are few.

"The problem falls back on a few people," said Bauer. "Unfortunately, that does reflect on everyone."

And, as long as there is a limit on the number of pets in the ordinance, the police de-

partment has to enforce it, regardless of whether the owners are responsible or not.

"I can't enforce it on one side of the street, and not the other," said Bauer.

Council Member Chuck Warner said he is a dog lover, but there are "undoubtedly people on the other side of the aisle. They don't like the gnashing of teeth, dogs using their yards as toilets and the barking like hell."

Warner said the police department brought up the complaints to the City Council.

"We asked 'what's in the ordinance?'" said Warner, who noted that at the beginning of the meeting, the Council members took oaths in which they pledged to uphold federal, state and city laws.

In past discussions, Warner has stated that the city needs to either enforce its ordinance, change it or get rid of it.

Werner said City Council needs to take all opinions into consideration.

"We need to get some insight from pet owners and non-pet owners, and try to find a solution somewhere in the middle," said Werner.

Carrigan contended that the easiest solution is to eliminate the "number" of pets from the ordinance and more aggressively enforce the other sections regarding running at large, barking and vicious animals.

"To me, it's akin to punishing the whole class for something a few did," said Carrigan. "Punish the violators and leave the rest alone. If there's a problem, address that problem. These problems are not going to go away by limiting the numbers."

Rotter agreed with Carrigan regarding the violations of other parts of the ordinance.

"With each violation, the fine should get greater and the

penalty get stiffer," said Rotter.

Dressel expressed concern about removing a designated limit to the number of pets from the ordinance, saying it could lead to unsanitary homes and other problems.

"If the number isn't two, is it 20?" asked Dressel. "I don't think we want that."

Doris Lamprecht also asked that the City Council take into consideration those who temporarily take in abandoned or stray animals until there is room for them at animal shelters.

In the end, the City Council asked residents to explore other options for presentation at the February meeting, and indicated that it would do the same on its end.

In related business, the City Council amended the ordinance to not allow pets in the Brownton Area Civic Center and the Brownton Community Center.



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Stewart City Clerk-Treasurer Ronda Huls, left, administered the oath of office to new Stewart Mayor Jason Peirce

Monday night as new Council Members Kevin Klucas and Jim Eitel awaited their turns.

3 new council members join Stewart City Council

By Lori Copley
Staff Writer

Three new Stewart City Council members joined Jason Peirce, the only remaining incumbent, at the Council's first meeting of the year Monday night.

And Peirce is actually new to his job, too. Formerly a Council member, Peirce was appointed to the position of mayor after incumbent Mayor Jeff Erkenbrack resigned early in December, a month after he was re-elected to a two-year term.

New Council Members Kevin Klucas and Jim Eitel, who were elected in November, took the oath of office Monday evening.

The City Council still needed to fill the seats formerly held by Tammy Schaufler, who resigned near the end of December to accept a job out of state, and that of Peirce's former Council seat, to which the City Council had appointed former member Michael Ayt, who declined the appointment.

Monday night, the City Council appointed Michael Knox to fill one of the two vacancies. Knox said that while he is new to Stewart, he has joined the fire department and the Stewart Lions Club, indicating an interest in community service.

Klucas suggested posting the other vacancy with the hopes of having a candidate



Michael Knox was appointed to the Stewart City Council Monday night to fill a vacancy created by a December resignation.

for the Council's February meeting.

The City Council also approved various appointments, representatives and liaisons, although those may change when a new Council member comes on board.

Those appointments include:

- Klucas as vice mayor, one of two blight inspectors, safety director, liaison for the streets and maintenance department and as the program manager for employees.

- Peirce as a liaison for the clerk-treasurer and the personnel policy, and the Council's representative on the Board of Adjustment and to the RS Fiber Joint Powers

Board.

- Eitel as the other blight inspector, liaison for the streets and maintenance department and as the Council representative on the planning and zoning board.

- Knox as the other liaison for the city clerk-treasurer.

Other appointments made by the City Council include:

Jason Carter as emergency management director; Mike Hansen as the first assistant fire chief; Troy Schulze, fire department training officer; Heather Peirce, First Responder captain; maintenance supervisor Matt Maiers as the tree inspector; the sheriff's department as the animal control officer; and the Heart of Minnesota Animal Shelter as the city's animal pound.

Klucas voted against Hansen's appointment as assistant fire chief, saying that he has concerns about Hansen's "attendance to meetings and so forth" because Hansen's job kept him in the field from May to November.

Klucas also said he would like to see Schulze attend more "train-the-trainer" meetings, but did vote in favor of his appointment as a training officer for the fire department.

The McLeod County Chronicle was named the city's official newspaper, and several official depositories were named.

Stewart Council fields complaints over building inspections, fees

By Lori Copley
Staff Writer

The Stewart City Council plans to have a future workshop with its building inspection firm, MNSPECT, to address complaints raised by various parties, including a construction firm, the owners of a new convenience store and gas station, and the general manager of Form-A-Feed.

Oather Martin of K.W.A.M. Construction said his firm has experienced delays in its work schedule because of a variety of issues with the building inspector.

Martin listed a long litany of issues in a letter to the City Council, concluding with "I could go on, but I don't want to make this a 10-page complaint."

"We're one of the few companies that will work in this town, because of the building inspector," Martin said when he was invited to address the City Council. He added that his construction company doesn't have similar issues in other towns.

Larry Schuette of Form-A-Feed also expressed concerns about issues that arose when the company built a new warehouse and converted an existing home into office space.

Gary Dettman, a co-owner of the new Southside Station, said that trying to comply with building inspection requests delayed the project "by at least a month and a half."

Schuette said he felt there needs to be better interpretation of the state building code.

Also raised were complaints about the building inspection fees. Martin said the fee for one detached garage was over \$700.

Council Member Jim Eitel said he agreed that "some fees are too high. People aren't going to do projects; they're just going to let their houses get run down."

Scott Qualle of MNSPECT tried to address some of the specific concerns that were raised.

Qualle also noted that the Minnesota Building Code is actually comprised of "27

different codes," including the International Building Code.

The State Building Code, Qualle said, "is the only one in the state; the code applies statewide."

But that said, Qualle said there is "a lot of gray areas" in the state building code, and he sometimes has to make decisions on how to enforce it.

"But all of my decisions have to be with the code in mind, and what the intent is," said Qualle. Qualle said the building code is in place to ensure personal safety.

"I cannot exceed what the code requires, and I cannot do less than the code requires," said Qualle.

Qualle also said the building code sets minimum standards.

"To me, the code is a D-minus code," said Qualle. "My job is to get people to a D-minus, the lowest passing grade."

Qualle also said the fees are set by the City Council, not MNSPECT, although the firm does make recommendations.

And Qualle said the city gets a share of the fees to cover its administrative costs.

Council Member Kevin Klucas suggested a workshop to "work out the fees and work on communication between the inspector and our people."

Qualle said he is looking forward to having that discussion.

In other business Monday night, the City Council:

- Met with St. Paul's Lutheran Church representatives Dave Husfeldt and Randy Pederson regarding the street that runs north-south between the church and the parsonage.

Klucas said that the street had been determined to be privately owned by the church, but because the city has been plowing and maintaining it for over six years, it has the right of eminent domain.

Husfeldt and Pederson had asked if the city would continue to plow it, although it is a private road.

Klucas suggested turning the street back to the city so

that it could maintain it, with improvement costs to be assessed to the church.

Klucas also said the street provides access to Highway 212, which makes it beneficial to both the city and its residents.

Pederson said the issue had come up with the current street project, and concerns that there would be "a huge bill" if the street, and utilities, were improved.

But Klucas said there are no utilities under the street, and the only maintenance would be for the street surface.

Pederson said the information will be taken back to the church council, but that he personally agreed that the best option would be to let the city exercise its right of eminent domain and take over the street.

- Agreed not to plow or maintain a vacated portion of Main Street west of Bowman, near the apartment buildings. The city will post the road as a private road.

- Heard that four new members of the Stewart Fire Department have begun their initial training.

- Re-appointed Theresa Rosenow to the planning commission and agreed to begin looking for a replacement for Carol Waller, who has moved out of the community.

- Tabled adoption of the 2013 fee schedule until it has full membership of Council members.

- Tabled proposed changes to its assessment policy until Council members have time to review it.

CRAYO seeks musicians for orchestras

The Crow River Area Youth Orchestra (CRAYO) is seeking area musicians for its second semester. There are two opportunities:

- The Symphonic Orchestra is for string students and adults who feel comfortable reading at a more advanced level of Suzuki Book 3 on up and band students from an eighth-grade level on up.

Instruments desired for this group are violins, violas, cellos, string basses, flutes, clarinets, oboes, bassoons, saxophones, trumpets, French horns, trombones, baritones,

tuba and percussion. The group is directed by Michael Zellert.

- The Varsity Strings ensemble is for string students and adults who feel comfortable reading at a late-beginning to early-intermediate level Suzuki books 1-3.

Instruments desired include violins, violas, cellos and string bass. This group is directed by Rhonda Johnson.

Both groups will meet on Sunday afternoons at the Hutchinson Middle School. The Varsity Strings will meet from 4 p.m. to 5 p.m. in the

choir room, and the Symphonic Orchestra will meet from 3:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. in the band room. The first rehearsal for both will be Feb. 3. The concert is set for April 21.

For more information or to register, call Sherri Brigden at 320-296-5704, or visit www.crayo.org.

Those interested will be able to listen to the pieces selected for the concert on the website. The Crow River Youth Orchestra also can be found on Facebook.

17 Brownton seniors met on Monday

Seventeen Brownton senior citizens met Monday at the community center.

Cards were played after the meeting with the following winners: 500, Ordell Klucas, first, and Gladys Rickert, second; pinochle, John Huebert, first, and Leone Kujas, second; and sheephead, Lil Lindeman, first, and Elmer Maass, second.

Della Schultz won the door prize. Gladys Rickert and Elmer Maass served refreshments.

The next meeting will be Monday, Jan. 21, at 1 p.m.

Community Calendar

Thurs., Jan. 17 — AA Group mtg. next to Post Office in Stewart, 8 p.m., call 320-212-5290 for info.; Stewart Lions; Lake Marion Improvement Association, Brownton Rod & Gun Club, 6:30 p.m.

Mon., Jan. 21 — Tops Weigh-In mtg., 5-5:30 p.m.; Brownton Senior Citizens Club, Brownton Community Center, 1 p.m.; Brownton Lions; Stewart American Legion Post 125 & Auxiliary, 7 p.m.; **MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. DAY.**

Tues., Jan. 22 — Narcotics Anonymous, Brownton Community Center, 7 p.m.

Thurs., Jan. 24 — AA Group mtg. next to Post Office in Stewart, 8 p.m., call 320-212-5290 for info.

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Brownton City Council members who are starting new terms were sworn into office Jan. 8 by City Clerk Cindy Lindeman, right. From left are incumbent Council Member Brian Dressel, new

Mayor Jay Werner and incumbent Council Member Norm Schwarze. Dressel and Schwarze are serving four-year terms, while the mayor's term is two years.

Brownton City Council swears in officials, makes appointments

By Lori Copley
Staff Writer

The oath of office was administered to new Brownton Mayor Jay Werner and re-elected Council Members Brian Dressel and Norm Schwarze at the City Council's Jan. 8 meeting.

The City Council also approved the annual designations of The McLeod County Chronicle as the city's official newspaper, Security Bank & Trust Co. as the official depository, and the first Tuesday of each month as the regular meeting date.

Werner also made appointments of council members as commissioners and other representatives, including:

representatives, including:

Schwarze as the acting mayor in Werner's absence, street commissioner and Council representative for the Brownton Area Civic Center task force;

Dressel as emergency management director, commissioner for the parks and cemetery and Council representative for the Brownton Area Civic Center task force;

Council Member Doug Block as the assistant weed inspector, commissioner for water and sewer and blight and clean-up;

Council Member Chuck Warner as the commissioner of police and the community

center;

And Werner as the commissioner for electrical and street lights and the Council representative on the planning and zoning commission.

The City Council also:

- Approved the annual lease agreement with the Senior Nutrition Program for use of the community center.

- Heard an update on plans for the second-annual Cabin Fever Days celebration, and issued a temporary liquor license for Feb. 22-23 for the event.

- Set a special meeting for Jan. 15 to discuss the proposed municipal natural gas utility project.

History

From the Brownton Bulletin archives

100 Years Ago

Jan. 17, 1913
O.C. Conrad, Editor

About 20 farmers congregated at the Collins school house Friday evening for the purpose of talking over the organizing of a farmers' shipping association. The plan is in vogue in several villages in this county and seems to be working out fairly well. It is the intention to interest farmers surrounding the entire village of Brownton.

On Monday of this week, G.W. Sturdivant disposed of his tontorial parlor to William Fleisch of Glencoe; possession was given immediately. The sale also included Mr. Sturdivant's residence property on the north side. Mr. Sturdivant said the sale came about so quickly that he has not the slightest idea as to what he will turn his attention to in the future.

Another pioneer, Mr. Henry Dressel, passed away at the age of 80 at the home of his son, Ernest, in Rich Valley Township last Friday.

75 Years Ago

Jan. 20, 1938
Percy L. Hakes, Editor

Emil Lindeman, who has conducted a service station and tank wagon service in this community, disposed of the business last week to Herman Woller, who

will conduct the business with his son-in-law, Marvin Dennin. The new business will be known as Woller & Dennin Oil Co.

Emil C. Birkholz, local butter-maker, was elected Monday evening as president of the commercial club. Elvin Eiselein was elected as vice president and Dr. H.A. Wilson and William Peik were re-elected as secretary and treasurer respectively. Re-elected as directors were E.J. Mann, Edward Peik and O.G. Zimmerman.

50 Years Ago

Jan. 17, 1963
Charles H. Warner, Editor

Ken Abram, senior forward for the Gustavus Adolphus College cage team, is fifth in the MIAC conference in scoring, looping in 97 points in six league games for an average of 16.2 points per game.

Curtis Tongen was re-elected president of the Brownton Civic & Commerce Association at the group's Monday meeting. Carl Hardele was elected vice president; Joe Janke, secretary; Ray Lindeman, treasurer; and Tom Tadsen, Larry West and Elmer Podratz, directors.

20 Years Ago

Jan. 13, 1993
Lori Copley, Editor

The Brownton City Council voted 4-0 Monday night to hire

Kay Selle as the full-time manager of the municipal liquor store. Selle has been the acting manager since the resignation of manager Steve Messner. Selle also has been a bartender at the store for 12 years. Mayor Carl Wachter abstained from the vote, noting that his family has friendships with several of the applicants.

Jim Kalenberg Sr. and Lorraine Grabow were sworn in Monday as members of the Stewart City Council, and Marge Scholla took the oath of office as mayor.

10 Years Ago

Jan. 15, 2003
Lori Copley, Editor

New Minnesota Gov. Tim Pawlenty and Lt. Gov. Carol Molnau visited the Hutchinson Event Center Thursday, where they pledged support for rural Minnesota and also faced off in a cow-milking contest, easily won by Molnau, a dairy farmer.

The Brownton City Council renewed efforts to bring natural gas into the city by asking new Mayor Curt Carrigan to contact Hutchinson Utilities about the possibility of tapping into its newly approved pipeline.

Last week's warm temperatures and a brisk wind caused Lake Marion to open up, and about 20 fish houses fell victim to the melting ice.

From the Stewart Tribune archives

100 Years Ago

Jan. 17, 1913
A.F. Avery, Editor

Considerable alterations and improvements are being made in the interior of the Farmers & Merchants Bank.

Swen Blomquist of Winthrop has taken a position as clerk in the Boehlke Mercantile establishment. He is a young man who has had considerable experience behind the counter and should prove popular with the trade.

A pleasantly appointed wedding was solemnized last Friday morning at the Fernando church, when Miss Martha Brede, daughter of Mrs. William Bahr, was united in marriage to Mr. Frank Schwartz. The couple will make their home on the Schwartz farm north of town.

75 Years Ago

Jan. 14, 1938
Harry Koepfen, Editor

Bids on the revised plans for Stewart's proposed new school building will be opened at the Community Hall at 2 this afternoon.

The Stewart Fire Department was called to the Fred Williamette home about two miles northeast of town Thursday morning to extinguish a chimney blaze. The fire had attained enough momentum to burn into a wall, but was quickly gotten under control. Damages are not large.

50 Years Ago

Jan. 17, 1963
Kermit T. Hubin, Editor

St. Boniface Catholic Church of Stewart was the scene of a pretty seasonal wedding on Dec. 29 in which Miss Jo Ann C. Schmidt, daughter of Mr. and

Mrs. Joseph Schmidt, became the bride of Thomas J. Dols, son of Mr. and Mrs. Virgil J. Dols.

35 Years Ago

Jan. 19, 1978
Kermit T. Hubin, Editor

Funeral services were held Wednesday morning for Minnie Forcier, 95, who died at the Burns Manor Nursing Home in Hutchinson Sunday. The Rev. Henry Sterner officiated at the funeral Mass at St. Boniface Catholic Church in Stewart. Spring interment will be held in the St. Boniface Cemetery.

The annual meeting of the Stewart Improvement Association was held at the Sugar Shack Cafe Monday evening, Jan. 16, with 20 members in attendance. Deloyd Dreier was elected president and Jerome Streich was elected vice president. Directors named were Reggie Ripperger, Dreier, William Sunde and Clarence Kern.

People

Daughter born to Ross, Robb

Chantel Ross and Jonathan Robb of Glencoe announce the birth of their daughter, Maia Deserae Robb, on Jan. 5, 2013, at Glencoe Regional Health Services. Maia weighed 7 pounds, 5 ounces, and was 19 inches in length. She joins a sister, Hailey Marie. Grandparents are Robin Abrams of Glencoe and Judy and Lisa Robb of Cleveland.

On St. Mary's dean's list

Allison Christensen and Jessika Lukes, both of Lester Prairie, and Carissa Hahn of Hutchinson, were named to the fall semester dean's list at St. Mary's University in Winona. Christensen is the daughter of Paul and Renee Christensen, Lukes is the daughter of Frederick and Josephine Lukes, and Hahn is the daughter of Paul and Bonnie Hahn.

Daughter for Arroyo, Noyola

Jeannette Arroyo and Jorge Manuel Noyola of Glencoe announce the birth of their daughter, Kiana Monique Noyola, on Dec. 17, 2012, at Glencoe Regional Health Services. Kiana weighed 8 pounds, 1 ounce, and was 20 inches long. Grandparents are Fernando and Norma Arroyo of Eagle Pass, Texas, and Barbara Noyola-Salas of Lester Prairie and Jorge Noyola-Garcia of Lester Prairie.

Area students on SCSU list

Several area students were named to the fall semester dean's list at St. Cloud State University. They include Kayla Eiden and Daniel Witte, both of Glencoe. Eiden is majoring in accounting and Witte is a history major. Also on the dean's list were Cole Scott of Plato, who is in the College of Liberal Arts; Jennifer Carlson of Stewart, a community psychology major; and Bethany and Brianna Briggs of Lester Prairie. Bethany Briggs is majoring in biomedical science and Brianna Briggs is majoring in general biology.

George, Kohout note birth

Vanessa George and Dan Kohout of Glencoe announce the birth of their son, Cole David Kohout, on Dec. 20, 2012, at Glencoe Regional Health Services. Cole weighed 7 pounds, 12 ounces, and was 20-1/2 inches in length. His older sister is Nevaeh, and grandparents are Dave and Deb Kohout of Glencoe and Roxanne George of Buffalo.

Kuttners welcome daughter

Brett and Nicole Kuttner of Hutchinson announce the birth of their daughter, Grace Kristian, on Dec. 21, 2012, at Hutchinson Health Care. Grace weighed 8 pounds, 14 ounces, and was 20-1/2 inches in length. Her older sister is Greta. Grandparents are Richard and Diane Kuttner of Hutchinson and Randall and Bonita Rehmann of Lester Prairie.

Daughter for Hamblin, Stien

Lytisha Hamblin and Michael Stien of Ceylon announce the birth of their daughter, Maddilyn Dawn Stien, on Dec. 27, 2012, at Glencoe Regional Health Services. Maddilyn weighed 6 pounds, 14 ounces, and was 19 inches long. Grandparents are Allen and Dawn Schwirtz of Arlington and Steven and Cathy Stien of Gaylord.

Granddaughter born Dec. 22

Lonnie and Rhonda Lindeman of Brownton announce the birth of their granddaughter, Esther Joy Bislew, on Dec. 22, 2012. Esther, who weighed 9 pounds, 1 ounce, and was 20 inches in length, is the daughter of Johnathan and Heather Bislew of Mankato. Esther's older siblings are Evangeline, Isabel, Faith, Isaiah and Phinehas. Esther's paternal grandparents are John and Toni Bislew of Norridge, Ill., and Rita Nowak of Racine, Wis. Great-grandmothers are Frieda Spiering and Lillie Lindeman, both of Brownton.

Hutchinson gets clean-up funds

ST. PAUL — The Department of Employment and Economic Development (DEED) announced that Hutchinson has received \$292,764 in clean-up funds for a 1.58-acre site contami-

nated with petroleum, arsenic and asbestos. The former railroad yard will be developed into a farmers market and museum. The remaining costs will be covered by the city.

Students get dismissed after fire, smoke

WACONIA — The Waconia Patriot reported that a general fire alarm went off on Jan. 7 at a Waconia school, which sent students home early. The call came in about 10:18 a.m. after smoke was noticed in a first-floor restroom. The fire was quickly extinguished, but left an odor in the building. The building was evacuated when the alarm went off. There were no injuries. There was smoke damage to the bathroom, but no major damage reported. The fire was determined to be "suspicious in nature," The Patriot quoted Fire Chief Mark Morse as saying.

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MFT sets Winterfest for Feb. 2

Winter in Minnesota can be defined by wind chills, snow and frigid temperatures. In order to survive, we seek refuge indoors with a good book near the fireplace. Short of flying south, we are left to ourselves to overcome the long season of winter.

This year, however, make a change and if you can't beat winter ... why not join it?

Check out the McLeod for Tomorrow Winterfest celebration on Feb. 2. Find out how fun winter can be by exploring winter activities such as snow shoeing, ice skating, cross country skiing, riding fat-tire bikes, building snow sculptures or even riding shotgun in a dogsled.

This free event will be held at the McLeod County Fairgrounds from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and at its conclusion will release the first of more to come clues as you search for the coveted medallion and win \$150.

There will be warm drinks and hot food available for families and individuals to warm up in between trying various winter activities. Those wishing to participate in the cross country skiing, skating and fat-tire bike riding should bring with them skis, skates and a bike helmet.

This event is made possible by the McLeod County Parks and Fairgrounds, the city of Hutchinson, Heart of Hutch, Outdoor Motion and the Elks.

McLeod For Tomorrow is a group that was established through McLeod County and the University of Minnesota Extension Services. It provides leadership opportunities to McLeod County residents and has hosted candidate forums and other local forums to discuss issues critical to McLeod County residents while encouraging networking among community leaders. This group is in the process of seeking 501C3 status as a non-profit.

Proceeds from food sales will be split between the medallion hunt cash prize, Elks and McLeod For Tomorrow, and all beverages proceeds will be used to continue to fund the McLeod For Tomorrow program.

For more information find McLeod For Tomorrow on Facebook at <http://www.facebook.com/McLeodForTomorrow> or on its website at www.mcleodfortomorrow.com.

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Obituaries

Elizabeth Bettcher, 79, Lester Prairie

Funeral services celebrating the life of Elizabeth "Liz" Ann (Gruer) Bettcher, 79, of Lester Prairie, were held Thursday, Jan. 10, at St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church in Lester Prairie. The Rev. Eric Nelson officiated.



Elizabeth Bettcher

Mrs. Bettcher died Sunday, Jan. 6, 2013, at her home.

The organist was Jane Holasek, and congregational hymns were "I Am But a Stranger Here," "I Know That My Redeemer Lives" and "God Loves Me Dearly."

Pallbearers were Nicholas Bettcher, Chris Anderson, Steve Ortloff, Keith Ortloff, Jon Ortloff and Pat Feltmann. Interment was in the church cemetery.

Elizabeth "Liz" Ann Gruer was born April 18, 1933, in New Auburn Township, Sibley County, to Ernest and Lillie (Wolf) Gruer. She was baptized as an infant on June 11, 1933, by the Rev. E. Kolbe at First Evangelical Lutheran Church in Glencoe, and confirmed in her faith as a youth on March 30, 1947, by the Rev. W.F. Mueller at Immanuel Evangelical Lutheran Church in New Auburn. She received her education in Glencoe and was a

graduate of the Glencoe High School class of 1951.

She furthered her education by attending Bemidji State University in Bemidji for four years. She received a teaching degree in physical education and health.

On June 9, 1956, Liz Gruer was united in marriage to Lewis "Butch" Bettcher by the Rev. Mueller at Immanuel Lutheran Church in New Auburn. The Bettchers made their home in Lester Prairie. God blessed their marriage with three sons, Joel, James and Joshua. They shared and enjoyed over 56 years of marriage.

In addition to being a loving wife, mother and homemaker, Mrs. Bettcher taught physical education and health in Madison for one year and in Watertown for four years.

While raising her three boys, Mrs. Bettcher helped to support her family by running the company books, substitute teaching and volunteering her time and effort as a Cub Scout den leader.

Lester Prairie was very important to Mrs. Bettcher. She served many years as an election judge, volunteered countless hours at the local bloodmobile, and helped conduct health screenings at the school.

Mrs. Bettcher was a faithful member of St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church in Lester Prairie, where she taught Sunday school. She

was an active member of the LWML, where she held numerous offices and lovingly organized the "Dessert Bar Room" for funerals.

Her passions included sewing, gardening, cooking, baking, bowling and dancing. She also loved helping at church and making mission quilts. She treasured the time she spent with her family and especially enjoyed her grandchildren's company.

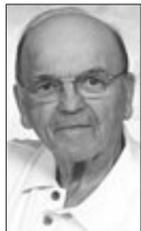
Survivors include her husband, Lewis "Butch" Bettcher of Lester Prairie; sons, Joel (Amy) Bettcher of Lester Prairie, James (Brenda) Bettcher of Glencoe and Joshua (Kim) Bettcher of Detroit Lakes; grandchildren, Nicholas Bettcher, Bethany Bettcher, Leah Bettcher, David Bettcher, Jacob Bettcher, Alexandra Bettcher and Gabriella Bettcher; sisters, Gladys Bartels and Pearl (Kenneth) Ortloff, both of Glencoe; nieces, nephews, other relatives and many friends.

Preceding her in death were her parents, Ernest and Lillie Gruer; granddaughter, Natalie Bettcher; sister, Marlys Anderson; and brother-in-law, Leslie Bartels.

Arrangements were by the Paul-McBride Funeral Chapel of Lester Prairie. Online obituaries and guest book are available at www.hantge.com. Click on obituaries/guest book.

Donald George Pieper, 86, of NYA

Funeral services for Donald George Pieper, 86, of Norwood Young America (NYA), were held Friday, Jan. 11, at



Donald Pieper

St. John's Lutheran Church in NYA. The Rev. David Winter officiated.

Mrs. Pieper died Monday, Jan. 7, 2013, at the Waconia Good Samaritan Care Center.

The organist was Diane Wegner, and the soloist, the Rev. Eric Hutchison, sang "Abide With Me." Congregational hymns were "My Faith Looks Up to Thee," "The Lord is My Shepherd" and "Eternal Father, Strong to Save."

Military honors were by Norwood American Legion Post 343. Pallbearers were Sean Peters, Timothy Jopp, Joel Wiegert, Nolan Kloempken, Samuel Soulek, Joshua Wood, Luke Wood, Jeffrey Pieper and Phillip Pieper. Interment was in the church cemetery.

Mr. Pieper was born Jan. 15, 1926, in Young America Township, to George and Esther (Stoekmann) Pieper. He was baptized as an infant on Jan. 24, 1926, by the Rev. M.F. Abraham and confirmed in his faith as a youth on March 17, 1940, by the Rev. W.P. Kramer, both at St. John's Lutheran Church in

NYA. He received his education at St. John's Parochial School and then graduated in 1944 from Central High School in NYA.

Mr. Pieper entered active military service in the U.S. Navy on Nov. 16, 1944, and served his country in Bremerton, Wash., as the ship's second class cook. He received an honorable discharge on Aug. 14, 1946.

On April 30, 1949, Mr. Pieper was united in marriage to Ramona Huepenbecker by the Rev. J.H. Bunge at St. Paul's Evangelical Reformed Church in Plato. Their marriage was blessed with three children, Julie, Dana and Bill. The Piepers made their home in NYA and shared over 63 years of marriage.

Mr. Pieper worked at Knutson Liquor Store for several years and then, in 1956, he started farming. After 35 years of farming, he retired and started working part time at Young America Corporation.

Mr. Pieper was a faithful and lifelong member of St. John's Lutheran Church in NYA, where he served as an elder, trustee and many years as a steward. He also served on the school board at Central Schools for nine years and the Carver County Park Board.

Mr. Pieper enjoyed reading, collecting coins and planting things, especially trees and flowers. He cherished the time spent with his family and friends.

Survivors include his wife,

Ramona Pieper of NYA; children, Julie (Thomas) Kloempken of Hamburg, Dana (Don) Wood of Circle Pines and William (Lisa) Pieper of NYA; grandchildren, Heidi (Sean) Peters, Jill (Timothy) Jopp, Kelly (Joel) Wiegert, Nolan Kloempken, Natalie (Samuel) Soulek, Joshua (Deanna) Wood, Luke Wood, Jeffrey Pieper, Phillip Pieper and his fiancé, Amy Heiden, Andrew O'Connor and Amber Pieper; great-grandchildren, Taylor Peters, Jocelyn Peters, Symone Jopp, Elijah Jopp, Abram Jopp, Samuel Jopp, Cade Wiegert, Maxwell Wiegert, Annaliese Wood, Rosalyn Wood, Lincoln Soulek and Logan Pieper; brother, Howard (Darlene) Pieper of Hamburg; brother-in-law, Wilfred Fruetel of St. Louis Park; sisters-in-law, Mavis Huepenbecker of Wayzata and Sylvia Conrad of Burnsville; nieces, nephews, other relatives and many friends.

Preceding him in death were his parents, George and Esther Pieper; father-in-law and mother-in-law, Albert and Mabel Huepenbecker; sister, Phyllis Fruetel; and brothers-in-law, Robert Conrad, Clarence "Dusty" Huepenbecker and Laurence Huepenbecker.

Arrangements were by the Paul-McBride Funeral Chapel of NYA. Online obituaries and guest book are available at www.hantge.com. Click on obituaries/guest book.

Felix Leo Junczewski, 86, of Winsted

A concelebrated Mass of Christian Burial for Felix Junczewski, 86, of Winsted, was held Thursday, Jan. 10, at Holy Trinity Catholic Church in Winsted.



Felix Junczewski

The Rev. Paul Schumacher and the Rev. Eugene Brown were the concelebrants.

Mr. Junczewski died Monday, Jan. 7, 2013, at Hutchinson Health Care.

The reader for the Mass was Daryl Kiefer. Gift bearers were Lauri Shamla and Darlene Kiefer.

Pallbearers were Kenny Waspir, Alan Junczewski, Mike Cacka, Paul Poko-

rowski, Joey Waspir and Blake Ogle. Interment was at Holy Trinity Cemetery.

Mr. Junczewski was born on was born March 8, 1926, in Silver Lake, to Steven and Irene (Bugner) Junczewski. He was confirmed at St. Adalbert's Catholic Church in Silver Lake.

On Oct. 21, 1947, Mr. Junczewski and Sophie M. Fiecke were joined in holy marriage. God blessed their marriage with three sons.

They lived and farmed in rural Silver Lake. He also had a trucking business and a sod business. They moved and semi retired in their new home in Winsted in 1990. From there, he continued to drive truck and worked with his boys.

He was a faithful member of Holy Trinity Catholic Church in Winsted.

Survivors include his loving wife, Sophie M. Junczewski; sons, Kenneth Junczewski of Silver Lake, Leonard "Lenny" (Linda) Junczewski of Winsted and David Junczewski of Silver Lake; 11 grandchildren and 28 great-grandchildren; many other relatives and friends.

Preceding him in death were his parents, Steven and Irene Junczewski; stepmother, Stella Junczewski; sister and brother-in-law, Clifford and Lucinda Pilarski; daughters-in-law, Bernadine Junczewski and Sandra Junczewski; twin grandsons, the Shamla babies; and a nephew, Leonard Pilarski.

The Chilson Funeral Home in Winsted served the family. Online condolences may be made at www.chilsonfuneralhome.com.

Cordelia H. Zaske, 93, of Brownton

Funeral services for Cordelia "Cordy" Hedwig Zaske, 93, of Brownton, were held Thursday, Jan. 10, at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Brownton.



Cordelia Zaske

The Rev. R. Allan Reed officiated.

Mrs. Zaske died Sunday, Jan. 6, 2013, at Hutchinson Health.

The organist was Dawn Wolter and special music was by the Immanuel Lutheran Church Choir, which sang "Go Now in Peace." The congregational hymns were "I'm But a Stranger Here," "What a Friend We Have in Jesus" and "How Great Thou Art."

Pallbearers were David Zaske, Andrew Zaske, Matthew Zaske, Jacob Zaske, Mark Zaske, Michael Zaske and Timothy Zaske. Interment was in the church cemetery.

Cordelia "Cordy" Hedwig Mackenthun was born Oct. 13, 1919, in Young America, Carver County, to John and Erna (Ehlen) Mackenthun. She was baptized as an infant

on Oct. 26, 1919, and confirmed in her faith as a youth on April 9, 1933, both at St. John's Lutheran Church in Young America.

On Dec. 25, 1941, Cordy Mackenthun was united in marriage to Herbert Zaske at St. John's Lutheran Church in Young America. This marriage was blessed with five sons, James, Robert, Richard, Randall and Jerald.

The Zaskes resided and farmed on the family farm in Sumter Township, McLeod County. They shared 66 years of marriage before Mr. Zaske died on May 8, 2008.

In addition to being a loving homemaker and mother, grandmother and great-grandmother, Mrs. Zaske was a partner in the farming operation. Throughout her life, she also worked for the lunch program at Norwood Young America School District 108, Green Giant in Glencoe and Hands, Inc., in Hutchinson.

She was a member of Immanuel Lutheran Church in Brownton, where she was a member of the church choir, ladies aid and the LWML. Music was a big part of Mrs. Zaske's life. The Zaskes were both members of the Norwood Concert Choir for 18

years and sang both in German and English at many gatherings throughout the United States, Canada and Germany.

Mrs. Zaske enjoyed gardening, reading, bowling and fishing. She especially enjoyed the time she spent with her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Survivors include her sons, James (Sharon) Zaske of Glencoe, Robert (Jeanne) Zaske of Lino Lakes, Richard (Diane) Zaske of Hackensack, Randall (Mary) Zaske of Rockford, Ill., and Jerald (Barbara) Zaske of Brownton; 16 grandchildren; 22 great-grandchildren; sisters, Delores Holtz, Betty Mead and Gladys Peterson; brother, Arthur (Janet) Mackenthun; nieces, nephews, many other relatives and friends.

Preceding her in death were her parents, John and Erna Mackenthun; husband, Herbert Zaske; and brothers, Leonard Mackenthun, Ruben Mackenthun and John Mackenthun.

Arrangements were by the Hantge Funeral Chapel in Brownton. Online obituaries and guest book are available at www.hantge.com.

Edward Nowak, 93, rural Silver Lake

A Mass of Christian Burial for Edward Joseph Nowak, 93, of rural Silver Lake, was held Monday, Jan. 14, at Holy Family Catholic Church in Silver Lake.



Edward Nowak

The Rev. Paul Schumacher officiated.

Mr. Nowak died Wednesday, Jan. 9, 2013.

Nowak was the organist for the funeral Mass.

Pallbearers were Leo Nowak, George Chap, Brian Webb, Dale Jaskowiak, Barney Nowak and Daniel Nowak. Interment was in Holy Family Catholic Cemetery, Silver Lake.

Mr. Nowak was born Sept. 9, 1919, in Hale Township, McLeod County, to John and Mary (Goradowski) Nowak.

On Nov. 24, 1941, Mr. Nowak and Helen M.

Jaskowiak were joined in holy marriage at St. Adalbert Catholic Church in Silver Lake. God blessed their marriage with two children.

Mr. Nowak engaged in dairy farming for many years in Hale Township and especially enjoyed the animals.

He also enjoyed having large gardens, listening to old-time music, fishing both in the summer and winter, and reading.

He belonged to Holy Family Catholic Church in Silver Lake and was a St. Adalbert cemetery trustee for 20 years.

Survivors include his wife, Helen M. Nowak; daughter, Janet Schiro of Cosmos; son, Wayne (Julie) Nowak of Sil-

ver Lake; three grandchildren, Adam and Arlene Nowak and Dean (Amanda) Schiro; two great-grandchildren, Erik and Megan Schiro; brothers, Art Nowak Sr. and Stanley (Mary Ann) Nowak, all of Silver Lake; a sister, Valeria Rozeski of Silver Lake; other relatives and friends.

Preceding him in death were his parents, John and Mary Nowak; sisters, Clara Kulinski and Angeline Kaczmarek; brother, Leo Nowak; and son-in-law, Fritz Schiro.

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

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Pastor's Corner

Acknowledge God

One way that we show respect to others is to acknowledge them. Ignoring someone is a fundamental sign of disrespect. It should not be surprising that the First Commandment requires us to acknowledge God: "I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of Egypt, out of the land of slavery. You shall have no other gods before me." (Deuteronomy 5: 6-7) Are we ignoring God, or perhaps worshipping other gods? It is easy to forget about God in the hustle of our everyday lives, and we may be worshipping false gods without knowing it. Many of us fall prey to idol-worship by focusing our whole life on our career, or making money, or becoming famous. Our culture worships money, fame and success in all its forms, so we should think hard before we dismiss the notion that we may be worshipping idols. Many people's lives are consumed by the unending accumulation of money, power or fame.

So how should we acknowledge God in our lives? Perhaps Jesus's response to the Pharisee who asked which was the greatest commandment is the simplest answer. "Jesus replied: 'Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with your entire mind.' This is the first and greatest commandment." **Matthew 22: 37-38**

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Johnathon Pixler,
Pastor
Call 320-864-6113
Call Jan at 320-864-3387 for
women's Bible study

Wed., Jan. 16 — Women's Bible study, 9 a.m.; service on Glencoe Cable Channel 10, 8 p.m.
Fri., Jan. 18 — Men's Bible study, 9 a.m.

Sun., Jan. 20 — Sunday school for all ages, 9 a.m.; worship, 10:20 a.m.; service on Glencoe Cable Channel 10, 10:30 a.m.

CHRIST LUTHERAN
1820 N. Knight Ave., Glencoe
Katherine Rood, Pastor
320-864-4549
www.christluth.com

E-mail: office@christluth.com

Wed., Jan. 16 — Televised worship service on Channel 10, 2 p.m.; men's breakfast, Bible study, 8 a.m.; chapel communion service, 1:30 p.m.; bell choir, 5:30 p.m.; confirmation, 6:30 p.m.; senior choir, 6:30 p.m.; lay ministry meeting, 7 p.m.

Thurs., Jan. 17 — Naomi Circle, at Orchard Estates, 9 a.m.; long-term care worship, 9:30 a.m.; Leap of Faith, 7 p.m.

Sun., Jan. 20 — Worship with communion, 8:15 a.m. and 10:45 a.m.; Sunday school and adult education, 9:30 a.m.; "Unbinding the Gospel" round II kickoff.

Mon, Jan. 21 — Quilting, fellowship hall, 1 p.m.; televised worship service, 3 p.m.; Light & Life articles due.

Tues., Jan. 22 — Ladies fellowship, Gert & Erma's, 10 a.m.; pastor out in morning; text study.

CHURCH OF PEACE
520 11th St. E., Glencoe
Joseph Clay, Pastor

Sun., Jan. 20 — Worship with communion at Church of Peace, 10 a.m.; confirmation class, 9:15 a.m.; annual meeting follows worship.

ST. PIUS X CHURCH
1014 Knight Ave., Glencoe
Anthony Stubeda, Pastor

Wed., Jan. 16 — No evening prayer; Mass, 6 p.m.; kindergarten through 10th-grade religious education conferences; no religious education classes.

Thurs., Jan. 17 — No Mass; food shelf meeting, 9:30 a.m.; evangelization and catechesis committee, 6:30 p.m.

Fri., Jan. 18 — No Mass, no Spanish Mass.
Sat., Jan. 19 — Reconciliation, 4 p.m.; Mass, 5 p.m.

Sun., Jan. 20 — Mass, 9:30 a.m.; Spanish Mass, 11:30 a.m.; Spanish religious education classes, 12:45 p.m.; Mass at Holy Family, Silver Lake, 8 p.m.

Mon., Jan. 21 — No Mass; school closed; parish offices closed; Region 6 CWC board meeting, St. Anthony at Watkins, 6 p.m.

Tues., Jan. 22 — Day of prayer for protection of unborn; no Mass; junior choir practice, 2:50 p.m.; Spanish adult catechesis, 7 p.m.

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH UCC

1400 Elliott Ave., Glencoe
Rev. Linzy Collins Jr., Pastor
E-mail: congoucc@gmail.com

Wed., Jan. 16 — Circles meet; choir practice, 6:30 p.m.

Sun., Jan. 20 — Worship, 9:15 a.m.; Sunday school, 10:30 a.m.

Tues., Jan. 22 — Bible study, 9:30 a.m.

Wed., Jan. 23 — Circles meet; choir practice, 6:30 p.m.

FIRST EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN

925 13th St. E., Glencoe
Daniel Welch, Senior Pastor
Ronald L. Mathison,
Associate Pastor
320-864-5522

www.firstglencoe.org
E-mail: office@firstglencoe.org

Wed., Jan. 16 — Public school confirmation, 3:30 p.m.; Christ Chimes, 4 p.m.; Gospel Ringers, 6 p.m.; new member class, 6:15 p.m.; senior choir, 6:15 p.m.

Thurs., Jan. 17 — Church council, 7 p.m.; newsletter deadline.

Sun., Jan. 20 — Worship with communion, 8 a.m.; fellowship, 9 a.m.; Bible classes, 9:15 a.m.; Sunday school, 9:15 a.m.; worship, 10:30 a.m.; youth snow tubing, 1 p.m.; Spanish worship, 6 p.m.

Tues., Jan. 22 — Bible study, 9:30 a.m.

GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN

Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod
1407 Cedar Ave. N., Glencoe
Rev. James F. Gomez, Pastor
Matthew Harwell,
Director of Christian Education

E-mail: office@gsclglencoe.org

Wed., Jan. 16 — Kids Praise, 3:15 p.m.; REVEAL courses, 5:30 p.m.

Sun., Jan. 20 — Choir, 7:45 p.m.; worship, 9 a.m.; Kingdom Quest, FUEL, adult Bible study, 10:15 p.m.; ladies guild, 10:15 a.m.; Financial Peace University, 5:30 p.m.; LIVE, 7:30 p.m.

Tues., Jan. 22 — GSLC Bible study, 9:30 a.m.

ST. JOHN'S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN

4505 80th St., Helen Township
Glencoe
Dennis Reichow, Pastor

Wed., Jan. 16 — Fifth- and sixth-grade catechism, 3:45 p.m.; seventh- and eighth-grade catechism, 4:45 p.m.; chimes, 6:30 p.m.; choir, 7:30 p.m.

Thurs., Jan. 17 — Jesus Cares Ministry planning, 6:30 p.m.

Sun., Jan. 20 — Worship, 9 a.m.;

Sunday school, 10 a.m.; Bible class, 10:20 a.m.; youth snow tubing, 1 p.m.

Mon., Jan. 21 — Ministry advancement meeting, 7 p.m.

Tues., Jan. 22 — Table Talk, 7 p.m.

GRACE LUTHERAN
8638 Plum Ave., Brownton
Andrew Hermodson-Olsen, Pastor
E-mail:
Pastor@GraceBrownton.org
www.gracebrownton.org

Wed., Jan. 16 — Choir practice, 7 p.m.; council meeting, 7 p.m.

Sun., Jan. 20 — Worship, 8:45 a.m.

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN
700 Division St., Brownton
R. Allan Reed, Pastor
www.immanuelbrownton.org

Wed., Jan. 16 — Bible study with pastor, 9 a.m.; confirmation classes, 4 p.m.; chapel worship with communion, 6:30 p.m.; council meeting, 7:30 p.m.

Thurs., Jan. 17 — Visitation, communion to shut-ins.

Sun., Jan. 20 — Worship, 9 a.m.; voters' meeting, 10:15 a.m.; Sunday school, 10:15 a.m.; potluck dinner after voters' meeting; no Bible study; Channel 8 video.

CONGREGATIONAL
Division St., Brownton
Barry Marchant, Interim Pastor
browntoncongregational.org

Sun., Jan. 20 — Worship, 9 a.m.; annual meeting, 10 a.m.; potluck, 11 a.m.

ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN
Stewart
Robert Lehner, Pastor

Wed., Jan. 16 — Seventh-grade confirmation, 3:30 p.m.; eighth-grade confirmation, 5:30 p.m.; church council, 7 p.m.

Sat., Jan. 19 — Worship with communion, 5 p.m.

Sun., Jan. 20 — Sunday school, 9 a.m.; worship with communion, 10 a.m.; special congregational meeting follows worship.

Tues., Jan. 22 — Pastors' text study, 10 a.m.

ST. BONIFACE CATHOLIC
Stewart
Wed., Jan. 16 — Mass, 9 a.m.

Thurs., Jan. 17 — Mass, 9 a.m.

Sun., Jan. 20 — Mass, 9:15 a.m.

ST. MATTHEW'S LUTHERAN
Fernando
Aaron Albrecht, pastor

Wed., Jan. 16 — Women's Bible study with lunch, 9 a.m.; Bible study, 6 p.m.

Thurs., Jan. 17 — Monthly breakfast, 8 a.m.

Sun., Jan. 20 — Sunday school, 9 a.m.; worship, 10 a.m.; confirmation classes follow worship.

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH
13372 Nature Ave. (rural Biscay)
Robert Taylor, pastor
320-587-5104

Sun., Jan. 20 — Sunday school, 9:15 a.m.; worship, 10:30 a.m.; annual meeting follows worship.

CROSSROADS CHURCH
10484 Bell Ave., Plato
Scott and Heidi Forsberg, pastors
320-238-2181
www.mncrossroads.org

Wed., Jan. 16 — Youth and adult activities night, 7 p.m.

Sun., Jan. 20 — Worship, 10 a.m.

ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN
216 McLeod Ave. N., Plato
Bruce Laabs, Pastor
320-238-2550

E-mail: stjplato@embarqmail.com
www.christ-4-u.org

Wed., Jan. 16 — Midweek, 6 p.m.

Thurs., Jan. 17 — Bible study, 8:45 a.m.; bulletin deadline.

Sun., Jan. 20 — "Time of Grace," TV Channel 9, 6:30 a.m.; worship, 9 a.m.; Sunday school, 10 a.m.; Bible study, 10:10 a.m.

Tues., Jan. 22 — Plato visits; prayer meeting, 5 p.m.

ST. PAUL'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
308 First St. N.E., Plato
Bill Baldwin, Pastor
www.platochurch.com

Wed., Jan. 16 — Men's coffee, 9 a.m.; confirmation class, 5 p.m.; adult choir, 6 p.m.

Sun., Jan. 20 — Sunday school, 8:30 a.m.; worship, 10 a.m.; prayer time, 11 a.m.

IMMANUEL EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN
New Auburn
Bradley Danielson, Pastor
E-mail: immanuelc@yahoo.com

Wed.-Sat., Jan. 16-19 — Pictorial directory pictures; seventh-grade confirmation, 4 p.m.; eighth-grade confirmation, 5 p.m.

Sun., Jan. 20 — Sunday school, 9 a.m.; worship, 10 a.m.; annual meeting, 11 a.m.

Wed., Jan. 23 — Seventh-grade confirmation, 4 p.m.; eighth-grade confirmation, 5 p.m.

GRACE BIBLE CHURCH
300 Cleveland Ave., Silver Lake
Dr. Tom Rakow, Pastor
320-327-2352
http://silverlakechurch.org

Wed., Jan. 16 — Confirmation, discipleship class, 6 p.m.; prayer time, 7 p.m.

Sat., Jan. 19 — Men's Bible study, 7 a.m.; booth at Silver Lake Business Expo, 10 a.m.-3 p.m.

Sun., Jan. 20 — "First Light" radio broadcast on KARP 106.9 FM, 7:30 a.m.; pre-service prayer time, 9:15 a.m.; worship service, 9:30 a.m.; Sunday school, 10:35 a.m.; all-

church potluck; annual meeting, 1 p.m.

Dial-A-Bible Story, 320-327-2843.

FAITH PRESBYTERIAN
108 W. Main St., Silver Lake
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E-mail:
faithfriends@embarqmail.com

You may be able to reach someone at the church every Tuesday through Friday. Don't hesitate to come in (use church office door) or call, or e-mail at faithfriends@embarqmail.com.

Wed., Jan. 16 — Light supper, 5:30 p.m.; WOW classes, 6 p.m.; adult Bible classes, 6 p.m.; choir practice, 7 p.m.

Thurs., Jan. 17 — PW Bible study, 2 p.m.

Sun., Jan. 20 — Worship, 10 a.m. with fellowship after service.

HOLY FAMILY CATHOLIC CHURCH
712 W. Main St., Silver Lake
Anthony Stubeda, Pastor

Wed., Jan. 16 — No Mass; first-through sixth-grade religious education classes, 5:30 p.m.; seventh-through 11th-grade religious education classes, 7:15 p.m.

Thurs., Jan. 17 — Mass at Cedar Crest, 10:30 a.m.; staff meeting, 1 p.m.

Fri., Jan. 18 — No Mass.

Sat. Jan. 19 — Mass, 6:30 p.m.

Sun., Jan. 20 — Mass, 8 a.m. and 8 p.m.

Tues., Jan. 22 — Mass, 8 a.m.

FRIEDEN'S COUNTY LINE
11325 Zebra Ave., Norwood
Joseph Clay, Pastor

Sun., Jan. 20 — Worship with communion at Church of Peace, 10 a.m.; confirmation class, 9:15 a.m.; annual meeting follows worship.

THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER DAY SAINTS
770 School Rd., Hutchinson
Kenneth Rand, Branch President
320-587-5665

Wed., Jan. 16 — Young men and women (12-18 years old) and scouting, 7 p.m.-8:30 p.m.

Sun., Jan. 20 — Sunday school, 10:50 a.m.-11:30 a.m.; priesthood, relief society and primary, 11:40 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

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E-mail:
nestor2maria@hotmail.com

Sun., Jan. 20 — Worship, 2 p.m.

ST. PETER LUTHERAN CHURCH
77 Second Ave. S.
Corner C.R. 1 and Second St. S.,
Lester Prairie
David R. Erbel, pastor

Sun., Jan. 20 — Worship, 9 a.m.; Sunday school and Bible study, 10:15 a.m.

SHALOM BAPTIST CHURCH
1215 Roberts Rd. S.W., Hutchinson
Rick Stapleton, Senior pastor
Adam Krumrie, Worship pastor

Wed., Jan. 16 — Release time for grades 2-5, AWANA, 6:30 p.m.; middle school youth, 6:30 p.m.; senior high youth, 7:30 p.m.

Thurs., Jan. 17 — Senior high free lunch, 11 a.m.; worship team, 6 p.m.

Sun., Jan. 20 — Worship, 9 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.; Sunday school, 9 a.m.; grief share, 2 p.m.

Mon., Jan. 21 — Women's discipleship, 6:30 p.m.

Tues., Jan. 22 — Women's discipleship, 9 a.m.

DEATHS

Lugene Dressel, 84, of Hutchinson

Lugene Dressel, 84, of Hutchinson, died Sunday, Jan. 13, 2013, at her home.

Funeral services will be Thursday, Jan. 17, at 11 a.m., at the Vineyard United Methodist Church in Hutchinson.

Visitation is today (Wednesday, Jan. 16), from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m., and Thursday from 8 a.m. to 9 a.m., at the Dobratz-Hantge Funeral Chapel in Hutchinson. Visitation will continue at the church one hour prior to the service on Thursday. Interment will be in Oakland Cemetery in Hutchinson.

Memorials are preferred.

For an online guest book, visit www.hantge.com. Click on obituaries/guest book.

Maynard Picha, 86, of Glencoe

Maynard John Picha, 86, husband of Charmaine (Exsted) Picha, died Friday, Jan. 11, 2013, at Glencoe Regional Health Services.

Funeral services will be today (Wednesday, Jan. 16) at 11 a.m., at the First Congregational United Church of Christ in Glencoe.

Interment will be in the Glencoe City Cemetery.

For an online guest book, visit www.hantge.com.

Obituaries

Troy Darrel Grack, 41, of Glencoe

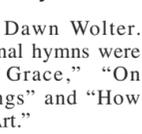
Funeral services for Troy Darrel Grack, 41, of Glencoe, were held Saturday, Jan. 12, at First Evangelical Lutheran Church in Glencoe. The Rev. Daniel Welch officiated.

Mr. Grack received his education in Glencoe and graduated with the Glencoe High School class of 1990. On July 12, 1997, Mr. Grack was united in marriage to Theresa "Terri" Voigt by the Rev. Kath at First Evangelical Lutheran Church. The Gracks made their home in Glencoe, and their marriage was blessed with four children, Dustin, Tanner, Miranda and Jordan. The Gracks shared over 20 wonderful years together.

Mr. Grack worked at TEK Mechanical Services, Inc., in Hutchinson. He was a member of First Evangelical Lutheran Church in Glencoe.

Survivors include his wife, Theresa "Terri" Grack of

Troy Grack



Church in Arlington, and confirmed in his faith as a youth on April 27, 1986, by the Rev. Harvey G. Kath at First Evangelical Lutheran Church in Glencoe. His confirmation verse was Revelation 3:30.

Mr. Grack enjoyed deer hunting, fishing, golfing and many years of camping at Diamond Lake. He cherished the time spent with his family and friends.

Survivors include his wife, Theresa "Terri" Grack of

Glencoe; children, Dustin Voigt and his fiancée, Ashley Elliott, of Hutchinson, Tanner Grack of Glencoe, Miranda Grack of Glencoe and Jordan Grack of Glencoe; grandchild, Caiden Voigt; mother, Evelyn "Evie" Kruse of Glencoe; siblings, Tim (Christine Schilling) Heuer of Glencoe, Tammy (Bob) Panning of Chaska, Tracy (Jay) Passa of Bemidji and Trisha Reintz of Hutchinson; mother-in-law, Carol Voigt of Glencoe; brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law, Tammy (John) VanDuynhoven of Glencoe, James (Jackie Posusta) Voigt of Glencoe, Jason (Miranda) Voigt of Green Isle and Tiffany (Joshua) Simrell of Glencoe; nieces, nephews, other relatives and many friends.

Florence R. Robertson, 80, of Glencoe

Funeral services for Florence Ruth (Dumke) Robertson, 80, of Glencoe, were held Wednesday, Jan. 9, at First Congregational United Church of Christ in Glencoe. The Rev. Linzy Collins Jr. officiated.

Mrs. Florence Robertson died Thursday, Jan. 3, 2013, at Oak Terrace Health Care Center in Gaylord. Interment was Thursday, Jan. 10, in Hills of Rest Memorial Park in Sioux Falls, S.D.

The organist was Lon Roach, and special music by the First Congregational United Church of Christ Choir was "God of Grace." Soloist the Rev. Collins sang "Goin' Home." The congregational hymns were "A Wonderful Savior" and "In Heavenly Love Abiding."

Pallbearers were Jonathan Robertson, Dan Kottke, Carmen Kienenberger, Roger Landon, Ozzie Chapman and Dr. Don Rudy.

Florence Ruth Dumke was born July 11, 1932, in Sioux Falls, S.D., to William and Margaret (Cronn) Dumke. She was baptized as an infant and confirmed in her faith as a youth. She grew up and received her education in Sioux Falls and was a graduate of Sioux Falls High School.

Funeral services will be Thursday, Jan. 17, at 11 a.m., at the Vineyard United Methodist Church in Hutchinson.

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Memorials are preferred.

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Jaunich is first administrator

SIBLEY COUNTY — Matt Jaunich, current city administrator at Arlington, was hired as the first county administrator for Sibley County on Jan. 8, the Arlington Enterprise reported. Jaunich starts the county position on Feb. 11 at a salary of \$87,500. The Sibley County Board had discussed hiring a county administrator for the past decade. The board also is in the process of hiring an assistant to the administrator, the Enterprise reported.

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The ice fishing contest at High Island Lake on Saturday will have fishermen and women searching for these prized walleyes. The yearlings were stocked in the lake as fries in the spring of 2011 and have grown considerably since then.

These were netted last fall by the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) in order to restock other area lakes in the Hutchinson district. The DNR officials say there are plenty of walleyes left in High Island Lake.

High Island Lake stocking a success; contest Jan. 19

By Rich Glennie
Editor

The Friends of High Island Lake is sponsoring the first in what it hopes is an annual ice fishing contest on the New Auburn lake that many thought would never be much for fishing.

Years of frustration and obstacles were finally relieved in 2011 when the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) restocked the lake with millions of walleye fingerlings after a couple years of "draw downs" to kill the rough fish in the lake.

After netting of the walleyes in the fall of 2011 and again this past fall, it was determined the fingerlings had not only survived, but actually thrived, in High Island Lake.

They thrived to the point that High Island Lake has become a magnet of sorts to walleye and black crappie fisherman this past summer and fall.

It also is a reason for the Friends of High Island to sponsor the first ice fishing contest on Saturday, Jan. 19. The contest runs from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. and has cash prizes for a variety of categories, including walleyes, crappies and rough fish.

"We're looking for a nice group of people," said ice fishing event spokesperson Jane Goettl.

"It is not a fund raiser," added Deb Wuetherich, another event spokesperson. She said the aim is make the public aware of this asset.

"It's more of a social event. It's to bring people to the community and support what businesses we have," Wuetherich added.

Both said the ice fishing contest is being patterned after the old fashioned fishing contests. "It's a social get together," Wuetherich said.

"We want to make people aware that the fish (walleyes)

Cash prizes for catches

The first ice fishing contest on High Island Lake will be held on Saturday, Jan. 19. The contest begins at 11 a.m., and registration is before the contest starts. There is an entry fee.

Categories for the contest include:

Largest walleye, \$100; second, \$75; and third \$50.

Largest crappie, \$100; second, \$75; and third, \$50.

Youth contest, 12 and under with a paid adult, will be \$50 for largest fish; \$30 for second; and \$15 for third.

The largest rough fish wins \$50.

Food also will be available on site, and ice fishing shelters are allowed for the contest.

Door prizes also will be awarded to those present.

The contest also is a project in conjunction with Friends of the Minnesota Valley.

have grown," Goettl added.

In the spring of 2011, the DNR stocked over four million walleye fry into High Island Lake at a cost of \$10,000.

Lee Sundmark, of the DNR Fisheries Division in Hutchinson, said High Island Lake was stocked to fill the majority of the Hutchinson area walleye stocking quota.

High Island Lake was selected as a source of walleye yearlings in 2012.

In a four-week period from last October to early November, DNR Fisheries personnel set trap nets in the lake to capture walleye yearlings.

A total of 4,641 pounds of walleye yearlings were harvested from the lake and used to fill the Hutchinson quota and supplement a few other walleye stocking needs in Minnesota, Sundmark noted.

While some locals complained the DNR was taking their walleyes, it was pointed out that the walleyes were the DNR's fish, and there were plenty remaining in High Island Lake.

Sundmark said the yearlings averaged about a quarter-pound each "and were plentiful throughout the lake, indicating a successful stocking even in 2011 that went

undetected in the fall of 2011," Sundmark added.

He also said even though the netting was done, "no depletion of the net catches was observed during the harvest period, suggesting there remains a sizeable walleye population in High Island Lake post-harvest."

Sundmark said the remaining walleyes "may actually benefit from the harvest through reduced competition for food and habitat, resulting in a potential increase in growth rates."

Sundmark said there was an occasional walleye that measured up to 22 inches when the DNR netted the lake. They were released back into the lake.

Sundmark also noted that black crappies in the nine-inch to 11-inch range were "commonly seen throughout the lake."

Sundmark said the crappies and walleye yearlings "should provide angling opportunities this winter and beyond."

Sundmark did note, however, that the low lake levels from the drought this past summer and fall could lead to low oxygen levels "and a partial winterkill could occur."

VFW Auxiliary scholarships available for eligible veterans

The VFW Ladies Auxiliary of Minnesota is offering a one-time scholarship to eligible veterans or active military to provide incentive and aid to Minnesota soldiers wanting to further their education and needing assistance.

The applicant must be a Minnesota resident.

Any veteran or soldier who honorably served, with active duty service awarded a campaign or service ribbon, as

verified with proper documentation, is eligible.

Scholarship awards will be sent to the school and may be used for the following: tuition, books, lab and/or similar fees for college, vocation or online courses. Awards must be used for the current year they are awarded.

The deadline is April 1. To receive an entry form, contact the local Veterans Service Office or VFW Auxiliary repre-

sentative.

Applications must be sent to:

Ladies Auxiliary VFW, Department of Minnesota Veterans Service Building 20 W. 12th St., Floor 3 St. Paul, MN 55155-2002

Scholarships will be announced at the VFW state convention in June, and the winners will be notified by mail.

GSL Board re-elects Christianson as chair

By Rich Glennie
Editor

Glencoe-Silver Lake School Board Chairman Clark Christianson was re-elected to lead the board again during the annual reorganizational meeting Monday night in the Lincoln Jr. High board rooms.

Besides Christianson, Vice Chairman Jamie Alsleben also was re-elected to that position as was Anne Twiss as board clerk. Kevin Kuester was elected as the board's treasurer.

Christianson also swore in three board members, newcomer Donna VonBerge and incumbents Jamie Alsleben and Kevin Kuester.

The GSL School Board will continue to meet the second Monday of each month at 7 p.m. in Room 124 of the Lincoln School.

The board also kept its per-

diem the same as it has been since 2003. Each board member receives \$2,000 a year for regular meetings, \$35 for each committee meeting, \$50 for each negotiations meeting and \$35 after three hours for committee or negotiations meetings.

The board also made committee assignments as follows:

Operations committee (facilities, food service and transportation) — Alsleben and Jason Lindeman.

Finance — Alsleben and Kuester.

Negotiations (support staff) — Kuester and Alsleben; (certified staff) — Christianson and Lindeman.

Personnel — Twiss and Christianson.

Policy (includes Wellness) — Twiss and VonBerge.

Minnesota School Board Association liaison —

Kuester.

Minnesota High School League — Christianson.

Liaisons to committees: Community Education — Alsleben.

Community Schools — Christianson. Curriculum — VonBerge and Lindeman.

ECFE — Twiss.

Field House — Christianson.

Health and safety — Lindeman.

Insurance — VonBerge.

Little Crow ITV Board — Kuester.

Leadership teams: Helen Baker K-2 — Christianson.

Lakes 3-6 — Twiss.

Lincoln 7-8 — VonBerge.

High school 9-12 — Lindeman.

Staff development — VonBerge.

Technology — VonBerge.



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Oath of office

Glencoe-Silver Lake School Board Chairman Clark Christianson, far right, administered the oath of office to three board members at the beginning of Monday night's reorganizational meeting. From

left to right are incumbent board members Jamie Alsleben, Kevin Kuester and Donna VonBerge, the newest member of the board.

Corn & Soybean Growers banquet set for Jan. 26

The McLeod County Corn & Soybean Growers annual banquet and ag appreciation night will be held Saturday, Jan. 26, at the Pla-Mor Ballroom in Glencoe.

The business meeting and elections are at 5 p.m., the social hour at 5:30 p.m. and the banquet at 6:30 p.m.

Board members up for election are Mark Johnson, Larry Ide, Steve Reiner and Dean Zimmermann, who is retiring.

Myron Oftedahl will be the guest speaker. Oftedahl is a farm business management instructor, an Minnesota Soybean Growers Association (MSGA) director and a McLeod County Corn & Soybean Growers board member.

In 2012, Oftedahl traveled to China on a "See For Yourself" tour with the Minnesota Soybean Research and Promotion Council. He spent 10 days learning about the Chinese soybean industry, the

No. 1 export customer for U.S. soybeans.

He will share some of his experiences.

The entertainment at the banquet will be Mona Hjerpe, a singer/songwriter from Hutchinson.

Hjerpe will be joined by her band mates John Rodeberg, piano and acoustic guitar, Brian Brosz, bass and acoustical guitar, and John "A-Frame" Beck, drums.

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