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Dan Ferrise

Miller Manufacturing feted for plant, community investments

By Rich Glennie Editor

Miller Manufacturing was honored Thursday as Glencoe's Manufacturer of the Year by the Glencoe Area Chamber of Commerce for its past and future investments in the community.

And if plans come to fruition, the company will expand by another 125,000 square feet with the possible addition of more jobs to the area.

At a gathering at the Miller Manufacturing facility on the west side of Glencoe, the company was honored by Dan

Ehrke, president of the Glencoe chamber, Mayor Randy Wilson, U.S. Rep. Collin Peterson, D-Minn., and Paul Moe of the Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development (DEED).

Also speaking were Miller Manufacturing CEO Dan Ferrise and Dennis Frandsen, owner of Miller Manufacturing.

All reiterated the importance of manufacturing to the community, state and nation.

Peterson called manufacturing the pride of the 7th Congressional District, along with agriculture. "We make some-

thing, and we do manufacturing in this district."

The district is successful, Peterson said, "because of the workforce we have. People out here know how to do things. These farm kids know how to work hard."

Peterson said the 7th District is "the most economically successful district in the nation" with its diversified agriculture, manufacturing and business climate. "We're way below the national average

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Dennis Frandsen

City likes what it sees in Hutch leaf pick up

By Rich Glennie Editor

City staff and members of the finance committee of Glencoe City Council looked at Hutchinson's curbside leaf pick up program and liked what they saw.

The committee plans to "crunch numbers" over the winter to see if a similar program could be implemented in Glencoe by next fall.

At Oct. 22 committee meeting, City Administrator Mark Larson said he and public works directors Gary Schreifels and Mike Drew recently observed the Hutchinson curbside leaf pick up program.

"This is their third year. It appears to be a pretty successful program that is thoroughly endorsed by the citizens of Hutchinson," Larson said.

Glencoe's current street sweeping "is very inefficient as (to) the volume of leaves collected ... than that of a leaf vacuum (Hutchinson's system)." The leaves are simply

sucked up out of the street gutters and hauled away.

Larson said Glencoe's street sweeper can do about two blocks of streets before having to unload at the city's compost site.

He added the Glencoe's street sweeper was not designed to pick up leaves, and the leaf pick up creates "wear and tear" on the \$150,000 piece of equipment.

Replacing the leaf pick up with a street vacuum, like in Hutchinson, would save that wear and tear on the street sweeper, he said.

"It's like a big shop vac with a grinder in it," Larson said of Hutchinson street vacuum system that sucks up the leaves that are raked into the street. He said that system, which grinds up and compacts the leaves, can go an hour or hour and a half before unloading. The leaves are compacted inside the truck and come out as a solid load,

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Chronicle photos by Rich Glennie

New trail opens

Glencoe Area Chamber of Commerce and city officials officially opened the new Buffalo Highland Trail with a ribbon-cutting event Saturday morning. Bikers and walkers of all ages took the opportunity of the brisk weather to see first-hand the recently paved two-mile trail that runs along Highway 212 from Morningside Avenue east to County Road 1. To add to the fun, those dressed in Halloween costumes, at right, received prizes from the chamber. Over 50 people, and pets, completed the trek.



County Board debates lifting 'no new hires' policy

By Lori Copley Staff Writer

The McLeod County Board of Commissioners will decide Nov. 20 if it will lift its "no new hires" for 2013.

The County Board has had the policy in place for the past few years because of the poor economy.

But Commissioner Paul Wright asked at a prior meeting, and again Tuesday, to consider lifting the policy.

At its Oct. 16 meeting, the County Board referred the issue to its budget committee, which Tuesday morning recommended not lifting the policy because it has no money budgeted in 2013 for new hires.

But Wright contends that while some departments "have been cut, others have seen growth," and it is perhaps time to review the policy.

Wright said he feels the commis-

sioners sometimes use the policy as an excuse not to even hear requests for new employees.

The policy also hampers the county in some ways, Wright contended. For an example, he said, the county could not assign an employee additional duties because that would, in essence, create a new employee category.

Commissioner Sheldon Nies, a member of the budget committee, said that if the county budgets for new positions, that money will get spent.

Commissioners Ray Bayerl and Bev Wangerin both expressed concern that lifting the policy will open the floodgates for requests for new positions.

Bayerl said that he can remember a year when the county hired 17 new employees.

"It was out of control," said Bay-

erl. "If we open this up, by and large, most departments would want more help."

And Bayerl pointed out that the county is working with a consultant to assess personnel needs on a department-by-department basis, and suggested that process be completed before lifting the ban.

But Wright asserted that department heads would have to go work through "several layers" to get a new position hired.

Along with the hiring freeze, Wright pointed out, the County Board created a personnel committee that sifts through all department requests. Then the recommendation goes to the full County Board, Wright said.

"You make it sound like if we drop this, we're automatically adding all these new employees," said Wright. "We can still say 'no'

without that wording on the books."

Nies said that Wright's comment about using the policy "as an excuse rather than evaluating the need," really "hit home with me."

Nies said that establishing the policy "was absolutely the right thing to do in our economy," but indicated that perhaps the board should have more discussion about lifting it.

The County Board agreed to put the issue on its Nov. 20 agenda to allow the commissioners time to mull it over.

Election reporting

In other business Tuesday, County Auditor-Treasurer Cindy Schultz demonstrated a new way of reporting election results on the county website.

Schultz said there will be a link on the county's home page to direct constituents to the election page.

In the past, Schultz said, all of the

election results were on one document and constituents had to scroll through federal and state races to reach their local city, school board or township results.

This year, constituents can click on links that will direct them to specific results, such as for city or school board races, or look at all of the results.

There also will be links showing which precincts have reported in, and the percentage of voter turnout either by precinct or as the county as a whole.

Another new feature this year is that the local county results will be available through local-access cable channels in Hutchinson and Glencoe.

"This is much more user-friendly," Wangerin commented after the demonstration.

Weather

Wed., 10-31	Thur., 11-1	Fri., 11-2	Sat., 11-3	Sun., 11-4
H: 50°, L: 30°	H: 48°, L: 30°	H: 48°, L: 34°	H: 49°, L: 36°	H: 47°, L: 37°

Looking back: Rain totaled .64 of an inch, and the area received its first traces of snow of the season last week.

Date	Hi	Lo	Rain
Oct. 23	60	54	0.03
Oct. 24	58	45	0.07

Oct. 25	45	33	0.54*
Oct. 26	38	29	0.00
Oct. 27	43	22	0.00
Oct. 28	45	23	Tr.*
Oct. 29	46	27	0.00

* Snow. 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

Sportsmen Club to meet

The Glencoe Sportsmen Club meeting will be held at 7:30 p.m., Monday, Nov. 5, at the VFW Club meeting room.

Glencoe Legion meets Nov. 1

The regular monthly meeting of the Glencoe American Legion Post 95 will be held on Thursday, Nov. 1, at 7 p.m. in the basement of VFW Post 5102. All members are encouraged to attend. Lunch will be served.

Brownston Women meet Nov. 7

The Brownston Women's Club will meet at the Brownston Community Center on Wednesday, Nov. 7, at 7:45 p.m. Members should watch for an e-mail regarding this month's activity. New members are welcome to stop in and check out the club.

GSL swim meet set Nov. 3

The Glencoe-Silver Lake White Caps swim meet is scheduled for Saturday, Nov. 3, at the high school pool. Doors open at 10 a.m., and the swim meet begins at 10:30 a.m. The event is open to the public.

Free concert at Crossroads

A free concert, featuring Donna Johnson, will be held at Crossroads Church, Highway 212, Plato, at 7:30 p.m., Friday, Nov. 9. The concert is open to the public.

Diabetes seminar set Nov. 8

Beyond the Basics, Glencoe Regional Health Services' annual diabetes education event, will be held on Thursday, Nov. 8, from 3 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. at First Lutheran Church in Glencoe. Speakers include Marilyn Dunbar, RN, on finding motivation to exercise; Cheri Knudson, RN, CDE, on diabetes and diagnostic tests; and A1C Champion Terry Wiley, on taking control of diabetes. The event is free, but registration is requested. Call 320-864-7798 or 1-888-526-4242 ext 7798 by Thursday, Nov. 1 to reserve your spot.

'Imagination Station' set

Homeward Bound Theatre Company will offer "Imagination Station" Thursdays, Nov. 1 through Nov. 15, from 3 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Panther Field House in Glencoe. Kindergarten through third-grade students will act and pretend to be someone else by changing their voices, facial expressions and the way they walk. For more information and/or cost of registration, call Glencoe Community School at 320-864-2690.

Fall luncheon/bake sale set

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, 1407 Cedar Ave., will host its fall luncheon/bake sale from 11 a.m.-1 p.m., Thursday, Nov. 1.

Plato blood drive set Nov. 1

The Plato Lions Club is sponsoring an American Red Cross blood drive for 1 p.m. to 7 p.m., Thursday, Nov. 1, at Cross Roads West Church, formerly Oakview Community Church, near Plato. For an appointment, call Ken and Myra Franke at 238-2370.

Glencoe Seniors meetings set

The Glencoe Senior Citizens Club will meet Tuesday, Nov. 6 and Thursday, Nov. 8, at 12:30 p.m., in the senior room at the Glencoe City Center. Sheephead and 500 will be played. All area seniors are welcome to attend. The seniors also are looking for canasta and pinochle players, and are open to suggestions for other board and card games. At the Nov. 6 meeting, Norma Albrecht will serve lunch and Ellsworth Becker will serve at the Nov. 8 meeting.

Women United meet Nov. 3

All women are invited to the Fall 2012 Women United meeting from 9:30 a.m. to noon, Saturday, Nov. 3, at the United Methodist Church, 303 W. Alden St., Arlington. Guest speaker will be Kris Langworthy, the nurse manager at Fairview Assisted Living in Arlington. Her message is "The Power of a Vision." Nursery services are available. For more information, call Holly Swanson at 651-295-3363 or go to womenunited@arlingtonunitedmethodist.org.



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Panther Pride award winners

The October Panther Pride winners who displayed respect, responsibility and safety. In the front row, left to right, Hailey Nemeck, Klaritza Marentes, Darrin Uecker, Hudson Mikolicheck, Erika Brinkmann, Elsie Kottke, Audrey Howell, Brian Ganica-Calderon, Bailey Breije and Aden Roehrich. In the middle are Natosha Fisher, Zachary Templin, Lillian George, Mike

Schrupp, Joaquin Orozco Anderson, Jaleigh Fern, Callie Klabunde, Jaxon Schultz, Braxton Streich and Aleisha Teubert. In the back are Michelle Cantu, Caleb Schuth, Trevor Kirchoff, Cadance Knick, Brooke Brown, Sawyer Ardolf, Jesse Dahlke, Owen Koenen, Dawson Varpness and Courtney Mathwig. Absent was Logan Rongren.

Leaf pick up

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he said. The city's street sweeper does not compact the leaves.

"The Hutchinson community has embraced it," Larson said of the curbside leaf pick up program. He said the residents put the leaves in the street gutter the night before, and the leaves are sucked up, ground up and mulched.

"It's something we might want to look at over the winter," Larson told the finance committee.

He also said that curbside leaf pick up could save money at the current compost site in reduced hours and wages to operate the facility.

Larson said the vacuum system could be paid for from the city's current \$1 per month per household fee that is collected for its recycling programs. That currently generates about \$23,000 a year.

The county has indicated to the city that it plans to stop funding recycling programs in the county over the next two years. By 2014, the city will have to fund its own programs, like the compost site.

Larson suggested increasing that monthly fee to \$2 to help pay for future recycling programs as well as a curbside leaf pick up program.

Drew said the Hutchinson program has been a three-year process of educating the public the first year, getting better participation the second and "doing a lot better" the third year.

Larson said Glencoe has about 44 miles of streets in the community, and it would take three or four days to complete the leaf pick up. He said it could be done by precinct.

But he stressed sticks and garden debris cannot be picked up by the vacuum, and those items only clog up the machinery.

Council member Greg Copas said the \$1 monthly recycling fee was originally used to recycle appliances.

But Council member John Schrupp noted that several years ago, the program was buried by people setting out

far more items than the program could handle.

Council member Gary Ziemer said residents have expressed their appreciation that the city has kept its compost site open more hours this year. "They're so thankful there are no regular hours."

But Larson said that is because the compost facility is just a portion of the land out

there. The other portion is owned by the Glencoe Light & Power Commission, which has used its land to store its equipment for the new transmission line project. That has left the site open more often this year.

The normal posted hours are Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays, he said.

The city also is in contract

negotiations with Waste Management on a larger recycling component to the next contract.

Copas asked, since more will be recycled, Waste Management should save on tip fees at the landfill. Would those savings be passed on to customers?

That is part of the negotiations, Copas was told.

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Police Report

A two-vehicle "fender-bender" was reported at 10:40 a.m., Tuesday in the Coborn's parking lot in the 2200 block of 11th Street. Involved were a Ford Taurus driven by Ramiro Rivera of Gaylord and a Ford pickup driven by Myron Dillmer of Glencoe. There were no injuries, and damage was under \$1,000.

Another two-vehicle collision was reported at 2:55 p.m., Tuesday, at Hennepin and 12th Street. Involved were a Chevrolet Malibu driven by Ella Peterson of Arlington and a Pontiac Grand Am driven by Allen Raduenz of Glencoe. Peterson was stopped for a pedestrian in the crosswalk when the Raduenz vehicle rear-ended her vehicle. No injuries were reported. Damage was under \$1,000.

A theft was reported at 5:19 p.m., Tuesday, when a shoplifter was apprehended at Super America in the 2300 block of 9th

Street. Charges are pending a formal complaint.

Police received a report of an intoxicated 19-year-old female who arrived at a Pure Romance party at a home on Baldwin Avenue at 12:02 a.m., Wednesday. When she attempted to leave in her vehicle, her friends stopped her. The female walked away, and attempts to locate her failed.

Also on Wednesday, at 5:26 a.m., police assisted the sheriff's office with the theft of batteries from outside a building at 4561 Highway 212, near Glencoe. It was the sixth time recently that battery thefts have occurred at that location.

A storage shed in the 2700 block of 12th Street, was broken into overnight on Wednesday and \$850 in property was reported stolen.

A woman reported Wednesday afternoon that the last time she had seen her husband was Oct. 14. She reported him as a "missing person."

A person was arrested for do-

mestic abuse and property damage after police received a report at 11:44 p.m., Wednesday, from a residence on Stevens Avenue.

A two-vehicle accident was reported at 2:54 p.m., Friday, in the 2200 block of 11th Street. The vehicles backed into each other in Coborn's parking lot. Involved were 2005 Chrysler driven by Tricia Mielke of Winthrop and a 2004 Mitsubishi driven by Meghan Streu of Glencoe.

At 3:25 p.m., Saturday, a person was bitten by a dog. The incident occurred on Baxter Avenue and the person suffered a small cut on a right middle finger. The right sleeve of the leather jacket was cut, too. The dog was impounded at the Glencoe Veterinary Clinic.

A theft was reported at 5:09 p.m., Sunday. A resident on 9th Street reported her son had taken a vehicle without her permission. The son was contacted by cell phone and the vehicle was returned. The son received a warn-

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U.S. Senate

Amy Klobuchar, Democrat

Top priority: If elected, what is your top priority for the 2013 Legislature? Why are you running for office?

My work as senator has been defined by one value — putting Minnesota first.

We need an economy that is built to last and that creates economic opportunity for all Americans. I have been working to advance a competitive agenda for America that promotes long-term economic growth and private sector jobs, including revitalizing America's innovative edge, educating the next generation of American innovators, opening up new markets abroad for U.S. producers, cutting through regulatory red tape, developing homegrown energy, and reducing our nation's debt in a balanced way.

I will continue to work with Minnesota businesses, workers, and farmers to ensure they have the support they need to succeed.

Foreign affairs: Do you support the current schedule for withdrawing troops from Afghanistan? Should Congress and the president pursue additional trade pacts? If so, with whom?

I support withdrawal of U.S. troops from Afghanistan by 2014. That's why I joined with 26 other senators in writing a letter to President Obama seeking a reduction of military forces in Afghanistan beginning in July 2011. Our troops have demonstrated tremendous courage to get us to this point. We can't afford to continue with an open-ended conflict.

As chair of the subcommittee on Competition, Innovation, and Export Promotion, I have been a leader in the Sen-



Amy Klobuchar

ate in promoting legislation and policies to open up new markets abroad for U.S. products. That's why I've supported policies to help open up overseas markets to our agriculture exporters, including pushing China to reopen its markets to U.S. pork after the H1N1 scare and urging Japan to accept all U.S. beef products.

And last year, the Senate passed trade agreements with South Korea, Panama and Colombia, and I supported the agreements with South Korea and Panama.

We should pursue additional trade agreements while making sure they benefit Minnesota and treat our workers and businesses fairly.

I'll also continue working on legislation to open new markets for our businesses so they can reach new customers.

Bipartisan legislation I authored, the Export Promotion Act, was signed into law last year and will help small and medium-sized businesses

connect with export promotion resources, and I'm working to pass legislation to open Cuba's market to our agricultural products so we can help our farmers and ranchers reach 11 million new customers.

Health care: Federal health care reform has been affirmed by the U.S. Supreme Court. Should the law stand in its current form, or should it be changed? If you support changes, be specific.

I supported the Affordable Care Act that includes important reforms to our health-care system, such as closing the "donut hole" for seniors' prescription drugs, allowing young people to remain on their parents' plans until age 26, and ensuring that Americans with pre-existing conditions have access to health insurance.

But I have always said that this law is a beginning, not an end, and I believe that improvements still need to be made. Moving forward, we can continue to work on eliminating waste and fraud, as well as focus on more reforms to our health-care-delivery system so that we are rewarding high quality, efficient care.

In addition, we should repeal the medical device tax. I opposed this tax from the beginning and during the health-reform debate fought to reduce the original proposed tax by half.

I understand the impact this new tax would have on small and large medical device companies in Minnesota and that's why I'm working to repeal it.

We also need to allow

Medicare to directly negotiate drug prices on behalf of seniors. Allowing Medicare to negotiate drug prices, as the Veterans Administration does, would save \$240 billion over the next 10 years and help lower the cost of drugs for our nation's seniors.

Education: What role should the federal government play in ensuring that U.S. graduates can compete in the global economy?

By 2018, 70 percent of all jobs in Minnesota will require at least some post-secondary education, and we must do a better job of preparing students for the jobs that will be available to them when they graduate — positions that may not require a Ph.D. or even a four-year degree, but demand specialized training and experience. This is a crucial part of advancing a competitive agenda for America.

To address this, we need to first strengthen our commitment to two-year community and technical colleges and STEM programs to ensure that our students have the education and skills they need to succeed in the 21st-century workforce.

Second, I will continue to work to ensure education remains affordable for all students and families in Minnesota and across the country. America's future economic prosperity depends on it.

Third, we need to keep working to make significant changes to No Child Left Behind, including putting in place better accountability systems, more flexibility, and targeted efforts to close the achievement gaps.

Energy: Do you agree

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Kurt Bills, Republican

Top priority: If elected, what is your top priority for the 2013 Legislature? Why are you running for office?

Pass a balanced budget. The U.S. government hasn't passed a budget at all since April 29, 2009.

I am a high school economics teacher. For the past decade and a half I have been teaching economics to my students at Rosemount High School. A few years ago, I started noticing how anxious they were as they watched our national debt climb and the American economy stall. One day, a student asked me "what can we do about this?"

That is the day I decided I had to run for office. I got elected to the Rosemount City Council, then the Minnesota House of Representatives. And today I am running for U.S. Senate because I believe that Washington, D.C., is crushing the middle class.

Foreign affairs: Do you support the current schedule for withdrawing troops from Afghanistan? Should Congress and the president pursue additional trade pacts? If so, with whom?

The wars have gone on too long and cost us too much in lives and treasure. We need to focus on problems here at home, not spending trillions of dollars on endless wars overseas.

We need to get our economy moving and create jobs, and one of the best ways to do that is to expand trade with the rest of the world. Minnesota is one of the great exporters to the world, and we need to double and triple those exports. Instead of exporting jobs to low-wage countries like China, we need to negotiate free trade agreements so we can export our products overseas.

Health care: Federal health care reform has been affirmed by the U.S. Supreme Court. Should the law stand in its current form, or should it be changed? If you support changes, be specific.

The Supreme Court said Obamacare was legal, not



Kurt Bills

that it was a good idea. I support a full repeal of the law and replacing it with measure that actually increase competition, lowers costs (not increase them as Obamacare has done), and expand coverage to people who can't get insurance due to pre-existing conditions. Obamacare was exactly the wrong approach, and I will fight to repeal it. Health care is too important an issue to leave it to bureaucrats.

Education: What role should the federal government play in ensuring that U.S. graduates can compete in the global economy?

I have been a high school economics teacher for 18 years and still teach my first hour economics class every morning.

In my classroom I have seen the cost of federal mandates, but not the supposed benefits the politicians keep claiming. I walk into my classroom every morning and I see a room filled with 38 kids. The politicians can brag all they want about the "programs" they voted to improve student achievement, but the rubber meets the road in the classroom, and I can tell you those programs don't work.

The recipe for educational success is a good teacher, involved parents and a serious curriculum set at the local school board level.

Energy: Do you agree with the science of global

warming? Should the United States be more or less aggressive in its pursuit of renewable energy sources?

Washington, D.C., has gone to war on domestic energy production, and the results are clear. Gas prices have doubled since Amy Klobuchar was elected, and her response is to set the EPA and federal regulators to shut down energy production and raise gas prices. It's a failed policy; it's destroying the middle class; and it's killing jobs.

I will not subsidize economically unviable businesses like Solyndra, Ener1, or A123, no matter how "green" they claim to be. Obama's "green jobs" initiative is an even bigger boondoggle than Jimmy Carter's in the 1970s. Government shouldn't pick winners and losers. It winds up just picking losers.

Social Security/Medicare: Should these entitlement programs be left status quo, or should be they scrutinized for budget cuts?

Wrong question. The status quo will lead to the programs going belly up because they are going insolvent. But looking to Social Security and Medicare for budget cuts is the wrong approach. Real reform requires reforming the program for younger workers to ensure that Social Security and Medicare will be there for them when they need them. Under the current policies they won't be because they will be long bankrupt.

Anybody who hasn't offered real solutions to this pressing problem over the past six years should be fired.

Economy: The national economy remains sluggish. What steps do you support to stimulate the growth of jobs?

If the last few years have taught us anything at all, it is that government "stimulus" doesn't make an economy grow. Washington policies have been crushing job growth and the middle class. As spending has gone up, our incomes have gone down by

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'Cinderella' set for Hutch High musical Nov. 1-4

Rodgers and Hammerstein's "Cinderella" will perform on stage at Hutchinson High School for its fall musical.

Hutchinson High School musical students will perform the timeless tale Nov. 1 and Nov. 3 at 7 p.m., and Nov. 4 at 2 p.m.

The cast of over 30, student pit orchestra, and committed technical crew who manage the set, sound and lighting, have been working since the end of August to assure yet another quality musical production for the entertainment of its audience.

Hutchinson High School prides itself on producing high-quality musicals, where all elements, including costuming, set, choreography, musicianship and acting, come together with polish and professionalism.

The school has been performing an annual musical for dozens of years, but this is the first time it is produc-

ing "Cinderella."

Productions over the last several years include "The Wizard of Oz," "Hello Dolly," and "Beauty and the Beast."

This version of "Cinderella" features music and lyrics by the team of Richard Rodgers and Oscar Hammerstein II, who wrote the musical for television performance.

It was first seen by an audience of over 100 million in 1957 when it was broadcast on CBS, starring Julie Andrews as Cinderella. Subsequent productions of this version featured Lesley Anne Warren (1965) and Brandy (1997) in the title role.

Tickets are available now at Cashwise in Hutchinson, the Hutchinson High School office, and at the box office of the high school auditorium (1200 Roberts Rd. S.W.) one hour prior to each performance.

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How many years have you been in Glencoe: I do not currently reside in Glencoe, but while working here have gotten to know some of the many wonderful residents leading me to choose to invest my time and resources with the Glencoe community.
How long have you been a Rotarian and why did you join Rotary: I have been a Rotarian since 2009 and joined because I wanted to work with those people in the area who care about the community and believe in their ability to come together and make a positive difference in peoples lives.
Name some reasons you came to Glencoe and/or what are some good things about Glencoe: Growing up in a large city, I appreciate the small town feel of Glencoe. In a smaller community such as Glencoe, I enjoy getting to know people and learning more about their life story.
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Romney's our pick to lead the nation for next four years

Our view: With investors sitting on the sidelines, Romney is best shot to dispell the uncertainty

Going to the polls on Tuesday, Americans will have a stark choice as to who will lead this nation from the White House for the next four years — President Barack Obama, a Democrat, or former Massachusetts Gov. Mitt Romney, a Republican.

Incumbents always have the advantage because they have a track record. But that can be a double-edged sword.

Obama has had four years to lead, and what he has accomplished depends on your political view.

If you consider the first two years of his tenure, the Democrats also controlled Congress, Obama managed to get his comprehensive health care legislation rammed through despite vocal opposition that it was too costly, too cumbersome and looked too much like socialized medicine.

When Republicans took back control of the House, the fight was on, and little has been accomplished since. It has become a stalemate over everything from how to fix the economy and budget to how to implement "Obamacare."

We are currently stuck in neutral with mandatory federal budget cuts looming if a solution is not found before the end of the year. It is the "fiscal cliff" pundits talk about.

Republicans, meanwhile, are playing a political game of "chicken" to see if they can wrest back the White House and Senate from Democrats on Nov. 6 before they act on the budget. That is dangerous politics.

What happens if things stay the same — White House and Senate in Democrat control and House controlled by Republicans? We cannot have another two years, let alone four years, of more stagnated decision making at the federal level.

We need to elect statesmen who see the interests of the country first and their party's agenda second. That not only applies to the president, but to Congress as well. Sadly, there are not many real statesmen stepping up to the plate.

There is a strong urge to toss them all out, and start all over again. But if we tossed everyone out, what would we have instead? Likely different faces with the same old stalemated ideologies. This country is divided. Americans are evenly split,

and no amount of personality changes will budge the political parties off dead center.

Although it takes two to dance, President Obama's four years in office have been less than stellar by any measure. Thanks in part to an intransigent Republican-controlled House, an equally stubborn Democrat-controlled Senate, there is no place at the table for compromise.

So unemployment remains high; the massive bailouts, started by President George W. Bush, were continued by Obama with very mixed results; and the economy is still struggling with unemployment remaining at about 9 percent.

So are we better off than we were four years ago? In 2009, we were spiraling straight down dealing with a meltdown of the economy, the housing "bust" and the massive loss of jobs.

Four years later, we are on the gradual incline, so in that perspective, yes, we are better off than four years ago.

But tell workers who have lost their jobs; workers who have not seen a wage increase for five years; or workers who are underemployed, and the answer is, "No, we are not better off."

Instead of focusing solely on the economy as his top priority, President Obama made the same mistake that President Bill Clinton made by biting off more than he could chew with national health care.

The health care issue is simply too massive an undertaking to get it done in four years. Will another four years of the Obama administration makes things better? Probably not.

We need something to change. The economy depends on it. Investors, sitting on the sidelines with all this uncertainty, are poised to act, depending on who is in control. Four more years of Obama, may keep these economic stimulators and job creators on the sidelines and prevent the long-needed economic revival from happening.

We think Gov. Romney may be the man to get these investors to invest and get America's economy growing again.

After all, this election is all about the economy.

— R.G.



Letters to Editor

Pioneerland directors address city's data debate

To the Editor:

This letter is in response to your Oct. 17, 2012 article titled "So, who is right? City, Pioneerland debate over Data Practices Act."

We believe it is inaccurate to state, as you do, that this "disagreement" was over "Pioneerland's policy of not releasing names of patrons who abuse their library privileges, whether criminal or not."

The city of Glencoe is a signatory to the Pioneerland Library System's joint powers agreement and participates in the system by levying for library services. The city provides space for library services while Pioneerland provides staffing, technology, materials, programs and services to the community.

Pioneerland Library System (PLS) is a separate political subdivision with a legally appointed board of trustees who have statutory authority to establish policies governing library staff and activities.

This board also has the responsibility to protect library users' privacy rights, as specified under the Minnesota Data Practices Act (MS13.40), as well as individual rights of privacy as established by the Minnesota Supreme Court.

The city of Glencoe asked for a

review of the Pioneerland policy on Confidentiality of Patron Records, which protects an individual's right to privacy for library use.

This policy review request is the right of all signatories to the PLS joint powers agreement. The policy review is ongoing, with several committee discussions and a full board discussion so far. An additional meeting of the policy committee will occur in the near future, and the issue will be on the January PLS Board agenda.

PLS staff in our 31 libraries across West Central Minnesota are committed to providing a safe, secure, and comfortable environment for all library users. When PLS staff witness patron behavior which they believe may be illegal, or which appears to be a danger to public health and safety, they are directed by current policy and procedure to immediately contact law enforcement and to assist any investigation.

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Library use is private for reasons which are based on fundamental principles of our system of govern-

ment. Protecting user privacy and confidentiality has long been an integral part of the mission of libraries. Privacy is essential to the exercise of free speech, free thought and free association.

In a library, the right to privacy is the right to open inquiry without having the subject of one's interest examined or scrutinized by others.

Whether browsing for or checking out materials, attending meetings in the library meeting rooms, or asking for specific information from library staff, PLS protects library user privacy in order to achieve the goals of our democracy.

We are always available to answer any questions or to provide information on library services and policies. We hope that in the future you will make an effort to contact us prior to printing stories which may contain inaccurate or incomplete information about the library.

Mark Ranum
Executive director
Laurie Ortega
Director of library operations
Pioneerland Library System, Willmar

Re-elect Anderson, Savre and Conkel

Often overlooked in the state general elections are the Minnesota judicial races, mainly because most Minnesotans know so little about the candidates — incumbents or challengers.

But there are three local judges on this year's ballot who deserve another term on the bench.

They include Associate Minnesota Supreme Court Justice G. Barry Anderson, a former Hutchinson city attorney, and two McLeod County District Court judges, Michael Savre and Terrence Conkel, both of Glencoe. Both Savre and Conkel are running unopposed.

Anderson is being challenged by former U.S. Sen. Dean Barkley, who was appointed to fill the term of the late U.S. Sen. Paul Wellstone, who was killed in a plane crash 10 years ago. Barkley filled the Senate term and also ran for other offices on the Independence Party ticket.

Anderson, meanwhile, has 14 years experience on the Minnesota

Supreme Court, second only to Associate Justice Alan Page in seniority.

While all systems have flaws, we have written in the past that the appointment system of judges that currently occurs is a good process. Anderson was appointed by Gov. Tim Pawlenty.

Anderson was an active Republican on the county and state levels, but he indicated in a recent interview with The Chronicle, political parties should not endorse judicial candidates. We agree.

We like Justice Anderson's demeanor and feel supporting him for re-election is appropriate. While Barkley has more name recognition statewide, Anderson has more experience on the Supreme Court. That counts for a lot.

So when you go to the polls Nov. 6, be sure to turn over the ballot to the judicial races. They are important. Re-elect our local judges.

— R.G.

Critical points to remember about Gruenhagen

To the Editor:

After reading "Reasons why you should elect Campa" (Oct. 24), I would like to point out some critical points about this letter to the editor.

1) Communication is a good thing, and Glenn Gruenhagen has done a great job at communicating and representing the district.

2) The three-week Minnesota government shut down was a direct result of Gov. Dayton being the stubborn person he is and not working with state representatives that presented Dayton with an acceptable budget plan.

3) The school districts have been giving interest-free loans to the State

of Minnesota? I have not heard of that. If true, then yes that needs to be changed, but it doesn't make much sense considering that school districts get state funding.

4) Logan Campa might be prolife, but the party he represents is not prolife. I would bet that it wouldn't take long and if elected Logan Campa would follow party guidelines just like other politicians from Minnesota, such as Klobuchar and Franken.

5) There is no doubt that Logan Campa is a gracious and considerate man and that he listens and that he is intelligent, but Glenn Gruenhagen is also a gracious and considerate man.

The difference is that Glenn has a track record of political moral character and financial responsibility. Glenn will not allow his morals and ethics to slide by the wayside because of party guidelines.

Collin Peterson is a prime example of that. Peterson voted against Obamacare and then caved in to party pressure.

I believe that Logan Campa is a moral and ethical young man representing an immoral and unethical political party.

Jeff Bonderman
Glencoe

Bumps Relay For Life team raises almost \$16,000

To the Editor:

The Bumps Stop Here Relay for Life team would like to thank everyone for their continued support this year. Our team raised almost

\$16,000 for the American Cancer Society.

With your continued support, we hope that some day we will live in a world without cancer.

Kelli and Ken Reiter
Bumps Stop Here Team
Co-Captains

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with the science of global warming? Should the United States be more or less aggressive in its pursuit of renewable energy sources?

There is strong scientific consensus that climate change is having an impact on our world. I believe we need to put America in control of our energy future through an "all of the above" energy strategy that creates jobs, increases domestic energy production, decreases our dependence on foreign oil, and makes energy costs more affordable for middle-class families.

My focus has been on developing home-grown energy sources and new energy technologies, including advanced biofuels, wind, solar, geothermal, and safe domestic oil and natural gas drilling in places like North Dakota.

We also need strong national energy-efficiency targets to make sure our energy policies encourage energy efficiency in every part of the country. That's why I have pushed for a strong national renewable electricity standard like Minnesota has, in addition to introducing legislation to provide a tax credit to integrate renewable energy, like wind and solar, into the electric grid.

I believe that through an "all of the above" strategy we have the opportunity to meet our nation's energy demands and promote economic development in Minnesota and across America.

Social Security and Medicare: Should these entitlement programs be left status quo, or should be they scrutinized for budget cuts?

Social Security is our nation's most successful domestic program, providing an essential safety net for our seniors and ensuring a decent retirement for Americans who have worked hard their entire lives.

I have consistently fought against risky schemes to privatize Social Security. I believe we must ensure this program remains solvent for generations to come by considering reasonable steps, such as raising the cap on taxable income.

Currently, all income above \$106,800 is exempt from the Social Security payroll tax. Gradually raising this threshold, and other reasonable reforms, could help ensure the solvency of Social Security, but not impact current beneficiaries.

Despite periodic efforts at reform, Medicare has not rewarded the type of high quality health-care-delivery systems like we have in Minnesota that provide Medicare beneficiaries with better value.

States that have historically delivered low quality, inefficient care are paid for their

wasteful practices, while efficient states such as Minnesota are punished. To strengthen Medicare, we need to have Medicare rewarding high quality, cost-effective results like those we have achieved in Minnesota.

We are getting a start with that with the Affordable Care Act, but we need to do more. We also need to work to eliminate fraud and waste from the system, and allow Medicare to directly negotiate drug prices on behalf of seniors. Allowing Medicare to negotiate drug prices, as the Veterans Administration does, would save \$240 billion over the next 10 years and help lower the cost of drugs for our nation's seniors.

Economy: The national economy remains sluggish. What steps do you support to stimulate the growth of jobs?

We need an economy that is built to last and one that creates economic opportunity for all Americans.

I have been working to advance a competitive agenda for America that promotes long-term economic growth and private sector jobs, including revitalizing America's innovative edge, educating the next generation of American innovators, opening up new markets abroad for U.S. products, cutting through regulatory red tape, developing homegrown energy, and reducing our nation's debt in a balanced way.

I will continue to work with Minnesota businesses, workers, and farmers to ensure they have the support they need to succeed.

Agriculture: Should changes be made to current agriculture subsidies? Be specific.

I believe the people who grow our food deserve to know their livelihoods can't be swept away in the blink of an eye — either by market failures or natural disasters. As a member of the Senate Agriculture Committee, I was a leader in getting the bipartisan farm bill through the Senate and worked to make sure that the bill provided a strong safety net for our farmers, while still making important payment reforms.

The Senate-passed farm bill makes \$23 billion in cuts, with \$16 billion in savings coming from farm programs, even though these programs only make up 14 percent of the total cost of the farm bill.

In the Senate-passed farm bill, we eliminated the direct payments and strengthened crop insurance — a program considered by many farmers across Minnesota to be the most important piece of the farm safety net to help mitigate risk.

But we also made changes to the crop insurance program, like reducing a producer's subsidy by 15 percent if

they make over \$750,000 dollars, to help focus our limited resources on family farmers. The bill also includes payment caps for farm programs other than crop insurance and ensures the payments are only going to farmers and ranchers actively engaged in production agriculture.

We also made changes to the dairy program to help provide a stronger safety net to dairy producers who have been hit hard in recent years. I supported special help to dairy farmers during the worst of the price declines in 2009, and I support the new dairy reforms in the Senate-passed Farm Bill, like the Margin Protection Program, which would allow farmers to purchase margin insurance to help manage risk.

Other issues: Are there other issues you want to address?

While many in Washington focus on scoring political points, as senator I've focused on getting things done for the people of Minnesota. Nearly two-thirds of my bills have Republican co-sponsors. I've worked across the aisle with Representative John Kline, R-Minn., to provide our National Guard members their full benefits, Senator Jeff Sessions, R-Ala., to streamline the adoption process, and Senator Susan Collins, R-Maine, to pass legislation to prevent shortages of life-saving medications.

I'll continue pushing for bipartisan solutions to get things done because I believe now more than ever we need elected officials who can set aside partisan divisions and find common ground on solutions to move our state and our nation forward.

Briefly summarize your personal background and qualifications.

My grandfather worked 1,500 feet underground in the iron ore mines of northern Minnesota. My dad, Jim, was a newspaperman, and my mother, Rose, was an elementary school teacher who was still teaching a classroom of 30 second-graders at age 70.

I learned the value of hard work from my parents and grandparents. Before being elected as Hennepin County Attorney, I worked as an attorney in the private sector for more than a decade.

As a United States Senator, I continue to bring the values that I learned growing up in Minnesota to my work every day. Whether it's standing up for middle-class families, fighting for highway funding for Minnesota, working to get members of the Minnesota National Guard the benefits they were promised, or cutting through red tape to help our businesses grow and thrive, I will continue to put Minnesota first and fight for the people of our state.

Kurt Bills Continued from page 3

more than \$4,000 a year. Everybody is poorer, has more debt to pay, lower net worth and a house under water. That is what the policies of "stimulus" have done to us.

We need to get the economy moving again, and here is how to do that: get government spending under control by balancing the budget (passing a budget would be a good start!), repeal Obamacare which is causing small businesses to quit hiring, lower energy prices by permitting domestic energy production as they do in North Dakota (unemployment 3 percent), and reducing regulations which strangle small businesses.

Klobuchar's answer is more government and raising taxes on small business. That won't work.

Agriculture: Should changes be made to current agriculture subsidies? Be specific.

Changes are already being made, if they would only pass

a farm bill. The government is moving from a subsidy model to an insurance model, and I think that will be better for agriculture in the long run.

I also believe we need to quit helping large corporations and focus our efforts on helping small farmers. We waste billions of dollars subsidizing big business, and that has to stop.

Other issues: Are there other issues you want to address?

The big issue of this campaign is getting our economy moving again, and the biggest obstacle to doing that is an out-of-control federal government.

For decades Washington has spent more than it has taken in, and now we have trillion dollar deficits as far as the eye can see. When you spend more than you have, you eventually go bankrupt. Government finances look more like Tom Petters' ponzi scheme than responsible budgeting. To get the econo-

my moving again, we need to fix Washington.

Briefly summarize your personal background and qualifications.

Full Name: Kurt Patrick Bills.

Date of Birth: Jan. 8, 1970. Residence: Rosemount.

Children: Kyla, Cassandra, Hayden and Olivia.

Church: Christ Church in Apple Valley.

Education: Attended Winona State University earning a B.S. in secondary social studies education, B.A. in U.S. history, and M.A. in education.

Since 1996, Bills has worked as a secondary social studies teacher at Rosemount High School, teaching courses in microeconomics, macroeconomics and American government and politics.

Accomplishments: Elected to the Rosemount City Council in 2008; elected to the Minnesota House of Representatives in 2010; won the GOP endorsement for U.S. Senate in 2012.

Campaign ending none too soon

Well, it's about over! Yeap, the 2012 national election is just about history — and it's none too soon. Most of us have had it up to here with the constant barrage of political ads, mostly via TV.

It's about time to get back to worrying about why Christian Ponder stays in the game when Joe Webb could bring a new spark, or who will win the World Series, or when will Kevin Love return.

The so-called experts tell us between the supporters of Romney and Obama over \$2 billion has been spent attempting to get us to back their favorite. That's a lot of cash, Jack!

Think for a moment how many school teachers that would buy, or how many bridges it could build, or how many hungry people in Asia it could feed.

I can recall my first election back in 1954 when I owned the Brownton Bulletin. Both the primary and general elections were bonanzas! Politicians stepped on top of each other getting ads in the newspaper. Print media, be it the country press, the metropolitan dailies or even the slick-sheet



Chuck Warner

magazines got a lot of their income from political advertising. Not any more.

First radio, then TV got their foot in the door and soon the local small-town papers went the way of the local creameries, local commercial districts and local schools.

One wonders if it is necessary to have an election cycle which lasts several years. Maybe, just maybe, some limit could be placed on campaigning. Perhaps parties could get their message out in a month or two. Perhaps our elective representatives could spend some of their time governing and doing the people's business rather than working to secure re-election.

It has been interesting to learn that Obama and his sup-

porters feel he has a great record and that he had gotten a lot accomplished. While it is also interesting to hear Romney's folks list what was the condition of the economy four years ago and what it is today.

But does it really have to take so long to get to the public? Perhaps it should be either "throw the bums out!" or "He's done so well he deserves a second term!"

No doubt Obama can point to ending one war and getting another close to winding down. Although he better not beat his chest too hard on getting rid of Islamic terrorism because what happened in Benghazi put the lie to that. And he's finding it difficult to explain the economy.

But we've had enough campaigning. Tuesday, Nov. 6, the voters will have their say. Check out all the hot air, do a little thinking, and then exercise your great American right and vote!

Chuck Warner, former owner/publisher of the Brownton Bulletin from 1953 to 1986, is a current member of the Brownton City Council.

Letters to Editor

Here's the Glenn Gruenhagen I know

To the Editor:

I have read several letters to the editors (Oct. 24 Chronicle) written by people who think that they know who Glenn Gruenhagen is and what he stands for.

The public deserves to hear from someone who really knows Glenn. As his sister, I have watched Glenn grow from a strong-willed older brother to a proud Marine Corps soldier to a husband, father and the owner of a successful insurance agency. Glenn is a man of integrity with a strong faith in God and a love for our country. He knows the values that our country was founded on and what is needed to secure those same values for our children and grandchildren. His convictions have be-

come an asset in a world that seems to disregard what our founding fathers came here to establish: A free nation, under God.

Those who have followed him as a 16-year veteran of the GSL School Board, know that Glenn always does his research.

Glenn's experience in

health insurance and financial planning has aided him in making sound financial decisions for our school district and now in the Legislature.

The people of District 18B should be proud to have Glenn Gruenhagen represent them at the State Capitol.

**Marilyn Vinkemeier
Glencoe**

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Sibley County pulls out of fiber-to-home project

By Dave Pedersen
Correspondent for the
Arlington Enterprise

Had the Sibley County commissioners dealt with their concerns about the Renville-Sibley Fiber to the Home (RS-Fiber) project first, it would have saved a lot of time at the board meeting Tuesday, Oct. 23.

A scheduled update on the bonding process for the project started with four community leaders speaking in support of the fiber project that is one step away from going to financing.

The comments fell on deaf ears, because a short time later, the commissioners voted 3-2 to withdraw from the \$70 million project that has been in the works for two years and was so close to reality.

The courthouse room was filled with supporters of the project designed to connect county homes and businesses with high speed broadband internet, plus cable TV and phone service. People left in an awkward silence after being so vocal about the need and importance of the project to the community.

The forward progress of sending the project to bonding was halted the past two meetings because of not finding a bond counsel willing to give a favorable opinion on county participation.

At the Oct. 23 meeting, other issues arose, including the total cost of \$70,000 for legal fees to get an opinion for each of the entities in-

involved in the project that may or may not be favorable.

Plus, there was concern over changes in the project terms, such as a higher interest rate than expected and an increase in length from 30 to 35 years.

What irritated one commissioner the most was reading an e-mail floating around last weekend accusing the board of using delay tactics. The e-mail was said to include information about the project that was not brought up at the Joint Powers Board (JPB) meetings.

A breakthrough in the delay seemed possible when Sibley County Economic Development Director Tim Dolan was asked to put together a meeting involving legal consultants involved in the project.

The outcome of the Monday conference call generated concerns by board members about the change in project details. Also of concern was the provision for equal voting among the member entities, yet the allocation of financial risk is not proportional.

County Commissioner Jim Swanson, who was the first chairperson of the Joint Powers Board, gave a long prepared statement regarding his frustration with recent developments.

"There is not a person sitting at the table that disagrees with what people have said about the good things fiber can do," said Swanson. "The concerns I had from day one is the financing packaging

deal and what are we setting up here?"

"Over the past year the project centered on coming in at 5 percent interest," Swanson said. "Now we are hearing it could work at 5.5 (percent). After our meeting yesterday we are hearing some indications showing bonds coming in at 6.5 percent. The target keeps changing."

Swanson said the business plan has always stated a 30-year payment plan. He heard Monday talk of extending that to 35 years. A 30-year plan would cost approximately \$140 million over the duration of the bond. Extending five more years "only adds to that cost."

The county bond counsel is Dorsey & Whitney, which brought up some concerns of Sibley County's involvement in the project. Currently, the county is responsible for 40 percent of any financial shortfall.

"The county, under the current situation, has the same voting authority as a city that has only three percent obligation," said Swanson. "Some of those cities are not even in the county."

Swanson added that the county is being accused in an e-mail of trying to stall the project.

"The truth of the matter is the bonding firm requested each city and county get a bond counsel opinion," said Swanson. "So far, four bond counsel firms have declined to give the project a favorable opinion. As of yesterday (Oct.

22), a fifth firm has finally agreed to give an opinion. That means that four out of five firms contacted would not give an opinion on this project."

Swanson called it disconcerting that the county bond council was paid \$5,000 to give us an opinion on the project, which they later declined to do.

"The same thing can happen on this," said Swanson. "They can give an opinion, but we don't know what that is. Yet, they want \$70,000 up front to do the work. We will not know if the opinion is favorable until they complete their research."

Swanson said in the past three weeks the commissioners have been contacted by various business owners, farmers, township supervisors and citizens who signed off on pledge cards.

"They are asking us to seriously rethink what we are doing with this project, only because just recently they are starting to hear about the financing side of it," said Swanson. "There is risk and we need to know the side issues going on with this project."

County Commissioner Jim Nytes said any bond costing more than 5 percent interest "is junk considered by the financial people in New York City." He said that 35 years is too long for any project and added the system could be outdated by then.

"This thing has blown completely out of control,"

Nytes loudly proclaimed. "We can spend more money on it, but it probably won't work. I love fiber, but we are a small county losing population. I am going to put this thing to a vote, and I make a motion that Sibley County drop out of the RS Fiber project."

Asked by Commissioner Joy Cohrs if the board had to take a vote now, Nytes said "We probably don't, but we will continue to put money into this project that probably won't go through. We had four attorney firms who did not give us an opinion, why would a fifth one be better. It is usually three strikes and you are out."

"How can we spend \$70,000 more when we are struggling to build roads," continued Nytes. "We have plenty of budget problems. This will come before us every two weeks unless we act on this. It's probably time we act on it to cut the losses."

Swanson said it would be doing injustice to the cities if the county would stay with this project and then pull out after it hears an opinion. He added, "We need to make a decision at this point to be fair to them."

In the request for a roll call vote to withdraw from the project, Pettis and Cohrs said no and Pinske, Nytes and Swanson voted yes.

"This came up two years ago when we started this," said Pettis about being assured there was absolutely no problem with the legality of

the county doing the project. "Now two years later it comes back to bite us."

After the meeting Dolan was asked how the decision to withdraw impacts the rural residents who were represented by the county. The percent of pledge cards from rural areas is at 64 percent with 16 townships voting in favor of the project.

Dolan said the cities will stay in the project and probably will be able to cash flow better because of a higher population density. He added Renville County was coming in while Sibley County was going out. Renville commissioners recently voted to enter the project.

"We will regroup and look at alternatives for hooking up the rural areas," said Dolan. "It may be a challenge and it may take some time to figure it out. We learned a lot of lessons of how to do things and how not to do things."

Dolan said he left the meeting Monday feeling fairly positive because of hearing the board technically did not have to do this resolution to enter until the opinion was rendered.

"I also had a gut feeling that commissioners were not happy with how things have turned out, but I didn't expect this," said Dolan. "I think in the end commissioners were worried about the significant investment."

(The cities of Brownton and Stewart in McLeod County also are participants in the project.)

Stewart City Council approves sewer rate hike

By Lori Copley
Staff Writer

The Stewart City Council approved a \$5 per month increase on the base rate for its sewer utility at a special meeting Monday night. The base rate will increase to \$13 per month from \$8.

It also approved a .0004 (4 cent) increase for flow usage over 2,783 gallons per month, making the charge \$1.24 per gallon, up from \$1.20 per gallon.

The increased rates will

pay off loan payments for the sewer improvements that are part of this year's street and utility improvement project.

The City Council acknowledged that residents won't be happy about the increase, but felt it was better to increase rates enough now to make sure the loan payments are covered.

Shannon Sweeney of David Drown Associates, the city's financial consultant, said the city did very well on financing the approximately \$3.7

million project.

Sweeney pointed out that the city's local share is about \$1 million of the project; the rest is paid partly by McLeod County, because the streets are owned by the county, and partly in grants.

Sweeney said the city had expected to pay for the project through a combination of assessments, utility rate increases and a property tax increase.

"Really, the city is getting away with some assessments

and a sewer increase," said Sweeney.

Because the city received a \$750,000 "loan forgiveness grant" from the Public Facilities Authority (PFA), from which it obtained a low-interest loan for the project, it didn't have to raise water rates, Sweeney said.

"I've helped finance a lot of these improvement projects, but I've never seen any get this good of a deal," said Sweeney. "The city did very well for its citizens."

Stewart Girl Scout earns silver award

Laura Taylor of Stewart, a member of the Stewart-Brownton Girl Scouts, has earned her silver award for her participation in a project which monitored monarch butterflies and monitored milkweed for monarch caterpillars.

She participated as a "citizen scientist" in support of University of Minnesota monitoring of monarch butterflies. Taylor also assisted others to become citizen scientists.

Her duties included finding milkweed plants and documenting the number of eggs and caterpillars on the plants.

"My role was to help teach the other participants how to monitor correctly, what to look for, and how to input the data. I learned how to be patient with other people, and how important it is to get accurate record for our findings, also how to put them into the computer so others can use our data," said Taylor.



Laura Taylor

Taylor is a sophomore at Buffalo Lake-Hector/Stewart High School.

She will be presented her silver award pin in spring at a special ceremony hosted by the River Valley Girl Scouts Council.

Brownton Lions to host annual Halloween party

The Brownton Lions Club will host its annual youth Halloween party tonight (Wednesday, Oct. 31), from 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m., at the Brownton Community Center.

The event is open to all children in sixth grade or younger. There is an entrance fee of \$3 per child, with a maximum of \$10 per family. All proceeds are donated to

the McLeod Emergency Food Shelf.

The Lions Club also will be collecting used eyeglasses and hearing aids that evening to be donated to Lions International.

Anyone interested in helping that evening can contact Kevin Nordby at 320-328-5594, or Penny Lindeman at 320-328-4192; leave a message.

'12 Angry Men' to be Hutchinson Theatre's annual fall production

Hutchinson Theatre Company presents "12 Angry Men" dinner theatre at Crow River Winery, 14848 Highway 7 East, Hutchinson, on Nov. 1-3 and Nov. 8-10. Dinner is at 6 p.m., followed by the performances at 7 p.m.

Hutchinson Theatre Company's fall production takes the audience into court drama set in the mid-1950s. Twelve jurors begin deliberation on a murder trial, where the future of a young man will be determined.

The drama leads the audience through the tension, frustration, determination and uncertainty of the jurors as they work toward reaching a final verdict.

Tickets for the dinner and show can be purchased online at www.hutchtheatre.org, at the Hutchinson Chamber of Commerce and Visitors Bureau, and at the Hutchinson Center for the Arts. Tickets must be purchased in advance because of the dinner theatre production style.

The HTC production of "12 Angry Men" is directed by veteran director and

actress Maureen Style.

She has assembled a cast of seasoned actors, as well as actors new to the Hutchinson Theatre Company family.

The production will be in the "classic" dress and manner of the mid-1950s. The actors and the menu for the dinner theatre, as well as a video with brief interviews with some of the actors and the director can all be found on the theatre company's website, www.hutchtheatre.org.

Since 2003, the Hutchinson Theatre Company has produced three shows each year, including a dinner theatre each fall.

As is the tradition, the line-up of productions set for 2013 will be announced at the dinner theatre. The theatre company is dedicated to bringing people of different ages and backgrounds from Hutchinson and the surrounding area together to create high-quality community theatre.

Questions may be directed via e-mail to info@hutchtheatre.org, or call 320-587-2599.

20 Brownton seniors meet

Twenty Brownton senior citizens met Monday at the community center.

Cards were played after the meeting with the following winners: 500, Jerome Ewert, first, and Audrey Tongen, second; pinochle, Leone Kujas, first, and Ordell Klu-

cas, second; and sheephead, Harriett Bergs, first, and Lil Lindeman, second.

Elmer Maass won the door prize. Ordell Klucas served refreshments.

The next meeting will be Monday, Nov. 5, at 1 p.m.

Community Calendar

Thurs., Nov. 1 — AA Group Mtg. next to Post Office in Stewart, 8 p.m., call 320-212-5290 for info.

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

Tues., Nov. 6 — **ELECTION DAY**; Narcotics Anonymous, Brownton Community Center, 7 p.m.; Brownton City Council, 7 p.m.

Wed., Nov. 7 — Brownton Women's Club, Brownton Community Center, 7:45 p.m.

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



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Obituaries

Sandra Lee Hunter, 69, rural Glencoe

A memorial service for Sandra Lee (Searcy) Hunter, 69, of rural Glencoe, was held Thursday, Oct. 25, at the Maresh Funeral Home in Silver Lake. The Rev. Dr. Tom Rakow officiated.



Mrs. Sandra Hunter died Saturday, Oct. 20, 2012, at Glencoe Regional Health Services long-term care facility.

She was born June 21, 1943, in Pittsburgh, Pa.

On Dec. 19, 1982, Sandra Lee Searcy and Lynn E. Hunter were joined in marriage in Rockford.

Mrs. Hunter was formerly employed as a truck driver and later tended bar in Rockford.

Survivors include her husband of 29 years, Lynn E. Hunter; two sons, Mike (Lori) Searcy of Spring Lake Park and Robert "Bob"

(Stacy) Searcy of Woodbury; 11 grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; three brothers, Mike Segelstrom of Kimball, Phillip Segelstrom of Minneapolis and Steven Segelstrom of Minneapolis; other relatives and friends.

Preceding her in death were a son, Mark Searcy, and her parents.

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

Robert Kleinschmidt, 65, of Brownton

Memorial services for Robert "Bob" Alan Kleinschmidt, 65, of Brownton, were held Friday, Oct. 26, at Grace Lutheran Church in Brownton. The Rev. Andrew Hermodson-Olsen officiated.



Mr. Kleinschmidt furthered his education at Iowa State University in Iowa for a year then transferred to Southwest Texas State University in San Marcos, Texas, where he completed his degree in business administration and finance.

High School class of 1965. He entered active military service in the U.S. Navy on June 14, 1965, and served his country during the Vietnam War, on the shores at the Naval Support Activity, Da Nang and on a navy ship, the USS John W. Thomson DD760. He received an honorable discharge on March 8, 1971.

Mr. Kleinschmidt worked at a foundry in Crookston, before moving to Lake Marion near Brownton, where he had inherited a lake home from his grandparents, which he remodeled to be a year around home.

After graduation, Mr. Kleinschmidt moved to Minnesota and began working in the health care field as a hospital purchasing agent. He furthered his career by getting a license as a nursing home administrator and worked at sites in Browns Valley, Watkins, Cannon Falls and MacIntosh, where he met his loving wife, Corlan.

On Sept. 5, 1992, Mr. Kleinschmidt was united in marriage to Corlan Sorenson-Magnell in Oklee. They shared 20 years of marriage.

Mr. Kleinschmidt changed his career to manufacturing and worked at a foundry in Crookston, before moving to Lake Marion near Brownton, where he had inherited a lake home from his grandparents, which he remodeled to be a year around home.

He then began a career at 3M Company in Hutchinson and retired on June 1, 2012.

Mr. Kleinschmidt was a member of Grace Lutheran Church in Brownton. He was

also a member of Brownton American Legion Post 143, where he was past commander, Glencoe VFW Post 5102 and Glencoe 40&8.

Some of Mr. Kleinschmidt's hobbies were fishing, reading, computers, hunting and traveling with his wife, Corlan. They had together to 36 of the 50 states together, plus Canada and Mexico.

He also enjoyed vintage cars and owned a couple vintage Volkswagen Beetles and a vintage Saab 99. He especially enjoyed spending time with his family and friends.

Mr. Kleinschmidt was diagnosed with pancreatic cancer, the first part of September 2012. He was at home with hospice care and the care of his loving nurse, Corlan. When he needed assistance with his daily care, Mr. Kleinschmidt became a resident of Harmony River Living Center in Hutchinson.

Survivors include his wife, Corlan Kleinschmidt; stepchildren, Randy (Nancy) Magnell, Wesley (Debbie) Magnell, Dennis (Danielle) Magnell, and Annette (Galen) Phelps; 22 step-grandchildren; 26 step-great-grandchildren; mother, Jean Kleinschmidt; step-daughter-in-law, Toni Magnell; sister, Judi (Ron) Van Alstine; kitchen, Jakie; many other relatives and friends.

Preceding him in death were his father, Arthur Kleinschmidt; and step-son, Jason Magnell.

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

Natalie Hoops Schuft, 88, of Glencoe

A memorial service for Natalie Hoops Schuft, 88, of Glencoe, will be held Saturday, Nov. 3, at 11 a.m., at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church. The Rev. James Gomez will officiate.



Mrs. Schuft died Wednesday, Oct. 17, 2012, at her home in Glencoe.

Rev. Alfred Streufert in Glencoe. This marriage was blessed with six children, Mary, Elizabeth, Pearl, Miriam, Julie and Paul.

The Schufts resided and farmed in Penn Township, McLeod County, until 1989, when they moved to Glencoe. They shared 62 years of marriage when the Lord called Mr. Schuft to his heavenly home on Nov. 5, 2005. May the Lord bless his memory.

In addition to being a loving wife, mother and homemaker, Mrs. Schuft worked as a home health aide and as a nurse's aide at the Glencoe hospital. She retired in 1986.

After retirement, she volunteered as a county driver and at the Glencoe Regional Health Center. As a former member of St. Matthew's Lutheran Church in Penn Township, Mrs. Schuft taught Sunday school for 25 years and was active in the Ladies Aid and church choir. She was a member of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Glencoe.

Mrs. Schuft enjoyed gardening, sewing, church activities, waltzing and singing. She especially enjoyed spending time with her family, grandchildren and friends.

Survivors include her children, Elizabeth Kilbey of Honolulu, Hawaii, Pearl Schuft and her husband, Mark VandenHeuvel, of St. Paul, Miriam (Jeff) Lindwall of Las Vegas, Nev., Julie (Scott) Herrmann of Chaska, and Paul Schuft and his significant other, Gail Boyd, of Honolulu, Hawaii; five grandchildren, Maile (Craig) Beck-Limbaugh of Spokane, Wash., Richard (Missy) Kilbey III of Honolulu, Hawaii,

Tina (Tom) Current of Muskego, Wis., Nadean (Chris) Cluer and her husband, Chris of Seattle, Wash., and Jamison Herrmann of Chaska; nine great-grandchildren, Maranda Martin, Nick, Sam and Logan Limbaugh of Spokane, Wash., Reese and Cade Kilbey of Honolulu, Hawaii, Alex and Zach Current of Milwaukee, Wis., and Aurora Cluer of Seattle, Wash.; one great-great-grandchild, Sky Berger of Spokane, Wash.; sister, Dorothy Jerve of Florida; brother, Marvin (Judy) Hoops of Duluth; nieces, nephews, and many other relatives and friends.

Preceding her in death were her parents, Fred and Ida Hoops; husband, Theophil Schuft; daughter, Mary Wong; son-in-law, Richard "Dick" Kilbey; sister, Mildred Wiebke and her husband, Elford; brother-in-law, Sander Jerve; and T.W.'s parents and brothers and sisters.

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

Another 'Nonsense' set for Dec.

This holiday season the Glencoe-Silver Lake Panther Association will sponsor performances of "Sister Amnesia's Country Western Nonsense Jamboree," another in the series of the "Nonsense" plays.

Many of the characters return from last year's show. This production will be directed by Randy Wilson and performed at the historic Glencoe City Center.

The December performances will include two dessert theaters and four dinner theaters.

Tickets are on sale now and can be purchased on line at www.glencoeam.org or at the Glencoe City Center Offices.

The GSL Panther Association is a non-profit organization that helps subsidize the GSL School facilities.

'Annie' opens Nov. 8 at GSL

Glencoe-Silver Lake High School will present "Annie" as its fall musical set to open Thursday, Nov. 8, at 7 p.m. in the high school auditorium.

Annie, a spunky, redheaded orphan, decides to run away and find her parents. After eventually managing to escape the orphanage, she sadly is caught and sent back by Officer Ward of the NYPD.

Soon though, her luck improves. Billionaire Oliver Warbucks decides to invite an orphan over to his house for Christmas. His secretary Grace chooses Annie much to the chagrin of the cruel orphanage matron, Miss Hannigan.

Oliver Warbucks and Annie quickly hit it off and he agrees to help Annie find her parents by putting up a \$50,000 reward.

Miss Hannigan's brother, Rooster, and his girlfriend, Lily, pretend to be Annie's parents by using information provided by Miss Hannigan. At the last minute, President Roosevelt intervenes to announce that the FBI has discovered that Annie's parents are in fact, dead.

In the end, Hannigan, Rooster and Lily are all arrested, and Annie is adopted by Warbucks.

The performances are Nov. 8-10, Nov. 15-17, at 7 p.m. and Sunday, Nov. 11, at 2 p.m.

Deaths

Anthony Albers, 87, of Glencoe

Anthony Albers, 87, of Glencoe, died Saturday, Oct. 27, 2012, at Ridgeview Medical Center in Waconia.

A Mass of Christian Burial for Mr. Albers will be held today (Wednesday, Oct. 31), at 11 a.m., at the Church of St. Pius X in Glencoe.

Visitation was held Tuesday, Oct. 30, and continues today (Wednesday) from 8 a.m. to 10:45 a.m., at the funeral chapel. Interment will be in the Glencoe Catholic Cemetery.

For an online guest book, go to www.hantge.com.

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Obituaries

Roy Fred Pikal, 84, of Hutchinson

A celebration of life for Roy Fred Pikal, 84, of Hutchinson, was held on Tuesday, Oct. 30, at First Congregational United Church of Christ in Hutchinson. The Rev. Brian Brosz officiated.



Roy Pikal

Mr. Pikal died Wednesday, Oct. 24, 2012, at Harmony River Living Center in Hutchinson.

The organist was Pearl Seale. The Rev. Brosz sang "The Old Rugged Cross." The duet of Brosz and Wally Pikal sang "Just a Closer Walk With Thee." The congregational hymn was "What a Friend We Have in Jesus."

Urn bearer was Luke Grundmeyer and flag bearer was Lon Pikal. Military honors were by the Hutchinson Memorial Rifle Squad. Interment was in the Oakland Cemetery in Hutchinson.

Mr. Pikal was born May 21, 1928, in Collins Township, Brownnton, to Fred and Cora (Piehl) Pikal. He was baptized and confirmed in his Christian faith at the Brownnton Congregational Church. He received his education at District 72 in Collins Township and graduated from Brownnton High School in 1945.

Mr. Pikal grew up on his parents' farm, farming with his parents as well as working for Froemming's Garage and playing with the Minnesota Derby Orchestra. He also played with the Jerry Dostal Orchestra for a number of years, as well as his brother's band in the early 1950s.

Mr. Pikal played baseball

with the Brownnton Legion baseball team while in high school and was known as an excellent hitter.

He married Vlasta "Val" Dostal at the Congregational Church in Silver Lake on Sept. 26, 1950. The couple farmed until Mr. Pikal entered active military service in the U.S. Army on Aug. 27, 1953. He was sent to Germany and his wife joined him there to the end of his service in 1955.

While in Germany, Mr. Pikal played trombone with the 4th Division Band, stationed in Frankfurt. He was honorably discharged as a corporal on June 23, 1955, at Fort Hamilton, N.J.

The Pikals resumed farming in Collins Township, west of Brownnton, and acquired another farm as well as operating a commercial hog operation. Mr. Pikal retired in 1990, and leased the land for a number of years.

In 1999, the farms were sold and the Pikals built a home in Hutchinson. They moved there in August of that year. The Pikals bought property in Indio, Calif., in 1979, and have spent winters there since.

Mr. Pikal loved his life work and was very successful. He also enjoyed steel work, woodworking and playing his trombone. During the winter season he played tennis as well as playing trombone with the Coachella Valley Symphony, an 18-piece band that played in various country clubs across the valley.

Mr. Pikal also was a member of an eight-piece jazz ensemble and five-piece Dixie band.

The Pikals loved traveling in their motorhomes over the years and also traveled to

many foreign countries.

Mr. Pikal was a member of the Hutchinson American Legion Post 96, Good Sam Club, Discovery International, served on the Collins Township Board, served on the ASCS Board in various positions for 23 years, was a member of the Brownnton Civic & Commerce Association, was on the board of First Congregational Church in Hutchinson, becoming a member there in 1957, and was a senior citizen volunteer and member of several charitable organizations in Minnesota and in California.

Mr. Pikal also was a member of the McLeod County Historical Society, named to the Minnesota Swine Honor Roll and received many other awards while he operated a commercial swine operation.

Survivors include his wife, Vlasta "Val" Pikal of Hutchinson; brother, Wallace (Alice) Pikal of Litchfield; sister-in-law, Catherine Ann Dostal of Edina; special extended family member, Kelly Grundmeyer, his wife, Lisa, and son, Luke, (a grandson who became the apple of Mr. Pikal's eye, sharing his love of music) of Blaine; godson, Mark Adams of Cosmos; goddaughter, Heidi Tucker of Hutchinson; nieces, nephews and many other relatives and friends.

Preceding him in death were his parents, Fred and Cora Pikal; parents-in-law, Frank Dostal and his wife, Vlasta; brother-in-law, Charles Dostal; and nephew, Patrick Dostal.

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.

Melvin Arthur Sprengeler, 84, of Plato

Funeral services for Melvin Arthur Sprengeler, 84, of Plato, were held Friday, Oct. 26, at Emanuel Lutheran Church in Hamburg. The Revs. Donald Andrix and Erwin Sprengeler officiated.



Melvin Sprengeler

Mr. Sprengeler died Monday, Oct. 22, 2012, at his home in Plato.

The organist was Kathy Oelfke. Special music was by the Emanuel Lutheran Men's Choir, which sang "Muede Bin Ich, Geh Zur Ruh" and "Abide With Me." The congregational hymn was "A Mighty Fortress."

Military honors were by Plato American Legion Post 641 and Glencoe VFW Post 5102.

Pallbearers were his grandchildren, Ashley Sprengeler, Kristin Sprengeler, Kyle Sprengeler, Deanna Metzger, Dustin Sprengeler, Marin Sprengeler, Savanna Sprengeler, Jesse Marshall, and Jamie Marshall. Interment was in the church cemetery.

Mr. Sprengeler was born July 4, 1928, in Green Isle, to Arthur and Dorothea (Renken) Sprengeler. He was baptized as an infant on July 15, 1928, and confirmed in his faith as a youth on March 29, 1942, both by the Rev. H.J. Bouman at Emanuel Lutheran Church in Hamburg. He received his education at Emanuel Lutheran School in Hamburg and Glencoe High School in Glencoe, graduating with the class of 1946.

Mr. Sprengeler entered active military service in the U.S. Army on April 24, 1953, and served his country during the Korean War. He received an honorable discharge on April 9, 1955.

On June 25, 1955, Mr. Sprengeler was united in marriage to Elaine Bergmann by the Rev. L.T. Wohlfeil at Emanuel Lutheran Church in Hamburg. The couple made their home on the Sprengeler family farm in Plato. Their marriage was blessed with six children, David, Dan, Deanna, Dean, Mel Jr. and Dale. The Sprengelers shared over 57 years of marriage.

Mr. Sprengeler was a dairy farmer and showed Brown Swiss cattle. He was a lifelong, faithful member of Emanuel Lutheran Church in Hamburg, where he served as president and vice president of the church council and sang in the men's choir for 65 years.

Mr. Sprengeler was devoted

to Mayer Lutheran School, where his children attended, and enjoyed serving on the school board.

Also, he was a member of the Harmonaries, president of the Minnesota State Brown Swiss Association, was a state board member for the American Dairy Association, and an active board member of the Minnesota Livestock Breeders Association, where he had the honor of being inducted into the Hall of Fame.

Mr. Sprengeler also judged 4-H and open class cattle shows at area county fairs. He was very active on area zoning boards.

He was a member of the Glencoe VFW Post 5102 and the Plato American Legion Post 641.

Mr. Sprengeler had his pilot's license and loved to fly. He enjoyed bowling, playing sheephead, socializing, attending sporting and 4-H events and visiting residents at nursing homes. He especially cherished the time spent with his family and friends.

Survivors include his wife, Elaine Sprengeler of Plato; children, David (Becky) Sprengeler of Plato, Dan (Joy) Sprengeler of Plato, and Melvin (Betty) Sprengeler Jr. of Plato; grandchildren, Ashley Sprengeler and her fiancé, Scott Schugel, of Madison,

Wis., Kristin Sprengeler and her special friend, Rayne Mackinson, of Madison, Wis., Kyle Sprengeler of Plato, Deanna (Noah) Metzger of Jordan, Dustin Sprengeler of Plato, Jesse Marshall of Plato, Jamie Marshall of Plato, Marin Sprengeler of Plato, and Savanna Sprengeler of Plato; great-grandchildren, Bryson Metzger and Jackson Metzger; siblings, Sylvia (Bob) Foster of Maple Grove, Myrtle Tuebert and her special friend, Bob Pac, of Saginaw, Mich., Erwin "Mick" (Glorian) Sprengeler of Port Orchard, Wash., Mavis Schuette of Waconia, and Marvin Sprengeler of Hutchinson; brother-in-law, Herb Bergmann of St. Paul; sisters-in-law, Eileen Nelson of St. Paul and JudyLee Beyer of Montana; nieces, nephews, other relatives and many friends.

Preceding him in death were his parents, Arthur and Dorothea Sprengeler; children, Deanna Sprengeler, Dean Sprengeler and Dale Sprengeler; and brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law.

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

As the new pastor of Berean Baptist Church, I am excited to join with the congregation in inviting you to come and visit us here in Glencoe. Sunday school begins at 9 a.m. and the worship service, opening with songs of praise, followed by biblical teaching starts at 10:20 a.m. It is a new beginning for us here and with this fresh start we have experienced healing and are praying for reconciliation with those who once attended Berean Baptist Church. It is our desire to seek the Lord and ask Him to enable us to be a "light" in the darkness and to be a "hospital for the hurting" throughout our community. If you are looking for peace in your life and truth to guide you and your family in a world that has lost its way, please consider visiting us at Berean Baptist Church. As a congregation, our daily commitment is for readiness of mind and searching the scriptures daily in proclaiming the word of God. Come join us and together we will work to reach our community with the Good News.

Pastor Jonathan Pixler

Thank You

We would like to express our sincere thanks and appreciation to all of our relatives, friends and neighbors for the cards, memorials, plants and other acts of kindness shown to our families following the death of our mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother, Lorna Schmidt.

Thanks to Dave and the staff at the Johnson-McBride Funeral Home for their help and guidance.

We also send our gratitude and appreciation to the staff at the Belle Plaine Lutheran Home Memory Care Unit and Waconia Ridgeview Hospice Care. You hold a special place in our hearts.

Thanks to Pastor James Gomez for his visits, prayers, comforting words and support. Thank you ladies of Good Shepherd for serving the luncheon and to all who brought food to the funeral. Thanks to the organist, janitor and clean-up crew and anyone we may have missed.

*Your kindness will always be remembered.
God Bless You All. The family of Lorna Schmidt*

Thank You

The family of Ferdinand Heuer would like to thank our family and friends for the kindness and support we received from dad's passing. A special thank you to Glencoe Regional Health Services Long Term Care for your support and compassion during the time he was a resident. To Pastors Joe Clay and Bill Baldwin, for the many visits with pastoral care and for the beautiful memorial service. Your soothing words brought comfort and hope to our family.

Thank you to Diane Anderson, our organist, and to Bob Becker, our soloist, for the beautiful music provided during dad's memorial service. To John Trocke and staff with Johnson-McBride Funeral Home for their support and care during this difficult time.

To Hillcrest Catering for the delicious food, to everyone that brought food and our friends who offered a helping hand by helping serve the lunch. It was a comfort to know these details were in your hands.

To all our friends and family who sent cards, flowers and brought food to our homes. Thank you to all of you. Your thoughtfulness will always be remembered.

*Charlene & Rich Wickenhauser and family
Susan & Mitch Mackenthun and family
Steven & Deb Heuer and family*

Lorna A. Schmidt, 97, of Belle Plaine

Funeral services for Lorna Algolina (Mesenbring) Schmidt, 97, of Belle Plaine, formerly of Glencoe, were held Wednesday, Oct. 24, at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Glencoe. The Rev. James Gomez officiated.



Lorna Schmidt

Mr. Schmidt died Sunday, Oct. 21, 2012, at The Lutheran Home Care Center in Belle Plaine.

The organist was Jan Heins, and soloist Kara Jacobs sang "On Eagle's Wings." Congregational hymns were "Abide With Me," "Jesus, Lead Thou On" and "What a Friend We Have in Jesus."

Honorary pallbearers were Dawn Bruesehoff, Tanya Feltmann, Beth Tessmer, Kara Jacobs, Brandon Schmidt, Mike Schmidt and Gail Neal. Pallbearers were Brent Schmidt, Jon Schmidt, Jeff Schmidt, Eric Bruesehoff, Brian Tessmer and Krista Goedel. Interment was in First Lutheran Cemetery in Glencoe.

Lorna Algolina Mesenbring was born June 18, 1915, in Young America Township, Norwood Young America (NYA), to Edward and Irene (Schmidt) Mesenbring.

She was baptized as an infant on July 4, 1915, by the Rev. August Baumhoefner, and confirmed in her faith as a youth on March 24, 1929, by the Rev. M.F. Abraham, both at St. John's Lutheran Church in NYA. Her confirmation verse was Psalm 26:8 "I love the house where you live, O Lord, the place where your Glory dwells."

She received her education at District 108 country school and St. John's Lutheran Church School in NYA.

On March 19, 1939, Lorna Mesenbring was united in marriage to Henry Schmidt by the Rev. W.P. Kramer at St. John's Lutheran Church parsonage in NYA. They farmed south of Glencoe and then west of Hamburg and, in 1976, moved to Glencoe.

After Mr. Schmidt's death in 1993, Mrs. Schmidt entered Millie Beneke Manor. In 2008, she moved to NYA, then to the Good Samaritan Home in Waconia before entering The Lutheran Home in Belle Plaine.

Their marriage was blessed with seven children, Wilhelm, Dennis, Edward, Karen, Sandra, Kathleen and Richard. The Schmidts shared over 53 years of marriage before Mr. Schmidt died on Feb. 10, 1993.

In addition to being a loving wife, mother and homemaker, Mrs. Schmidt helped on the farm and was an aide at the Glenhaven nursing home in Glencoe.

She was a member of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Glencoe.

Mrs. Schmidt enjoyed gardening, baking, crocheting and quilting. She cherished the time spent with her fami-

ly and friends.

In 2009, when Mrs. Schmidt needed assistance with her daily care, she became a resident of The Lutheran Home Care Center in Belle Plaine.

Survivors include her children, Wilhelm (Arlene) Schmidt of Coloma, Mich., Dennis (Darlene) Schmidt of NYA, Edward (Lorna) Schmidt of NYA, Sandra (Richard) Bruesehoff of Chaska, Kathleen Schmidt of Glencoe, and Richard (Susan) Schmidt of NYA; 13 grandchildren; 15 great-grandchildren; nieces, nephews, other relatives and many friends.

Preceding her in death were her parents, Edward and Irene Mesenbring; husband, Henry Schmidt; infant daughter, Karen Schmidt; sisters, Corda and Mabel; and brothers, Leroy, Elmer, Raymond, Orville, and Gordon Mesenbring.

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Faith: A Response to Disaster

In the wake of hurricane Sandy we have been dismayed by the fearsome power of nature over us. Hurricane Sandy has reminded us of our human frailty and the limits of technology and science against the powers of the universe that surround us. As we watch the videos, read the papers and listen to reports on the radio of the suffering of our brothers and sisters on the east coast we cannot help but be moved by the tragedy that has grasped their lives. Most of us will feel a great desire to help and to do something for those whose lives have been ripped apart by this storm. I suspect that each of our communities of faith will be offering us the opportunity to help our brothers and sisters through donation to the relief effort. I urge all of you to respond to these calls to faithful generosity.

In the end, our response to the needs of those so tragically affected by this storm is a response of faith. It will be our answer to the question that many will have about God's presence or absence in the face of such great cataclysms. Some will raise their voices to speak of the vengeance of God and punishment for sin. Others will use this natural disaster as one more reason to question God's love or even his very existence. I choose neither the path of reducing this massive suffering to punishment, nor is my faith in God shaken. So how do I confront suffering on such a massive scale?

I simply offer the answer Jesus gives in the Gospel we will read at our Masses this weekend, "Love God with all your heart, all your soul, all your mind and all your strength," and "love your neighbor as yourself." The love of God surrounds us, and our love of neighbor is its expression. In this tragedy God will be present in our care and concern. Our prayer will sustain those who must rebuild their lives, and our generous outpouring of assistance will be the presence of God in the midst of destruction. Our faith and generosity will help rebuild lives and restore wholeness to a broken world.

This weekly message is contributed by the following concerned citizens and businesses who urge you to attend the church of your choice.

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Plenty of fall, winter activities set at Glencoe Library

The Glencoe Public Library continues to welcome patrons, accept challenges of research while helping people find the books they need.

If you have a title of a book or author you have been considering reading, please call or stop in the library, and we will try to find the book for you.

Many new novels are coming to shelves in the next few months, including authors: Baldacci, Flynn, Hooper, Kingsbury, Patterson, Roberts, Child, Sandford, Steel and J.K. Rowling.

Ken Follet's second book in his century trilogy, "Winter of the World" and Bill O'Reilly's "Killing Lincoln" are in the system.

Remember, if the book is not on the Glencoe shelf or if



Library News

By Jackee Fountain

The Glencoe Library does not have the book or audiobook, we certainly can request it from another library in the Pioneerland Library System.

The Glencoe Library staff is thankful for the patronage of Glencoe citizens and surrounding communities.

Oct. 29-Nov. 5 the Glencoe Library has ballots ready for patrons to vote: children ages 5 and older, pre-teen and teen readers, and adults may cast

their votes for favorite series/authors. Results will be available by day end Nov. 6.

On Mondays Nov. 5, Nov. 19 and Nov. 26, the Glencoe Library will be hosting an adult computer class from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. The Senior Surf class for those who have no or little knowledge of computers will provide participants with a slight introduction and hands-on tasks to use the computer, the Internet, and search practices.

There is no charge for this class, but registration would be appreciated by calling the library.

Nov. 23 is the monthly meeting of the Luncheon Book Club. Author Frederick Blanch will be speaking and reading from his book "Last Words." Everyone is encouraged to attend and listen to Blanch read excerpts from his writings. This will be a nice mid-day event after the Thanksgiving holiday. Coffee and cookies will be served. This library program is sponsored by the Friends of the Glencoe Library and is free to the public.

This winter the Glencoe Library will be starting a LEGO Club for ages 7 and older.

Builders may come to the library and spend the evening constructing LEGO masterpieces. Beginning date is not set.

Donations of LEGO sets and LEGO pieces are needed. Drop off the donations at the Glencoe Library, or call the library for more information. The LEGOs will be kept at the library and only used for the LEGO Club sessions. Watch the newspapers, website and library posters for final information and sign up dates.

The Glencoe Library's Saturday Storytime, Mystery Book Club, Luncheon Book Club, Mom's Book Club continue to meet. The Teen Book Club will have its organizational meeting on Thurs-

day, Nov. 8 at 6 p.m. Come and have fun with other teens. Call Miss Gabby if you have questions.

Dec. 1 is an elf workshop from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. for children getting ready for Christmas. Watch for more details about activities, stories, crafts and more for this Saturday event which will help kick-off the Glencoe Holly Days.

Children are asked to bring a new toy for the McLeod County Toy Drive, which gives to local children in need during the holidays.

To read the latest library information, visit the Glencoe Library website: www.glencoe-publiclibrary.webs.com.

PAVING the way with PRAYER

THANK YOU for supporting our Paving the Way with Prayer Marathon! We raised **over \$30,000** for St. Pius X Catholic School and collected over **412 prayer intentions**. These special intentions will be brought up in prayer at every Mass this year. The marathon funds are used to help support all areas of the St. Pius X Catholic School's educational programs. We appreciate the wonderful support of our parents, our local Knights of Columbus, the St. Pius X parishioners, all of the businesses who made donations to our marathon, and the local Glencoe community in sending us their prayer intentions and helping us raise over \$30,000!

St. Pius X Catholic School 2012 Marathon



Prayer Intentions:

All the souls in purgatory. Peace & Happiness. Our Troops come home safely. Troops. Christina Gruenes Maul. Those in need of help. Troops. Our Troops. For the Sick. World Peace. Peace in the World. For the animals. Por Juana Ruelas. Por familias Ruelas. Familia Vazquez. Familia Vazquez. Familia Juaréz. Por Jimena, Sophia, & Santiago Vazquez. Por el fin de la Violencia en Mexico.
For my little sister. For all our soldiers both serving overseas and stateside and their families, and my children and family. Those fighting or suffering from illness. Happiness and safety of children. Please pray for our son Randy Westphal who is fighting Leukemia. Juliet Erickson & Muriel Madsen. Grandpa Sylvester Pokornowski. Familia: Vazquez Ruelas. Por todos los niños del mundo entero. Por la salud de mis padres y abuelos, Angelina Ruelas, Crispin Vazquez & Ricardo Ruelas. Sixta Alvarez. Jorge Luis Espinoza Sirlos. Lupe Espinoza Sirlos.
For Irene Fasching. For our health, for our school. In memory of Jon St. Marten. For good family health. For the St. Pius X School. For the Kindergarten students. For the 2nd Grade students. In memory of Joe. For Lucy. For family & friends. For Ed Fasching. New School Year 2012-13. R.I.P. Pray for full employment. That the students will grow closer to God and be eager to learn about their faith. For peace. World Peace. World Peace. World Peace. Troops. World Peace. For peace. Troops. Troops. For peace.
Health of all our family. In Memory of Dean Kaczmarek. Francis Dvorak. Peace for all. Laura Vazquez difunta. Laura Vazquez difunta. Reberiano Cervantes difun. For peace. Susana y chava por su Cumplean. Difunto: Nicolas Figueroa. Familia Lopez-Cervantes. Claudia y Hipolito. Laura Vazquez. Pedro Vazquez. Familia Juaréz. For peace. Familia Cervantes. Familia Ruelas Paredes. Familia Ruelas. Familia Paredes. Difunto: Rosalind Figueroa. Juana Ruelas. For peace. Familia: Figueroa Figueroa. Difunto: Laura Vazquez. Difunto: Laura Vazquez & Esco-

lastica Figueroa. Familia Juarez. Familia Ruelas. Difunta: Laura Vazquez. Familia Ruelas. Familia Paderes
For peace. For Maria Arandia. Dan & Rhonda & Family good Health. Chester, Ken, & Mike Kaczmarek. God's blessing on all family members. For peace. Gert & Len Noga for Good Health. Good Health to the Employees. Marriage Amendment Passage. Good Candidates elected to Public Office. For our Priests. For peace. For St. Pius School Students and Staff. For St. Pius School Students and Staff. I pray for my mommy and daddy to always be by my side. I pray for my whole family to be safe and for God to watch over them always. For all St. Pius X School Families. For peace.
Cure for cancer for my father. For cure of my grandpa that has cancer. For peace in all families. Special Intention. For my grandchildren. For St. Pius X School Students. For St. Pius X School Students. Good health for our family. Neyers family, pray for our elections. For peace. Grandpa & Grandpa's Health. Grandma Marie Reinhart. World Peace, and a safe return home for Jason DeCoursey & all service men & women. For St. Pius X Catholic School. For Father Bob Ross & Jim Croatto. For those suffering from illness.
In Memory of Wilbert & Dorothy Volkenant. The Traver Family. For peace. The Traver Family. The Jones Family. In memory of Howard Hall. Russell & Shirley Petersen. Men & Women in the Armed Forces. Safe delivery for my daughter and grandchild. For peace. Troy Grack. In Memory of Renee Anker. In Memory of our beloved son and brother Andy Backowski. Repose of the soul of Shauna Carter. Ballman Children & Relatives. St. Pius X School Staff and Students. Education. St. Pius X School Staff and Students.
Health issues, unemployment, and faithfully departed. For peace. The Essen Boys' great grandsons. Antone & Mary Tillman. Nell Hull. For Grandma Shirley. For My Family. Up coming elections. Vicki Berckes who is recovering from Breast Cancer. St. Pius X School Families. For peace. Uncle Mark Pokornowski. For her health. R.I.P. For peace. R.I.P. R.I.P. R.I.P.

Kari- illness. World Peace. Peace. Special Intention. For peace. For our family. For good family health. Uncle Dale Pokornowski. Cure for Epilepsy. Coworker with cancer.
Family intentions. Family (Schreifels). Family (Polzin & Bulau). For peace. Grandma Lorrie. Jon & Ruth. Tiffany. Pray for Troy Grack- he has cancer. Pray for my family. For the Villnow family. For peace. Pray for my family. That all the students do well. Friend with ALS disease. For my dad Arnie Jendro who is in the hospital. Birgit Buckley- Mom-Oma. Michel - May she gracefully and peacefully say hello to Jesus. We love her lots! Pray for Dr. James Neff who is battling cancer. Prayer for his doctors and family members. Pray for the upcoming elections, that Godly people be placed in office and His will be done. For Michele who is having knee surgery on October 17.
For my entire family who still miss Birgit. All School Families. For Shirley Petersen. In Memory of Richard B. Traver. For Georgia Jones. Richard Tillmann. Grandpa & Grandma Tillmann. Special Intention. The Traver Family. For Lois Fasching. Loren & Yvonne Pihl. For the family & Friends of Gray & Paula Theisen: We pray for their health & safety. Tom Walden & his cancer. Earl Seipel. For my friend Linda who was just diagnosed with Parkinson's Disease. In Memory of Rosemary Remer. Family of Colton Ryan Gleason, who was killed on Sept. 21.
In Memory of Carleen Augustyn. In Memory of Pattie Law. Bob Green. Albert Teubert. School. School & Bob Green. Our sisters. New Grandson William. Good Weather. For the safety of farmers. Por los niños. Por la salvdo. For the 6th Grade Class. Brother Jim. For peace. For all St. Pius X School Families. God be with Papa and Grammy. Lloyd & MaryAnn Sturm. Chris Werth. Marge Traver. Find a cure for cancer. For the Sues Family. For continued success of Catholic Schools. Dominic Boyd. Vince Traver. Grand Grandma Hildegarde to have a successful surgery. Carolyn's health and the family of Mark Blumke.
Kim finding a job and for safety for all

soldiers. Family of Mark Blumke. In memory of Don & Bernice Hutter. For the Health and safety of the Thalmann Family. For the safety of all farmers. For friends and family. In memory of Lou Baumgartner. In Memory of Delores Templin. In Memory of Paul & Marlys Ruud. Uncle Joe. Prayers for getting a job for Jim. For those struggling with alcoholism. My parents ; brother and Grandma Wolff. All St. Pius X families. Leo Schmidt. All St. Pius X families.
Virgil & Rita Brickzen. John Bomon. For Cancer. For all the sick that they may heal. For my mom and dad to get well. For all people that have cancer. Ed & Benita (Bonnie) Herman. I pray for Ben. I pray for Bella. That he gets better. That dad gets better from her back. I pray that she gets better from her leg. Micheal Tiedeman & Family. Good health for our family. For Raymond & Eileen Seipel for some good last years together. Josh Noga's job interview. Lynk Family. Deb Mayo and Ian Watson (Cancer). Good health for Bud & Helen Johnson and Juliet Erickson.
Brendan Rabbett so he will find God and be safe. Bud & Helen Johnson, Brianna & Brenden Rabbett, Ann Marie Rabbett, Becky Johnson. Our Families health. In Memory of Leo & Adam Dietz. Members of the Dietz family. Kevin, Linda & Michael Dietz. For the 2nd Grade Class as they prepare for their First Communion.
Please pray for Hildegarde & Joan Schwartz for their recovery and continued health. For all those suffering from cancer and all people unemployed & looking for work. Cathy Peregrino & Children, Jeff Wick, Tom Johnson. The Ministry : Warm Space. The Ministry: Loaves & Fishes. World Peace. St. Pius X School Staff and Students. Our niece- Rachel Hasslen. April Ann Bohnert & Amy Jo Bohnert (Deceased Babies). Francis Bohnert (Deceased father).
The unemployed. St. Pius X School Staff and Students. St. Pius X School Staff and Students. Isaiah Essen's health. Ted & Geraldine Popelka. Kenneth Jacques. and Dennis & Verna Bennett. In Memory of Bob & Carol Cogley. Richard Tillmann.

Please pray for all the hungry & homeless families. Please pray for all of those serving in the military in order to provide freedom for so many around the world. John Youngblut. Don Wetteleng. In Memory of Ann Stuedemann. In Memory of Dennis Steiner. Pray for our world leaders.
Faith, Knowledge, Education in the future. For the sick and the poor. Pray for people with cancer. Pray for the Fourth Grade. For rain. The Petersen Family. My godmother so she can move in her new house. First Communication Class. Nita Urban. Good Health for my family and friends. Intentions of the Blessed Mother. Soldiers, especially my son Danny. Charles Wolff Sr., Ardis & Joseph Reibelung. Family and Friends. World Peace & for Israek. Our family. For family living and dead. For family.
Klobe family & relatives. St. Pius X Church. St. Pius X School. The Hettver Family. Grandma Shirley. In Memory of Wilbert & Dorothy Volkenant. For our good health. For the Smith & menden Families. For those who have gone before us. For Robert W. Green. Ruth Thomas. That God be number one in our family! Health: for moms to be and their babies. Payton & Keygon: that they have peace & happiness. Love & Financial stability: for my friends and family.
Pray for our Educators. Pray for my mom, Deb Jans, who has a terminal disease. Pray for daily laughter. For our family. Walt & Darlene Troska. People needing jobs , and our servicemen & women. In memory of Jeff Menden. Special Intention. Familia Amaya Ruelas. Julie D. who is suffering from ALS. In Memory of Vic Marinkov and Nicholas Marinkov. In Memory of Michael Huss. Health and Welfare of : Jackson, Hunter and Wyatt Golden. Walter Golden, Allen Golden, Nick and Julie Golden, John Marinkov, Ann Marinkov, and Georgia and John Omovan and those Christian Syrians suffering in the war.
Por el descenso Eterno de Pedro Garcia. Good Harvest. Family and Friends good health. Pray for my Grandma. In Memory of Chester, Ken & Mike Kaczmarek. Pray for Priests and Deacons. For the farmers.

Health of Cathy Seipel & Earl Seipel. Bonnie Hoffs. Lockie Cathey. R.I.P. R.I.P. In Memory Phil Townsend. Grandpa Earl our Soldiers and their families. Andrew Thurn Family. All of our Soldiers in Afghanistan. Tim & sue Wolff- good health. For our dog Morgan. For our pets. Grandma Lorrie. In Memory of Leo & Prima Ricke. In Memory of Louis & Agness Rewitzer. For all Catholic & Christian Schools.
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Maria de Jesus Guerrero and Jose De Leon; Familia Diaz De Leon. Porque los jovenes de Hoy y de el futuro sellenen de un espiritu cristocentrico para. Una generacion futura sabia y llena de el amor de Dios y cristo para compartir a los demas. Soila Ornelas & Eren Espericueta. Todas Las familia de Arlington y mi hijo en Milwaukee. Juan Ramon Sosa por Eterno descanso. Dori Flores. Por todos los jovenes por que? Porque sv. Toda la Escuela.
Paz en Mexico. For a peaceful death for Delores Brooks. For my children. In Memory of Bob Lorence. In Memory of Jack Kloempken. In Memory of Gordon Kloempken. In Honor of Erven & Lucy Lorence. In Honor of Pearl Kloempken. In Honor of Carolyn & Aaron Burri. In Honor of Mike & Anna Lorence. All of those unemployed & those seeking employment. In Memory of Bernice Nowak. In Memory of Mary Levoir (Bishop Levoir's Mother). Duke & Katie Schwartz. Birgit Buckley. Carlos Martinez-Garcia & Gabriela Judith Martinez. The people who don't have work that they may have a chance to get work.

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Beware! 'Snowbird' ordinance starts Nov. 1

By Rich Glennie
Editor

Are you ready? Yes, the new ban on on-street parking kicks in at 1 a.m., tomorrow, (Thursday) and will last until April 1.

So, hopefully, you have plans to get your vehicles off city streets beginning at 1 a.m. You have been warned.

Approved by Glencoe City Council earlier this year, the new ordinance bans on-street parking during the winter months from Nov. 1 to April 1.

The ban runs from 1 a.m. to 6 a.m. each day during that period. If there is a snowfall, the ban remains in effect until the streets have been plowed curbs-to-curb, whichever comes first.

Once the streets are plowed, parking is permitted until 1 a.m. the next morning.

Glencoe Police Chief Jim Raiter, who has been with the Glencoe Police Department since 1992, said the "snowbird ordinance" seems to come up constantly and has caused headaches for all involved.

He said when he began, the "snowbird" ticket was \$5 with no towing. Now the ticket is a \$50 citation and a \$138 tow.

Since 2006, Raiter said there have been 836 snowbird citations, "and 70 percent of those people were not happy."

The main issues were often what was a plowable snowfall and who gets towed and who does not.

With snowfalls, they could vary from one end of town to another, but a two-inch snowfall was often the



Chief Jim Raiter

trigger for calling out the plows.

Raiter said not all vehicles are towed when the impound lot is full, and there is no room to put more. The goal is to be fair to all areas of the community, Raiter said.

The aim of clearing the streets of vehicles during the winter is for a more efficient snowplowing effort, less cost to the city in snow removal efforts and for safety of the plow drivers in navigating around "snowbirds" still parked on the street.

"You're never going to make everyone happy," Raiter said.

While Raiter thought the last snowbird ordinance was pretty clear, there was a lot of confusion in the public.

The new ordinance is very clear. No on-street parking, period, during the times specified.

Ordinance 421 also reads that the police chief or his designee has the discretion

to allow vehicles to be parked on the street if notified prior to the family event or of visitors.

Raiter said the police department has set up a phone number for people requesting parking permission for family or visitors. The number is 320-864-6943. He said people can leave a message, and an officer will get back to them.

One of the main parking problems in the winter is for apartment tenants in the downtown area.

Raiter said each landlord has received a notice of the new ordinance and where there are city parking lots available. They include the lot near Pam's Hallmark and the lot near The Law Office on 11th Street.

The parking lot of the former Mark's Economart is privately owned, and the city is currently negotiating using that for parking for downtown residents.

But he stressed those vehicles need to be removed by 6 a.m. so those lots can be cleared. The other city lots at 10th Street and Greeley Avenue as well as behind the police station are reserved for downtown business employees, not for overnight parking.

Raiter said notices about the new ordinance have gone out in the municipal light bills, and the first week will include flyers in English and Spanish warning about the new ordinance. The information also is on the city's website, he added.

"It's definitely a learning process for the community," Raiter said.



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Eight Glencoe-Silver Lake FFA members attended the national convention last week in Indianapolis, Ind. They included, front, from left, Samantha Dahlke, Becca

Green, Sam Lange, Laura Becker and FFA adviser Becky Haddad. In the back are Matt Dahlke, Zach Pierson, Tommy Becker and Eric Thalmann.

8 GSL students attend national FFA convention

"The experience I had at the National FFA Convention and Expo was unforgettable. It will help me grow myself by letting me fulfill my goals and push me to be my best, it will help me grow my community by helping me encourage others...and volunteer to make the community better," said Becca Green, upon returning home from National FFA Convention on Sunday.

Over 55,000 FFA members and guests from across the United States came together for the 85th National FFA Convention in Indianapolis, Ind., Oct. 25-27.

"I learned how to work as a team to get things done, and learned that through FFA, I have a lot of opportunities I didn't realize," said Zach Pierson, chapter treasurer.

Members participated in general sessions, educational tours, leadership workshops, a career show and expo, volunteer activities and much more.

The theme of the convention was "GROW," and "our members certainly took that away as the chapter looks to grow in the coming years," said Becky Haddad, GSL FFA adviser.

Laura Becker, chapter sentinel, noted, "I learned ... to be more confident in myself and to push myself harder so I can improve, instead of staying where I am right

now."

Samantha Dahlke, chapter reporter, said, "I learned a lot about growing ... you have to show your personality ... and with this knowledge I will be able to better serve my chapter school and community by being a unique and diligent leader."

Sam Lange, Samantha Dahlke, Zach Pierson, Matt Dahlke, Tommy Becker, Becca Green, and Laura Becker represented the Glencoe-Silver Lake FFA chapter at National FFA Convention.

"I was incredibly impressed with how well the attendees represented their chapter, school, and community," says Haddad. "I couldn't have asked for a better group."

Sam Lange, chapter secretary, said, "Things I will take away from convention are the understanding of life, how important I am to others, and the effect I have on others."

Matt Dahlke said that it was a really fun and exciting trip, that he learned a lot, and hopes to attend another conference in the future.

Along with the seven delegates, Eric Thalmann participated in National FFA Chorus. Thalmann had been in Indianapolis since Saturday, practicing, preparing and getting to know his fellow choir members from across the country.

"You could tell he was ex-

cited about what he was doing, and that being a choir participant really mattered," noted Haddad, "He represented us incredibly well."

Among other things, keynote speakers were especially inspiring to the group of delegates. Speakers including Scott Hamilton (Olympic figure skater) and Josh Bleill (veteran, and spokesperson for the Colts) were particularly influential.

Commenting on Josh Bleill, Thomas Becker said, "He taught me that even when you want to quit, don't. Everything turns out better in the end, and when things aren't going my way I should keep pushing."

"Convention was a life-changing experience for the members of the chapter who were able to participate and that would not have possible without school and community support," Haddad said.

If one would like to see convention first hand, visit www.ihigh.com/ffa to view archived videos from the various events.

"This trip sparked enthusiasm, ideas, and growth opportunities among the members, and they would be happy to share with you anytime!" Haddad said.

Contact Haddad at 320-864-2429 if you would like a convention delegate to present for your group.

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in unemployment."

But Peterson cited a skilled worker shortage in parts of the district, in particular in the northwest part of Minnesota. "There are not enough people to fill the jobs," he added.

Peterson stressed the need to better tie the state's community colleges and technical schools with business to fill the needs for skilled workers "and build the economy. This is the best place in the country to live."

He commended the Glencoe chamber and city leaders "for recognizing how important manufacturing is. There is community support (in Glencoe) for these activities."

Ehrke said Miller Manufacturing has helped with the diversity of the economy in the area. He said there are 250 businesses that make up the chamber area, and "manufacturing leads the way in investments to the economy."

He called Miller Manufacturing's growth since moving to Glencoe in 2005 "remarkable."

But he said Glencoe also is fortunate to have companies like Starkey Labs and Seneca Foods, who have continued to invest in their Glencoe facilities. "Fortunately, we have a strong economic base."

Ehrke added that the newest additions to the business community include Midwest Porcine Recovery and MiroMatrix, who have located in the city's new industrial park.

Mayor Wilson said turning the former NordicTrack building into Miller Manufacturing was "amazing."

He said the Nordic Track building remained vacant for 10 to 12 years, before Miller Manufacturing bought the facility and consolidated its various operations in Glencoe.

Moe called celebrating Miller Manufacturing's growth "appropriate," and said manufacturing in the state makes up about 13 percent of the jobs at an average wage of \$61,000 a year. Manufacturing also generates about \$17 billion a year in

Minnesota.

In McLeod County, there are 78 manufacturers who pay an average wage of \$55,000 a year, he said.

Moe said Minnesota's unemployment rate fell to 5.8 percent in September, compared to national unemployment rate of 7.8 percent.

"Manufacturing is the highlight of the recovery," Moe said, and noted that there has been a 3 percent growth in manufacturing jobs in Minnesota this year.

Ferrise said Miller Manufacturing took advantage of the state's JOBZ program when it first arrived and merged its operations in 2005-06.

He said there have been several other business acquisitions by Miller Manufacturing since 2007.

Ferrise said the company's catalogue of products has expanded by 200 items and several items that were manufactured overseas have been brought back.

Since moving to Glencoe, Ferrise said the company has seen 63 percent growth, and is now "bursting at the seams."

When the company tapped into JOBZ, it was required to add 11 full-time employees. It has added 61, he said.

It also was supposed to maintain its workforce of 55 employees. It has expanded to 135 employees.

It was supposed to pay a wage of at least \$10.23 per hour, it is now up to \$12.30, Ferrise said.

The JOBZ also required the company invest \$3.2 million in the facility. Ferrise said the company invested \$4 million by the end of 2006.

"The owners weren't afraid to invest in the facility," Ferrise said. "It's a great facility."

But it will be getting larger in the near future.

Ferrise said a 25,000-square-foot expansion to its warehouse facility will get started soon. It will be on the north side of the facility.

A 60,000-square-foot distribution center expansion is being planned for next year,

and eventually another 40,000 square feet will be added for a total square footage of over 400,000 square feet, Ferrise said.

Frandsen said the United States has become a knowledge and service economy, "but it cannot be sustained without manufacturing."

Frandsen said a lot of manufacturing jobs are coming back to the United States because of product infringement issues, especially with the Chinese.

American companies come up with the new innovation, and the Chinese are good at learning how to make things, and then compete against the American manufacturers.

"It's a huge problem," Frandsen said. He added the plans are to bring all the company's manufacturing back to the U.S.

He said Miller Manufacturing currently makes 70 percent of its products in the U.S.

Frandsen also called China "an environmental disaster," and there is a lot of uncertainty in China's current political system.

But to get manufacturing back into the U.S., Frandsen said American manufacturers need the government's help "to level the playing field."

Frandsen said the help would be in:

- Protecting "intellectual property rights" in places like China. "They're terrific at copying things."
- Looking at lowering the corporate tax rate, which is now at 35 percent compared to 15 percent in Canada. "That's a major problem in competitiveness." Frandsen said that money could be better reinvested in the company and its employees.

- Encouraging American consumers to buy American-manufactured products. "That is the biggest part of making the United States strong again," he added.
- Supporting educational programs that develop "a labor force that is skilled. The problem is hiring a skilled labor force fast enough."

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