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Fire prevention

This is National Fire Prevention Week, and students in the GSL School District, as well as parochial schools, visited the Glencoe Fire Hall Tuesday to learn about fire prevention and safety tips. Above, fire fighter Gina Perschau of the Glencoe Fire Department put on her turn-out gear so preschool and other students would get a first-hand look at a fire fighter in their full apparel. At left, Shawn Abrams demonstrated how panicked people may feel when their smoke detectors go off, but then explained the steps to take to ensure that families safely escape their homes in the event of a fire or another emergency. Other activities took place in the schools, and fire prevention materials and activity books were handed out to the students.



Kindergarten plan adds teacher, but no classroom

By Rich Glennie
Editor

After approving the hiring of a sixth kindergarten teacher, the Glencoe-Silver Lake School Board heard Monday night that the teacher will be used to work with smaller groups of students and one-on-one rather than add another classroom within the Helen Baker building.

The new teacher will work to improve student proficiency outside the classrooms rather than shift classrooms to make another kindergarten room.

"It's a short-term fix," said GSL Superintendent Chris Sonju.

The board also has scheduled a special workshop ses-

sion for 7 p.m., Monday, Oct. 22, to discuss its facility plans for now and in the future. The meeting will be in room 124 of the Lincoln Jr. High School.

Helen Baker Elementary Principal Bill Butler said administrators and staff looked at a lot of options after the decision was made to add another kindergarten teacher.

He said a survey also indicated that parents were concerned about moving their child to another teacher and classroom now that school is under way.

Butler said there is a teacher-student relationship

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Miller Manufacturing to be honored Oct. 25

The Glencoe Manufacturing Summit will feature Miller Manufacturing as Glencoe's Manufacturing Firm of the Year.

The event, sponsored by the Glencoe Area Chamber of Commerce, is scheduled for 2 p.m., Thursday, Oct. 25, at Miller Manufacturing, 1400 W. 13th St.

Keynote speakers will be

Greg Frandsen, owner of Frandsen Corporation, parent company of Miller Manufacturing; Dan Frieze, Miller Manufacturing chief executive officer; Mark Phillips, commissioner of the Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development (DEED); and 7th District U.S. Rep. Collin Peterson, D-Minn.

Blustery winds, dry conditions fuel fires in buildings, fields

By Lori Cople
Staff Writer

Blustery winds and dry conditions have kept area fire fighters busy in recent days.

Friday afternoon and evening were particularly busy.

Dale Kosek, Silver Lake fire chief, said his crew was dispatched to the Steve Weber residence on Flower Road, northeast of town, at about 3 p.m. Friday.

A 40-foot-by-50-foot shed, full of wood, caught fire and was a complete loss, Kosek said. He said a nearby, outdoor wood burning stove was the likely culprit for the fire.

Kosek said the Silver Lake Fire Department, assisted by Winsted, was on the scene until about 8:30 p.m.

At about 5:30 p.m., Friday, the Glencoe Fire Department was called to a corn field fire in the area of 137th Street

and Kale Avenue, northwest of Glencoe, near the landfill.

Glencoe Fire Chief Ron Grack said the department's trucks were forced to abandon the annual GSL homecoming parade to respond to the fire.

"With the wind blowing the way it was, it (the fire) got into the building site," said Grack. The fire struck and destroyed three buildings on the Milton Millerbernd place on 137th Street.

Destroyed were a crafting shop, storage shed and an old chicken coop, which had no birds in it at the time of the fire.

Grack said Glencoe was assisted by Silver Lake and Hutchinson at the fire.

The Glencoe department was called out again Saturday afternoon for a grove fire on Garden Avenue.

Grack said no buildings were involved and the fire was put out by crews from Glencoe and Silver Lake, who were on the scene about an hour.



Photo by Nelson Photography, Glencoe

Hall of Fame inductees

Inducted into the GSL Panther Hall of Fame at last Saturday's banquet in Glencoe City Center, from left, are: Robyn

(Ruschmeier) Courchane, Dave Dose and Mary Resch.

Weather

Wed., 10-10	Thur., 10-11	Fri., 10-12	Sat., 10-13	Sun., 10-14
H: 53°, L: 30°	H: 51°, L: 39°	H: 53°, L: 30°	H: 48°, L: 39°	H: 55°, L: 44°

Looking back: Hey, the cold front came through! Summer seemed to turn into fall in an instant.

Date	Hi	Lo	Rain
Oct. 2	76	37	0.00
Oct. 3	80	40	0.00

Oct. 4	63	38	0.00
Oct. 5	46	31	0.00
Oct. 6	47	30	0.00
Oct. 7	58	22	0.00
Oct. 8	65	33	Tr.

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 Oct. 15

The Glencoe American Legion Post 95 Auxiliary will meet at 7 p.m., Monday, Oct. 15, at the Glencoe Fire Hall. Lunch will be served.

Candidates forum Oct. 18

The Glencoe Area Chamber of Commerce is hosting a candidate forum on Thursday, Oct. 18, at the Glencoe City Center. The forum will allow residents an opportunity to learn more about the views and positions of the candidates running for office. The night will begin at 6:30 p.m. with a 60-minute forum for candidates of state and federal offices followed by a half-hour break giving voters an opportunity to speak with candidates. At 8 p.m., there will be another 60-minute forum for city and school district candidates.

Hot dish dinner set Oct. 14

The Brownston Congregational Church will host its annual hot dish dinner Sunday, Oct. 14, from 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., at the church.

Band, choir concert Oct. 16

The Glencoe-Silver Lake Concert Band and Concert Choir will present the first concert of the school year on Tuesday, Oct. 16, at 7:30 p.m., in the GSL High School auditorium. Tickets for the concert are available at the door.

Pumpkin Patch fund raiser

The Pumpkin Patch fund raiser is scheduled during October at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, 1407 Cedar Ave., Glencoe. Various sized pumpkins are on sale daily from noon to 8 p.m. on the east side of church property. Profits will support family and youth mission trips.

Study Club meets Oct. 15

The Glencoe Study Club will meet at 7:30 p.m., Monday, Oct. 15, at the home Karen Wendlandt. The program will be a guest speaker from the Heart of Minnesota Animal Shelter.

Trail's 'active' ribbon-cutting

The city of Glencoe will host an "active" ribbon cutting for the new Buffalo Highlands Trail on Saturday, Oct. 27, at 10:30 a.m. The event celebrates the official opening of the Buffalo Highlands Trail, which is located along U.S. Highway 212. The four-mile walk, run and bike event will begin at the intersection of Highway 212 and Morningside Avenue, near Super America, traveling east to County Road 1 and back. There will be refreshments and other giveaways as part of this free event.

Retired educators to meet

The Glencoe Area Retired Educators group will meet at 11 a.m., Thursday, Oct. 18, for lunch at Carlson's Apple Orchard near Winsted. Members who wish to car-pool may meet at the Glencoe City Center west parking lot at 10:30 a.m.

Glencoe Seniors meetings set

The Glencoe Senior Citizens Club will meet Thursday, Oct. 11, at 12:30 p.m., in the senior room at the Glencoe City Center. Thusnelda Vollmer will serve. Sheephead and 500 will be played. All area seniors are welcome to attend. The seniors also are looking for canasta and pinocle players, and are open to suggestions for other board and card games. The club also will meet at 12:30 p.m., Tuesday, Oct. 16. Gloriann Wacker will serve.

County seniors meet Oct. 17

The McLeod County Senior Citizens meeting will be held Wednesday, Oct. 17, at 1:30 p.m., at the Glencoe City Center. The center is handicapped accessible through the east door. Come for an afternoon of fun and socializing. This is the last meeting before the snow flies. Any questions, please call 320-327-2499.

Augsburg Singers to perform

The Glencoe American Legion Post 95 and the Glencoe City Center will present the Augsburg Centennial Singers on Thursday, Oct. 11, at 7 p.m. in the Grand Ballroom of the City Center. The Augsburg Centennial Singers are "men of faith passing on the faith through songs of praise." Tickets are available at the Glencoe City Center and through American Legion members.

CRAYO seeking musicians

The Crow River Area Youth Orchestra (CRAYO) is in need of these instruments to fill the group: first violins, string bass, flute, oboe, clarinet, bassoon, saxophone, trumpet, trombone, baritone, tuba and percussion. Adults also are encouraged for these positions. CRAYO meets Sundays from 3:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. at the Hutchinson Middle School band room. The dress rehearsal for the concert is Saturday afternoon, Dec. 1, and the concert is Sunday at 4 p.m. There is no fee for adult participation. For more information, visit the website at crayo.org or call Sherri Brigden at 320-296-5704.

TOPS fall rally set Oct. 13

The Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) Fall Rally is scheduled for 9:30 a.m., Saturday, Oct. 13, at Christ Lutheran Church, 1820 Knight Ave., Glencoe. Guest speakers, including a dietician and a yoga instructor, will be present. For more information call 320-583-8698 or e-mail mnvicki78@gmail.com.

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, Brownston, Stewart, Plato, New Auburn, Biscay and Silver Lake take priority over happenings elsewhere.



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Raising money for Camp Courage

Glencoe-Silver Lake FFA held its annual Corn Drive For Camp Courage on Friday, Sept. 28. Approximately 30 students took the time out of their busy class schedule to collect donations from across the area to support Courage Camps. "Thanks to the generous support of over 100 donors, as well as the Brownston and Plato co-

ops, GSL FFA members were able to donate over \$9,000 to Courage Camps this year! GSL FFA couldn't be more thankful to the community and teachers for their support through this project!" said Rebekah Haddad, FFA adviser.

Richie Lee & Fabulous '50s set for City Center Oct. 13

The Glencoe-Silver Lake Panther Association is sponsoring "Richie Lee & the Fabulous '50s" Saturday, Oct. 13, from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m., at the Glencoe City Center.

The event also includes a classic car and Corvette cruise.

Richie Lee is billed as a rock-and-roll teen-age sensation, and he will pay tribute to

Buddy Holly and all those fabulous '50s.

Tickets are available at Dubbs Grill & Bar and Professional Insurance Providers. Ticket information is available by calling Jerome and Judy Ide at 320-864-3287 or go online by contacting hhtntner@glencoe.mn.us. Tickets also are available online at www.glencoe.mn.org.

Schultz: 2nd-half property taxes due by Oct. 15

McLeod County Auditor-Treasurer Cindy Schultz reminds McLeod County residents that the second half of property tax payments are due Oct. 15 for non-agricultural properties.

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

If interested in paying by

credit card or e-check, visit the county website: www.co.mcleod.mn.us. There is a fee involved for paying one's property tax by this method.

"If mailing, please return your statement stub with your payment to insure proper credit," Schultz said. "Postmark determines mail payment date. Late postmarks will be returned for proper penalty. Minnesota Statutes direct a penalty be assessed on late payments."

DAV mobile service office to be in Glencoe Oct. 19

A Disabled American Veterans (DAV) mobile service office will be in Glencoe from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Friday, Oct. 19, at the McLeod County Veterans Service Office, 2381 Hennepin Ave.

"So many veterans feel confused about benefits and services they have earned. There's so much to know and so many changes from one year to the next. That's why the nonprofit DAV offers help," NSO John Retzer said.

Retzer said the mobile service office "will personally provide the best counseling

and claim filing assistance available. Like all DAV services, help from the mobile service office is free to all veterans and members of their families."

Other stops of the DAV mobile office will be at the Buffalo American Legion on Oct. 15; St. Cloud VA Medical Center on Oct. 16; Kandiyohi County Veterans Service Office in Willmar on Oct. 17; and the Renville County Veterans Services Office in Olivia on Oct. 18.

Contact Retzer for more information at 612-970-5665.

43 lots forfeited to state

GREEN ISLE — The Arlington Enterprise reported that 43 lots owned by Rosemount Development Corporation in the city of Green Isle have been forfeited to the state.

Special assessments on the lots, along with delinquent

taxes, penalties and interest, total \$717,2809, according to the Sibley County Auditor's office.

The city of Green Isle originally bonded for the seven additions with the idea of special assessments covering the bond payments.

BURING BAN

By order of the Glencoe Fire Chief effective immediately there is a Recreational Fire Burning Ban. This is due to extreme dry weather conditions. It will be in effect until further notice.

*Fire Chief
Ron Grack*

Dated: October 2, 2012

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Thank you to the Glencoe Ambulance and the police for the quick response and transportation to the hospital with our two year old son, Asher.

Paul, Misty, Asher & Londyn Perschau

Thank You

I would like to say thank you to everyone for their well thoughts and prayers while I was in the hospital and now that I am recuperating at home.

A special thank you to Rev. Nelson and all the members of St. Paul's Lutheran Church for all their thoughts and prayers.

I would like to also give a special thank you to the staff at Abbott Northwestern Heart Hospital and the emergency staff at Ridgeview Medical Center and also to the workers in the Cardiac Rehab at Ridgeview Medical Center in Waconia.

Earl Heldt

THANK YOU

The players and families of the Plato American Legion Post #641 State Champions, would like to THANK the PLATO LEGION POST #641 for their monetary donations that allowed them to compete in the State tournament in Sacred Heart, MN and Regional tournament in Wahpeton, ND.

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Panther Pride on display

Helen Baker students who were chosen as September Panther Pride winners for showing Panther Pride by displaying respect, responsibility and safety, included, front row, left to right, Ava Koenen, Gavin Kottke, Zane Scheidt, Lauren Brinkmann, Landon Stifter, Mylea Monahan, Emma Salisbury, Isaiah Dawson, Jason Maire and Anna Thomas. Middle row: Marissa Brinkmann, Andrew Ban-

das, Blake Kaczmarek, Ava Elias, Levi Silverston, Alex Calderon-Gonzalez, Claire Verdeck, Avery Heimerl, Allison Willcox and Brayden Gildea. Back row: Jenna Trippe, Miguel Anderson, Skyler Kirchoff, Courtney Hatlestad, Brady Graupmann, Madison Witte, Gavin Popp, Emily Larsen, Ben Gildea and Jordan Dawson.

'Annie' to be on GSL stage in November

The Glencoe-Silver Lake Theater Department will present "Annie" as its fall musical in November.

The play is set during the Great Depression and is centered on a spunky, redheaded orphan looking for her parents.

Annie's life changes when she is selected to spend a Christmas with billionaire Oliver Warbucks. He offers a big reward to find her parents.

Rooster and his girlfriend, Lily, pretend to be Annie's parents by using information

provided by his sister, Miss Hannigan, the orphanage matron.

At the last minute, President Roosevelt intervenes to announce the FBI has discovered that Annie's parents are in fact dead.

In the end, a very happy Annie is adopted by Warbucks.

Performances are Nov. 8-10 and Nov. 15-17 at 7 p.m. each night and Sunday, Nov. 11, at 2 p.m., in the high school auditorium. Tickets are available at the door.

Record

Police Report

Police received a theft report on Tuesday morning from a resident in the 1300 block of Union Avenue. Thirteen compressors, coils and AC condensers were reported stolen overnight. The losses totaled \$800. Police also made contact with various scrap metal yards.

A property damage report was received at 3:41 p.m., Tuesday, concerning a man's car parked near the Panther Field House. He observed scratches on the passenger side later while he was washing his vehicle at home. He also found dried spit on the hood of the vehicle and the windshield.

Two thefts were reported on Thursday. The first was reported at 8:44 a.m. from a resident in the 700 block of 14th Street in which a light blue mountain bicycle, valued at \$40, was stolen.

The other was reported at 1:01 p.m. from Little Duke's. The gas drive-off involved a woman who drove off without paying for \$48.20 in gas. A video identified the woman, and police contacted her husband and "advised" him to "take care of this as soon as possible."

Police received a report of an unconscious woman at a business in the 1100 block of Hennepin Avenue, at 6:25 p.m.,

Thursday, and she was not breathing. A nurse on the scene performed CPR, and the woman regained consciousness and was transported to Glencoe Regional Health Services.

Police received a report of a vehicle being "keyed" at the high school on 3:40 p.m., Friday.

At 12:23 p.m., Saturday, police advised a resident to put out a fire in the 200 block of 13th Street. The resident was advised there was a burning ban in place due to the dry weather conditions.

A man in the 1300 block of Greeley Avenue was taken to the emergency room at 2:05 p.m., Saturday, after cutting his hand with a table saw.

Another burning ban warning was issued to a resident in the 700 block of DeSoto Avenue at 6:56 p.m., Saturday. They were starting to burn pieces of a sofa when told to put out the fire.

At 8:11 p.m., Saturday, juveniles were apprehended with pop and candy taken from the concession stand at the softball fields in Oak Leaf Park. The juveniles said they found the keys to the concession stand.

At 10:03, police advised individuals in the 700 block of 9th Street that there was a recreational burning ban in place, and that their fire needed to be extinguished.



Chronicle photo by Rich Glennie

In the Halloween spirit

This home was decorated in the Halloween spirit early this year with pumpkins festooning the walkway, house and trees on property at 16th Street and Ford

Avenue. The number of pumpkin decorations at the home seems to continue to grow each year.

'Meet the Candidates' at Silver Lake

A "Meet the Candidates" evening, sponsored by the GFWC Silver Lake Women's Club and Silver Lake Lions, will be held Tuesday, Oct. 16, at 7 p.m., at the Silver Lake Auditorium. This is a chance for everyone to meet and visit with the Silver Lake City Council, Glencoe-Silver Lake School Board, County Board candidates and state candidates before the election on Tuesday, Nov. 6. Questions from the audience will be answered and there will be time after the forum to meet with the candidates individually. Refreshments will be served.

GSL now has everyone under contract at last

By Rich Glennie
Editor

"Now everyone is under contract," Glencoe-Silver Lake Superintendent Chris Sonju said Monday night after the GSL School Board approved a new three-year contract with him and two-year contracts with Mike Morris, Desktop technology support staff member, and the district office support staff.

In Sonju's contract, which runs from 2013-16, the total package increase is 5.78 percent or 1.926 percent per year.

Sonju will have a salary of \$133,089 for school year 2013-14; it is \$136,416 in 2014-15; and \$139,826 in 2015-16.

Morris' total package contract increases 3.98 percent over the two years ending June 30, 2014.

The district office staff increases 5.9 percent over the two years for the total package through June 30, 2014. Involved in that contract are Carol Dammann, Becky Dahl, Dawn Peterson, Lori Peterson and Crystal Dahlke.

In other matters, the School Board:

- Set the next board meeting for 7 p.m., Tuesday, Nov. 13, at Lakeside Elementary in Silver Lake.

Also announced was the annual Truth in Taxation hearing for 6:01 p.m., Monday, Dec. 10. The regular December monthly meeting will follow at 7 p.m. in Room 124 in the Lincoln Jr. High.

- Approved the continuation of limited K-2 transportation during the winter, beginning Nov. 26 and ending March 27.

The program is designed to give rides to K-2 students liv-

ing within the one-mile distance from their schools. It is up to parents of the students to contact the district office to have their child picked up.

The district began the program several years ago. The aim is to not add any costs to the district with the program, Sonju said.

- Approved a 70-by-20-foot addition to the high school garage on the east side of the building. The estimated cost is \$50,000, and much of the construction will be done by the school's construction class under the direction of new industrial technology teacher Mike Sundblad.

Michelle Sander, district business manager, said the addition has been on the facilities plan list for quite awhile, and became more imperative after the state fire marshal expressed concerns about storage within the high school.

The addition would ease some of the storage concerns for items like class play sets and props, prom and after-prom materials, Sander said.

Sander said the aim is to "keep the fire marshal happy." But she added, "It also provides a good educational experience for the students."

What cannot be done by the students will be done by hiring local contractors, she added.

"It will help with a lot of storage issues at the high school," Sander said. "It is a much needed project."

- Accepted the following donations: Mark Rudy, matching contribution from Wells Fargo for the A account, \$36.90; Glencoe American Legion Post 95, scholarships, \$1,600; and Silver Lake American Legion Post 141, U.S. military history class, \$500.

- Accepted the resignation of Debra Butler as school nurse, effective Oct. 12.

- Granted leave requests to Angie Mellies, first-grade teacher at Helen Baker and to Deb Rudy, special education paraprofessional at the high school.

- Hired Ashleigh and Chris Moelter to be the new gymnastics head coach and assistant, respectively. They replace Deb and Mark Rudy, who resigned.

- Hired Nadini Kraemer as a 6.75-hour-per-day English as a second language paraprofessional at the Lincoln Jr. High/high school. She replaces Ma Del Carmen Frank, who resigned.

Corrections

In last week's photo information concerning the McLeod For Tomorrow tour of Brownston, it was reported the tour included the new United South Grain (USG) facility. It should have read United Grain Systems (UGS)

facility.

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.

In Search of a Good Night's Sleep

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Glencoe Regional Health Services

We need to remain the beacon in free speech argument

Our view: Despite violence from recent video, America must not give up its right of free speech

Are we still the standard bearer in the world when it comes to freedom of speech? That was asked during a recent discussion over the arrest of a man in California for his controversial video that inflamed passions throughout the Muslim world. It also led to the deaths last month of numerous people, including the U.S. ambassador to Libya and three fellow Americans.

Years earlier, British author Salman Rushdie was forced into hiding after Muslims objected to his portrayal of the prophet Mohammad in a book. He still has a price on his head.

European cartoonists have been targeted for assassination by Islamic extremists and clerics for their caricatures of the prophet. Some have been killed or injured.

It seems it does not take much to inflame radical Muslims whenever there is the impression of an insult to their prophet, or a convenient opportunity arises to strike at the United States and its allies.

So should Americans' right to express themselves be curtailed because it causes problems elsewhere on this planet?

With the social network well established in all corners of the world, something posted on the Internet at one corner of the globe is instantly flashed around the world.

Just as quickly, it seems, the violent reactions occur.

To Americans, the violent reactions in those Muslim countries are puzzling. We, who have grown up assuming everyone has a right to say what they want, within legal limits, cannot understand how a simple video, insulting or not, could elicit such a violent reaction.

What is the big deal?

The big deal is we are trying to impose our standards and form of democracy in areas of the world that

have no history of freedom of speech, or many other freedoms for that matter. It will not work. Americans simply take their freedoms for granted.

Which brings us to the main point: Should Americans curtail their freedom of speech if it incites such violence in others? Is that right something that needs to be moderated in this overly-sensitive, radicalized world we live in? Should providers of the social media forums be forced to monitor sites and censor inflammatory remarks or videos, knowing what might happen?

The answer is no. We cannot change who we are.

But there is no doubt we live in a different world after the terrorist attacks on 9/11. We have altered our fundamental rights in the United States for the sake of national security and safety through the U.S. Patriot Act, for example. But have we altered them too far?

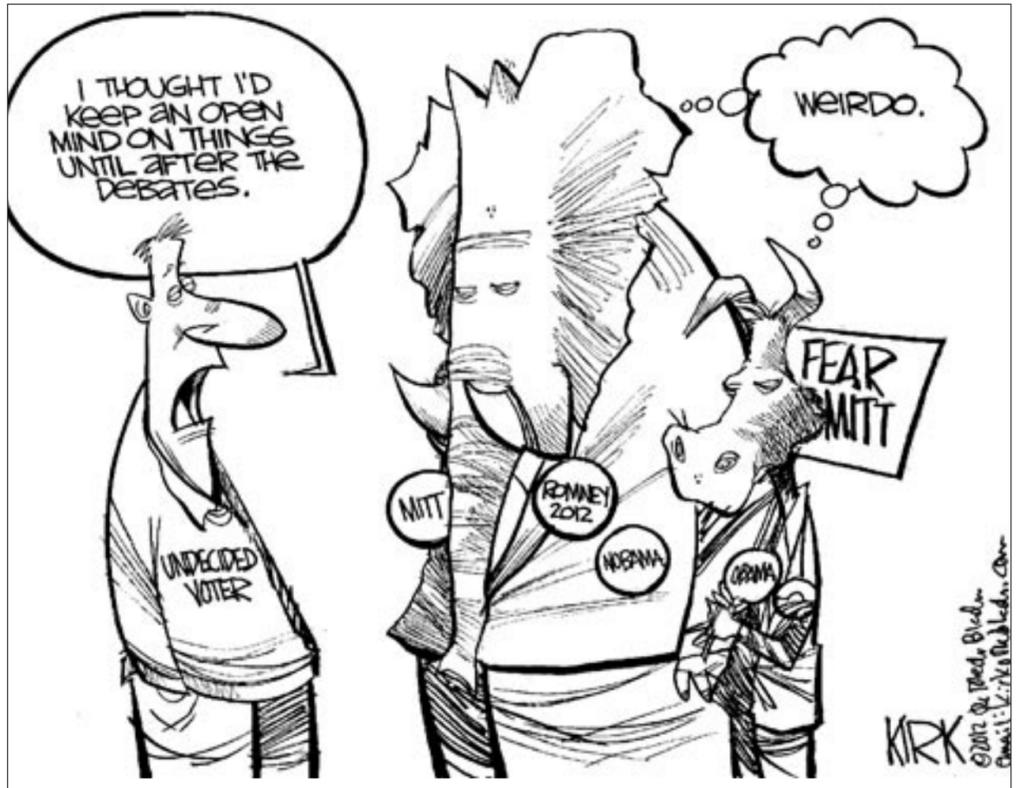
Yes. But we cannot let the extremists or terrorists set the rules. Just because they react violently, does not give anyone the power to censor what we say and think, unless we allow it to happen.

We cannot let the terrorists, or any other religion, win this battle over basic freedoms. Too many men and women, now and in the past, gave their lives to ensure we remain free and unfettered in how we live as Americans.

Rushdie summed it up in a recent Reuters interview: "What is free speech if it's only for people you agree with? Often in the free speech argument, you find yourself defending stuff you really dislike."

America needs to remain the beacon that others look to as an example what freedom of speech really means. Others throughout the world expect nothing less from America.

— R.G.



Letters to Editor

Sounds more like New York Times op-ed piece

To the Editor:

I've enjoyed reading Rich Glennie's articles, which I find to be crafted from a balanced point of view that leaves the reader to speculate where he truly sits on the ideological spectrums of politics, religion and culture.

His latest commentary on the Catholic church was a stark deviation.

Catholic teaching has five non-negotiable issues regarding social policy and politics. They are abortion, fetal/embryonic stem cell research, human cloning, marriage and euthanasia.

Religious freedom also has been declared a very important issue and some Catholic leaders may consider that to be non-negotiable in the light of the AHA-HHS contraception mandate.

Feeding the hungry, caring for the sick, elderly and infirm, clothing the naked and providing shelter are all noble acts of charity, but church teaching is not restricted to these acts of mercy.

In our church we have an obligation to protect these vulnerable members of society, but to also de-

fend traditional marriage. Failing to do so is very possibly committing a sin of omission.

Progressive, left-leaning journalists at institutions such as the New York Times, seem fine with helping our fellow citizens with material needs (or openly supporting liberal politicians) but denounce us wholeheartedly regarding the non-negotiable issues.

Where were the objections from the media when non-Catholic religious leaders publicly announced they were against the amendment? Well, they seemed quite satisfied to broadcast it on local TV stations or write friendly, understanding articles about it! Furthermore, where was the objection towards "governing by Constitution" when the Minnesota Sales Tax Amendment was on the ballot in 2008?

Rich also claimed the marriage amendment would "take something away" from people. That is inaccurate, because same-sex marriage is already banned by statute. A lot of Minnesota citizens just want to be protected from government, not sheltered or commanded by it.

As Jefferson said, "A government

big enough to give you everything you want is strong enough to take everything you have."

It is a profound misunderstanding that granting same-sex marital rights means less government. Whenever the government is given power to grant something, it expands in power regardless of any emotional or personal attachment. The result is higher taxes, less freedom and less familial stability in this case.

The primary reason states subsidize traditional marriage is healthy children are necessary for the continued survival of the state. Marriage has been regulated throughout different cultures and states from a chiefly economic viewpoint long before the gay rights movement gained any recognition in the West.

Finally, if one really does share our concern about the courts overturning the will of the people, which seems to be the trend these days by activist judges of both major political parties, then voting YES on this amendment should not even be in question.

Jaime Thissen
Glencoe

Chronicle reminder about its election-year letters-to-editor policy

With the general election only weeks away, The Chronicle would like to remind letter writers about its election-year policy, which kicks in during these final weeks of the political campaign season.

Those wishing to express their views on the election should do so soon.

Letters should be 500 words or less, and be concise and to the point. No form letters to the editor will be accepted. Letters must be original.

The Oct. 24 issue of The Chronicle will be the last chance to raise

new issues concerning the election. The only political letters to be accepted for the Oct. 31 issue of The Chronicle will be those in direct response to earlier letters.

So if you want to join the discussion on The Chronicle's opinion pages, get those letters in soon in the coming weeks. The letters must be signed with a phone number included to verify authenticity.

The general election, including local, state and federal races, will be held on Tuesday, Nov. 6.

— R.G.

GOP chairman responds to Glennie's column

To the Editor:

In response to Rich Glennie's editorial (column) last week regarding the candidate recommendation program ("County GOPers are way out of bounds"): First, it would have been considerate to be contacted regarding the program to get the facts straight before printing a story full of half-truths.

This new program, started at the state level to assist local candidates in getting elected by providing them with voter-identification information. Any local candidate wishing to seek a recommendation can do so. Several have done so already. Other

local candidates running for county commissioner, mayor and school board were contacted by phone to be made aware of the program. Those that expressed interest were sent out questionnaires and an invitation to apply at their request!

Voters have a right to be informed about candidates and where local candidates stand on fiscal issues in involving the office that they seek.

The GOP, as a political party, is a source of that information on a candidate; therefore, if a candidate requests it, our recommendation is relevant as a tool for both voter and candidate.

We are not providing an endorsement, but rather, a recommendation. In fact, we can recommend more than one candidate for the same office.

In closing, the recommendation the local party makes is no different than the endorsement (recommendation) all of our local editors make at election time, including yours, Rich Glennie. You can't have it both ways! If you can recommend a candidate, so can we.

Eric Harpel
Chairman McLeod GOP

Vote instead for Campa, he has common sense

To the Editor:

We need a common sense state representative for our 18B District. Glenn Gruenhagen is not that guy. He voted to borrow \$2.2 billion from our school district to balance the state's budget. He also voted to cut the University of Minnesota's budget by 19 percent.

For someone who had been on our school board for 16 years, one would think he would want to strengthen our schools. He also voted to increase our property taxes.

At the present time, he is backing the law to have voter picture ID a requirement for voting. This is wrong. There has been little, if any, voter

fraud in Minnesota. This could put a real burden on the elderly, who do not have a driver's license, the poor and young people.

Vote instead for Logan Campa, who has common sense.

Donald B. Rudy, M.D.
Glencoe

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Letters to Editor

Chronicle wrong in vilifying Catholic church

To the Editor:
In response to "our view" editorial from Oct. 3 ("Catholic church's latest fund-raising crosses the line"), if it's wrong for a church to promote, through a funding request, its own dogmatic views and, possibly, in the process, "drag the church into the political mire," then it's equally wrong for the media, in this case The Chronicle via R.G.'s "our

view" piece to interfere in a church's business, thereby "dragging the media into the political mire."
If the "press" can promote a view, then all entities should be free from criticism when they, too, promote a view, even if that view includes asking for donations.
To expect churches to be unbiased in politics makes as much sense as expecting editorials to be unbiased.

I am not a Catholic, nor do I agree with most things the Catholic church teaches. But no denomination, including the Catholic church, should be vilified for stating dogmas, promoting those dogmas or supporting political ideologies that support the dogmas.
That's what freedom is all about.

**Catherine Lorenz
New Auburn**

Domestic violence happens, get informed

To the Editor:
October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month. In 2011, at least 34 people died in domestic violence incidents in Minnesota.
Domestic violence is a serious problem, and it does happen here in McLeod County. McLeod Alliance for Victims of Domestic Violence provided service to 274 clients last year. Our small community

may seem safe from violence, but behind closed doors families are being terrorized in their own homes.
I urge all members of our community to get educated about domestic violence and learn about community resources. Many do not know that there is help right here in McLeod County.
For more information on domestic violence please

contact McLeod Alliance for Victims of Domestic Violence at 320-234-7933 or 1-800-934-0851. Please see our McLeod Alliance Facebook page for upcoming awareness activities throughout the month of October.

**Glynis Vacek
Advocacy Coordinator
McLeod Alliance
for Victims of
Domestic Violence**

Proposed Voter ID sounds simple; it isn't

To the Editor:
When the Voter ID amendment was first introduced earlier this year, most people thought this issue was a no brainer. A recent poll suggests otherwise.
A recent Star Tribune Minnesota Poll reports that 52 percent of Minnesotans support Voter ID, down from 80 percent who supported the amendment several months ago.

we serve all across Minnesota. That includes older Minnesotans who don't have a valid photo ID because they don't drive anymore.
If the Voter ID amendment passes in November, they would have to make special arrangements to get a photo ID to vote in future elections or cast a provisional ballot, which requires a cumbersome two-step process.
It's also true that some people with disabilities who grew up in institutions and now live in the community may not have a birth certificate to verify their identities. With Voter ID, their families or people who know them well can no longer vouch for them at the polls.
And what about people who have lost their homes in the foreclosure crisis and are living in temporary housing? How do they get a valid photo ID?
Creators of the amendment are now saying they will fix these problems later in legislative rule-making. If they already know what the rules will be, they should tell us before we vote on the amend-

ment in November.
I have had some people ask me: "Do you support voter fraud?" Of course not! We have seen virtually no evidence of voter fraud in Minnesota. Minnesota's voter system has been tested with two high profile voter recounts in recent years and the overwhelming result has been a robust and clean election system.
Changing the current system would cost Minnesota taxpayers millions of dollars that could be spent in far better ways to solve problems we actually do have.
If you haven't already, please take time to learn more about the Voter ID amendment and what it will truly mean to our voters in Minnesota. Analysis by the Office of the Secretary of State indicates that over 200,000 registered voters do not have valid photo identification. If even one of those registered voters is turned away at the polls, it is one too many.

**Jodi Harpstead
CEO - Lutheran Social
Service of Minnesota**

Why the huge drop in support? I think it's because Minnesotans are beginning to learn more about the weighty implications of this amendment.
At Lutheran Social Service of Minnesota, we have studied this issue and with support of our board of directors have taken a stand to oppose the Voter ID amendment. We believe that all people should have the opportunity to be full members of our community, including participating in our democracy and having the fundamental right to vote.
This amendment is particularly troubling to us because it would add significant barriers to voting for neighbors

views.
In fact the Secretary of State website specifically states, "The secretary of state is the chief election official in Minnesota and is responsible for administration of the Minnesota election law."
As such, it is Mr. Ritchie's job to see that the constitutional amendment question is properly on the ballot in November. It is not his responsibility to use state funds, property and resources to attempt to defeat it.
By Mr. Ritchie's actions and conduct, we feel there is no choice but to pursue these remedies in an effort to force him to stop using his position as Sec of State to pursue his personal political agenda.
**State Sen. Scott Newman,
R-Hutchinson
District 18**

Elect Tingelstad, Griffith to Supreme Court

To the Editor:
Are you like me? In the past, have you gone to the judicial part of your ballot and picked random names because you really didn't know the people listed as candidates?
Maybe you simply chose the "incumbent" because you never heard anything bad about them.
First of all, let's remove the word incumbent, which is not allowed in any other location on the ballot — only for judges who put it there to give themselves an unfair advantage.
In Minnesota, our Constitution requires that judges be elected. An incumbent Minnesota Supreme Court judge has not lost an election since 1946! Instead, they run unopposed, or they have been appointed because the judge before them retired early, leaving a vacancy to be filled by the governor.
These appointees are many times cronies of the governor, who may or may not be qualified. They have to be a lawyer, that's all.
These judges are very powerful, deciding the most important issues affecting our lives. Their decisions set the course for our state in all legal matters, from divorce settlements to foreclosures to gay marriage and everything else.
Their rulings can only be

overturned by the U.S. Supreme Court, which very rarely happens.
For this reason, it is important to continue with judicial elections so that the people decide who will be interpreting the law. We need access to their background information regarding their rulings. Do they follow the law or legislate from the bench, making up things as they go?
When we vote, judges know that they work for us.
There are two men running for the Minnesota Supreme Court, who are excellent candidates.
Tim Tingelstad of Bemidji has been a judge for 15 years, plus his 15 years of attorney experience. Tim believes in preserving the people's constitutional right to choose their judges by election and pledges to serve the people, following the original intent of our state Constitution.
He is challenging an appointee, Justice David Stras, who we believe does not support continued judicial elections, rather judicial appointments. Tim's website is www.HighestHill.com.
The other candidate is Dan Griffith, an attorney from International Falls. His opponent is Justice Lorie Gildea, who was appointed.
When State Sen. Julianne Ortman and several legislators sent a letter dated April 17, 2012, to Justice Gildea,

they requested that she investigate reported court problems in Carver County.
The letter stated: "As you may be aware, concerns about these issues and perceived administrative and judicial bias, have been raised by numerous participants recently, but you may not be aware that these issues and concerns have long persisted, actually, similar concerns have been raised in my community for over a dozen years."
The response of Justice Gildea was that no further action would be taken to examine the reported court corruption. Further background information is available at: www.carvercountycorruption.com.
It is difficult to imagine how far some of our courts have strayed from the law and justice unless you have been a victim yourself.
Dan's website is at www.griffithforjudge.com.
We need judicial accountability at the county level and the state level. If we, the people, do not keep watch and continue to press for justice in the courts, all the citizens will suffer.
Please consider Griffith and Tingelstad to restore a fair and impartial system in our state's highest court.
**Linda Senst
Glencoe**

Reason why we need Voter ID amendment

To the Editor:
Minnesota needs the Voter ID Amendment because we have the most lax election system in the nation. The combination of no ID requirements, no provisional balloting, election day registration, and vouching makes Minnesota's election system ripe for abuse.
For those of you unfamiliar with the practice of vouching, this will explain it:
• Vouching is the election day practice of one registered voter (who doesn't need to show any ID) vouching for the identity and residence of another unregistered voter wishing to obtain a ballot.
• Minnesota is one of only two states in the nation that allows both election day registration and vouching.
• Minnesota is the only state in the nation that allows a single voter to vouch for up to 15 unidentified voters, and in some circumstances, an unlimited number of voters!

of taking them back.
After the election the state sends out a non-forwardable card to newly registered voters. This will verify that the person does indeed live at that address. If the card is undeliverable it comes back to the state.
In Minnesota's 2008 general election, 6,224 election day registrants provided unverifiable names and/or addresses, and in Minnesota's 2010 election, the number was 1,244. In 2008, Al Franken won by just over 300 votes.
If we pass Voter ID the vouching system will be replaced by Provisional ballots:
• Provisional ballots are a "second chance" ballot for people who can't be verified by normal means in the polling place. They are primarily employed for voters who lack the proper photographic identification on election day. Once cast, a voter has extra time (typically seven to 10 days) to return and verify identity, at which point their ballot is accepted and added to the normal ballot counts.
• In Indiana, a state with a similar voting population to Minnesota and a strict Voter ID law, fewer than 4,000 pro-

visional ballots were cast during the 2008 election. Superimposing that figure onto Minnesota's slightly more than 4,000 voting precincts projects an average of less than one provisional ballot being cast per precinct if the Voter ID amendment is ratified.
• Forty-four states use provisional ballots to ensure everyone gets a chance to vote and that every voter is verified by the same standards. Minnesota is one of only six states that do not employ provisional ballots.
• Nationally, 80 percent of provisional ballots cast are ultimately validated and counted.
• Nationally, the number one reason a provisional ballot is not accepted (43 percent of rejections) is that the voter was not registered. With Minnesota's election day registration system, this would never be an issue.
All of this information was taken from www.protectmyvote.com. I encourage you to visit the web site for yourself. There is a wealth more of information on this topic.
**Tammy Tankersley
Glencoe**

In other words I can bring in 15 people off the street, tell the election judge that I know them, use fake names and addresses, and they can vote with no proof of any of that. Their votes are immediately counted and there is no way

agency because no one agency has jurisdiction to decide all of the allegations.
Specifically, we believe he has violated a number of Minnesota statutes including: Misuse of public funds, conflict of interest between his official duties and his personal political agenda, political activities by a state employee during hours of employment, attempt to influence the outcome of a ballot initiative using false or misleading statements and failure to comply with Campaign Finance Disclosure Board regulations when expending funds to defeat a ballot question.
I believe that as Minnesota's head election officer, he has a responsibility to implement the election laws passed by the Legislature, irrespective of his personal political

Reasons for complaint against Ritchie

To the Editor:
On Oct. 4, Sen. Mike Parry and I filed a complaint against Secretary of State Mark Ritchie with the Office of Administrative Hearings (OAH) in which we allege he has used his office and the prestige of his position to improperly try to influence the outcome of the Voter ID Amendment.
We also have requested that the Office of Legislative Auditor (OLA) investigate whether his actions are an improper use of state property or funds and will be filing a complaint with the Campaign Finance Disclosure Board (CFDB) regarding the question of whether he has expended funds to defeat a ballot question.
It is necessary to file separate complaints with each

views.
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City of Brownton to pursue municipal natural gas utility

By Lori Copley
Staff Writer

The city of Brownton will once again pursue natural gas as a municipal franchise, the City Council decided at its Tuesday, Oct. 2, meeting.

The City Council is again looking at bringing natural gas to the city since United Grain Systems (UGS), a partnership with United Farmers Cooperative (UFC) and Archer-Daniels-Midland (ADM), built a new grain-handling facility north of Brownton and brought natural gas to the site from the Hutchinson Utilities located between Stewart and Brownton, bringing natural gas within a mile of the city limits.

John Rodeberg of Short, Elliott and Hendrickson (SEH), Inc., the city's engineering firm, said the city also pursued natural gas as a municipal utility in 2003, after Hutchinson Utilities built a natural gas supply line from Trimont to Hutchinson, which passed between Stewart and Brownton.

At the time, a bond to pay for the natural gas line was voted down by Brownton city voters.

"In 2003, gas prices were unstable and the capital costs were quite high," said Rodeberg. Now, natural gas prices have stabilized, and the city will only need to get gas from the UGS site, rather than from three to four miles to the west.

Rodeberg said the city could either offer natural gas as a municipal utility, and therefore realize the profits, or offer a franchise to a private or outside company, such as UFC or Hutchinson Utilities.

After SEH reviewed the original plan, it is still recommending a municipal utility, because it gives the city more

control over end-use prices, Rodeberg said.

The city would have to strike transport contracts with both UGS and Hutchinson Utilities to get the gas to Brownton, and finance the infrastructure, said Rodeberg.

Rodeberg said that in 2003, it was estimated that it would cost the city about \$2.12 million to run a line from the Hutchinson Utilities pipeline to Brownton and establish the infrastructure in the city limits.

Rodeberg said SEH looked at some recent natural gas installation bids, and found that "bid unit prices were nearly twice what was estimated in 2004."

A "very rough" estimate to bring natural gas from UGS to Brownton and establish a service system in the city "would be in the \$2.6 to \$3.1 million range."

But Rodeberg also said those prices were based on recent projects that were federally funded. Any time the federal government is involved, he said, prices tend to be higher.

The City Council also had a memo from David Drown and Associates, its fiscal adviser, recommending that the city seek a general obligation bond to finance the project, if it decides to go through with a municipal utility.

Hopefully, Drown said, the utility will generate enough profit to make the bond payments, with little impact on taxpayers.

Another option would be a revenue bond, in which payments would solely rely on profits, but Drown pointed out that "this will be a brand new business without a track record of any kind," so bond investors will insist on a "very rigorous analysis of the feasibility of the project."

Revenue bonds also have

higher financial fees and interest rates than general obligation bonds, according to Drown's memo.

Mike Kumm, general manager of Hutchinson Utilities, said Hutchinson Utilities would be willing to help Brownton establish its own municipal utility.

Along with helping with the design of the initial project, Kumm said the city also could contract with Hutchinson Utilities for operations and maintenance.

Kumm said Hutchinson could help Brownton operate and maintain the system for three to five years, with a gradual shifting of all of the responsibilities to Brownton during that time period.

Three representatives from the Minnesota Municipal Utilities Association said they also have been working with SEH and Hutchinson Utilities on some preliminary work on the proposal, and will continue to provide assistance, as Brownton is a member of the association.

Council Member Chuck Warner said the city had several questions that it needs to answer: first, do residents in Brownton want natural gas; second, will they support a general obligation bond; and, third, "what it would cost to get the product from the end of town to us?"

The City Council then voted to continue pursuing natural gas for Brownton, with a municipal utility as its first option.

Rodeberg said the motion will allow SEH to continue looking into potential costs for the proposed project and other items, such as the transport contracts, a potential operations-and-maintenance agreement with Hutchinson Utilities and financing options.



Submitted photo

60 years of membership

Brownton Korean War veteran Calvin West, center, was recently honored with a pin for his 60 years of continuous membership with Brownton American Legion Post 143. Presenting the pin were

Elmer Baysinger, Third District Minnesota vice commander, left, and Bob Kleinschmidt, Brownton Legion Post 143 commander, right.

20 Brownton seniors met on Monday

Twenty Brownton senior citizens met Monday at the community center.

Cards were played after the meeting with the following winners: 500, Bernetta Alsleben, first, and Gladys Rickert, second; pinochle, Harriet Bergs, first, and Pearl Streu, second; and sheephead, Lil Lindeman, first, and Elmer Maass, second.

Audrey Tongen won the door prize. Eleanor Lamp served refreshments.

The next meeting will be Monday, Oct. 15, at 1 p.m. All seniors are welcome.

BLHS plans fall comedy for Nov. 9-11

The Buffalo Lake-Hector-Stewart Theater Department will present the modern-day comedy, "The Desk," Nov. 9-11, at the Palace Theater in Hector.

Marc Bauer is having a bad week. As head sports writer for a Washington state newspaper, he is facing layoffs, a corporate headhunter, a fiancée that is ready to leave for good, and his Uncle Ado has just stopped in for a visit.

Tickets are sold at the doors of the Palace Theater in downtown Hector.

Show dates are Nov. 9-10, at 7 p.m., and Nov. 11 at 2 p.m.

For more information call Matthew Pursi at 320-848-2233, extension 322.

Community Calendar

Thurs., Oct. 11 — AA Group Mtg. next to Post Office in Stewart, 8 p.m., call 320-212-5290 for info.

Sun., Oct. 14 — Brownton Congregational Church hot dish dinner, 10:30 a.m.-1 p.m.

Mon., Oct. 15 — Tops Weigh-In mtg., 5-5:30 p.m.; Brownton Senior Citizens Club, 1 p.m.; Brownton Community Center; Brownton Lions; Stewart American Legion Post 125 & Auxiliary, 7 p.m.

Tues., Oct. 16 — Narcotics Anonymous, Brownton Community Center, 7 p.m.; Brownton Legion.

Thurs., Oct. 18 — AA Group Mtg. next to Post Office in Stewart, 8 p.m., call 320-212-5290 for info.; Stewart Lions.

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Brownton begins search for new police officer/chief

By Lori Copley
Staff Writer

The Brownton City Council has begun advertising for a new police officer/chief.

At its Oct. 2 meeting, the Council approved a proposed ad and job description for the new officer, for which it is advertising after both its police chief and patrol officer resigned within a month.

At its September meeting, the City Council agreed to reduce its police force from one full-time chief and one full-time officer to one full-time chief/officer with fill-in shifts from its part-time officer.

Ken Bauer, a part-time officer for both the McLeod County Sheriff's Department and the Brownton Police Department, said the city has had about 84 hours of weekly patrol from its two full-time officers.

"I'd like to get that down to about 55 hours a week," said Bauer, who has been assisting the city with both scheduling and the search process.

Council Member Chuck

Warner said he felt that was feasible. Warner, who also is the city's police commissioner, reiterated earlier statements he made that Brownton doesn't need as much police protection with the loss of a school building in town and a shrinking commercial district.

But Bauer said that the city also will need to get a contract with the sheriff's department to provide "on-call" services when officers are not on duty.

In the past, with two full-time officers, an officer had a regular shift, plus provided "on-call" service during off-duty hours between shifts. Officers would work three or four straight shifts, then have three or four days off.

Bauer said an officer willing to do that is a "rare bird."

Bauer said the sheriff's department is willing to provide on-call service while the city is looking for a new officer, which also will give it a chance to see how much time it actually provides to the city.

And Bauer said on-call service will change.

"People will have to understand that if they call about a barking dog at 4:30 in the morning, nobody may show up if there isn't an officer on duty," said Bauer. On-call service will only be for emergencies, he added. A regular officer will return a call about non-emergency issues when he or she comes on duty.

The City Council also approved an interview committee of Warner, Mayor Curt Carrigan, Bauer and sheriff's deputy Pat Geiken. Bauer said he also will approach retired Brownton Police Chief Mark Mathwig about serving on the committee.

In other business, the City Council agreed to buy a new Case pay loader at a cost of \$130,877.

City Clerk Cindy Lindeman said the city will put \$40,000 down against a five-year loan, with a 3.2 percent interest rate, with Security Bank & Trust Co. of Brownton.



Chronicle photo by Brenda Fogarty

6th-grade awards

The sixth-grade Panther Pride awards winners for September at Lakeside Elementary included, front row, left to right, Quentin Wanous, Olivia Lemke, Annamaria Falcon, Alexis Christianson-Tranby

and Roberto Garza. In the back are Chandler Glaeser, Hayden Berge, Brett Baumgarten, Maren Warner and Alejandra Cruz.

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Panther Pride awards

The fifth-grade Panther Pride award winners for September at Lakeside Elementary in Silver Lake included, front row, left to right, Jadon Drier, Gia Venier, Hannah Boesche and Ryan Kientzy. In the back row are Mia LaPlante, Lexi Fronk, Grace Garoutte, Preston Sturges and Sydney Lepel. Rylan Rosenlund is on the right.



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4th-grade Panther Pride

Glencoe-Silver Lake Lakeside Elementary School honored its fourth-grade Panther Pride winners for September. They include, front row, from left, Mariana Castillo, Summer Hayes, Olivia

Dammann, Ashley Ribar and Corey Schmidt. In the back row are Joey Barrett, Ryley Schuth, Brooklyn Ewald, Lily Ehrke and Carrie Fox.

Engagements

Aune — Lenker

Les and Ann Aune of Rosemount wish to announce the engagement of their daughter, Ruth Marie Aune, to Brian William Lenker, son of Tim and Mary Lenker of Eden Prairie.

Aune, granddaughter of Arlene Torgerson of Glencoe, is a 2008 graduate of Rosemount High School. She is an elementary education major at the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire.

Lenker is a 2009 graduate of Eden Prairie High School and is a manufacturing engineer major at the University of Wisconsin-Stout.

The couple is planning a July 27, 2013, wedding.



Ruth Aune
Brian Lenker

Menus

Oct. 15-19 Millie Beneke Manor Senior Nutrition Site

Monday — Turkey casserole, peas, tropical fruit, bread with margarine, bar, low-fat milk.

Tuesday — Chili, pear sauce, lettuce with dressing, crackers with margarine, sherbet, low-fat milk.

Wednesday — Baked chicken, baked potato, squash, bread with margarine, gelatin with fruit and topping, low-fat milk.

Thursday — Meatballs with gravy, mashed potatoes, mixed vegetables, bread with margarine, fruit crisp, low-fat milk.

Friday — Crumb-topped fish, whole potatoes, Prince William vegetables, bread with margarine, pie, low-fat milk.

GSL Schools Elementary/Jr. High/Sr. High Breakfast

Monday — Blueberry muffin and yogurt or Kix Berry cereal and blueberry muffin, apple juice cup, low-fat milk.

Tuesday — Pancake on a stick or Cheerios and apple-cinnamon muffin, diced peaches, low-fat milk.

Wednesday — Breakfast pizza or reduced-sugar Coco Puffs cereal and string cheese, orange wedges, low-fat milk.

Thursday — No school.

Friday — No school.

Helen Baker/Lakeside Lunch

Monday — Oven-baked turkey corn dog, bagel, yogurt and string cheese fun lunch, oven-baked beans, tator tots, broccoli salad with raisins, orange wedges, pineapple tidbits.

Tuesday — Beef soft-shell tacos, ham and cheese on whole-grain bread, refried beans, lettuce and tomato cup, grapes, chilled applesauce.

Wednesday — Chicken parmesan with whole-grain pasta, deli combo sub, seasoned peas, baby carrots, apples, chilled peaches.

Thursday — No school.

Friday — No school.

High School Lunch

Not available.

First Lutheran School Lunch

Monday — Chicken patty, lettuce salad, pineapple, milk.

Tuesday — Tator tot hot dish, peaches, bread, milk.

Wednesday — Subs, lettuce salad, mandarin oranges, milk.

Thursday — No school.

Friday — No school.

St. Pius X Lunch

Monday — Chicken patty on a bun, orange wedges, baked beans, raw vegetables with dip, milk.

Tuesday — Sausage pizza, romaine salad, applesauce, milk.

Wednesday — Ham slice, au-gratin potatoes, corn, pears, bread with butter, milk.

Thursday — No school.

Friday — No school.



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3rd-grade honorees

Third-grade Panther Pride award winners for September include, front row, left to right, Azeneth Becerra, Elisabeth Schmiege, Kendall Guerrero, Mariah Wen-

dolek and Ella Littlejohn. In the back are Tobey Noeldner, Diego Mendoza, Jacob Baumgarten, Jackson Stifter and Leah Nemeck.

Girl Scouts plan Oct. 13 project

On Oct. 13, Girl Scouts in Stewart, Brownton and Glencoe will spend the day raking leaves and grass from storm-drain surfaces and public areas, distributing door hangers in neighborhoods to raise awareness, and marking storm drains with an "Only Rain Down the Storm Drain" message.

In Stewart, Brownton and Glencoe, girls will gather at Community Center in Stewart and Helen Baker School in Glencoe starting at 8:45 a.m. The girls need all the help they can get to cover all three towns. All adults and students are encouraged to

help. Students needing community service for church, school, 4-H or Boy Scouts are also encouraged to attend. Bring a sack lunch (lunch is at noon in Oak Leaf Park, Glencoe); rakes, shovels and lots of enthusiasm.

Those interested in helping should meet at Helen Baker School in Glencoe or the Stewart Community Center at 8:45 a.m. on Oct. 13. To learn more about the Centennial Day of Service: 2012 Take Action Project, visit GSRV100.org, or call Gerri Fitzloff at 320-562-2369.

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People

Burns family announce birth

Charles and Leah Burns of Brooklyn Center announce the birth of their daughter, Brielle Joy, on Sept. 2, 1012, at Ridgeview Medical Center in Waconia. Brielle weighed 9 pounds, 1 ounce, and was 18 inches in length. Her older brother is Benjamin. Grandparents are Duane and Karen Sylwester of Glencoe, Joann Burns of Waite Park and the late Edward Burns.

Heuer graduates from basics

Army Pfc. Mitchell T. Heuer, son of Timothy Heuer of Glencoe, graduated from basic infantry training at Fort Benning, Columbus, Ga. During the nine weeks of training, the soldier received training in drill and ceremonies, weapons, map reading, tactics, military courtesy, military justice, physical fitness, first aid, and Army history, core values and traditions. Additional training included development of basic combat skills and battlefield operations and tactics, and experiencing use of various weapons and weapons defenses available to the infantry crewman. Heuer is a 2007 graduate of Glencoe-Silver Lake High School.

Daughter born to Bensons

Doyle and Tonya Benson of Stewart announce the birth of their daughter, Lydia Rosella, on Saturday, Oct. 6, 2012, at Hutchinson Community Hospital. Lydia weighed 8 pounds, 9 ounces, and was 21 inches long. Her older siblings are Phillip, Josiah and Julia. Grandparents are Richard and Rosella Benson of Stewart and Morris and Judith Dempwolf of Spring Valley.

Beck among summer grads

Danielle Beck of Glencoe recently graduated from Rochester Community and Technical College (RCTC) at the end of summer session. Beck received an associate in applied science for dental assistant.

Obituaries

Earl F. Neubarth, 75, of Gaylord

Funeral services for Earl Frederick Neubarth, 75, of Gaylord, were held Wednesday, Oct. 3, at Immanuel Lutheran Church in New Auburn. The Rev. Bradley Danielson officiated.



Earl Neubarth
his home in rural Gaylord.

Mr. Neubarth died suddenly Saturday, Sept. 29, 2012, at his home in rural Gaylord. The organist was Paul Otte. Soloist James Strehlke sang "King of Love" and "The Lord's Prayer." Congregational hymns were "What a Friend We Have in Jesus," "Borning Cry" and "Abide With Me." Interpreters were Shirley Applebee and Bernadette Halverson.

Pallbearers were James Pautz, Bruce Neubarth, Charles Lipke, Wayne Neubarth, Virgil Schuette and Raymond Gruenwald. Military honors were by the New Auburn VFW Post 7266. Interment was in High Island Cemetery in New Auburn.

Mr. Neubarth was born April 17, 1937, in New Auburn Township, Sibley County, to Edwin and Selma (Pautz) Neubarth. He was baptized as an infant on May 9, 1937, by the Rev. Hans

Werner, and confirmed in his faith as a youth on March 18, 1951, by the Rev. W.F. Mueller, both at Immanuel Lutheran Church in New Auburn.

He received his elementary education in New Auburn and was a graduate of the Glencoe High School class of 1955. Mr. Neubarth entered active military service in the U.S. Army on Aug. 23, 1961, and served his country in Korea. He was honorably discharged on Aug. 22, 1963.

On Dec. 29, 1961, Mr. Neubarth was united in marriage to Joan Mosel by the Rev. Paul Koch at St. John's Lutheran Church, Mountville, rural Gaylord. The Neubarths made their home on the Neubarth family farm in New Auburn Township, Sibley County. Their marriage was blessed with three children, Darla, Bradley and Jolene. The Neubarths shared over 50 years of marriage.

Besides being a farmer for most of his life, Mr. Neubarth drove bus for the Glencoe School District for 25 years, was a bartender, and also worked as a grounds maintenance person at Spruce Ridge, now Waste Management.

Mr. Neubarth was a lifelong and faithful member of Immanuel Lutheran Church, where he served on the

church council and also as the financial secretary along with his wife. He also was a member of the New Auburn VFW, serving as quartermaster, and a charter member of the New Auburn Lions Club.

Mr. Neubarth enjoyed playing cards, and was a master of sheephead. He also enjoyed bowling, reading newspapers and magazines. He loved to watch politics, westerns and sports on television.

Education was very important to Mr. Neubarth, and he encouraged his children to further their education. He cherished the time spent with family and friends.

Survivors include his wife, Joan Neubarth of Gaylord; children, Darla Neubarth of Buffalo Lake, Bradley Neubarth of Elk River and Jolene (Bruce) Mielke of Brownton; granddaughter, Erika Mielke; brother, Virgil Neubarth and his wife, Jeanette, of Brownton; other relatives and many friends.

Preceding him in death were his parents, Edwin and Selma Neubarth.

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

Brandon Lindeman, 23, of Brownton

Funeral services for Brandon Barrett Lindeman, 23, of Brownton, were held Wednesday, Oct. 3, at Grace Lutheran Church in Brownton. The Rev. Andrew Hermodson-Olsen officiated.



Mr. Lindeman died Friday, Sept. 28, 2012, in Brandon Lindeman, Lynn Township, McLeod County.

The organist was Vicki Herrmann. Soloist Kristen Hansch sang "On Eagle's Wings" and "Borning Cry," and soloist Ashley Lindeman sang "The Dance" by Garth Brooks. The congregational hymn was "Children of the Heavenly Father."

Honorary pallbearers were Mr. Lindeman's first cousins. Pallbearers were Lance Woller, Zach Wieweck, Jacob Ahlbrecht, Eric Dickey, Joseph Dalen, Troy Mrkvicaka, Aaron Plath and Dylan Nelson. Interment was in the church cemetery.

Mr. Lindeman was born Sept. 14, 1989, in Glencoe, to Barrett and Diana (Kottke) Lindeman. He was baptized as an infant on Oct. 8, 1989, at Immanuel Evangelical Lutheran Church in New Auburn, and confirmed in his faith as a youth on Oct. 31, 2004, at Grace Lutheran Church in Brownton.

He graduated from McLeod West in 2008 and

during his high school years he enjoyed sports, his favorite being football. He went on to Ridgewater College and graduated with an auto technician diploma in 2010. He enjoyed his time in Willmar, where he minored in all the experiences that college life offered him.

Mr. Lindeman has a daughter named Willow who came into his life on Aug. 5, 2010. He really loved and enjoyed every minute that he got to spend with her. His pet name for his daughter was Willard. They spent time playing, four-wheeling and seeing the Moo Moos.

Mr. Lindeman was employed at LaMar in Hutchinson and on the Lindeman Farms.

Mr. Lindeman was a free spirit with a big heart. He loved his family and friends and would do anything for them. He enjoyed working on vehicles with his friends and really loved his BMW. In his free time, he enjoyed helping on his Uncle Kevin's farm with fall harvest, hauling soybeans and running the grain cart, which he was so very proud of never spilling a kernel of corn.

Mr. Lindeman loved fishing and hunting with his father. He enjoyed PS3 gaming with Troy. He especially enjoyed spending time with his family, his daughter Willow, and friends.

He will be greatly missed by his family and many friends, including the family dog, Maddie. Brandon will always be remembered for

his smile, laughter, mischievous sense of humor and big hugs.

Survivors include his daughter, Willow Berg of Olivia; parents, Barrett and Diana Lindeman of Brownton; sister, Blair Lindeman of Brownton; grandparents, Don and Alecia Kottke of Buffalo Lake; grandma, Lillie Lindeman of Brownton; uncles and aunts, Dawn (Jeff) Tunnell, Kenny (Kathy) Lindeman, Lonnie (Rhonda) Lindeman, Steve (Deb) Lindeman, Debbie (Roger) Schlueter, Kevin (Penny) Lindeman, and Jason (Melanie) Lindeman; special great-uncle, Joseph DeMeyer; many cousins and other relatives and friends.

Preceding him in death were his great-grandparents; grandpa, Art Lindeman; aunt, Pam Mrkvicka; and uncle, Bradley Lindeman.

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

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October 15, 2009*

We remember all the things you taught us: how to love, laugh, trust and cry.

Our life with you was such a good one, too soon we had to say good bye.

*Sadly missed by
Florence & Family*

Bert Henry Statema, 86, of Stewart

Funeral services for Bert Henry Statema, 86, of Stewart, were held Thursday, Oct. 4, at Camp Ripley Chapel in Little Falls. The Rev. Greg Tobison officiated.



Bert Statema

Mr. Statema died Thursday, Sept. 27, 2012, in Collins Township, McLeod County.

The organist was Gerald Bunkowske and congregational hymns were "Amazing Grace," "How Great Thou Art" and "It is Well With My Soul." Pallbearers were his grandchildren, Jerome Statema, Jonathon Statema, Jeffrey Statema, Will Sjobeck, Lindsey Sjobeck, Aaron Sjobeck, Eric Montag, Timothy Montag, Sarah Timmer, Joseph Montag, Julie Montag, Jessie Stewart, Nikki Lyter, Kelsey Kronbeck and Britt Kronbeck. The eulogy was by Fred Statema. Military honors were by the Minnesota State Veterans Cemetery Honor Guard. Interment was at Camp Ripley Cemetery.

Mr. Statema was born Aug. 26, 1926, in Hull, Emmons County, N.D., to Bert and Helen (Garrison) Statema. He was baptized as an infant at

Hull Christian Reform Church in Hull and confirmed in his faith as a youth at Christian Reform Church in Ogilvie. He received his education at the Hull Public School.

Mr. Statema entered active military service in the U.S. Army on Jan. 25, 1945, and served his country during World War II. He received an honorable discharge on Nov. 21, 1946.

On June 3, 1949, Mr. Statema was united in marriage to Margaret VanderVegt at Christian Reformed Church in Ogilvie. This marriage was blessed with four children, Frederick, Marlys, Karen and Beth. They shared 52 years of marriage before Mrs. Statema died on Aug. 5, 2001.

On Feb. 1, 2008, Mr. Statema was united in marriage to Kathleen Boals at Sterling Park Chapel in Waite Park. They resided in the Stewart area and shared four years of marriage.

Mr. Statema was employed as a truck driver and then worked as a mechanic at Fingerhut for 30 years. He retired in 1989.

A member of the First Presbyterian Church in St. Cloud, Mr. Statema was active in the church choir and served as a deacon. He was also a member of the

Hutchinson American Legion Post 96.

Mr. Statema enjoyed singing, playing guitar and putting models together. He especially enjoyed spending time with his family, grandchildren and friends.

Survivors include his wife, Kathleen Statema of Stewart; children, Fredrick (Mary) Statema of Minneapolis, Marlys (Tom) Montag of Sauk Rapids, Karen (Kevin) Kronbeck of Baxter, and Beth (Eric) Sjobeck of Eagan; 15 grandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren; step-daughters, Laurie Miller of Bird Island and Linda (Paul) Schmiesing of Sauk Centre; three step-grandchildren; one step-great-grandchild; brother, John Statema of Jamestown, N.D.; many nieces, nephews and other relatives and friends.

Preceding him in death were his parents, Bert and Helen Statema; first wife, Margaret Statema; sisters, Velma Winterberg and her husband, Willis, and Doris Marzolf and her husband, Al; and sister-in-law, Rosemary Statema.

Arrangements were by the Dobratz-Hantge Chapel in Hutchinson. Online obituaries and guest book are available at www.hantge.com. Click on obituaries/guest book.

Lorna I. Matthews, 92, of Little Falls

Lorna I. Matthews, age 92, of Little Falls, formerly of St. Louis Park, died Sunday, Sept. 30, 2012, at the Lutheran Care Center in Little Falls.



Lorna Matthews

Funeral services were held Friday, Oct. 5, at Zion Lutheran Church, 241 Fifth Ave. N., Hopkins, with the Rev. Randall Neal officiating.

Lorna Ida Prehn was born on July 22, 1920, in Plato, to

Fred and Sophie (Engelmann) Prehn. She grew up and went to school in Plato through the eighth grade.

In 1947, she moved to St. Louis Park with her son and daughter. While living in St. Louis Park, she worked at Palms Bakery and later McGlynn's Bakery.

In 2003, she moved to Little Falls to be near her children.

Mrs. Matthews was an active member of Zion Lutheran Church in Hopkins. She enjoyed her church family, gardening, the Minnesota Twins, playing bingo and setting puzzles. Her life centered around her devotion to

her son and daughter and their families.

Left to cherish her memory are her children, DiAnne D. Blood of Little Falls and DuWayne (Deborah) Matthews Sr. of Little Falls; sister, Dorothy (John) Mueller of Hamburg; five grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; brothers, Harold and Marvin Prehn; and great-granddaughter, Sarah Pagel.

Arrangements were by Emblom-Brenny Funeral Service, Little Falls.

Dean Francis Howe, 57, Salt Lake City

Funeral services for immediate family of the late Dean Francis Howe, 57, of Salt Lake City, will be held Friday, Oct. 12.

Mr. Howe died in Salt Lake City, Utah.

He was the dear father of Missy of New Jersey, Jesse and Abby and their mother, Kelly, of Salt Lake City.

Mr. Howe graduated from Glencoe High School in 1973.

He was the author of four coin books on Morgan dollars, first and second editions, Walking Liberty half-dollar and Mercury dimes.

Preceding him in death was his father, Jesse Howe.

Other survivors include his

mother, Elizabeth Howe; and sisters, LaRoyce Kranz of Minneapolis and JoLene Marcus of Boston.



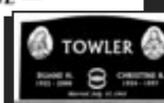
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God Sees Potential

What makes a great dog trainer? There may be a vast variety of reasons why some excel at bringing the best out of a dog. However, what I have observed is that the best trainers not only have a great technique, and the right temperament, but also a unique talent for seeing unseen potential. These individuals are able to bring out – what the trainer is convinced is already inside the creature he or she is working with.

Do you know that God sees the potential in a person that is often overlooked, ignored, or undervalued by others? Indeed, the same Creator who gifts an artist so that she or he can bring a beautiful figure out of a chunk of marble or wood, also has the ability to bring the best out of humans.

One case in point is a shepherd boy named David. The Lord saw great potential in King David before he was ever a king. In fact, when Samuel the prophet came to Bethlehem - he initially thought the eldest of Jesse's sons was the one to replace Saul. Nevertheless, the Lord Himself intervened and told this same great spiritual leader, "...Do not consider his appearance or his height, for I have rejected him. The Lord does not look at the things people look at. People look at the outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart" (1 Samuel 16:2). Eventually David was anointed by Samuel to be the next king and is still honored 3,000 years later.

Some could have seen Peter and Andrew fishing and thought, "There are a couple of guys busy fishing." However, the Lord Jesus saw that Peter and his brother Andrew had a higher calling. He told them, "'Come, follow me,' Jesus said, 'and I will make you fishers of men.' At once they left their nets and followed him" (Matthew 4:19-20).

Jesus saw people with pasts had great potential. The woman at the well had a past – but she also possessed and proved to have great potential to change her culture by pointing others to "the Savior of the world" (John 4:42). Some no doubt looked at Matthew as a tax collector to be avoided – but Jesus saw a follower who needed to be called (Matthew 9:9-10). Much of the early church considered Saul (who we later know as Paul) to be an enemy to the end. After his encounter with Jesus on the road to Damascus (Acts 9) he endeavored to take the Gospel to the ends of the earth. Furthermore, the Lord used Paul to write much of the New Testament. Yes, even leaders in the early church saw Paul as a problem – but the Lord saw him as one of the greatest preachers to ever live. Yes, God sees potential even when others may not.

Friend, God also sees your potential. Let Him bring it out. Say "Yes" to Jesus.

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 www.christluth.com
 E-mail: office@christluth.com
 Wed., Oct. 10 — Men's breakfast, Bible study, 8 a.m.; chapel communion service, 1:30 p.m.; televised worship on Channel 10, 2 p.m.; bell choir, 5:30 p.m.; confirmation, 6:30 p.m.; senior choir, 8 p.m.; church council, 8 p.m.
 Sun., Oct. 14 — Worship, 8:15 a.m. and 10:45 a.m.; adult education, Sunday school, 9:30 a.m.
 Mon., Oct. 15 — Televised worship on Channel 10, 3 p.m.
 Tues., Oct. 16 — Ladies fellowship at Gert & Erma's, 10 a.m.
 Wed., Oct. 17 — Men's breakfast, Bible study, 8 a.m.; televised worship on Channel 10, 2 p.m.; bell choir, 5:30 p.m.; confirmation, 6:30 p.m.; senior choir, 8 p.m.

CHURCH OF PEACE
 520 11th St. E., Glencoe
Joseph Clay, Pastor
 Wed., Oct. 10 — Ladies Bible study at Church of Peace, 11:30 a.m.
 Sun., Oct. 14 — Worship at Church of Peace, 10 a.m.; confirmation class, 9:15 a.m.
 Wed., Oct. 17 — Ladies Bible study at Church of Peace, 11:30 a.m.

ST. PIUS X CHURCH
 1014 Knight Ave., Glencoe
Anthony Stubeda, Pastor
 Wed., Oct. 10 — School two-hour late start; diocesan committee on parishes, New Ulm, 12:30 p.m.; no evening prayer; Mass, 6 p.m.; religious education safe environment sessions; grades K-6 religious education classes, 7 p.m.-9 p.m.; grades 7-11 religious education classes, 7 p.m.-8:15 p.m.; grade 12 religious planning session.
 Thurs., Oct. 11 — Mass at GRHS-LTC, 10:30 a.m.; worship committee, Holy Family, 7 p.m.
 Fri., Oct. 12 — No morning prayer; school Mass, 10 a.m.; St. Pius X school marathon for non-public education; Spanish Mass, 5:30 p.m.
 Sat., Oct. 13 — Holy Family/St. Pius X youth group Bible study, 9 a.m.; mothers' group rosary, 9 a.m.; mothers' group meeting, 9:30 a.m.; reconciliation, 4 p.m.; Mass, 5 p.m.
 Sun., Oct. 14 — CCW Sunday; Mass, 9:30 a.m.; youth group serves coffee and rolls after Mass; Spanish Mass, 11:30 a.m.; Spanish religious education classes, 12:45 p.m.; Guadalupe committee, 12:30 a.m.; Marriage Matters event at Holy Trinity, 4 p.m.; Mass at Holy Family, Silver Lake, 8 p.m.
 Mon., Oct. 15 — No Mass; liturgical ministers scheduling begins; mission club, 1 p.m.
 Tues., Oct. 16 — No Mass; fall pastoral leaders days at St. Mary's, Willmar; junior choir, 2:50 p.m.; KC meeting, 7 p.m.
 Wed., Oct. 17 — Evening prayer, 5:40 p.m.; Mass, 6 p.m.; no religious education classes.

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH UCC
 1400 Elliott Ave., Glencoe
Rev. Linzy Collins Jr., Pastor
 E-mail: congucc@gmail.com
 Wed., Oct. 10 — Women's fellowship executive board meeting, 5:30 p.m.; choir, 6:30 p.m.
 Thurs., Oct. 11 — Cottage meeting at Goulds' home, 6:30 p.m.
 Sun., Oct. 14 — Worship, 9:15 a.m.; Sunday school, 10:30 a.m.; confirmation, 2 p.m.
 Tues., Oct. 16 — Bible study, 9 a.m.
 Wed., Oct. 17 — Circles meet; choir, 6:30 p.m.

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 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., Oct. 10 — Public school confirmation, 3:30 p.m.; senior choir, 6:15 p.m.
 Sun., Oct. 14 — Worship, 8 a.m.; fellowship, 9 a.m.; Sunday school, 9:15 a.m.; worship with communion, 10:30 a.m.
 Wed., Oct. 17 — Senior choir, 6:15 p.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., Oct. 10 — Kids Praise, 3:15 p.m.; REVEAL courses, 5:30 p.m.; council, 7 p.m.
 Thurs., Oct. 11 — Men's and women's Bible study, 6:30 p.m.
 Sun., Oct. 14 — Choir, 7:45 a.m.; worship, 9 a.m.; Kingdom Quest, FUEL, adult Bible study, 10:15 a.m.; Community Strings, 4:30 p.m.; LIVE, 7 p.m.
 Mon., Oct. 15 — Mondays at the Manor Bible Study, 1 p.m.
 Tues., Oct. 16 — GSLC Bible

study, 9:30 a.m.; Orchard Estates Bible study, 9:30 a.m.
 Wed., Oct. 17 — TBDs.

ST. JOHN'S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN
 4505 80th St., Helen Township
 Glencoe
Dennis Reichow, Pastor
 Wed., Oct. 10 — Grades 5-6 catechism, 3:45 p.m.; grades 7-8 catechism, 4:45 p.m.; chimes, 6:30 p.m.; choir, 7:30 p.m.; harvest party planning, 7:30 p.m.
 Thurs., Oct. 11 — Jesus Cares planning, 6 p.m.; Wish List team meeting, 7 p.m.
 Sun., Oct. 14 — Worship, 9 a.m.; Sunday school, 10 a.m.; Bible class, 10:20 a.m.
 Mon., Oct. 15 — Ministry advancement meeting, 7 p.m.
 Tues., Oct. 16 — Table Talk, 7 p.m.
 Wed., Oct. 17 — Choir, 7:30 p.m.

GRACE LUTHERAN
 8638 Plum Ave., Brownton
Andrew Hermosdon-Olsen, Pastor
 E-mail: contact@gracebrownton.org
 www.gracebrownton.org
 Wed., Oct. 10 — Confirmation, 4 p.m.; committee meetings, 6:45 p.m.; council meeting, 7:30 p.m.
 Sun., Oct. 14 — Worship, 8:45 a.m.; Sunday school, 10 a.m.
 Mon., Oct. 15 — Local broadcast, 6 p.m.
 Tues., Oct. 16 — Bible study, 9 a.m.
 Wed., Oct. 17 — Confirmation, 4 p.m.; choir practice, 7 p.m.

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN
 700 Division St., Brownton
R. Allan Reed, Pastor
 www.immanuelbrownton.org
 Wed., Oct. 10 — Bible study with pastor, 9 a.m.; confirmation classes, 4 p.m.; Alleluia Bell Choir practice, 6:30 p.m.; chapel worship with communion, 6:30 p.m.; council meeting, 7:30 p.m.
 Thurs., Oct. 11 — No pastors' wrinkle; Parkview Bible study, 1:30 p.m.
 Sun., Oct. 14 — Worship, 9 a.m.; Bible study with pastor, after worship; Sunday school bake sale; Sunday school classes, 10:15 a.m.; Channel 8 video.
 Wed., Oct. 17 — Bible study with pastor, 9 a.m.; no confirmation classes; chapel worship with communion, 6:30 p.m.

CONGREGATIONAL
 Division St., Brownton
Barry Marchant, Interim Pastor
 browntoncongregational.org
 Wed., Oct. 10 — Bingo, 6:30 p.m., bring an item for food shelf.
 Fri., Oct. 12 — Classic movie on big screen, open to public, 7 p.m.
 Sat., Oct. 13 — Children's matinee on big screen, open to public, 2 p.m.
 Sun., Oct. 14 — Worship, 9 a.m.; women's fellowship hot dish dinner, 10:30 a.m.-1 p.m.
 Wed., Oct. 17 — Free class, "Influence of the Bible on America," open to public, 7 p.m.

ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN
 Stewart
Robert Lehner, Pastor
 Wed., Oct. 10 — Seventh-grade confirmation, 3:30 p.m.; eighth-grade confirmation, 5:30 p.m.
 Sat., Oct. 13 — Esther Circle at the Elvera Trettin home, 9 a.m.; worship, 7 p.m.
 Sun., Oct. 14 — Sunday school, 9 a.m.; worship, 10 a.m.
 Tues., Oct. 16 — Pastors' conference meeting at Bernadotte Lutheran Church, 9 a.m.
 Wed., Oct. 17 — Church council meeting, 7 p.m.

ST. BONIFACE CATHOLIC
 Stewart
 Wed., Oct. 10 — Mass, 9 a.m.
 Thurs., Oct. 11 — Mass, 9 a.m.
 Sun., Oct. 14 — Mass, 9:15 a.m.

ST. MATTHEW'S LUTHERAN
 Fernando
Aaron Albrecht, pastor
 Wed., Oct. 10 — Bible study, 6 p.m.; confirmation, 7 p.m.
 Sun., Oct. 14 — Sunday school, 9 a.m.; worship, 10 a.m.
 Wed., Oct. 17 — Women's Bible study, 9 a.m.; Bible study, 6 p.m.; confirmation, 7 p.m.

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH
 13372 Nature Ave. (rural Biscay)
Robert Taylor, pastor
 320-587-5104
 Sun., Oct. 14 — Sunday school, 9:15 a.m.; worship, 10:30 a.m.

CROSSROADS CHURCH
 10484 Bell Ave., Plato
Scott and Heidi Forsberg, pastors
 320-238-2181
 www.mncrossroads.org
 Wed., Oct. 10 — Youth and adult activities night, 7 p.m.
 Sun., Oct. 14 — Worship, 10 a.m.
 Wed., Oct. 17 — Youth and adult activities night, 7 p.m.

ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN
 216 McLeod Ave. N., Plato
Bruce Laabs, Pastor
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 www.christ-4-u.org
 Wed., Oct. 10 — Midweek, 6 p.m.; youth choir, 5 p.m.
 Thurs., Oct. 11 — Bible study, 9 a.m.; bulletin deadline; Grand Meadow visits.
 Sun., Oct. 14 — "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.
 Wed., Oct. 17 — Youth choir, 5 p.m.; Midweek, 6 p.m.

ST. PAUL'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
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Bill Baldwin, Pastor
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 Wed., Oct. 10 — Office open, 9 a.m.; men's coffee, 9 a.m.; confirma-

tion, 5 p.m.; adult choir, 6 p.m.; youth fellowship, 7 p.m.
 Fri., Oct. 12 — Office open, 9 a.m.
 Sun., Oct. 14 — Sunday school, 8:45 a.m.; worship, 10 a.m.; fellowship and treats, 11 a.m.
 Mon., Oct. 15 — Bible study, 7 p.m.
 Wed., Oct. 17 — Office open, 9 a.m.; men's coffee, 9 a.m.; no confirmation; adult choir, 6 p.m.

IMMANUEL EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN
 New Auburn
Bradley Danielson, Pastor
 E-mail: immanuelc@yahoo.com
 Wed., Oct. 10 — Seventh-grade confirmation, 4 p.m.; eighth-grade confirmation, 5 p.m.
 Sun., Oct. 14 — Sunday school, 9 a.m.; worship, 10 a.m.; fall harvest turkey dinner, 11 a.m.-1 p.m.;

GRACE BIBLE CHURCH
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 Wed., Oct. 10 — Confirmation class, 6 p.m.; prayer time, puppet practice, 7 p.m.
 Sat., Oct. 13 — Men's Bible study, 7 a.m.; women's Bible study, 9 a.m.
 Sun., Oct. 14 — "First Light" radio broadcast on KARP 106.9 FM, 7:30 a.m.; fellowship and refreshment time, 9 a.m.; pre-service prayer time, 9:15 a.m.; worship, 9:30 a.m.; Sunday school for all ages, 10:35 a.m.; open shooting for Centershot graduates, 11:45 a.m.-12:30 p.m.; Centershot Archery Ministry, 1 p.m.
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 Sun., Oct. 14 — Worship, 10 a.m.; coffee fellowship to follow service.
 Wed., Oct. 17 — Light supper, 5:30 p.m.; WOW classes, 6 p.m.; choir practice, 7 p.m.

HOLY FAMILY CATHOLIC CHURCH
 712 W. Main St., Silver Lake
Anthony Stubeda, Pastor
 Wed., Oct. 10 — Evening prayer, 5:40 p.m.; Mass, 6 p.m.; grades K-6 religious education classes, 7 p.m.-9 p.m.; grades 7-11 religious education classes, 7 p.m.-8:15 p.m.
 Fri., Oct. 12 — Mass, 8 a.m.
 Sat., Oct. 13 — Reconciliation, 5:30 p.m.; Mass, 6:30 p.m.
 Sun., Oct. 14 — Mass, 8 a.m. and 8 p.m.
 Tues., Oct. 16 — Mass, 8 a.m.
 Wed., Oct. 17 — Evening prayer, 5:40 p.m.; Mass, 6 p.m.; grades K-6 religious education classes, 7 p.m.-9 p.m.; grades 7-11 religious education classes, 7 p.m.-8:15 p.m.

FRIEDEN'S COUNTY LINE
 11325 Zebra Ave., Norwood
Joseph Clay, Pastor
 Wed., Oct. 10 — Ladies Bible study at Church of Peace, 11:30 a.m.
 Sun., Oct. 14 — Worship at Church of Peace, 10 a.m.; confirmation class, 9:15 a.m.
 Wed., Oct. 17 — Ladies Bible study at Church of Peace, 11:30 a.m.

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 Wed., Oct. 10 — Young men and women (12-18 years old) and scouting, 7 p.m.-8:30 p.m.
 Sun., Oct. 14 — Sunday school, 10:50 a.m.-11:30 a.m.; priesthood, relief society and primary, 11:40 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
 Wed., Oct. 17 — Young men and women (12-18 years old) and scouting, 7 p.m.-8:30 p.m.

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Lester Prairie
David R. Erbel, pastor
 Wed., Oct. 10 — Office closed.
 Sun., Oct. 14 — Worship, 9 a.m.; Sunday school and Bible study, 10:15 a.m.
 Mon., Oct. 15 — Office open, 9 a.m.

SHALOM BAPTIST CHURCH
 1215 Roberts Rd. S.W., Hutchinson
Rick Stapleton, Senior pastor
Adam Krumrie, Worship pastor
 Wed., Oct. 10 — AWANA, 6:30 p.m.; middle school youth, 6:30 p.m.; senior high youth, 7:30 p.m.
 Thurs., Oct. 11 — Senior high free lunch; worship team, 6 p.m.
 Sun., Oct. 14 — Worship, 9 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.; Sunday school, 9 a.m.; newcomers luncheon, noon; running, jogging ministry, 4 p.m.
 Mon., Oct. 15 — Women's discipleship, 6:30 p.m.; men's Bible study, 8 p.m.
 Tues., Oct. 16 — Women's discipleship, 9 a.m.
 Wed., Oct. 17 — AWANA, 6:30 p.m.; middle school youth, 6:30 p.m.; senior high youth, 7:30 p.m.



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Performing Artist series

The first concert of the 2012-13 Glencoe Area Performing Artist series will be held at 7 p.m., Thursday, Oct. 11, at the Glencoe-Silver Lake High School auditorium. Performing will be "Home Free - Acappella," which is an infusion of comedy and four-part harmony. Home Free is a group of five men who have been entertaining audiences throughout the Midwest since 2000.

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Sheriff warns of scam

The McLeod County Sheriff's Office recently received reports of a telephone collection scam related to delinquent payday loans. This is a nationwide scam in which a caller claims the victim owes money on a payday loan they have either paid off or have never had, said McLeod County Sheriff Scott Rehmann.

Callers pose as police, lawyers, representatives of the FBI, or representatives of the Attorney General's office, and claim to be collecting a debt. Often, the callers tell the victim that there are warrants for their arrest and demand payment either by credit card or by a prepaid card they instruct the victim to get.

"The callers are often very demanding and belligerent and will harass victims at home and at work," Rehmann said. "Many of the callers have a strong Indian accent."
 Rehmann said the callers try to bully the victim until they gain compliance.

Rehmann reminded citizens that debt-collection companies operating in Minnesota must be licensed in Minnesota and may not harass, swear at you, threaten to harm you, call you continuously, or threaten to have you arrested.

Red flags that might indicate you are the victim of a phony debt-collection scam are: threats to have you arrested, threats of immediate legal action, repeatedly calls you and will not provide anything in writing, demands that you give bank information or credit card information, the debt owed is not listed on your credit report, requests you to send money overseas or to someone via Western Union, MoneyGram or pre-paid cards.

If you are contacted by someone who is trying to collect a debt you do not owe, please contact the following: your local law enforcement agency, banks and credit card companies, one of the three major credit bureaus and have a fraud alert placed on your file, and file a complaint at www.IC3.gov. For information regarding current scams, please check the Office of the Minnesota Attorney General at www.ag.state.mn.us, and the FBI's website at www.fbi.gov/scams-safetyfraud.

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GSL approves robotics, trap shooting clubs

By Rich Glennie
Editor

The Glencoe-Silver Lake School Board approved the addition of two new clubs to the district's activities — the trap shooting club and the robotics club — at its Monday night meeting.

GSL Superintendent Chris Sonju said the aim is to make the clubs "cost-neutral" through activity fees and possible grants or sponsorships.

The trap shooting club practices and competition will be held at the Winthrop Trap Shooting Club. Registration will begin Jan. 1 and practices begin April 1.

Sonju said a grant is being sought for the trap shooting club that will be open to students in grades 7 through 12.

Sonju said the club "is filling a niche" for students interested in firearms, so they can do it "in a safe and controlled environment."

Board member Jamie Alsleben asked if the grant was denied, "what happens?"

Students pay the usual \$85 activity fee, but if the grant application is unsuccessful, Sonju said the club would seek sponsorships.

"The goal is to evolve it into our activities budget," he added.

GSL Board member Gary Schreifels asked how the trap shooting club matches up

with the district's zero tolerance for guns on school property.

Doug Fegley, a local sportsman and trap shooter, said all ammunition needs to be store-bought and not hand-made. "I will purchase the ammunition directly," Fegley said. "I will be in control of the ammo, and it will only be given out at the time of the (trap) shoot."

Board chairman Clark Christianson also questioned the use of alcohol at the Winthrop club. He reminded all that alcohol is forbidden at sites of high school activities.

Gary Goodwin, president of the Winthrop Trap Shooting Club, said the shooting range is off "by itself" and club members police the use of alcohol. "I don't foresee any problems."

The board gave its unanimous approval.

The new robotics club will be supervised by Mike Sundblad, new industrial technology teacher at GSL. He said he has experience with robotics at his previous school district.

Sundblad said high school robotics competition has been around for 20 years and has 4,000 high school teams nationally.

He said there are state regional contests in March that qualify teams for the state competition.

Sundblad said the program costs \$6,500 to start and about \$5,000 a year thereafter.

The aim is to design and build a robot to do specific tasks indicated by the contest rules. The tasks change each year, Sundblad added.

He said the work is done in teams and incorporates science, math, engineering and computer skills.

The teams get their design assignments on Jan. 5 and have six weeks to design and build their robots.

"The robots are huge, and powerful," Sundblad said.

The initial cost is for the robot parts, a computer and other equipment.

"It takes some money to get started, but it is an awesome thing for the kids," Sundblad said.

Sonju said this type of program is "desperately needed at GSL" in that it incorporates engineering, math and science knowledge.

Sundblad said NASA grants are often available for the first two years of a start-up program.

The robotics club is open to students in grades 9 through 12 and includes the \$85 activity fee.

Sundblad said a lot of science and math teachers also get involved in the robotics program.



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Chillin' at a parade

The annual GSL Homecoming parade on Friday attracted some hardy parade watchers like the group at the corner of 16th Street and Ives Avenue, above. The bundled-up group included Deb Bemis, Steve Bemis, Rick Cunningham and Theresa Janke. At right, band members Christopher Ross and Brooke Noeldner braved the cold and raw conditions to play the Panther rouser from a flatbed trailer as it made its way down the parade route. The successful evening was capped with a 21-9 nonconference victory over a tough Becker Bulldog squad.



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Here today, gone ...

Fall in Minnesota is notorious for rapidly changing scenery. The beautiful reds, rusts, oranges and greens of early October changed over night with colder temperatures and windy conditions. These trees on the First Lutheran School prop-

erty along Judd Avenue were showing off their colors one day, and were nearly stripped bare two days later. It is a harbinger of what is still to come — leaf raking and winter snows.

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that is important in the primary grades. "To break that was not the right thing to do."

He also noted that one-third of the kindergarten students enter school with a deficiency in basic skills, and the sixth kindergarten teacher will concentrate on that deficiency.

Sonju said the process was not an easy one. While it is a good problem to have more students (138), moving kids and finding a place to put another kindergarten class in Helen Baker Elementary was not simple.

"But we had to do something," Sonju said. While this is a short-term fix to large kindergarten class sizes, "we ultimately need a middle-fix and a long-term fix."

The middle fix could be building a portable classroom, and the long-term fix would be a possible building project.

"All the staff has been really good," Sonju said of the discussions over the kindergarten class sizes. "This is not the best solution; it would be nice to have the extra space. If we had the space, this would have been taken care of sooner."

When the kindergarten class sizes went to 28 and 29

per classroom, "we needed this conversation," Sonju added. "Hopefully, we can move forward with a building project for a long-term solution."

Board member Kevin Kuester asked what the district plans to do with 138 first graders next year?

Sonju said that needs to be a discussion over the next 11 months. He said one idea is to move the Early Childhood Family Education (ECFE) program into Lincoln so another classroom is available at Helen Baker.

Or, Sonju said, a portable classroom is another option.

"We don't want to have 29 first graders (in a class) next year either," Sonju said.

Board member Anne Twiss said the new proposal would "put the kindergarten teacher on a cart (going from room to room) rather than the music teacher on a cart."

Butler said the new kindergarten teacher would take students in and out of classrooms to work with them in small groups or one-on-one to address their special needs. "We have the space for that."

But board member Gary Schreifels said he did not consider the Helen Baker hallways as space. "The hall-

way is not space to me."

"It might be," Sonju replied. "There are not a lot of options there."

Board member Jamie Alsleben noted that even with the sixth teacher in place, the other classrooms will still have large class sizes throughout the day.

Butler said that will be the case.

Alsleben, an elementary teacher in Eden Prairie, said the Helen Baker staff has done a wonderful job making everything work at the school.

He agreed it is not good to move students once the school year begins because "students love their teachers."

Alsleben said the kindergarten students "are learning" despite class sizes due to the teachers' efforts and support of parents. "The staff is doing a phenomenal job."

Sonju added the extra teacher gives the staff one more body to ensure the students are getting the instruction they need.

At the Oct. 22 workshop session, the board will look at the board's and district's goals as well as the class sizes.

Pair of copper thieves are apprehended

FAIRFAX — The Standard-Gazette reported that two suspects in the theft of 900 pounds of copper have been caught by Fairfax Police, with assistance from the Revenille County Sheriff's Office.

Two males were interviewed and confessed to the theft from the Prinsco site in Fairfax.

Both will be charged in the coming weeks, according to Fairfax Police Chief Kevin Hagen.

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