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Marietta Neumann, long-time director of the McLeod Emergency Food Shelf in Glencoe, is trying to restock the shelves to keep up with the growing demands. A recent infusion of donations by area stu-

dents, scouts and church groups has helped in keeping the shelves filled. But they do not stay filled for long.

## Need never ends

Food shelf donations surge, but demand rises, too

By Rich Glennie  
Editor

“We take anything,” said Marietta Neumann, long-time director of the McLeod Emergency Food Shelf in Glencoe. “I just had a freezer donated to us by one of the churches. I don’t say ‘no’ to anything. I don’t have ‘no’ in my vocabulary.”

While donations have been coming into the Glencoe facility regularly, Neumann stressed it will continue to seek more food and cash donations as the demands on the local food shelf continue to grow.

The public has responded. A bus

full of food donations rolled in next to the food shelf on Friday morning, and Glencoe-Silver Lake students began setting up an assembly line to unload the boxes collected from all the school sites in the GSL District.

By the time the students had unloaded the bus, 1,902 pounds of donations were weighed and stored on the shelves. Added to that was another \$62 in cash donations.

That same day, Holy Trinity Catholic School in Winsted dropped another 1,288 pounds of donated items plus some cash; First Lutheran Church in Glencoe added another 947 pounds in donations plus \$30 and

Christ Lutheran Church brought in 344 pounds of food donations.

Prior to that St. Pius X of Glencoe had brought in 191 pounds, and Holy Family Catholic in Silver Lake on Monday dropped off another 212 pounds.

The area Cub Scout Pack and Boy Scouts of Troop 352 brought in 2,488 pounds during the annual fall food drive.

Neumann said more local donations are expected in the coming days.

But she also noted a trend. The

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## County Board lifts its 4-year hiring freeze

By Lori Copley  
Staff Writer

At the tail-end of a three-hour-plus meeting Nov. 20, the McLeod County Board of Commissioners voted to lift its hiring freeze.

The freeze, which barred the hiring of employees for newly created positions, was placed in effect nearly four years ago as the county struggled with declining county program aid revenue and other effects of a recessive economy.

Commissioner Paul Wright brought up the possibility of lifting the freeze in mid-October, noting that some departments are growing in business, and that the freeze prohibits the County Board from even doing something

as simple as assigning an employee more duties, because that creates a “new” position.

At that time, the County Board referred the matter to its budget committee, which on Oct. 30 recommended not lifting the freeze because there is no money budgeted in 2013 for new positions.

Commissioners Bev Wangerin and Ray Bayerl both expressed concern that lifting the freeze would “open the floodgates” on requests for new positions.

However, Wright persisted, saying that any new requests will go through a rigid review, including being considered by the county administrator, a personnel committee

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## ‘Nunsense Jamboree’ coming to City Center for December shows

The GSL Panther Association will sponsor performances of “Sister Amnesia’s Country Western Nunsense Jamboree” in December.

It is another in the series of the “Nunsense” plays, and 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.

“Sister Amnesia’s Country Western Nunsense Jamboree” is a theatrical performance filled with hysterical one-liners and infectious comic tunes.

The December perform-

ances will include two dessert theaters and four dinner theaters. The scheduled performances are:

Thursday, Dec. 20, at 7 p.m. (dessert); Friday, Dec. 21, at 6 p.m. (dinner); Friday, Dec. 28, at 6 p.m. (dinner); Saturday, Dec. 29, at 6 p.m. (dinner); Sunday, Dec. 30, at 2 p.m. (dessert); and Monday, Dec. 31, at 6 p.m. (dinner).

Tickets are on sale and can be purchased on line at [www.glencoemn.org](http://www.glencoemn.org) or at the Glencoe City Center Offices.

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

## Holly Days kicks off activities

The 2012 Holly Days began on Sunday, Nov. 25, with the tree lighting event in the Orchard Estates parking lot and will end when the annual medallion hunt is over.

The kickoff Sunday night included cookies and hot chocolate as more than 67,000 LED lights were lit. The lights will run every night from 5 p.m. to 10 p.m. through Jan. 2.

On Saturday, Dec. 1, the annual Holly Days Medallion Hunt begins with the first clue. The medallion hunt is sponsored by the Crow River Sno Pro’s with \$500 in prizes.

Also on Saturday, Dec. 1, from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., an elf workshop will be held at the Glencoe Public Library. Join the library staff for an “Elf Workshop” where participants will hear Christmas stories, make crafts, eat snacks and more in the new activity room. Children are each asked to bring a new (packaged) toy to be given to a local child in need through the McLeod County 2012 Toy Drive.

On Thursday, Dec. 6, the annual lighting contest judging will begin at 7 p.m. for the residential and business storefront contest. The lighting contest is sponsored by Glencoe Light and Power with \$500 in prizes.

On Saturday, Dec. 8, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.,

the Glencoe Historic Preservation Society Holiday Open House will be held in the Glencoe historic room in the Glencoe City Center. Complimentary cookies and cider will be available. Also, GHPS members will be having a holiday bake sale with a homemade Christmas theme.

Also on Saturday, Dec. 8, at 10 a.m., the second medallion hunt clue will be released.

Another Saturday, Dec. 8, event is kid’s day at the outdoor ice rink and sledding hill from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. The event is sponsored by the Glencoe Parks Department. Contests and refreshments will be available.

The Glencoe Lions Lighted Parade, one of the region’s largest lighted Christmas parades, will begin at 6 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 8. The parade route follows Greeley Avenue from 10th Street north to 18th Street. If one would like to register to participate in the parade, call the Glencoe Area Chamber of Commerce office at 320-864-3650.

On Thursday, Dec. 13, from 5 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., will be a Christmas Jubilee with Santa

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Glencoe Regional Health Services kicked off Glencoe’s Holly Days activities Sunday evening when it lit its “Tree of Lights” near the long-term care parking lot along 18th Street. The “Tree of Lights” is sponsored by the Friends of GRHS Foundation and the 67,000 LED lights, which pay

tribute to special people in the lives of many, twinkle and dance to favorite holiday music that can be heard by tuning into 97.9 FM radio. The light show runs from 5 p.m. to 10 p.m. nightly through Jan. 2.

## Weather

Wed., 11-28	Thur., 11-29	Fri., 11-30	Sat., 12-1	Sun., 12-2
H: 29°, L: 16°	H: 32°, L: 20°	H: 38°, L: 24°	H: 48°, L: 31°	H: 47°, L: 33°

**Looking back:** The fine fall weather gave way to cold and some snow as lows dipped to single digits above zero.

Date	Hi	Lo	Snow
Nov. 20	56	.....25	.....0.00
Nov. 21	63	.....36	.....0.00

Nov. 22	52	.....19	.....0.20
Nov. 23	25	.....9	.....0.20
Nov. 24	28	.....4	.....0.00
Nov. 25	32	.....20	.....0.00
Nov. 26	24	.....5	.....0.00

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

## Chronicle News and Advertising Deadlines

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

## Happenings

### Bake sale-luncheon set Dec. 1

First Evangelical Lutheran Church of Glencoe will host a bake sale, country store and hot turkey sandwich luncheon from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 1. Free entertainment at 11 a.m. will be by Jack Noennig and the Community Strings. All are invited.

### Lake Marion Lakers to meet

The Lake Marion Lakers 4-H Club will meet Sunday, Dec. 2, at 5:30 p.m., at the Brownton Community Center. The meeting will be the club's Christmas party and Christmas caroling will start at 6 p.m. at Shade Tree and the Brownton apartments. Anyone with questions about 4-H may call Tammy Pikal at 320-328-4036.

### Singing Friends concerts set

The Singing Friends Chorus, a 30-voice local community choir, will present three Christmas concerts this year: Sunday, Dec. 2, at 2 p.m. at Church of Peace, Norwood Young America; Saturday, Dec. 8, at 2 p.m. at St. Mark Lutheran Church, New Germany; and Sunday, Dec. 9, at 2 p.m. at First Congregational UCC in Glencoe. There will be a free-will donation, and refreshments will be served after the concerts.

### Community Strings perform

The Community Strings, under the direction of Jack Noennig, will perform two concerts on Sunday, Dec. 9. The concert "Christmas Around the World" will be at 3 p.m. and 7 p.m. at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, 1407 Cedar Ave., Glencoe. There is no charge, but a free-will offering will be taken for the McLeod Emergency Food Shelf. The doors will open one hour prior to each performance.

### GHPS Christmas open house

The Glencoe Historic Preservation Society (GHPS) will host its Christmas open house and bake sale from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 8, in the Glencoe Historic Room at the Glencoe City Center. The group will serve Christmas cookies and cider. The public is invited. Proceeds will help GHPS finish refurbishing the Glencoe Historic Room.

### 'Elf Workshop' set Dec. 1

The Glencoe Public Library is holding an "Elf Workshop" for children on Saturday, Dec. 1, from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. in the new library activity room. Children will enjoy making a craft, storytime, activities and a treat. This year's "Elf Workshop" is one of the kick-off events for Glencoe's Holly Days. Children are asked to bring a new toy to wrap at the workshop and donate to the McLeod County 2012 Toy Drive.

### Christmas luncheon, sale set

First Congregational Church, 1400 Elliott Ave., Glencoe, will host a Christmas bake sale, craft sale and luncheon from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 1. Live music will be provided by Creekside Jazz.

### Christmas hymn sing/concert

St. John's Lutheran Church will host an organ Christmas hymn sing and concert at the church at 7 p.m., Wednesday, Nov. 28. The concert will feature Christy Ittel playing favorite Christmas hymns on the church's organ with the choir and audience accompanying her. All are invited.

### Blood drive slated Nov. 28

The American Red Cross has scheduled the Glencoe community blood drive for 1 p.m. to 7 p.m., Wednesday, Nov. 28, at the Glencoe City Center ballroom. To make an appointment to donate, call Nelda at 864-3475.

### Glencoe Seniors meetings set

The Glencoe Senior Citizens Club will meet on Thursday, Nov. 29, at 12:30 p.m., in the senior room at the Glencoe City Center. Harriet Bergs will serve. Sheephead and 500 will be played. All area seniors are welcome to attend. The seniors also are looking for canasta and pinocle players, and are open to suggestions for other board and card games. The club also will meet at 12:30 p.m., Tuesday, Dec. 4.

### 'Behold the Star!' set Dec. 2

The Buffalo Creek Community Choir will present "Behold the Star! A Christmas Journey to the Light of Christ" on Sunday, Dec. 2, at 3 p.m., at Grace Lutheran Church in Brownton.

### Wee Friends' vendor fair

Wee Friends Creative Preschool will be hosting the vendor fair on Saturday, Dec. 8, from 9 a.m. to noon, at the First Congregational Church, 1400 Elliott Ave., Glencoe. Thirteen vendors will be at the event.

### Jr. high band, choir concert

The Glencoe-Silver Lake Lincoln Junior High bands and choirs present their first concert of the year on Monday, Dec. 3, at 7:30 p.m. in the GSL High School auditorium. This free concert will feature over 100 instrumentalists and vocalists from Lincoln Junior High School.

### Drive-by nativity set Dec. 2

A drive-by living nativity is set for 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., Sunday, Dec. 2, at the Sibley County fairgrounds in Arlington. Actors and live animals portray events leading to Christ's birth in six scenes. This is the 23rd year of the living nativity performance. Cash or food shelf donations will be accepted. If the Arli-Dazzle Parade on Saturday night is postponed due to weather, the living nativity will begin at 7 p.m. Upon entering tune radio to 104.9 FM.

To be included in this column, items for Happenings must be received in the Chronicle office no later than 5 p.m. on Monday of the week they are to be published.



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### Donating to food shelf

One is never too young to help out at the McLeod Emergency Food Shelf, and its director Marietta Neumann, at left, appreciates it. Last Wednesday morning the 4-year-olds at First Lutheran pre-school walked to the food shelf and dropped off about 30 pounds of goods to help re-

stock the shelves. Neumann said the shelves were pretty bare this summer and early fall before the fall food drives kicked in. But she said the demand continues to outrun supplies at the food shelf.

## Ring road, roundabout topics

McLeod County Highway Engineer John Brunkhorst announced upcoming open house dates for projects planned for the county. They include a roundabout, the South Grade Road bridge replacement, and the northeast Hutchinson ring road.

Individuals interested in learning more about upcoming county projects are invited to two open houses, one on Nov. 28 and the other on Dec. 6. Both are scheduled from 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the Hutchinson City Center, 111 Hassan St., Hutchinson.

The Nov. 28 open house and project information are as follows:

#### South Grade Road bridge replacement and northeast Hutchinson ring road.

The bridge over Otter Lake on South Grade Road on the western edge of Hutchinson is scheduled for replacement in 2013. County staff will be available to show layouts and some of the design features being considered.

A northeast Hutchinson road, being called County Road 122, has been in the planning stages for several years. This corridor would connect Trunk Highways 15 and 22.

County staff will be available to show some of the draft conceptual layouts that have been developed and get public feedback on the various options shown.

This project has not yet been programmed in the five-year plan, Brunkhorst said.

At the open house, the city of Hutchinson also will be presenting information on its recent transportation plan.

The Dec. 6 open house and project information is as follows:

#### Roundabout and State Highway 15 rehabilitation project.

These projects are scheduled for next summer and include construction of a roundabout at the intersection of Highway 15 and County Road 115 (Airport Road).

Tied to the roundabout proj-

ect is the resurfacing of Highway 15 from Highway 212 to Denver Avenue in Hutchinson.

McLeod County and MnDOT staff, along with the project consultant representatives, will be available to discuss various aspects of the project. There will be a presentation at 6 p.m.

Any questions regarding these projects can be directed to Phil Schmalz, project engineer at 320-484-4362, or e-mail at phillip.schmalz@co.mcleod.mn.us.

For other highway department-related information, see go to www.co.mcleod.mn.us/highway or check out its Facebook and Twitter pages; username is McLeodCoHwy.

## New Auburn has new mayor, 2 councilors

The New Auburn City Council will have a new look when 2013 begins.

Long-time Mayor Roger Becker opted not to seek another term, and council member Doug Munsch ran for the position and won with 126 votes on Nov. 6. There were 46 write-in ballots.

In the three-way runoff for two City Council positions, Dennis Kuehl won one seat with 75 of the 163 write-in

votes cast.

Rebecca Bruckhoff captured the other seat, after a recount, over Rory Craig Loudon. Bruckhoff finished with 63 votes to 62 for Loudon, according to New Auburn City Clerk Wendy Becker.

Becker said she had never been involved in a recount before, and the counts came back "right on."

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and his reindeer at Coborn's in Glencoe. Cookie decoration and refreshments also will be available. This event is sponsored by Coborn's.

Also on Thursday, Dec. 13, from 5 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., one can hop aboard the Trailblazer Transit and take in the tour of the lighting displays in Glencoe. The tour will be held while Santa and reindeer are visiting at Coborn's. The Tour of Lights is sponsored by Trailblazer Transit and is free.

The third medallion hunt clue will be released at 10 a.m., Saturday, Dec. 15.

On Saturday, Dec. 15, from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m., a snow

sculpture contest will be held at Oak Leaf Park. This is a family or group activity (children should be accompanied by an adult). Prizes will be awarded for top sculptures.

A Live Nativity will be held from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 15, at Oak Leaf Park. Viewers will drive through the park and look at the staged scenes. The Live Nativity will be benefiting the McLeod Emergency Food Shelf, so please bring a non-perishable food item or a cash donation.

The final medallion hunt clue, if not found yet, will be released at 10 a.m., Saturday, Dec. 22.

## Home Free Vocal Band concert Dec. 6

The Home Free Vocal Band, a five-man band with no instruments, will perform a Christmas concert at 7 p.m., Thursday, Dec. 6, in the high school auditorium.

The band, which first appeared in Glencoe last October as part of the Glencoe Concert Association series, makes the audience think it is hearing drums, bass, horns and other instruments, but it is coming from the five male voices.

"No effects. Five guys. Five mics. One stage, no instruments," said spokesman Adam Rupp. The show also is full with lights, fog snow and family entertainment for Christmas, he said.

Tickets are available at the door or can be ordered online at <http://www.homefreevocalband.com/christmas/glencoe.html>.

## CRAYO sets concert Dec. 2 at Hutchinson

The Crow River Area Youth Orchestra will be having its winter concert at 4 p.m., Sunday, Dec. 2, at Hutchinson High School Auditorium. Both the Varsity Strings and the Symphonic Orchestra will be performing.

A special guest will be Alexander Sandor, professor of piano and theory at the University of Wisconsin, Superior. He will be the playing Piano Concerto No. 2, first movement, by Sergei Rachmaninoff with the Symphonic Orchestra.

Sandor also will be giving an informative recital at 2 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 1, in the Hutchinson High School Auditorium. The program will be Sandor playing his favorite ragtime pieces.

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## Demolition work completed

The former Paul Gaines home and site of the Hair Hut on 13th Street and Ives Avenue came down late last week to make way for the new parking lot for the Johnson-McBride Funeral Chapel. Ken Polifka and crew did the demolition work, above, and were cleaning up the lot on Monday afternoon, at right. The bare lot gives a direct look from the west at the Glencoe City Center in the background from 13th Street.



## Compassionate Friends host the annual candlelighting for deceased children Dec. 9

On Sunday, Dec. 9, the Hutchinson area chapter of The Compassionate Friends is hosting its 11th annual Remembrance Candlelighting in conjunction with National Compassionate Friends' worldwide candlelighting.

The local event will be at the Dobratz-Hantge Funeral Chapel, main chapel, on Highway 15 South in Hutchinson.

The event is open to anyone who would like to come

and light a candle in remembrance of a child who died too soon; whether your own child or that of a neighbor, co-worker, relative or friend.

"It is a special time to say their name out loud and light a candle, that their light will continue to shine in our hearts," said Jo Reck of the Dobratz-Hantge Chapel. "Especially at this time of the year when their absence is so deeply felt, your support and participation can help ease

some of our pain.

"It is a very beautiful way to share with all of those who have walked in our shoes through the painful journey of losing a child," Reck said.

"Bring a photo in a frame that can stand by itself if you are honoring your own deceased child," she added.

Refreshments and a time of sharing will follow. Call Jo Reck at 320-833-2300 with any questions.

## Record

### Police Report

The Glencoe Police assisted the Minnesota State Patrol in stopping a semi at 9:26 a.m., Tuesday, Nov. 20. The semi was reported driving all over the west-bound lanes of Highway 212 from Glencoe and went into the ditch at one point and hit a sign in Norwood Young America. The vehicle was stopped at Chandler Avenue and 7th Street.

A property damage report was investigated at 1:50 p.m., Tuesday, in the 800 block of 9th Street. Plywood on a window had been pushed in.

The theft of two garbage cans was reported from a residence in the 1400 block of Hennepin Avenue on Tuesday afternoon.

A person also was struck by a vehicle in the 2300 block of 10th Street (Harpel's) at 3:26 p.m. The person was taken by ambulance to Glencoe Regional Health Services.

Police issued another six "snowbird" parking tickets overnight on Tuesday.

Police added to the snowbird citations on Wednesday morning with another seven parking, plus three nuisance ordinance, citations being issued.

Police investigated a complaint at 5:33 p.m., Wednesday, from a woman who said she was nearly hit by a semi-trailer that was backing up into a driveway on 10th Street. When she told the driver, the driver swore at her. Police spoke to the driver, who apologized for swearing. He was given a verbal warning.

Police investigated a report of an assault at a residence on Armstrong Avenue at 8:12 p.m., Wednesday.

Thirteen more "snowbird" parking citations were issued on Thursday, Nov. 22.

Police were called to a home in the 1700 block of Hennepin Avenue at 8:01 a.m. Thursday, because a woman needed assistance "with the plastic wrap on her turkey. The plastic holder was removed from inside the turkey for her," the police reported.

Police were called to two separate medicals involving elderly females on Thursday. Both were at homes on Hennepin Avenue and both were transported to the hospital by ambulance.

Another 12 "snowbird" parking tickets were issued on Friday morning.

Police and Glencoe firefighters were called to the 900 block of Taylor Avenue at 8:47 p.m., Friday, after a water heater shorted

out at a home and started insulating on fire. The insulation was cleaned out by firefighters.

During a traffic stop at 10:06 p.m., Friday, officers discovered the driver did not have a valid driver's license. The driver was cited for failing to change his Texas driver's license, even though he admitted he had lived in Minnesota for four years.

Eight more "snowbird" tickets were issued Saturday morning, and another seven were cited early Sunday morning.

Police also were called to a medical on 14th Street at 8:05 a.m., Sunday, and the elderly person was transported by ambulance to the hospital.

A squirrel "electrocuted itself and blew a breaker" at a home in the 800 block of 20th Street. The call was received at 9:14 a.m., Sunday.

Another medical call for an allergy attack sent a person to the hospital in an ambulance at 10:30 a.m., Sunday. The call came from a residence on 10th Street.

A gas drive-off was reported at Super America at 2:46 p.m., Sunday. The vehicle, heading east-bound, was caught by the State Patrol and "advised" to return to Super America and pay for the gas.

Thank you to all those who contributed money, food or their time for the Community Thanksgiving Dinner at First Congregational Church.

**104 were served.  
\$640 was donated to the food shelf.  
God bless you all!**

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**

## Area News

### Railroad rehab nearly done

ARLINGTON — The rehabilitation work on the Minnesota Prairie Line from Norwood Young America to Winthrop was completed Nov. 26, the Arlington Enterprise reported. The line runs through Arlington. The upgrade of the railroad tracks will allow trains to run at 25 miles per hour instead of the current 10 miles per hour. The remainder of the 94-mile line from Winthrop west to Hanley Falls will remain at 10 miles per hour. The upgrade of the eastern section of the line will allow for not only faster trains, but longer trains with larger locomotives, the Enterprise reported.

### Write-in wins LP Board seat

LESTER PRAIRIE — MerriLea Kylo became the newest member of the Lester Prairie School Board on Nov. 6 as a write-in candidate. Incumbents Karla Heigl and Rollie Radtke were re-elected, while incumbent Joe Miller opted not to seek another term. No one filed for his seat, the Herald Journal reported. Kylo received 262 write-in votes, defeating another write-in candidate, Chester Hoernemann, who received 53 votes.

### Concrete or bituminous?

SILVER LAKE — The Silver Lake Leader reported that Silver Lake City Council members and the McLeod County Highway Engineer John Brunkhorst are in a discussion over whether the reconstruction of Grove Street north and south in the city should be done with a concrete surface favored by the county or bituminous surface favored by City Council members. The disagreement got a bit terse when Brunkhorst responded by letter to a cost comparison.

### Board gets facility feedback

ARLINGTON — The Arlington Enterprise reported that the Sibley East School Board held "listening sessions" with service groups in the school district to determine why a building referendum was not successful last year and how to proceed in the future. While the community groups agreed the educational system at Sibley East is good, how to address future space needs and costs were debated. The sessions involved the Green Isle Lions Club members, Arlington Chamber of Commerce members and members of the Gaylord Rotary and Sertoma clubs.

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Profession/Occupation: Owner of Home Solutions of Glencoe and Home Solutions of Norwood.  
How many years have you been in Glencoe: 12 years.  
How long have you been a Rotarian and why did you join Rotary: 12 years... I joined Rotary because of its mission to put service above self. I enjoy the camaraderie of our weekly lunches and I enjoy raising funds to benefit our local community.  
Name some reasons you came to Glencoe and/or what are some good things about Glencoe: I came back to Glencoe after getting my business management degree from Hamline University. The opportunity to own my own business was presented to me and since my wife wanted to work in a rural setting, it felt like it was a nice fit for both of us. I enjoy being a part of a small community that can pretty much meet any purchasing need we might have. I like the feel of a small town business community, small town school system and its proximity to the metro is perfect.  
Family: wife, Mandy Leino; children, Kendall, 8; Sawyer, 5; and Finley, 1-1/2.

— DID YOU KNOW —  
The Glencoe Rotary Club's Christmas in May project has painted six houses for low income families in Glencoe.

John and Ann Graupmann cordially invite you to  
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Sessions begin at 1:30 p.m.  
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*Santa Claus is Coming!*

Midwest Machinery and Gert & Erma's Coffee Shop have invited Santa to stop in and visit them!  
**Saturday, Dec. 1**  
10:00-11:30 a.m. at Midwest Machinery  
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\*Remember to bring your camera!  
Santa will be riding in style on his new John Deere Gator!  
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## Glencoe Enterprise crossed ethical line with SWIF loan

Our view: Local newspaper's approach is just what Founding Fathers aimed to avoid

Newspapers are unique in America. Through the First Amendment of the U.S. Constitution, they are guaranteed freedom from government interference. There is no other specific business in this country given that guarantee by our Founding Fathers. Why?

Because the Founding Fathers, more than anyone, understood the power of the free press. Newspapers were the main conduit for the exchange of opinions on the issues of the day and for the ideas of a better future. The Founding Fathers also understood that a free press was essential to good, honest government, and that its key role in society is to be a "watchdog" against government abuses and over extensions.

Fast forward 236 years, and that role continues to evolve with the addition of radio, television and now the Internet. But the main goal remains the same. To ensure government operates in a transparent way, and that when abuses are found, they are exposed. Shining a light in those dark corners, in other words.

But what happens when the press gets into bed with government or gets too cozy with those it may have to cover? What happens when a newspaper, or any other medium, takes special interest money in order to survive financially?

The whole watchdog role is thrown out the window along with the perception of fairness and objectivity. The newspaper's reputation is shot, in other words.

So it was with shock that we received a notice from the Southwest Initiative Foundation (SWIF) last week that our competitor, The Glencoe Enterprise, a newspaper, received a loan from this quasi-government entity.

The loan to Enterprise owners Kevin and Jean Johnson was awarded as "a microenterprise loan" from SWIF to help the Enterprise expand its services and staff.

First of all, why would the Enterprise owners want to take that money with strings attached? Second, do they even comprehend the role of a serious newspaper? If they did, they would not have even considered getting a SWIF-backed loan. They would have gone to a commercial bank for funding, like other businesses.

The Enterprise has crossed an ethical line in the newspaper business that seriously impedes its ability to report objectively. It has become a subsidized newspaper beholden to its benefactor. That is just what our Founding Fathers wanted to avoid.

On a more practical level, The Enterprise has now made the playing field uneven. While The Chronicle and other community newspapers, struggle to maintain staff and services amid budget cuts, wage freezes and revenue shortfalls in these tough economic times, the Enterprise has artificially boosted its revenues with an infusion of loaned money not earned.

Disturbing is SWIF, and why it would assist a business involved in "a watchdog role" in society. Even more disturbing is why it would play favorites. Why would it choose to assist one newspaper over another? It should have assisted neither.

The McLeod County Chronicle would never consider a financial arrangement with SWIF. We take our role seriously.

The public, therefore, needs to ask: Why would our competitor sell its soul?

— R.G.



## My 'girlie' granddaughter bagged a deer!

My granddaughter, Leah, is a "girlie girl." She likes girls' things — makeup, fingernail polish, pink colors. She also likes to deer hunt.

Well, not sure, but she bagged her first deer this fall, a six-point buck with three antlers pointed up and three pointed down.

Son Kevin, Leah's father and hunting mentor, said they are cleaning up the "deer gene pool" in the Fairmont area by shooting these "abnormal looking" deer.

The previous year, they bagged a one-horned deer. Apparently, the Fairmont area has a herd of unicorns.

Needless to say, I was surprised my granddaughter took up deer hunting considering her other girlish traits.

She is pint-sized at age 14, or is that more appropriately considered petite? Well, she is small by my standards at a whopping 83 pounds. I suspect that is with an ammo belt on, but she tends to be a bit sensitive when I kid her about her weight.

After being married as long as I have, you would think I would have learned not to discuss weight with females. But Grandpas and granddaughters can do that, I guess.

So I asked her: "Did you shoot the antlers off this one?" She only frowned at me.

"Was the deer laughing so hard at your shooting prowess, it ran into a tree branch and impaled itself?" Another frown.

Inside, I'm pretty proud of her



Rich Glennie

feat. Outwardly, I'm having fun with my granddaughter. I suspect the frowns are not all that sincere.

Anyway, after Leah downed the six-point buck, she sends me a photo proudly showing off her trophy and the rifle she used.

It is not the "pink" rifle she asked for, but even my son has limits of what he will tolerate in the field. No pink guns, he said, in case she didn't like hunting. He imagined himself trying to sell a pink gun to his buddies. The ribbing would have been merciless.

But that's the way hunting buddies are to each other — merciless. I should know, I was on the receiving end 40 years ago, and I can still hear their taunts. I haven't hunted since.

That I constantly got lost in the north woods along the rugged shores of Rainy Lake is beside the point.

That they had to rescue me by boat after I overshot the camp by 20 yards in the thick woods and wandered along the shoreline for an hour is beside the point.

That I never saw a deer, because I was so hopelessly lost and working up a sweat in the cold and snow of November is beside the point.

The point is I tried the sport of deer hunting, and found I was no good at it. But the memories, good and bad, still remain.

Hopefully, that is what Leah got from her foray into deer hunting. That her Grandpa is giving her a hard time is all part of the process.

But as I'm reminded, she shot one more deer than I did.



Granddaughter Leah, the deerslayer.

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### Question of the week

What are your views on the new city ordinance banning on-street parking in Glencoe from Nov. 1 to April 1 between the hours of 1 a.m. to 6 a.m.?

- 1) I love it
- 2) I hate it
- 3) It should be allowed if there is no snow

Results for most recent question:

**The city of Glencoe opted for Waste Management to handle its recycling services after the county went with another hauler. Waste Management offers a one-sort pick-up service. Which do you prefer: one-sort or the multi-sort programs?**

- 1) One sort — 85%
- 2) 3-sort — 0%
- 3) 5-sort — 3%
- 4) Do not plan to recycle — 12%

59 votes. New question runs Nov. 28-Dec. 4

**Feel strongly about an issue?**  
Share your opinion with The McLeod County Chronicle readers through a letter to the editor.

Please include your name, address and telephone number (for verification purposes). email to: [richg@glencoenews.com](mailto:richg@glencoenews.com)

## Letters to Editor

### Council's decision on 1-sort recycling not needed

**To the Editor:**

Two weeks ago in the paper the city of Glencoe said it would be voluntary to sign up for the new one-sort recycling. This last week, they said we have to do it at an added cost of \$2.90 a month.

With West Central, the county was

picking up the tab. This is crazy that the city would go ahead on their own and change it. This is just stupid to make the homeowners pay for something we don't need.

I know for one thing, this homeowner will be throwing everything in the garbage before I pay extra for

something we didn't need.

This all started because of a couple people from the City Council stated they couldn't figure how, or were too lazy to use, the five-sort method of recycling.

Wayne Rosenfeld  
Glencoe

### Soldier appreciates locally generated 'care' package

**To the Editor:**

For your information, I got this e-mail this morning (Nov. 21). I sent the package two weeks ago. Wow!

Greetings Mr. Douglas and Linda Krueger,

I received your care package, and I am humbled and honored you thought of a lonely soldier here in Afghanistan. I would ask that you pass along my many thanks to your family, friends and community that

allowed you to be able to bring a smile to not only my face, but the faces of the other soldiers with whom I will be sharing these goodies with.

Happy Thanksgiving, and Merry Christmas to you all.  
Richard Hyde  
CW3, FA  
KAF, Afghanistan

I wanted to share this with you. Thank you for your and newspaper's

support!

Linda Krueger  
Glencoe

**Editor's note: The Kruegers are involved in "Operation Minnesota Nice," which sends packages to military personnel deployed overseas, especially during the holidays. Linda Krueger will continue sending packages as long as donations come in. If interested, call her at 320-864-5944.**

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



Deadline for the McLeod County Chronicle news is 5 p.m., and advertising is noon, Monday. Deadline for Glencoe Advertiser advertising is noon, Wednesday. Deadline for The Galaxy advertising is noon Wednesday.

# Stewart City Council rethinks sidewalk routes at workshop

By Lori Copley  
Staff Writer

The Stewart City Council reworked the sidewalk routes it established earlier this year at a workshop session Monday night.

During the lengthy discussion, the City Council decided it was best to establish sidewalks near businesses and city property, such as the park and the community center, and along the Prior Street and Main Street truck routes.

Previously, the City Council had adopted walking routes on the north sides of Martha, Main Hall and Croyden streets, as well as the west side of Prior.

Council Member Michael Aydt, who helped draw up the original routes, said he was thinking of families with children when he made the proposal.

Aydt said he was thinking of parents who would point out the sidewalk and tell their

children, "You stay on this sidewalk until you get to the park."

While some people do use the walks, Council Member Tammy Schaufler pointed out that many people who walk use the street instead, and expressed concern about the city establishing — and paying for — sidewalks that may not be used much.

In the end, the City Council decided on its plans to put sidewalks in the busier areas

of the business district, the city property and, as a safer option, along the truck routes.

City Clerk Ronda Huls will present a revised map at the City Council's next regular meeting for formal adoption.

The City Council also revisited its cemetery ordinance Monday night.

The City Council plans to update some archaic language — for example, a husband is to be buried on the south side of a double lot while his wife

gets the north side — as well as updating the materials that can be used for monuments and markers to include wrought iron.

The City Council also intends to remove its ban on the placement of such memorial objects as balloons, banners, solar lanterns, etc., and instead will allow those items on a cemetery lot, provided that they do not interfere with city personnel's maintenance of the cemetery, such as

mowing or edging.

Materials that do interfere with that work, or which fall into disrepair, can be removed by city personnel and disposed of without liability to the city, the ordinance will say.

That ordinance, too, will be formally considered at the City Council's next meeting.

## History

### From the Brownton Bulletin archives

#### 100 Years Ago

Nov. 29, 1912  
O.C. Conrad, Editor

The Brownton Improvement Association held its annual election Tuesday evening with the following results: Frank Mann, president; O.C. Conrad, vice president; O.G. Zimmerman, secretary; J.F. Zeidler, treasurer; and William Peik, Dr. E.L. Maurer and O.F. Sell, executive board.

Mrs. Minnie Carrigan, mother of Mrs. P.B. Rasmussen, residing four miles west of Brownton, died at the home of her niece in Fairmont last week. She was one of the survivors of the massacre of 1862 and was well known throughout this part of the state, having written an interesting book, "Captured by the Indians."

On Monday of this week, W.C. Groth purchased the confectionery stock owned by H.W. Forder and will continue the business in the present location.

#### 75 Years Ago

Nov. 25, 1937  
Percy L. Hakes, Editor

Edward Plagen, 35, a resident of New Auburn, was knocked down by a car and killed shortly after midnight last Friday. The fatality occurred on Highway 22 about a half-mile north of the village. The driver of the car which struck the unfortunate man was Edwin Schuft, who resides south of Brownton.

A popular young man of Penn

Township, in the person of George Schiro, son of Mr. and Mrs. F.F. Schiro, took himself a bride last Friday afternoon. He was united in marriage to Miss LaVerna Brede at the Penn church.

A baby boy was born to Mr. and Mrs. William Hochsprung Tuesday, Nov. 16. This is their first and the young couple feel quite proud of the little family. Mother and baby are getting along nicely at this time.

#### 50 Years Ago

Nov. 29, 1962  
Charles H. Warner, Editor

The Brownton High School senior class will present "The Death and Life of Larry Benson" on Tuesday, Dec. 4, 8 p.m., in the auditorium. Cast members include Karen Lehmann, Mary Wacker, Karen Kreil, Janet Grochow, Evonne Tessmer, Noreen Roepke, Myron Bipes, Ron Kelm, Susan Griebie, Karen Lamp, Jim Hansch, Glenn Paehlke and Bob Zaska.

Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Max announce the birth of a son, Kevin Carter, on Nov. 20.

Mr. and Mrs. Willmar Dennin announce the birth of a son Nov. 19.

The Concordia Ladies Aid of Immanuel Lutheran Church in Brownton held its annual election and meeting recently, electing Mrs. John Lietz as president; Mrs. Herman Schmidt, vice president; Mrs. Henry Janke, secre-

tary; and Mrs. Elmer Podratz, treasurer.

#### 20 Years Ago

Nov. 25, 1992  
Lori Copley, Editor

The Stewart City Council voted Monday night to replace the furnace in the city clerk's office after it malfunctioned last week, causing a carbon monoxide build-up that nearly overcame the city clerk.

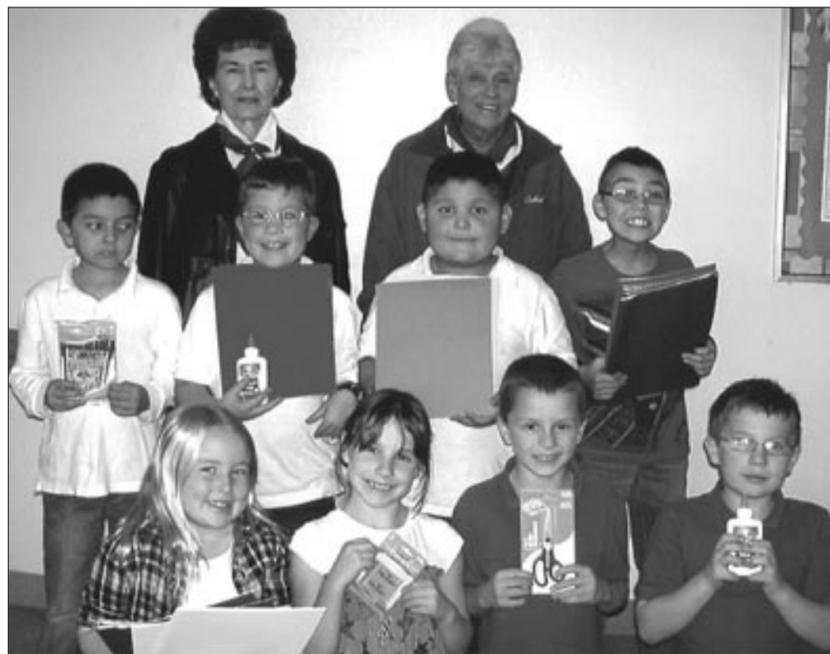
Arnie Holtz, 47, of Stewart, died Thursday, Nov. 5, at the Methodist Hospital in St. Louis Park. Funeral services were held Tuesday, Nov. 10, at St. Matthew's Lutheran Church in Fernando.

The Tomahawk and Circle 8 conferences recently named their fall all-conference teams. Named from McLeod West to the Tomahawk All-Conference football team were Shane McCormick and Corey Schwartz, while Corey Draeger, Kelly Lindeman and Ron Kelm Jr. received honorable mention. Marcia Kreie and Angela Olesen were named to the Circle 8 all-conference volleyball team.

#### 10 Years Ago

Nov. 27, 2002  
Lori Copley, Editor

Ron Smith, a former Chicago street-gang member, spoke to parents and their children at a symposium Wednesday, Nov. 20, at McLeod West Schools.



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### School supplies delivered

The Glencoe American Legion Auxiliary Unit 95 delivered school supplies to the three elementary schools in Glencoe as part of American Education Week. The students are from St. Pius X Catholic School and include, front, from left to right, Jenna Neyers, Raquel Nelson,

Sawyer Kaczmarek and Hunter Schaefer. In the second row are Damion Schwartz, Dane Peterson, Armando Guardado and Frank Jilek. In the back are Marge Farrell and Connie Jutz representing the Legion Auxiliary.

### From the Stewart Tribune archives

#### 100 Years Ago

Nov. 29, 1912  
A.F. Avery, Editor

Jos. Navara of Collins submitted to an operation for a tumor in his stomach at the Eitel hospital in Minneapolis Friday morning. Considering the nature of the operation, which was a very serious one, the patient was doing very well as this was written and we trust that his rugged constitution will bring him through to a rapid and complete recovery.

A daring hold-up was committed in a Glencoe saloon Thursday night. A party of men, most of them prominent businessmen, were playing skat in the place when the door was pushed open and a man with gun ordered them all to line up against the back wall. The robber helped himself to all the money and valuables he could discover in the pockets of the card players, getting several hundred dollars along with watches, etc. He then walked out, but apparently made no attempt to leave town. The fire bell was rung and it was not long before the desperado was captured and identified, along with two other men who were apparently accomplices. The men were members of a railroad construction gang, we are told.

#### 75 Years Ago

Nov. 26, 1937  
Harry Koepfen, Editor

The Stewart Lutheran parish was the scene of a very quiet wedding on Thursday evening of last week when the Rev. C.H. Kowalske pronounced the words that made Miss Luella Mildred Kreger of Stewart and George B. Chatfield of Clear Lake, Wis., man and wife. The bride is the daughter of Mrs. Eva Kreger of Stewart. The groom has been

employed near Stewart for some time and is known to intimates as a sterling young man. The couple plan to make their home with the bride's mother in Stewart.

The Collins-Round Grove 4-H Club held its annual meeting Friday evening. Officers elected were Opal Oleson, president; Wyllis Reiner, vice president; Arlie Hall, secretary; Robert Peterson, treasurer; Audrey Oleson, reporter. Mrs. Joe Reiner and Ray Oleson were re-elected as adult leaders.

#### 50 Years Ago

Nov. 29, 1962  
Kermit T. Hubin, Editor

St. Paul's American Lutheran Church in Stewart was the setting for the wedding of Miss Elsie Bethke and Roy A. Johnson on Saturday, Nov. 3. Miss Bethke is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Bethke of Stewart and Mr. Johnson is the son of Mrs. Hildur Johnson of Exeland, Wis.

Art Burge Sr. of Stewart is conducting a preliminary survey of a A.S.C.-approved ditch, which will extend a distance of about 10 miles, emptying into Baker's Lake, south of Brownton, and will run west to the Wayne Bulau and Walter Penk farms southwest of Stewart.

Stewart residents will go to the polls next Tuesday to cast their ballots for four offices of the village. Incumbents who filed to succeed themselves are Ed Athman for trustee (councilman), Danny Dols for clerk and Ruben Beich for assessor. J. Kloempken, justice of the peace, did not file for re-election.

Alvin Otto, rural Stewart, will be honored Dec. 3 for completing 20 years as a salesman for Pioneer Hi-Bred Corn Company

of Des Moines. Otto will receive an engraved chime mantle clock at a Pioneer party in St. Cloud.

#### 35 Years Ago

Dec. 1, 1977  
Kermit T. Hubin, Editor

A fire of undetermined origin gutted a large workshop on the Jim Ludowese farm, about five miles southwest of Stewart, last Wednesday afternoon, Nov. 23. Besides damage to the building, a tractor and truck were lost in the fire, as well as shop tools and other equipment.

A fire damaged the cabin owned by Albion Klammer, on the east shore of Lake Marion, after midnight Sunday evening. The origin of the fire is not known. Klammer was not home at the time, and the fire was reported by a passing motorist via citizens band (CB) radio. The call brought out both the Hutchinson and Brownton fire departments. Many household items were removed from the burning cabin, but the interior received considerable damage.

#### 30 Years Ago

Dec. 2, 1982  
Dave Stoltz, Editor

Monday morning, Arnold Koenig was headed north on County Road 7 toward his home with a load of dried corn when, about one mile from Stewart, the hitch on his wagon broke, causing it to tip into the ditch. The corn was vacuumed into a semi by Kantt Service of Buffalo Lake.

Betsy Ludowese, daughter of Ray and Loretta Ludowese of Stewart, received the 4-H Key Award at the Sibley County 4-H awards night Saturday, Nov. 27. She is a member of the Grafton Merry-makers 4-H Club.

### Nominations sought for day care provider of year

The McLeod County Social Service Center is seeking nominations for the "Professional Family Child Care Provider of the Year."

Parents and community members are encouraged to nominate licensed family care professionals who have had a positive impact on children and the community.

Nominated individuals

must have been licensed for a minimum of three years, promote in-home licensed child care in the community, exhibit special competency and professionalism in the child care field, and have plans to continue to enhance their skills in child care.

If you know of a family day care provider who deserves special recognition for

the positive impact she or he has made in the lives of young children, contact the McLeod Social Service Center at 320-864-3144, 320-484-4330 (Hutchinson) or 1-800-247-1756 (toll free) to request a nomination form.

The deadline for nominations is Jan. 18.

### Brownton Santa Day set Dec. 8

The Brownton Lions Club will host "Santa Day" Saturday, Dec. 8, from 10 a.m. to noon, at the Brownton Community Center.

There will be activities, treats for the kids and goodie bags will be handed out. Santa, of course, will be on hand to visit with children.

### 22 Brownton seniors met on Monday

Twenty Brownton senior citizens met Monday at the community center.

Cards were played after the meeting with the following winners: 500, Bernetta Alsleben, first, and Gladys Rickert, second; pinochle, John Huebert, first, and Betty Katzenmeyer, second; and sheephead, Lowell Brelje, first, and Harriet Bergs, second.

Theola Fors won the door prize. Bernetta Alsleben served refreshments.

The next meeting will be Monday, Dec. 3, at 1 p.m. All seniors are welcome.

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**Community Calendar**

**Wed., Nov. 28** — Organ Christmas hymn sing and concert, St. John's Lutheran Church, 7 p.m.

**Thurs., Nov. 29** — AA Group Mtg. next to Post Office in Stewart, 8 p.m., call 320-212-5290 for info.

**Sun., Dec. 2** — Lake Marion Lakers 4-H Club Christmas party and caroling, Brownton Community Center, 5:30 p.m., call Tammy Pikal at 320-328-4036 with questions; Buffalo Creek Community Choir presents "Behold the Star! A Christmas Journey to the Light of Christ," Grace Lutheran Church, Brownton, 3 p.m.

**Mon., Dec. 3** — Tops Weigh-In mtg., 5-5:30 p.m.; Brownton Senior Citizens Club, 1 p.m.; GSL Lincoln Jr. High bands and choirs concert, GSL High School auditorium, 7:30 p.m.

**Tues., Dec. 4** — Narcotics Anonymous, Brownton Community Center, 7 p.m.; Brownton City Council, 7 p.m.

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## First Lutheran donations

Students from First Lutheran School of Glencoe collected more than 650 food items and \$30 Nov. 21 for the McLeod Emergency Food Shelf. The collection was a Thanksgiving offering in the

school's weekly chapel service. Students shown gathering the food for transport, from left, are Blake Dahlke, Addisyn Stuewe, Adam Schauer, Karina Lieske, Katelyn Ober and Max Edwards.

## Engagements

### Wilkens — Hellquist

Bailey Wilkens and Aaron Hellquist announce their engagement and forthcoming marriage on Aug. 10, 2013, in Glencoe.

Wilkens is the daughter of Mark and Lois Wilkens of Plato. Hellquist is the son of Richard and Debra Hellquist of North St. Paul.

Wilkens is a 2009 graduate of Glencoe-Silver Lake High School. She completed the phlebotomy program at St. Catherine's University in May 2011 and works for Memorial Blood Center as a collections specialist throughout the Twin Cities.

Hellquist is a 2008 graduate of North High School in St. Paul. He completed his



Bailey Wilkens  
Aaron Hellquist

apprenticeship with Iron Workers Local 512 in May 2012. He is a journeyman ironworker with SOWELS Company.

The couple plans to make their home in Coon Rapids.

## People

### Daughter born to Draegers

Corey and Anna Draeger of Brownton announce the birth of their daughter, Lillyanna Mae, on Nov. 12, 2012, at Ridgeview Medical Center in Waconia. Lillyanna weighed 7 pounds, 9 ounces, and was 18-1/2 inches in length. Grandparents are Brian and Deb Draeger of Stewart and Dave and Dawn Prehn of Plato.

### Cruz, Rosales announce birth

Alejandra Cruz and Arnulfo Alcalá Rosales announce the birth of their daughter, Shantelle Noemi Alcalá, on Nov. 6, 2012, at Glencoe Regional Health Services. Shantelle weighed 8 pounds, 14 ounces, and was 21 inches long. Grandmother is Luz Maria Cruz of Glencoe, step-grandparent is Rafael Gavina of Glencoe, and grandparents are Olga Rosales Diaz of Irapuato Gto, Mexico, and Amolfo Clemente Alcalá Garcia of Long Prairie.

### Girl for Salinas, Villagomez

Karina Salinas and Damian Villagomez of Glencoe announce the birth of their daughter, Emily Villagomez, on Nov. 19, 2012, at Glencoe Regional Health Services. Emily weighed 7 pounds, 9 ounces, and was 19-3/4 inches in length. Her older brother is Damian Villagomez Jr.

### Birth for Morado, Fillbrandt

Vanessa Morado and Bryan Fillbrandt of Glencoe announce the birth of their daughter, Emma Aurora Fillbrandt, on Nov. 20, 2012, at Glencoe Regional Health Services. Emma weighed 6 pounds, 13 ounces, and was 18-1/2 inches long. She joins an older sister, Hannah Kay Fillbrandt. Grandparents are Gerardo Morado of Brownsville, Texas, Velia Morado of LeCenter and Dave and Lori Fillbrandt of Glencoe.

## Day of prayer set Dec. 6 at Berean Baptist Church

"Over the past few months, as a church, we have felt an increasing burden to pray for our country and community along with praying for those who may be hurting in McLeod County," said the Rev. Jonathan Pixler of Berean Baptist Church.

"Please join us on Dec. 6 at Berean Baptist Church, and together we will pray for healing and a move of Holy Spirit to touch lives in a powerful way," Pixler said.

Soup and sandwiches will be provided at 6 p.m. and then together join in prayer and singing from 6:45 p.m. to 8 p.m., allowing participants to pray specifically for: our country, our community and our families. "According to the Word of God, I believe if we truly humble ourselves, seek the Lord, and pray, He will move His Hand in a mighty and powerful way and begin to bring healing to our land," Pixler said.



## Early Childhood Family Education

## Gingerbread house making set Nov. 29

Don't miss the upcoming ECFE special event, "Make & Take Gingerbread Houses."

Imagine a cottage with curlicue accents and candy shingles. A cottage or a castle bedazzled with goodies is what you will create with graham crackers, frosting and lots of treats.

Whether it's your first time or it has become a family tradition, don't miss this opportunity to create an edible masterpiece for the season.

The event will be held in the Helen Baker ECFE addition Thursday, Nov. 29, at 9

a.m. or Thursday, Nov. 29, at 6 p.m. There is a small fee to attend. Register by calling the ECFE office at 320-864-2681 or via e-mail dschiroo@gsi.k12.mn.us.

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12:10, 2:40, 5:05, 7:05, 9:10

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1) Show Times for Mon.-Thurs., Dec. 3-6.

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**Christmas Bake Sale & Chili Luncheon**  
Saturday, Dec. 8  
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 Fri., Nov. 30 — Men's Bible study, 9 a.m.  
 Sun., Dec. 2 — Sunday school for all ages, 9 a.m.; worship, 10:20 a.m.; service on Glencoe Cable Channel 10, 10:30 a.m.  
 Tues., Dec. 4 — Men's Bible study, 6 a.m.

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 Wed., Nov. 28 — Men's breakfast, Bible study, 8 a.m.; televised worship on Channel 10, 2 p.m.; bells, 5:30 p.m.; confirmation, 6:30 p.m.; choir, 6:30 p.m.; lay minister meeting, 7 p.m.  
 Thurs., Nov. 29 — "Unbinding the Gospel" training, 7 p.m.  
 Sat., Dec. 1 — Decorating tree, 9 a.m.  
 Sun., Dec. 2 — Worship with communion, 8:15 a.m. and 10:45 a.m.; Sunday school and adult education, 9:30 a.m.; WELCA Christmas tea, fellowship hall, 2 p.m.  
 Mon., Dec. 3 — Televised worship, 3 p.m. on Channel 10.  
 Tues., Dec. 4 — Ladies fellowship at Gert & Erma's, 10 a.m.; GSL ministerial at Gert & Erma's, 10:30 a.m.

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 Wed., Nov. 28 — Diocesan pension board meeting, 1 p.m.; evening prayer, 5:40 p.m.; Mass, 6 p.m.; kindergarten through sixth-grade religious education (RE) classes, 7 p.m.-8 p.m.; seventh-through 11th-grade RE classes, 7 p.m.-8:15 p.m.; sacrament of reconciliation for RE students.  
 Thurs., Nov. 29 — Mass at GRHS-LTC, 10:30 a.m.; Schoenstatt boys' group meeting, 2 p.m.; APC meeting at Holy Family, 7 p.m.  
 Fri., Nov. 30 — Morning prayer, 8 a.m.; Mass, 8:20 a.m.; no school, teacher workshop; Spanish Mass, 5:30 p.m.; youth group "Kids Nite Out" event, 5:30 p.m.-9:30 p.m.  
 Sat., Dec. 1 — Widow/widower and senior singles breakfast, Dubbs, 9:30 a.m.; Spanish baptism class, 10 a.m.; CUF Advent potluck; reconciliation, 3 p.m.; Holy Land religious article sale before and after Mass; Mass, 5 p.m.  
 Sun., Dec. 2 — First Sunday of Advent; Holy Land religious article sale before and after Mass; Mass, 9:30 a.m.; Spanish Mass, 11:30 a.m.

Spanish RE classes, 12:45 p.m.; Spanish parent reconciliation, 12:45 p.m.; St. Pius X/Holy Family youth group Christmas caroling, 1:30 p.m.-6 p.m.; Mass at Holy Family, Silver Lake, 8 p.m.  
 Mon., Dec. 3 — No Mass; adult choir, 7 p.m.  
 Tues., Dec. 4 — Morning prayer, 8 a.m.; Mass, 8:20 a.m.; junior choir, 2:50 p.m.

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 Wed., Nov. 28 — Women's fellowship executive board, 5:30 p.m.; choir practice, 6:30 p.m.  
 Sun., Dec. 2 — Worship, 9:15 a.m.; Sunday school, 10:35 a.m.

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 Wed., Nov. 28 — Public school confirmation, 3:30 p.m.; Christ Chimes, 4 p.m.; Gospel Ringers, 6 p.m.; senior choir, 6:15 p.m.  
 Thurs., Nov. 29 — Technology committee, 6:30 p.m.; worship planning committee, 7 p.m.  
 Sat., Dec. 1 — Bake sale and country store, 9 a.m.; NYG meeting, 5:30 p.m.; youth worship, 7 p.m.; NYG Christmas party, 8 p.m.  
 Sun., Dec. 2 — Worship with communion, 8 a.m.; fellowship, 9 a.m.; Sunday school, 9:15 a.m.; worship, 10:30 a.m.; Spanish worship, 6 p.m.  
 Mon., Dec. 3 — LWML Christmas potluck, 12:30 p.m.; Praise Folk, 8 p.m.  
 Tues., Dec. 4 — Bible study, 9:30 a.m.; board of stewardship, 6:30 p.m.; First Edition book club at Linda Donnan's, 6:30 p.m.; day school board, 7 p.m.; youth board, 7 p.m.

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 Wed., Nov. 28 — Kids Praise, 3:15 p.m.; REVEAL, 5:30 p.m.; F3, 7:30 p.m.  
 Sat., Dec. 1 — New member class, 9 a.m.  
 Sun., Dec. 2 — Choir, 7:45 a.m.; worship with communion, 9 a.m.; voters selection meeting, Blue Moose Caboose, 10:15 a.m.; long-term care chapel, 1 p.m.; guild Christmas party, 3 p.m.; Community Strings, 4:30 p.m.  
 Tues., Dec. 4 — GSLC Bible study, 9:30 a.m.; GSL ministerial at Gert & Erma's, 10:30 a.m.

**ST. JOHN'S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN**  
**4505 80th St., Helen Township**  
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 Wed., Nov. 28 — Fifth- and sixth-grade catechism, 3:45 p.m.; seventh-

and eighth-grade catechism, 4:45 p.m.; Christmas carol hymn sing, 7 p.m.  
 Thurs., Nov. 29 — Bible study at Grand Meadows, 2 p.m.  
 Sat., Dec. 1 — Christmas caroling, 10:30 a.m.  
 Sun., Dec. 2 — Worship, 9 a.m.; Sunday school, 10 a.m.; Bible class, 10:20 a.m.; ladies aid Christmas party, 12:30 p.m.  
 Mon., Dec. 3 — Elders meeting, 6 p.m.; church board, 6:30 p.m.  
 Tues., Dec. 4 — Table Talk, 7 p.m.

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**Andrew Hermodson-Olsen, Pastor**  
**E-mail:**  
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 Wed., Nov. 28 — Confirmation class, 4 p.m.; choir rehearsal, 7 p.m.  
 Thurs., Nov. 29 — South Africa partnership meeting, Zion Lutheran, Arlington, 6 p.m.  
 Sat., Dec. 1 — Women's guest day.  
 Sun., Dec. 2 — Worship with communion, 8:45 a.m.; Sunday school, 10 a.m.; Buffalo Creek Community Choir cantata, 3 p.m.  
 Mon., Dec. 3 — Local broadcast, 6 p.m.  
 Tues., Dec. 4 — Bible study, 9 a.m.

**IMMANUEL LUTHERAN**  
**700 Division St., Brownton**  
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 Wed., Nov. 28 — Bible study with pastor, 9 a.m.; confirmation classes, 4 p.m.; bell choir practice, 6:30 p.m.; stewardship meeting, 6:30 p.m.  
 Thurs., Nov. 29 — Parkview Bible study, 1:30 p.m.  
 Sun., Dec. 2 — Worship with communion, 9 a.m.; L.W.M.L. mites; Sunday school, Bible study with pastor, youth group meeting, 10:15 a.m.; Channel 8 video.

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 Sun., Dec. 2 — Worship, 9 a.m.; Bible study and Sunday school, 10 a.m.

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 Wed., Nov. 28 — WELCA sewing, 10 a.m.-3 p.m.; seventh-grade confirmation, 3:30 p.m.; eighth-grade confirmation, 5:30 p.m.; budget committee meeting, 7 p.m.

**ST. BONIFACE CATHOLIC**  
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 Wed., Nov. 28 — Mass, 9 a.m.  
 Thurs., Nov. 29 — Mass, 9 a.m.  
 Sun., Dec. 2 — Mass, 9:15 a.m.

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 Sun., Dec. 2 — Sunday school, 9 a.m.; worship with communion, 10:30 a.m.; potluck and program follows service.

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 Wed., Nov. 28 — Youth and adult activities night, 7 p.m.  
 Sun., Dec. 2 — Worship, 10 a.m.

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 Wed., Nov. 28 — Youth choir practice, 5 p.m.; Midweek, 6 p.m.  
 Thurs., Nov. 29 — Bible study, 8:45 a.m.; bulletin deadline.  
 Sun., Dec. 2 — "Time of Grace," TV Channel 9, 6:30 a.m.; worship with communion, 9 a.m.; Sunday school, 10 a.m.; Bible study, 10:10 a.m.; Advent begins.  
 Tues., Dec. 4 — Circuit pastors, 9:20 a.m.-2 p.m.; Grand Meadow visits; prayer meeting, 5 p.m.; church council, 7 p.m.

**ST. PAUL'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST**  
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 Wed., Nov. 28 — Office open, 9 a.m.; men's coffee, 9 a.m.; confirmation class, 5 p.m.; adult choir, 6 p.m.  
 Fri., Nov. 30 — Office open, 9 a.m.  
 Sun., Dec. 2 — Sunday school, 8:45 a.m.; worship, 10 a.m.; fellowship time, 11 a.m.  
 Mon., Dec. 3 — Bible study, 7 p.m.

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 Wed., Nov. 28 — Seventh-grade confirmation, 4 p.m.; eighth-grade confirmation, 5 p.m.  
 Thurs., Nov. 29 — Vryheid meeting, Zion Lutheran, Arlington, 6 p.m.  
 Sun., Dec. 2 — Worship with communion, 9 a.m.; fellowship time, 10 a.m.; Sunday school, 10:15 a.m.; adult class, 10:20 a.m.

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 Wed., Nov. 28 — Confirmation class, 6 p.m.; prayer time and puppet practice, 7 p.m.  
 Sat., Dec. 1 — Men's Bible study, 7 a.m.; women's Bible study, 9 a.m.  
 Sun., Dec. 2 — "First Light" radio broadcast on KARP 106.9 FM, 7:30 a.m.; fellowship and refreshment time, 9 a.m.; pre-service prayer time, 9:15 a.m.; worship service, 9:30 a.m.; Sunday school and Christmas program practice, 10:35 a.m.; open shooting for Centershot graduates, 11:45 a.m.

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 Wed., Nov. 28 — Light supper, 5:30 p.m.; WOW classes, 6 p.m.; choir practice, 7 p.m.  
 Fri., Nov. 30 — Hanging of the greens, 6:30 p.m.  
 Sat., Dec. 1 — Session meeting, 10 a.m.  
 Sun., Dec. 2 — Worship, 10 a.m.; coffee fellowship to follow service.

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**Anthony Stubeda, Pastor**  
 Wed., Nov. 28 — No morning Mass; first- through sixth-grade religious education classes, 5:30 p.m.; seventh- through 11th-grade religious education classes, 7:15 p.m.  
 Thurs., Nov. 29 — Mass at Cedar

Crest, 10:30 a.m.; Area Pastoral Council, 7 p.m.  
 Fri., Nov. 30 — Mass, 8 a.m.  
 Sun., Dec. 2 — Mass, 8 a.m. and 8 p.m.  
 Tues., Dec. 4 — Mass, 8 a.m.

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During the holiday season, McBride Funeral Chapels would like to extend an invitation for you and your family to attend our "Holiday Remembrance Program." There will be a Remembrance Program in honor of your family member or friends. There will also be an invocation, special holiday music and a memorial video tribute. Christmas cookies, bars and beverages will be served.

To include your loved one in the video tribute, please contact us before Nov. 30, 2012. You may also purchase a Holiday Remembrance Candle and/or a Glass Angel Ornament with name and dates.

Please R.S.V.P. by November 29, 2012.

Call Gail at 320-864-3737 or Rose at 800-937-1728 if you have any questions.

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We would like to thank all who attended the benefit and to those who bid on the silent auction items. The turnout was amazing and we feel very humbled to know we have the support of everyone as we venture through this journey.

Thank you to all of the businesses and individuals who donated items for the silent auction and for the benefit.

We would especially like to send a big THANK YOU to our family for all of their hard work and dedication on organizing the benefit.

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*Teammates*

I don't know about you, but I had a wonderful thanksgiving. I got the opportunity to spend some quality time with my family, eat way too much food, and relax while watching some football. As I was sitting on the couch watching football, a game in which you have 50+ men on one team working together to win one game, I had a thought about a recent portion of scripture I had read. In Romans 12:4-8, Paul writes about believers being a part of one body, working together using all of our gifts in a way to better the church. If you watch a football game you realize that one wrong play made by a player, which may be viewed as insignificant, can decide the outcome of that game. Football fans sure don't get excited about an extra point from the kicker, but if that point were missed and the game were lost by just a point, you can believe fans would place all blame on that kicker. As a body of believers we all have talents and opportunities, but if we all don't do our part we fail. Just as a football team needs every player, even those who may not get recognition, our body needs every believer. What has God given you today that you haven't given back?

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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Chronicle photos by Rich Glennie  
**Glencoe-Silver Lake students pitched in to collect over 1,900 pounds of food from the school sites in the district and delivered them to the McLeod Emergency Food Shelf Friday morning with a school bus. The Pack the Bus program is a twice-a-year event by the students. Above, Eric Thalmann (in the bus) starts the human chain with Ray Eberhard, Joe Fehrenbach and Shannon Twiss and Samantha Dahlke. At the right, Colton Lueders, Samantha Johnson (center, holding box) and Kaylee Venier, far right, help unload the donations inside the food shelf.**



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school donations from the bus tour of sites was down by about 1,000 pounds from last year, while church donations are up a little more. "So it averages out."

But the demand for food shelf assistance keeps going up.

Is it more than last year? "Definitely!" Neumann said when asked about needs.

She said 1,493 individual households used the food shelf so far this year and that involves 4,468 individuals. Of that total, 1,563 were from Glencoe and 2,694 from Hutchinson.

First-time users totaled 288, and those receiving multiple distributions ranged from 583 for one time usage to 52 who used the food shelf 10 or more times this year.

Asked if people are coming to the food shelf more often, Neumann replied "Definitely! We're now serving some once a month. And we're seeing a greater percentage of people 65 and older. We've even seen some over 90 (years old)."

Neumann said more people are "swallowing their pride and asking for help."

With many living on Social Security and with other expenses, "What are they eating beside the 40 pounds we give them per month? I'd honestly like to know."

She said one elderly woman has been in seeking

food help through the state's (cheese) program that also is handled through the food shelf.

Through the applications made by people, Neumann said she sees what these people live on from their financial statements.

"But I don't hear a word of complaint from her," Neumann said of the elderly woman. "She's so thankful for what she's getting." But there are more joining the ranks all the time, Neumann said, and pointed to those workers now seeing the end of their unemployment extensions. She predicted another wave of newcomers to the food shelf.

While some of the unemployed are getting jobs, often they are earning less than before and, if both spouses once worked, only one is now. Add in the price of gasoline to travel farther to work, it further cuts in on what they spend on food.

"It's right across the board," Neumann said of people coming in. "It's the trickle down, and we wind up as the last stop."

Does she ever turn anyone away?

"No," Neumann quickly said, but when people get too "fussy" over what is offered to them, "we know they are not hurting that badly."

There are some who have food allergies or need special

diets, but Neumann said she can usually tell who is not hurting too badly "by their attitude, but that is a small number."

Neumann also said some families "have weathered the storm," and come back to tell her they will not need any more help.

So what is needed by the food shelf?

"Basics," Neumann said, and pointed to macaroni and cheese, Hamburger Helper and soups are needed most often.

The worst time in the year has been July and August when children are out of school, Neumann said. "We had a \$20,000 grocery bill in July," she said of using cash reserves to restock the food shelves.

"The summer months (July and August) are tough," she added. "Very little came in, and it was the heaviest usage." She said 600 households used the food shelf in July, and the normal use is 300 to 400, Neumann said.

"And it's not the migrants," Neumann stressed.

"During the summer, our refrigerator door doesn't go shut," she added.

Unlike hunger shown in foreign countries, Neumann said hunger in America "doesn't show on the face of a child. It's not like overseas. But we have kids starving here, too. It could be your

next door neighbor."

She cited an older gentleman who came in to the food shelf one day and complained about the young people being too lazy to go to work. She said that same day, that man's son came in for food, "and he had no idea. The young man was too proud to tell his family."

## Glencoe Enterprise awarded loan from SW Initiative Foundation

Kevin and Jean Johnson of Hutchinson, owners of The Glencoe Enterprise newspaper, recently received loan assistance from the Southwest Initiative Foundation's (SWIF) Microenterprise Loan Program for the expansion of their newspaper business.

"The Johnsons have seen a market need for a full menu of graphic design and marketing services for the numerous small businesses in the area, who may not fit the profile for the larger graphic arts/web design businesses. To serve this end, the Enterprise has hired additional staff in graphic arts, as well as in advertising sales," said Kurt Thompson, SWIF program officer.

"Small-town newspapers are the heartbeat of the community and serve an important need," said Thompson. "We are pleased to be able to assist The Glencoe Enterprise with the growth of their business, which will benefit the city and surrounding area."

Proceeds from the SWIF loan will be used for working capital. SWIF's Microenterprise Loan Program offers loans of up to \$50,000 for starting or expanding for-profit small businesses located within the 18 counties of southwest Minnesota. This program also now serves Carver, Stearns and Wright counties.

In addition to financing,

SWIF provides free technical assistance to all clients who have received a loan through the Microenterprise Program for the life of the loan. SWIF staff and business consultants provide one-to-one business planning, accounting, marketing and other training opportunities that will help entrepreneurs succeed in their venture.

The program receives funding assistance from the U.S. Small Business Administration and U.S. Department of Agriculture. For more information, contact SWIF at 800-594-9480, 320-587-4848 or loans@swifoundation.org.

"The Southwest Initiative Foundation is a single connection offering unlimited possibilities to grow and promote people, businesses, entrepreneurs and communities in rural southwest Minnesota," Thompson said.

As a regional community foundation, SWIF has contributed more than \$58 million through its grant and loan programs.

SWIF has helped more than 580 businesses start or expand through its business finance programs, which have created or retained more than 7,700 jobs. SWIF has also established 16 Early Childhood Initiative coalitions, 49 Youth Energy Summit teams, 24 community foundations and more than 80 other funds.

## Corrections & Clarifications

In the Nov. 14 photo information of the VFW Auxiliary's Veterans Day presentation at the Helen Baker Elementary School, The Chronicle erred in stating the American Legion Post 95 was involved. It should have stated the Glencoe VFW Ladies Auxiliary to Post 5102 presented a Veterans' Day program at Helen Baker Elementary School. VFW Commander James Peters and post member Jeff Scharpe gave the first- and second-grade students "high fives" for reciting the Pledge of

Allegiance. "The American Legion is not part of the elementary school program. The VFW Ladies Auxiliary presents this program," according to Virginia Adams, Americanism chairwoman for the Glencoe VFW Ladies Auxiliary to Post 5102. \*\*\*\*\*

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and, finally, the County Board itself.

On Tuesday, Nov. 20, Wangerin said she was going to vote in favor of the request, saying that Wright had "convinced her" with his argument that all requests would be rigorously examined.

And Wangerin noted, the departments are undergoing review for possible restructuring. If there is a hiring freeze in place, she said, "the departments are stuck" and unable to make changes.

Wangerin also said "we have so many stop gaps in place," that requests would be stringently reviewed.

The County Board voted to repeal the hiring freeze.

In other business Nov. 20, the County Board:

- Heard from McLeod County Highway Engineer John Brunkhorst that the bridge on County Road 15, originally slated to be fin-

ished by Oct. 12, probably will not be open until around Dec. 21.

Brunkhorst said the contractor Duinick Construction of Prinsburg, is facing a fine of \$1,500 per calendar day since the original finish date.

"They could be facing around \$100,000 in penalties," said Brunkhorst. The total cost for the bridge project, which spans the south fork of the Crow River, was bid at about \$750,000.

Brunkhorst said Duinick started the project, then left it to work on other projects.

Brunkhorst also reported that an open house regarding the proposed roundabout at the County Road 115/State Highway 15 intersection, has been set for Thursday, Dec. 6, from 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m., at the Hutchinson Event Center.

- Approved the hiring of Vincent Traver as the new information technology director

effective Nov. 21. Traver replaces Tom O'Keefe, who retired earlier this year.

- Approved its annual agreements with the Minnesota Extension Service to provide services for the McLeod For Tomorrow leadership and alumni programs.

- Set a public hearing for Thursday, Dec. 27, at 10 a.m., for the proposed 2013 fee schedule.

- Set the bid closing date for the official county newspaper for Dec. 28 at 4:30 p.m., with the bid to be awarded at the Jan. 8 County Board meeting.

- Was reminded that the annual truth-in-taxation hearing is Thursday, Nov. 29, at 6 p.m., in the County Board Room.

- Set a closed meeting for Tuesday, Dec. 18, for the annual performance review for County Administrator Pat Melvin.