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The cast of "Sister Amnesia's Country Western Nunsense Jamboree" was busy rehearsing for the opening performance on Thursday at 7 p.m. at the Glencoe City Center. Above, Sister Robert Anne (Kay Wilson) and Father Virgil Manly Trott (Tyler "Chuck" Peterson) sing a commercial for Ascension Air during the musical's rehearsals. At right, Sister Leo (Alicia Beste) shows off her talents with a lariat. The other cast member is Katie Palmer as Sister Amnesia. The dinner-dessert theater performances are scheduled for 7 p.m., Thursday, and 6 p.m., Friday, Dec. 20-21; 6 p.m., Friday through Sunday, Dec. 28-30; and a special New Year's Eve performance at 6 p.m., Monday, Dec. 31. The play is directed by Randy Wilson, with a six-member pit orchestra providing the music.



'Nunsense Jamboree' goes country this year

Most of the cast is back, so are many of the pit orchestra musicians as well as director Randy Wilson as the Glencoe-Silver Lake Panther Association again hosts another Nunsense production — "Sister Amnesia's Country Western Nunsense Jamboree" — beginning Thursday in the Grand Ballroom of the Glencoe City Center.

The dinner- and dessert-theater performances are set for 6 p.m., Thursday (dessert) and Friday (dinner), Dec. 20-21, and 6 p.m., Friday (dinner) and Saturday (dinner), Dec. 28-29. There will be a matinee performance at 2 p.m., Sunday (dessert), Dec. 30.

Also, there will be a special New Year's Eve show and post-party scheduled as well. "We are trying to encourage people to stay in town that night (New Year's Eve) and are having appetizers, a glass of champagne and music by Creekside Jazz after the performance that evening," said Kathy Olson of the GSL Panther Association. "Those attending

the performance that evening have it (post-party cost) included in their ticket."

After last year's successful "Nuncrackers: The Nunsense Christmas Musical," this year's version goes country mixed in with a little "Hee-Haw."

So what is on tap this year? "Sister Amnesia's Country Western Nunsense Jamboree" is presented as a promotional tour for Sister Amnesia's newly released album, "I Could've Gone to Nashville."

After regaining her memory Sister Amnesia realizes she is Sister Mary Paul, a former country singer. The Reverend Mother, feeling that one should not waste God-given talent, gets Sister Mary Paul a recording contract and now she is on a national tour.

This show is filled with hysterical oneliners and infectious comic tunes. Audiences participate in a rousing "Country Auction" and join with the cast as they sing "We know that somewhere up in heaven you're a saint, Patsy Cline!"

Will Sister Amnesia leave the convent for the Grand Ole Op'ry? You'll have to wait till the finale, "Do Unto Others" to get the answer.

Cast members include Katie Palmer as Sister Amnesia; Kay Wilson as Sister Robert Anne; Jessica Fogarty as Sister Hubert; Alicia Beste as Sister Leo; and Tyler "Chuck" Peterson as Father Virgil Manly Trott.

The pit orchestra features Dawn Wolter as the accompanist, Cathie Hueser on keyboard, Jack Noening on violin, Dan Biederwolf on drums, Sonia Johnson on bass and Amanda Husted a percussionist.

The rest of the crew includes Beste as the choreographer; Dawn Peterson as production assistant; Mitchell Bulau as sound technician; Mike Long as lighting technician; Randy Wilson as set designer. He also is involved in set construction and planning, along with Kay Wilson, Duane Klauster-

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Recycling change draws criticism

By Rich Glennie
Editor

Glencoe City Council split its garbage/recycling contract with Waste Management into separate items Monday night. It approved an extension of the garbage contract, but will continue to discuss its plans to go to one-sort recycling.

Council also heard from Gary Ballard, a resident who complained that the city is going away from the county's five-sort program, for which citizens do not pay a monthly fee, to one in which Glencoe residents will pay extra.

"Why? Not everyone is happy with this recycling thing," Ballard told City Council. "The county's unhappy. West Central Sanitation (county recycler) is unhappy. And it will cost city taxpayers money. We'd like an explanation."

Mayor Randy Wilson said city officials met with County Commissioner Sheldon Nies and Ed Homan, county solid waste director, before it decided to go to a one-sort program, using

Waste Management.

City officials asked for information about recycling from the county officials and "received none. I was surprised. They provided almost nothing," Wilson said.

Wilson said he also asked the county officials to come to a City Council meeting to publicly discuss the recycling issues. They declined.

"We asked to be on their (county board) agenda," Wilson added. "We were told they did not want us on their agenda."

While Wilson said it will cost Glencoe residents more to recycle, "it's relative to what the entire expense is."

He said under the Waste Management proposal, pick up at city and school facilities is free, and that will save taxpayers money. "You need to put all the numbers into context," Wilson added.

"Most people like the one-sort," Wilson continued, and he predicted

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County Board talks recycling issues, too

By Lori Copley
Staff Writer

In a statement by Commissioner Kermit Terlinden, a brief report on a Material Recycling Facility (MRF) meeting, and in an answer to a question posed by a Glencoe resident, the McLeod County Board on Tuesday continued to discuss issues with the city of Glencoe's decision to begin a one-sort recycling program outside of the county's offered program.

First, Terlinden attempted to clarify why he voted "no" at an earlier meet-

ing on exploring with County Attorney Mike Junge as to whether Glencoe's decision was in violation of the county's recycling ordinance or policy.

"I think it should have probably been tabled," said Terlinden of the issue.

Tabling the vote, he added, would have given the county time to let the "public know what's happening and get some input," as well as allow Terlinden to gather more information on

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Not so sure

Franklin Driscoll, 8-month-old son of Candace Driscoll of Winsted, was not so sure he wanted to sit on Santa's lap last Thursday during a Santa's visit to Coborn's.

Weather

Wed., 12-19	Thur., 12-20	Fri., 12-21	Sat., 12-22	Sun., 12-23
H: 29°, L: 18°	H: 20°, L: 12°	H: 23°, L: 10°	H: 25°, L: 16°	H: 15°, L: 5°

Looking back: It felt more like December early, and then it rained to coat the area in ice. Welcome to Minnesota!

Date	Hi	Lo	Snow
Dec. 11	18	0	0.00
Dec. 12	37	1	0.00

Dec. 13	35	13	0.00
Dec. 14	36	8	0.00
Dec. 15	36	32	0.30*
Dec. 16	32	16	0.00
Dec. 17	23	17	0.00
*.27 Rain. Temperatures and precipitation compiled by Robert Thurn, Chronicle weather observer.			

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Getting in on the fun

While the kindergarten students at Helen Baker Elementary were stealing the show with their winter concert last Wednesday in the high school auditorium, their teachers were getting in on the act, too. One of the last songs on the winter program was "Must Be Santa," and the teachers, from left, Brandy Barrett, Kim Borka, Kristal Wendt,

Michelle Otto-Fisher, Emily Foss and Teresa Kuester, sang and helped the youngsters with the visual expressions for the music. The winter music program was directed by Carrie Knott, and the accompanying student art show was arranged by Angela Wigern.

Council approves purchase of old Economart property

By Rich Glennie
Editor

Unanimously, Glencoe City Council on Monday night approved the purchase of the former Mark's Economart building on Greeley Avenue for \$1 from Security Bank & Trust. The city also will pay \$14,022 in 2013 property taxes.

After doing a study of the property, the city received estimates of what it would cost to demolish the former grocery store. That price tag was nearly \$100,000.

City Administrator Mark Larson said the actual demolition would cost about \$78,000, although no formal bids have been sought. The remaining costs would be for items like disposal of the demolition materials and the abatement of asbestos in the building.

"The condition of the

building will only get worse," Larson said after an inspection was made recently. The building has been vacant for the past seven or eight years with electricity, heat and water having been turned off since then.

Larson said the chamber of commerce's Economic Development Committee (EDC) has been debating uses for the vacant building for years, but it did not make a recommendation on the purchase by the city.

Having control of the property will give the city other options, Larson said. "Either market it as is or as a bare lot."

Larson said payment of the property taxes would be for only one year, when it would become public tax exempt property thereafter, unless resold.

Security Bank & Trust's

other condition is that the sale be closed by Dec. 31.

Mayor Randy Wilson said there is potential to do something with that building "that's sat there for some time."

Asked about the market value of the Economart property, Larson said the market value on the building is \$214,000 and the land is another \$149,000 for a total of \$364,000.

He said the "footprint of the building is sound, but the roof is shot, the mechanical is shot" and to upgrade them would cost an estimated \$300,000.

If the building is to be demolished, public bids would be sought for the work, Larson said.

"This building has been talked about at length," Wilson added. There has been interest in the past, but when

the numbers are crunched "it cannot cash flow. Maybe the land is more valuable bare than with something on it," Wilson added.

Larson said there is a Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development (DEED) grant program to help for demolitions costs. It is a 50/50 percent matching grant and could lower the costs of demolition by \$50,000, assuming the state Legislature funds the DEED program next session.

As to paying the \$14,022 in property taxes, Council member John Schrupp asked where that money comes from.

"General fund," Larson said, and noted it has about \$2.9 million in reserves.

"I urge the Council to pursue this," Wilson said prior to the vote. "It's basically a shell of a building."

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that will increase the rate of recycling in Glencoe. The county was asked to go to the one-sort recycling, Wilson said, but refused to change its current five-sort approach.

Ballard countered by saying Glencoe residents have been trained for years to sort their recyclables, so why change? "Now you want us to put them all together and someone else sorts them?"

Council member John Schrupp said Ballard must be running around with a different group than he does. He

said everyone he has spoken to favors the one-sort program — two cans, one for garbage and one for recycling.

City Administrator Mark Larson said a public hearing on the recycling program is scheduled for the next Council meeting on Jan. 7.

Ballard said Glencoe, removing itself from the county's recycling problem, will cost the county \$100,000.

"That's not our number," Larson replied.

Ballard estimated it will

cost Glencoe residents \$70,000 for the new recycling, but when asked, said he could not verify that number.

"I'm not happy with the way this is being handled," Ballard said.

Schrupp said people should drive around and see how many of the blue recycling buckets are sitting out. "It's down from what it should be."

He predicted a 10 fold increase in recycling with the one-sort program.

Almost lost in the recycling

discussion was the five-year extension of residential garbage rates that were approved by City Council.

The rate for the 32-gallon service will be \$9.45; the 64-gallon rate will be \$10.28; and the 96-gallon rate will be \$11.16. There is a special senior citizen or disabled person rate for 32-gallon service of \$8.30.

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the issue.

Commissioner Sheldon Nies, a member of the MRF committee, said the committee met with Junge and is still "on a fact-finding mission" as to whether there is any legal action the county can take.

And, Nies reminded his fellow commissioners, any plans to pursue legal action needs to be approved by the County Board, not just the MRF committee.

Marie Thurn, a resident of Glencoe, asked during the public forum part of the meeting if it is true, as had apparently been asserted at a Glencoe City Council meeting, that the city and the county were unable to come together for a meeting on the issue.

Nies said that he, Terlinden (whose district includes the city of Glencoe) and Solid Waste Director Ed Homan had met Nov. 29 with the Glencoe mayor, two council members and City Administrator Mark Larson regarding the city's proposal to begin a one-sort recycling program. Nies also said that meeting was "put together by Kermit and Sheldon."

And, at that meeting, the county explained that the

change would cost the county up to \$100,000.

First, Nies said, the county had approved a contract with West Central Sanitation for curbside recycling in McLeod County communities, including Glencoe. That contract will cost the county \$70,000 a year, whether the county provides recycling service in Glencoe or not.

"We have to honor that contract, even without offering the service," said Nies.

Second, Nies added, the county will no longer be getting recycled products from

Glencoe, which also will cost the county lost revenue because the county sells the recycled products it collects to other markets.

Nies also pointed out that the county's five-sort recycling service is free to city residents, while the single-sort system will cost Glencoe residents an additional \$2.90 per month.

Nies did acknowledge that there has been no "follow-up" meetings between the county and the city, primarily, he indicated, because of scheduling conflicts.

Happenings

Free community meal Jan. 2

Christ Lutheran Church, 1820 Knight Ave., will be hosting the Abundant Table Community Meal beginning Wednesday, Jan. 2, and on the first Wednesday of each month. The meal is free and open to families and children, the elderly and all seeking fellowship or in need of a helping hand. The meal will be held in the basement fellowship hall of the church. Doors open at 4:30 p.m. for fellowship, and the meal is served at 5:30 p.m. Call Christ Lutheran Church at 320-864-4549 so the volunteers prepare a meal for you.

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Band concerts

The Glencoe-Silver Lake High School Music Department held its winter concert Monday night in the high school auditorium. The concert featured four pieces by the 9th-10th Grade Band as well as four pieces by the GSL Concert Band. Above, members of the Concert Band included, front, Madelin Kuehn, MacKenzie Mrkvicka, Layne Herrmann, Victoria Varland, Cody Wendorff and Alex Stensvad. In the back are Christopher Ross, Aaron Rhodes and Christina Bonilla. At the right are flute players Dee Bandemer and Steph Chastek. Behind them are Ashley Alsleben on alto sax and standing in the back is Mai-Quyhn Nguyen. The bands are directed by Peter Gepson. The Lakeside band concert for fifth and sixth-grade students is scheduled for Thursday, Dec. 20, in Silver Lake.



Robeck to retire after 40 years as city worker

By Rich Glennie
Editor

The city will lose its second longtime employee in the past several months when Allen Robeck announced his retirement at the end of the year.

Robeck, an over 40-year city employee in the water and wastewater treatment departments, joins another longtime city employee, Terry Buska, former street superintendent. Buska retired at the end of October due to health

reasons.

In his letter of resignation, Robeck wrote, "My association with the city of Glencoe for the last 40 plus years has been a pleasant one. I will miss serving the people of Glencoe, the challenge and adventure my role offered, as well as the friendships of hard-working and conscientious fellow employees."

He said a lot of effort went into training his replacement last winter, only to have that person move to another town.

Robeck encouraged the city "to hire another person for the wastewater treatment plant as soon as possible to reduce the strain on present personnel."

In accepting Robeck's retirement at Monday night's City Council meeting, Mayor Randy Wilson said Robeck "has been a good employee. He worked hard for the citizens."

Wilson also said the city has been blessed "with very dedicated employees."

Impound lot purchased for WWTP expansion

By Rich Glennie
Editor

Glencoe City Council was in a buying mood Monday night. Not only did it buy the former EconoMart property, it also purchased a lot from Kevin Luehrs for \$20,000 to expand its wastewater treatment plant in the future.

The property, owned by Luehrs, currently acts as the city's vehicle impound lot adjacent to Kevin's Auto. The impound lot also is adjacent to the city's wastewater treatment plant.

Gary Schreifels, one of the city's public works supervisors, said there is potential for expanding the treatment plant as the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) continues to refine pollution regulations, especially with reducing the amount of phosphorus going into Buffalo Creek.

Schreifels said the city either needs to buy more land near the treatment plant, or find land elsewhere.

The city had purchased another lot near the treatment plant from Super 8 Motel a few years ago. That land lies south of the motel.

Schreifels said the city needs to deal with the phosphorus by 2017, and that will require a larger area for the wastewater treatment plant. "We're now compacted into a very tight area," he said.

City Administrator Mark Larson said City Council also will need to look at an overall facilities plan in the near future.

The original treatment plant was built in 1956 and was upgraded in 1974 and 1994.

While the treatment plant

has a lot of capacity remaining to handle water from the sewage, taking out "the bad things" is another matter.

He said the MPCA is looking back at each point source along the waterways and requiring cities to remove phosphorus from their discharges.

Schreifels said the city's bond for the 1994 upgrades to the plant will be paid off at the end of 2014, and that will free up \$280,000 in annual bond payments.

The motion to purchase the .7 acre of property for \$20,000 received unanimous City Council approval.

In other matters, City Council:

- Set a public hearing on a Glencoe Regional Health Services \$23,750,000 bond issue for 7:15 p.m., Tuesday, Jan. 22.

Julie Eddington of Kennedy & Graven said the hospital is using the city's bond rating to get a lower interest rate when issuing its bonds. The city acts as a conduit, she said.

"The hospital is getting a much better interest rate," Eddington said.

But there is one side effect to the city. The city can issue up to \$10 million a year in general obligation bonds and maintain its current bond rating. If the city opts to issue its own bonds in 2013, and allow GRHS the use of it as a conduit, that will increase the interest rates for the city's bonds.

Part of the deal in being the conduit for the GRHS bond is that GRHS would pick up difference in the higher interest rate for the city.

The situation only applies to 2013, Eddington said.

Larson said Monday's motion is just to set the public hearing. He said he would like a conduit financing policy to be "in place" before the Jan. 22 meeting.

- Approved a resolution to cost share with the Minnesota Department of Transportation for two items at the municipal airport.

The total cost is \$7,860. The state's share of the cost is \$4,410, and the city's share is \$3,450, which would come out of the airport fund.

The projects include the purchase of emergency runway closure crosses that can be seen from above and repairs to a hangar door that had deteriorated and was declared unsafe.

- Approved a resolution of support for Twin Cities & Western Railroad in its fight with the light rail transit designs in the southwest metro area.

The draft environment impact statement for the light rail project calls for TC&W to move its freight routes at greater expense to the company.

TC&W sought letters of support from communities and customers along its rail line indicating to the metro designers that their proposed changes will have far-reaching, negative impacts on TC&W's customers.

- Approved spending up to \$3,000 on a preliminary design study for a liquor store expansion into the former city offices on Greeley Avenue and 10th Street.

Hired to do the study is Ringdahl & Associates of Alexandria.

County Board hears update on AMC activities, 2013 goals

By Lori Copley
Staff Writer

To no one's surprise, tax reform will be the hot topic of the 2013 State Legislature, the McLeod County Board heard Tuesday.

Jeff Spartz, executive director of the Association of Minnesota Counties (AMC) visited the County Board to provide an update on the association's activities and goals for the coming year.

Spartz said association members have made it clear that "property tax reform is a big issue."

Spartz said Minnesota has a very complex property tax system, with 55 or 56 different classifications of property for taxing purposes.

"There is a huge cloud of confusion around the property tax system," said Spartz.

Spartz also noted that tax reform is one of Gov. Mark Dayton's main goals for 2013, but that Dayton's plan will probably call for reform of not just the property tax system, but also for changes in income and sales taxes, as well.

Spartz expects that the state Senate and the House also will put forth tax reform proposals, and reform also will be divided along party lines.

"I think it will be a real dog fight," said Spartz of tax reform.

Spartz also said that with tax reform will come the redesign of local governments and their services, and that the association is prepared to be a leader in that redesign, being an initiator for change, rather than reacting to changes made at the state level.

Another goal for the association is to urge the state to "modernize its data systems" for its department of human services. Out-of-date computers, Spartz said, "puts an extra burden on your (the county's) workers."

Spartz also encouraged commissioner participation on the association's various policy committees, which include committees on the environment and natural resources, general government, health and human services, public safety and transportation.

"This is a member-driven organization," Spartz said of AMC. "And the best way for members to participate is on one of the policy committees."

Spartz said he learned two things in his former career as a legislative aide:

"The world is run by those who show up, and when you show up, bring an agenda."

In other business Tuesday morning, the County Board approved several requests from the Solid Waste Department, including:

- A recommendation to buy several recycling baskets, bins and containers for Maplewood Academy in Hutchinson at a total cost of \$7,289.46.

- Approved spending \$9,800 for signs for its recycling semi-trailers that are used by various organizations for paper drives.

- Approved the annual rebate to schools participating in recycling at a total of \$4,588 for the 2011-12 school year.

- Agreed to spend up to \$6,000 for security cameras at the Silver Lake brush collection and recycling site to monitor illegal dumping activities.

Live Nativity rescheduled

The Live Nativity event scheduled for last Saturday has been rescheduled due to Saturday's freezing rain.

The Live Nativity has been rescheduled for Sunday, Dec. 23, from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m., at Oak Leaf Park.

Participants can drive through the park, stay warm and experience the birth of the Christ child.

In the spirit of giving, on-lookers are asked to share their blessings of food and funds to further the work of the McLeod Emergency Food Shelf.

tivities.

Solid Waste Coordinator Sarah Young said that while sites also have illegal dumping, the Silver Lake site seems to be a particular favorite for that type of activity.

The County Board also:

- Approved annual dental and health insurance contracts.

- Approved spending \$750 to contract with Ridgewater College for a Jan. 17 employee training session.

- Decided to "stagger" the terms of its newly formed ditch committee, by giving two-year terms to the representatives of Districts 2 and 5 and three-year terms to representatives of Districts 1, 3 and 4, starting Jan. 1. After

the rotation is started, all of the terms will be for three years each.

- Approved a pay increase of 40 cents per hour for non-union employees, starting in 2013. The county also will contribute another \$10 per month toward single health coverage and \$60 for family coverage, as well as \$500 per single person and \$1,500 per family for employees who transition into a health savings account (HSA) during 2013.

- Approved a 70-cents-per-hour increase for part-time county employees, also starting in 2013, which also will take care of a raise which should have been offered in 2012.

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Our view: Sandy Hook massacre takes depravity to new level; NRA needs to help solve problem

Stop this insanity! We are killing our future; we are slaughtering our children and standing by, wringing our hands, wondering how could this happen?

The Sandy Hook Elementary School massacre is the latest in a long line of gun-related killing sprees that takes mass murder to a new level of depravity.

The unthinkable has now become the norm as the volatile mix of violent video games, easy access to lethal weapons and serious mental health problems all come together to produce the latest, and perhaps worst, mass murderer, yet.

How can anyone walk into an elementary school and blast away at innocent and defenseless 6- and 7-year-olds and their teachers? Was the killer playing out a fantasy he saw on a video game? Was he carrying out a grudge? Was he simply deranged?

We will never know because he took the easy way out with a bullet to his own head. Why didn't he just do that first and spare the rest of society the pain and suffering he inflicted?

It is time we all get involved in finding a solution. That includes involvement by the National Rifle Association (NRA) and its large base of political and financial supporters.

Make no mistake, we are Second Amendment supporters. We believe in the right to bear arms and have them in our homes for recreational use and for protection.

But there has to be a common sense level of gun ownership that we can all agree on.

To date the NRA has rigidly stood behind its Second Amendment rights and refused to admit there is a prob-

lem. The standard "Guns don't kill people, people kill people," has worn thin as the bodies continue to pile up. In combination, guns and people kill innocent people. That is a fact.

Let's get real. Let's find a solution that protects citizens' rights to bear arms, but also protects the rights of innocent people to go to school, to go to the mall, to go to church without fear of being killed by some crazed person armed to the teeth.

And arming teachers, preachers and ordinary citizens to the teeth is not a solution either. More is not better in this situation.

The NRA leadership needs to step up to the plate and offer some solutions, too. To simply sit behind the Second Amendment and do nothing is not a solution. That perpetuates the problem.

Gun proponents need to get involved in the conversation before the gun-control lobby steals the stage, and what is decided takes away your rights to bear arms. Bring some sensible solutions to the table before it is too late.

But like the budget stalemate in Washington, D.C., all sides have hardened their stances when it comes to common sense control of weapons, and access to weapons, in this country. The middle ground needs to be found before this nation does irreparable damage to the next generations of Americans.

We cannot tolerate more mass murders of elementary-school children, or anyone else for that matter.

We are supposed to be a civilized nation. Incidents like Sandy Hook show that we have a long way to go. — R.G.



Letters to Editor

Appreciation for emergency services personnel

To the Editor:

This past Saturday evening, our family experienced a frightening medical emergency at our family Christmas gathering.

Baby Maddix was choking and her father, Richard, ran to the hospital emergency entrance with her as 9-1-1 was dialed. Within two min-

utes, the Glencoe Ambulance Service met Richard on his way to the hospital. A Glencoe Police squad and two McLeod County deputy sheriff squads passed our house.

My granddaughter is fine, and so are the family members and relatives. The quick response of emergency personnel was phenomenal.

Citizens of Glencoe and citizens of McLeod County: Be grateful knowing we have such competent, professional emergency services personnel.

With sincere appreciation for all involved.

Charles Shamba and family

Be assured, GSL's emergency crisis plan in place

To the Editor:

Last Friday, our nation was saddened as we learned about what happened at Sandy Hook Elementary School. Our thoughts and prayers go out to the families that are involved in this senseless act.

The coverage of this event has been extensive and with that, I would like to take this opportunity to remind district members that we have a plan in place in each of our schools to handle emergency situations.

We are required to have several practice lockdown and fire drills throughout the year. With these drills and having a crisis plan in place, we feel confident in our preparation.

While no amount of planning can guarantee that a tragedy such as this will not occur, we are doing what we can to keep children safe while at school.

We are grateful to have quality service people that are here for us on a moment's notice and with their

leadership, we will handle crisis situations as best as possible.

What happened in Connecticut is unthinkable, yet in today's world, seems to be happening far too frequently.

With that said, please join me in sending our heartfelt condolences from all of us at GSL to the many people and families who were affected by this tragedy.

Christopher Sonju
GSL Superintendent

Letters to Editor

It is not all about baskets or score

To the Editor:

Good afternoon, just thought I'd share a snapshot from Saturday's game (against New Ulm).

This is my son Trenton; not sure of the little boy's name, but he is Dave Wendlandt's grandson.

It may not mean much to many, but it melted my heart to see a little boy look up to my son.

He brought him a candy bar, took him by the hand and asked him to play ball the next day, which he couldn't do because he had to work.

I guess, it's moments like these that make you sit back and think ... maybe it's not so much the number of buckets or the score at the end of the game, but rather, the dreams you help make along the way.

It was such a special moment, and I would love to share it.

Melissa Draeger
Glencoe



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Guest opinion:

Small changes make a difference

By U.S. Senator
Amy Klobuchar, D-Minn.

This election we heard loud and clear from people on both sides of the aisle: Congress needs more cooperation and less gridlock.

The American people want leaders who are ready to roll up their sleeves and get to work. They want leaders who are problem-solvers. And they want results.

In order to meet the challenges facing our country we also need to make sure we have a legislative process that promotes substantive debate and real decisions, not endless bickering and partisan gamesmanship.

One way to achieve that is to reform the Senate filibuster.

The filibuster allows a single senator to block the progress of legislation unless its supporters are able to secure 60 votes for passage, rather than a simple majority.

In the past, the filibuster was used only as a last resort, providing a way for minority party members to express their views, ensuring them a seat at the table and promoting substantive debate.

I support ensuring the minority has a strong voice, but the filibuster has now become a weapon that obstructs progress on critical issues. In

fact, during the last Congress alone, it was used more than in the 1950s, 60s and 70s combined.

That's why I'm pushing for filibuster reform that will not only make Congress more accountable, but will also streamline the legislative process so we can move forward with the business of the people and get things done.

First, I believe we need to reinstate the standing filibuster, requiring senators of either party who threaten to block legislation to actually stand on the Senate floor and explain to the American people why they oppose a bill.

Under the current system, senators can simply threaten to filibuster legislation they don't like, effectively halting its progress without being held accountable for their obstruction.

If an issue is so important that a senator is willing to take hours or even days to make his or her point, that is their right. But they shouldn't be able to simply say they are going to filibuster and go home for the weekend. They should have to stand there and make their argument to their colleagues and the country. That's the kind of debate that the American people deserve and that's the kind of debate that will help us

get results.

I also believe we need to make the system more efficient by limiting the filibuster to actual votes on a bill, not motions to proceed to the bill. This would ensure that legislation that hasn't been debated yet can't be prematurely stonewalled by a single senator's opposition.

Finally, I believe we should speed up the process for nomination votes. Currently every nomination is required to have at least 30 hours of debate.

For actual bills, this debate time is normally used for discussing and voting on amendments – something that is not possible with nomination votes.

Instead, senators often use this time during nominations to simply prevent the Senate from moving on to other important issues.

The country simply can't afford this kind of obstruction any longer. There is too much at stake and too much work to be done. What we need now is action and accountability. That is what the American people deserve and that is what will move this country forward, and a few common-sense reforms to the Senate filibuster rules would go a long way to help put us on the right path.

Letters to Editor

Halloween Village sponsors appreciated

To the Editor:

With the holiday season fast approaching, we often forget about events that happened a mere month ago, but it would be to our chagrin if we didn't take the time to express our appreciation.

At the end of October, Halloween Village once again put on a spectacular event, which could not have happened without the generous donations from Glencoe and the surrounding communities. Many business owners in your town and even personal donations were kind-heartedly given to make Halloween Village possible.

Over 90 volunteers, people from your community, committed their valuable time to our efforts.

We operate solely on donations and volunteer workers, so if you attended Halloween Village outside of Winthrop and are now shopping those businesses, please take time to thank them.

We see so many people returning year after year and comment that we've added so much more. It is not just about the "haunted" places, but that the committee makes sure there is something for everyone of all ages, including games, treats and non-scare entertainment.

We have seen over 1,500 people pass through our entrance for the past several years, from babies in strollers to old men with canes.

The end result from those donations and volunteers cul-

minates in Halloween Village being able to donate over 1,800 pounds of food (along with cash) to the local food shelf.

Again, our appreciation goes out to your town, the business owners, and all the individuals who unselfishly give of their resources, time, and talents. Accept our appreciation with hopes to continue giving back to the community.

- Halloween Village Mayor**
Theresa Wills
Byron Wills
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Ray Duerig
- Village Council Member**
Merline Duerig
- Village Council member**

Some things to know about the flag

Editor's note: A reminder from the Glencoe American Legion Post 95 about flag etiquette.

The fundamental rule of flag etiquette is: treat all flags with respect and common sense.

The American flag should take precedence over all other flags when flown in the US.

It should not be flown lower than another flag, nor should it be smaller than another flag flown with it. Other flags may be flown at the same height and in the same size.

Other national flags should not be smaller or flown lower than the American flag when displayed together. If it is not possible to display two or more national flags at the same height, it is not proper to display them together at all.

The point of honor is on the extreme left from the standpoint of the observer. The order from left to right of flags flown together is: the Stars & Stripes, other national flags in alphabetical order, state flags, county and city flags, organizational flags and personal flags.

If one flag is at half-staff in mourning, other flags flown with it should be at half-staff.

First raise the flags to their peak and lower to half-staff. The American flag is raised first and lowered last. Flags are to fly at half-staff from sunrise to sunset.

For flags that cannot be lowered, such as those on many homes, the American Legion says that attaching a black ribbon or streamer to the top of the flag is an acceptable alternative. The ribbon should be the same width as a stripe on the flag and the same length as the flag.

A salute (hand over heart when not in uniform) should be rendered when the flag is raised, lowered or carried on parade, when the Pledge of Allegiance is recited and when the national anthem is played (unless the flag is not present).

It is proper to fly the American flag at night, but only if it is spotlighted.

In a public gathering (lecture hall, church etc.), the American flag should be to

the right of the speakers or on the wall behind them.

The canton of the flag (blue field with 50 stars) should always be to the observers left except: 1) when displayed on a casket; 2) when displayed as a decal on the right side of the vehicle; 3) when worn as a patch on the right arm (use on the left arm is preferable).

The Stars & Stripes should be in the center of a group of flags only when: 1) the center pole is taller than the others or 2) when a fan-like arrangement makes the center pole higher than the others.

It is not illegal to fly the flag (state, ethnic group, organization, etc.) alone, but it is always preferable to display the American flag at the same time.

Flag flying on holidays:

The U.S. flag may be flown every day, especially on the following:

- Jan. 1 — New Year's Day.
- Jan. 20 — Inauguration Day.
- Third Monday in January — Martin Luther King.
- Feb. 12 — Lincoln's birthday.
- Third Monday in February — Presidents Day.
- Feb. 22 — Washington's birthday.
- Easter Sunday.

- April 6 — Army Day.
- May 8 — V-E Day.
- Second Sunday in May — Mother's Day.
- Third Saturday in May — Armed Forces Day.
- Last Monday in May — Memorial Day.
- May 30 — Memorial Day, traditional.
- June 14 — Flag Day.
- Third Sunday in June — Father's Day.
- July 4 — Independence Day.
- Aug. 7 — Purple Heart Day.
- Aug. 14 — V-J Day.
- Aug. 19 — National Aviation Day.
- First Monday in September — Labor Day.
- Sept. 11 — Patriot Day.
- Sept. 17 — Constitution Day.
- Second Monday in October — Columbus Day.
- Oct. 27 — Navy Day.
- First Tuesday in November — Election Day.
- Nov. 10 — Marine Corps birthday.
- Nov. 11 — Veterans Day.
- Fourth Thursday in November — Thanksgiving Day.
- Dec. 7 — Pearl Harbor Day.
- Dec. 25 — Christmas Day.

Guest column:

Goal: Service to constituents

By Lee H. Hamilton

The rigors of the campaign are still fresh, but for newly elected House members and senators, the hard part is just beginning. Already, they're inundated with advice on the issues they'll be facing: the fiscal cliff, crises overseas, how to behave in a highly partisan Congress.

All of this will take time to sort out. But there's one task I'd advise them to tackle right away, whatever their party: learning how to do constituent services right.

Many years ago, when I was still in the House, I accompanied a senator to a public meeting. A woman approached him afterward to ask for help with a Social Security problem. Irritably, my colleague told her that he didn't have time; he had important policy issues to deal with. I was stunned. So was the woman. I have never forgotten the look of helpless chagrin on her face.

Self-interest alone would have counseled a more helpful approach. I ran into someone from my district once who told me, "I don't agree with you most of the time, but I'm voting for you because you take good care of your constituents." People notice. And they care. That senator who rebuffed the plea for help? He was defeated in the next election.

But there's more to it than just currying favor with the electorate. Good constituent service, I believe, is crucial to being a good elected representative.

There's no mystery why. The federal government is vast, complex, and confusing, and it touches far more lives than any private company. Sometimes it's a model of efficiency, but too often it's agonizingly slow to get off a passport or approve a disability payment. And it makes mistakes — a transposed Social Security number, a wrong address, a benefit miscalculation — and then drags its heels fixing them. Its rules and regulations can be hard to navigate. Ordinary Americans get caught up in the gears, and they need help.

As a member of Congress, you can learn a lot by paying attention. Though it's a habit

for legislators to think of policy-making and constituent service as two distinct halves of their responsibilities, that's not always the case.

The problems people are having keep you alert to what might need to be done legislatively. If there's a huge backlog of disability cases at the Social Security Administration, for instance, or a surge of veterans having trouble getting their benefits, that ought to be a warning sign. Workers in those agencies may be struggling to remain efficient, or they may need additional staff and resources — either way, it bears investigating and, possibly, legislative action.

The challenge, of course, is that helping constituents with their problems isn't easy. It demands a commitment of staff and time. It means being careful to avoid even a hint that a constituent's party affiliation matters. It requires walking a fine line with the bureaucracy — which can sometimes resent congressional "meddling" — so that you're helpful without going overboard on a constituent's behalf.

Sometimes, the people you're helping don't tell the whole story. The best you can do is ask for fair and prompt consideration for their pleas, without putting yourself at

cross-purposes with either the law or the federal officials you work with daily.

But none of this is a reason to downplay constituent service. Because the need is endless. I used to set up shop in a local post office in my district, and was constantly amazed at how many people would turn out.

They needed help getting their mail delivered properly, or tracking a lost Social Security check. They were having problems with the IRS, or getting enrolled for veterans benefits. They got confused by the overlapping responsibilities of different levels of government, and needed help finding the right person to call.

The point is, these problems are constant. I've been out of public office for over a decade, yet the other day a neighbor stopped me on the street to ask for help speeding up a visa application.

Americans need a point of contact with their government. If you're a public official — or even an ex-public official — get used to the idea that you're it.

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

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Question of the week
So who is to blame in the stalemate over the federal budget as it approaches the 'fiscal cliff' if a compromise is not reached before Jan. 1?

1) Republicans
2) Democrats
3) Both

Results for most recent question:
The city of Glencoe has been offered the former Mark's Economart building and property in downtown Glencoe for \$1 and the payment of its 2013 property taxes (\$14,022). Should the city accept the offer?

1) Yes — 58%
2) No — 33%
3) Not sure — 10%

113 votes. New question runs Dec. 12-24

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History

From the Brownton Bulletin archives

100 Years Ago

Dec. 20, 1912
O.C. Conrad, Editor
 Miss Bertha Ostermann had the tip of one of her fingers on her right hand amputated Tuesday by getting it into a meat-grinding machine. The tip of the finger, including about half the nail, was severed entirely. Dr. E.L. Maurer replaced the amputated part by taking several stitches and is in hope of saving the tip of the finger for the young lady.

75 Years Ago

Dec. 23, 1937
Percy L. Hakes, Editor
 A pretty wedding was solemnized Tuesday, Dec. 21, at 2 o'clock in the afternoon when Miss Elsie Hilda Redmann, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Redmann, became the daughter of Paul Schweikert of Hamburg, at the Lutheran parsonage with the Rev. G. Schmidt officiating. Mrs. Reka Mielke, who had resided in the apartment of the Henry Seeland building, was found dead in one of her rooms Tuesday evening. The Seelands, who reside downstairs, heard a thump on the floor, and when they went up there they found

her lying dead on the floor. A baby daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. Elmer C. Schatz of Brownton on Friday, Dec. 17.

50 Years Ago

Dec. 20, 1962
Charles H. Warner, Editor
 Willis R. Matheny, independent oil jobber and owner of Matheny Oil Co. in Brownton, recently assumed ownership of Norman Kitzman's Texaco station in Stewart. Willis Matheny's son, Marlan, will manage the station. Officers for 1963 were elected at Thursday's meeting of the Brownton Rod & Gun Club, and include: Wayne Sanken, president; Morris Peik, vice president; Burton Zimmerman, secretary; Martin Lindeman, treasurer; and Lowell Block and Orville Rickett, directors.

20 Years Ago

Dec. 16, 1992
Lori Copler, Editor
 Seventy-six organizations, individuals and businesses have donated \$171,362 thus far for the completion of the new Brownton Community Center, according to fund-raising chairman Chuck

Warner. City voters also approved a general obligation bond of \$160,000 toward the new building.

10 Years Ago

Dec. 18, 2002
Lori Copler, Editor
 The Bruce and Amy Muetzel home in Brownton was the city winner of the home holiday lighting contest sponsored annually by the Brownton Civic & Commerce Association, while the Cliff and June Bussler home won the prize for rural homes. Rebecca Ann Stock, 41, of Hutchinson, was sentenced to two years in jail and seven years of probation after pleading guilty to manslaughter charges in the deaths of three Hutchinson boys, who perished when Stock's home caught fire Oct. 1, 2001. The three boys included Stock's son, Aaron Pulkrabek, 11; and his overnight guests, Adam Robinson, 10; and Andrew Colmer, 10; who were there to celebrate Aaron's birthday. The criminal complaint against Stock alleges that she went out to make a sale of marijuana and, while she was gone, an unattended candle caused the fire. The boys were asleep at the time.

From the Stewart Tribune archives

100 Years Ago

Dec. 20, 1912
A.F. Avery, Editor
 The nicest crop of Santa Claus whiskers in this locality, we believe, can be found on the handsome countenance of Buster Richards, farmer, stock raiser and all-around good citizen.

Manager Dols and sub-boss Waldorf of the local produce store were literally swamped with Christmas poultry the last three days of last week. The avalanche kept them working like Trojans day and night. Over 33,000 pounds of turkeys, chickens, ducks and geese were received, for which the farmers tributary to Stewart were paid sums which aggregated to \$5,000.

75 Years Ago

Dec. 17, 1937
Harry Koepfen, Editor
 New officers of the Masonic Lodge will be Norm Lenander, worthy master; F.R. Headley, senior warden; R.F. Barnes, junior warden; A.E. Ahlers, senior deacon; W.N. Cayott, junior deacon; L.A. Hakes, secretary; P.L. Schmitz, treasurer; Virgil Plaisance, senior steward; E.E. Bethke, junior steward. New officers for the Eastern Star will be Ida Lewin, worthy patron; F.C. Lewin, worth patron; Esther Lippert, associate patron; James Nutter, associate patron; Jennie Schmitz, conductress; Esther Ahlers, associate conductress; Ruth Dunlap, secretary; Evelyn Schmitz, treasurer; and L.L. Krouss, trustee.

50 Years Ago

Dec. 20, 1962
Kermit T. Hubin, Editor
 The grand opening for the new Matheny Oil Co. gas station in Stewart, the former Norman Kietzman Texaco station, has been set for Friday and Saturday, Dec. 21 and 22.

35 Years Ago

Dec. 22, 1977
Kermit T. Hubin, Editor
 Ground was broken Tuesday for a low-income, eight-unit apartment building to be constructed by Jerome and Marge Streich. The basement for the future

home of the Rev. Henry Sterner is going up this week. It is located on the lot just south of the Clarence Graupmann residence.

30 Years Ago

Dec. 23, 1982
Dave Stoltz, Editor
 The city of Stewart's application for a \$258,000 federal grant to convert the former St. Boniface school and convent into apartments has been denied, city officials learned Saturday. Ed Athmann of Stewart was recently elected to the board of directors at the Oakdale Country Club. The election was held at the stockholders meeting on Dec. 9.

Brownton all-school reunion set Aug. 10

Alumni and friends of Brownton High School are asked to save the date Aug. 10, 2013. That is when the next Brownton all-school reunion will be held. A mailing is being sent to graduates of Brownton High School with additional information. Graduates of McLeod West High School also are invited. A banquet will be held on Aug. 10 at the Brownton Area Civic Center. A social hour will be held at 5:30 p.m., meal at 6:30 p.m., fol-

lowed by a program and music. The reunion is being held that weekend in conjunction with the Brownton Lions Corn Feed and the B.A.R.K. (Brownton Area Resources for Kids) annual kickball tournament, bean bag tournament, 5K walk, and street dance fund-raiser events. Information can be found on the Brownton All-School Reunion facebook page. For contact information, call 507-359-2778 or e-mail jkaj@newulmtel.net.

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 Sun., Dec. 23 — Sunday school for all ages, 9 a.m.; worship, 10:20 a.m.; service on Glencoe Cable Channel 10, 10:30 a.m.

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 Thurs., Dec. 20 — Naomi Circle at Orchard Estates, 9 a.m.; LTC worship, 9:30 a.m.; Christmas Eve worship helper practice, 7:30 p.m.
 Sun., Dec. 23 — Bell and senior choir cantata at 8:15 a.m. and 10:45 a.m. services; no Sunday school or adult education; Skylar Hietala baptism at 10:45 a.m. service.
 Mon., Dec. 24 — Church office open until noon; Christmas Eve candlelight worship service with communion, 4 p.m. and 6 p.m.
 Tues., Dec. 25 — Church office closed; Christmas Day worship, 9 a.m.
 Wed., Dec. 26 — Televised worship on Channel 10, 2 p.m.

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 Sun., Dec. 23 — Worship at Peace 10 a.m.; confirmation class, 9:15 a.m.
 Mon., Dec. 24 — Candlelight Christmas Eve service at Peace, 6 p.m.
 Tues., Dec. 25 — Christmas Day, no worship service.

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 1014 Knight Ave., Glencoe
Anthony Stubeda, Pastor
 Wed., Dec. 19 — Morning prayer, 7 a.m.; Mass, 7:20 a.m.; reconciliation, 5 p.m.-5:40 p.m.; kindergarten through sixth-grade religious education classes, 7 p.m.-8 p.m.; seventh-through 11th-grade religious education classes, 7 p.m.-8:15 p.m.
 Thurs., Dec. 20 — Morning prayer, 7 a.m.; Mass, 7:20 a.m.
 Fri., Dec. 21 — Morning prayer, 8 a.m.; school Mass, 8:20 a.m.; school reconciliation, 11 a.m.; reconciliation, 4 p.m.-5 p.m.; Spanish Mass, 5:30 p.m.
 Sat., Dec. 22 — Reconciliation, 3:30 p.m.; Mass, 5 p.m.
 Sun., Dec. 23 — Fourth Sunday of Advent; Mass, 9:30 a.m.; Spanish Mass, 11:30 a.m.; religious education posada; decorate church for Christmas, 1:30 p.m.; Mass at Holy Family, Silver Lake, 8 p.m.
 Mon., Dec. 24 — School break begins; parish offices closed; Mass, 4 p.m.; Spanish Mass, 6 p.m.
 Tues., Dec. 25 — Mass, 10 a.m.
 Wed., Dec. 26 — No Mass, 7:20 a.m.; no school; parish offices closed; no religious education classes.

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 Sun., Dec. 23 — Worship, 9:15 a.m.; no Sunday school; deacons meeting.
 Mon., Dec. 24 — Candlelight Christmas Eve service, 7 p.m.

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 Thurs., Dec. 20 — Christmas caroling, 7 p.m.; church council, 7 p.m.
 Sun., Dec. 23 — Worship, 8 a.m.; fellowship, 9 a.m.; Sunday school, 9:15 a.m.; worship with communion, 10:30 a.m.; Spanish worship, 6 p.m.
 Mon., Dec. 24 — Church office closed; Christmas worship, 2 p.m.; Christmas candlelight worship, 7 p.m. and 11 p.m.
 Tues., Dec. 25 — Church office closed; Christmas Day worship with communion, 9 a.m.; KDUZ live radio broadcast.
 Wed., Dec. 26 — No public school confirmation; no handbells.

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 Thurs., Dec. 20 — "God Came Near," special reading at GRHS-LTC, 4 p.m.; Christmas caroling, 5:30 p.m.
 Fri., Dec. 21 — "God Came Near," special reading at GRHS-LTC, 4 p.m.
 Sun., Dec. 23 — Choir, 7:45 a.m.; worship, 9 a.m.; family education hour, Chrismon making, 10:15 a.m.; no LIVE.
 Mon., Dec. 24 — Office open, 8 a.m.-noon; Christmas Eve candlelight worship, 7 p.m.
 Tues., Dec. 25 — Christmas worship with communion, 9 a.m.; office closed.

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 Thurs., Dec. 20 — Sunday school teachers meeting, 7 p.m.
 Sun., Dec. 23 — Worship, 9 a.m.; Sunday school, 10 a.m.
 Mon., Dec. 24 — Christmas Eve worship, 7 p.m.
 Tues., Dec. 25 — Christmas praise worship, 9 a.m.

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

Wed., Dec. 19 — No confirmation class; choir practice, 7 p.m.
 Sun., Dec. 23 — Worship with communion, 8:45 a.m.; no Sunday school.
 Mon., Dec. 24 — Worship, 5 p.m.; no worship broadcast.
 Tues., Dec. 25 — Christmas Eve worship broadcast, 9 a.m.; cantata broadcast, 11 a.m.; Sunday school program broadcast, noon.

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN
 700 Division St., Brownton
R. Allan Reed, Pastor
www.immanuelbrownton.org
 Wed., Dec. 19 — Bible study with pastor, 9 a.m.; confirmation classes, 4 p.m.; chapel worship with communion, 6:30 p.m.; no bell or vocal choir practice.
 Sun., Dec. 23 — Children's worship, 10 a.m.; register for Dec. 24

communion; Channel 8 video; no Bible study; no Sunday school.
 Mon., Dec. 24 — Christmas Eve worship, 6:30 p.m.
 Tues., Dec. 25 — Christmas worship, 9 a.m.
 Wed., Dec. 26 — No Noah's Ark Preschool classes.

CONGREGATIONAL
 Division St., Brownton
Barry Marchant, Interim Pastor
browntoncongregational.org
 Sun., Dec. 23 — Worship, 9 a.m.; Bible study and Sunday school, 10 a.m.
 Mon., Dec. 24 — Christmas Eve worship, 5 p.m.

ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN
 Stewart
Robert Lehner, Pastor
 Wed., Dec. 19 — Seventh-grade confirmation, 3:30 p.m.; eighth-grade confirmation, 5:30 p.m.; church council, 7 p.m.
 Sun., Dec. 23 — Sunday school, 9 a.m.; worship, 10 a.m.
 Mon., Dec. 24 — Christmas Eve candlelight worship with communion, 6:30 p.m.
 Tues., Dec. 25 — Christmas worship with communion, 9:30 a.m.
 Wed., Dec. 26 — WELCA sewing, 10 a.m.-3 p.m.

ST. BONIFACE CATHOLIC
 Stewart
 Wed., Dec. 19 — Mass, 9 a.m.; reconciliation, 6:30 p.m.
 Thurs., Dec. 20 — Mass, 9 a.m.
 Sun., Dec. 23 — Mass, 9:15 a.m.
 Mon., Dec. 24 — Mass, 7 p.m.
 Wed., Dec. 26 — No Mass.

ST. MATTHEW'S LUTHERAN
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Aaron Albrecht, pastor
 No calendar submitted.

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH
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Robert Taylor, pastor
 320-587-5104
 Sun., Dec. 23 — No Sunday school; worship, 10:30 a.m.
 Mon., Dec. 24 — Christmas Eve worship, 5 p.m.

CROSSROADS CHURCH
 10484 Bell Ave., Plato
Scott and Heidi Forsberg, pastors
 320-238-2181
www.mncrossroads.org
 Wed., Dec. 19 — Youth and adult activities night, 7 p.m.
 Sun., Dec. 23 — Worship, 10 a.m.

ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN
 216 McLeod Ave. N., Plato
Bruce Laabs, Pastor
 320-238-2550
E-mail: stjplato@embarqmail.com
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 Wed., Dec. 19 — Youth choir practice, 5 p.m.; Midweek, 6 p.m.
 Thurs., Dec. 20 — Bible study, 8:45 a.m.; bulletin deadline.
 Sun., Dec. 23 — "Time of Grace," TV Channel 9, 6:30 a.m.; children's Christmas program, 9 a.m.; fellowship gathering, 10 a.m.
 Mon., Dec. 24 — Youth choir concert, 4 p.m.; Christmas Eve worship, 5 p.m.
 Tues., Dec. 25 — Christmas worship with communion, 9 a.m.; no prayer meeting.
 Wed., Dec. 26 — No Midweek; newsletter deadline.

ST. PAUL'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
 308 First St. N.E., Plato
Bill Baldwin, Pastor
www.platochurch.com
 Wed., Dec. 19 — Office open, 9 a.m.; men's coffee, 9 a.m.; confirmation class, 5 p.m.; adult choir, 6 p.m.; youth fellowship, 6:30 p.m.
 Fri., Dec. 21 — Office open, 9 a.m.
 Sun., Dec. 23 — Sunday school, 8:30 a.m.; Advent worship, 10 a.m.; fellowship, 11 a.m.
 Mon., Dec. 24 — Christmas Eve children's pageant, 7 p.m.
 Wed., Dec. 26 — Office closed.

IMMANUEL EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN
 New Auburn
Bradley Danielson, Pastor
E-mail: immanuelc@yahoo.com
 Wed., Dec. 19 — Seventh-grade confirmation, 4 p.m.; eighth-grade confirmation, 5 p.m.; building committee, 7 p.m.
 Sun., Dec. 23 — Worship, 9 a.m.; fellowship time, 10 a.m.; Sunday school, 10:15 a.m.

GRACE BIBLE CHURCH
 300 Cleveland Ave., Silver Lake
Dr. Tom Rakow, Pastor
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 Wed., Dec. 19 — Christmas program rehearsal, 6 p.m.; prayer time, 7 p.m.
 Sun., Dec. 23 — "First Light" radio broadcast on KARP 106.9 FM, 7:30 a.m.; pre-service prayer time, 9:15 a.m.; worship service, 9:30 a.m.; Sunday school and Christmas program practice, 10:35 a.m.
 Mon., Dec. 24 — Christmas Eve program, 4 p.m.
 Tues., Dec. 25 — Christmas morning service, 9:30 a.m.
 Wed., Dec. 26 — No services.
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 Wed., Dec. 19 — Light supper, 5:30 p.m.; WOW classes, 6 p.m.; choir practice, 7 p.m.
 Sun., Dec. 23 — Worship, 10 a.m.; coffee fellowship to follow service.
 Mon., Dec. 24 — Christmas Eve communion service, 5 p.m.
 Tues., Dec. 25 — Christmas Day worship service, 10 a.m.; Christmas potluck dinner, 11:30 a.m.

HOLY FAMILY CATHOLIC CHURCH
 712 W. Main St., Silver Lake
Anthony Stubeda, Pastor
 Wed., Dec. 19 — Mass, 5 p.m.; first- through sixth-grade religious education classes, 5:30 p.m.; seventh-through 11th-grade religious education classes, 7:15 p.m.
 Thurs., Dec. 20 — Rosary at Cedar Crest, 10:10 a.m.; Mass at Cedar Crest, 10:30 a.m.; adult choir practice, 6:30 p.m.
 Fri., Dec. 21 — Mass, 8 a.m.
 Sat. Dec. 22 — Reconciliation, 5 p.m.; Mass, 6:30 p.m.
 Sun., Dec. 23 — Mass, 8 a.m. and 8 p.m.
 Mon., Dec. 24 — Parish offices closed; Christmas vigil Mass, 4 p.m.; midnight Christmas Mass, midnight.
 Tues., Dec. 25 — Christmas Mass, 8 a.m.
 Wed., Dec. 26 — Rosary followed by communion service at Cokato Manor, 9:30 a.m.

FRIEDEN'S COUNTY LINE
 11325 Zebra Ave., Norwood
Joseph Clay, Pastor
 Sun., Dec. 23 — Worship at Peace 10 a.m.; confirmation class, 9:15 a.m.
 Mon., Dec. 24 — Candlelight Christmas Eve service at Peace, 6 p.m.
 Tues., Dec. 25 — Christmas Day, no worship service.

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 Wed., Dec. 19 — Young men and women (12-18 years old) and scouting, 7 p.m.-8:30 p.m.
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 Sun., Dec. 23 — Worship, 9 a.m.; Sunday school and Bible study, 10:15 a.m.

SHALOM BAPTIST CHURCH
 1215 Roberts Rd. S.W., Hutchinson
Rick Stapleton, Senior pastor
Adam Krumrie, Worship pastor
 Wed., Dec. 19 — Release time for grades 2-5, 9 a.m.; AWANA, 6:30 p.m.; middle school youth group, 6:30 p.m.; senior high youth group, 7:30 p.m.
 Thurs., Dec. 20 — Senior high lunch, 11 a.m.; worship team, 6 p.m.

Sun., Dec. 23 — Worship, 9 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.; grief share, 2 p.m.
 Mon., Dec. 24 — Christmas Eve worship, 4:30 p.m. and 6:30 p.m.

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Thurs., Dec. 20 — AA Group Mtg. next to Post Office in Stewart, 8 p.m., call 320-212-5290 for info.; Stewart Lions.

Mon., Dec. 24 — CHRISTMAS EVE; Tops Weigh-In mtg., 5-5:30 p.m.; Brownton Senior Citizens Club, Brownton Community Center, 1 p.m.

Tues., Dec. 25 — CHRISTMAS DAY
Narcotics Anonymous, Brownton Community Center, 7 p.m.

Thurs., Dec. 27 — AA Group Mtg. next to Post Office in Stewart, 8 p.m., call 320-212-5290 for info.





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People

Daughter born to Wurm family

Lance and Emily Wurm of Silver Lake announce the birth of their daughter, Kayzley LouAnn Wurm, on Dec. 1, 2012, at Hutchinson Community Hospital. Kayzley weighed 7 pounds, 11 ounces, and was 19 inches in length. Her older sister is Kylin, and grandparents are James and Marlene Wurm of Maple Lake and Duane and Linda Neu of Sauk Rapids.

Willems among graduates

Jason Willems of Lester Prairie will be among the Dec. 20 graduates of Minnesota State University-Moorhead. Willems, a graduate of Central High School in Norwood Young America, earned a bachelor of science degree in operations management at MSU-Moorhead.

Schmidts announce birth

Matt and Angie Schmidt of Hutchinson announce the birth of their son, Weston Robert, on Dec. 7, 2012, at Hutchinson Community Hospital. Weston weighed 7 pounds, 3 ounces, and was 20 inches long. He joins older siblings Rolin and Braxton. Grandparents are Roger and LuAnn Schmidt of Glencoe and Lynn and Lucinda Nelson of Hutchinson.

16th child born to Roots

Troy and Heidi Root Sr. of Hutchinson announce the birth of their 16th child, Brielle Montana, on Dec. 6, 2012, at Hutchinson Community Hospital. Brielle weighed 8 pounds, 12 ounces, and was 19-3/4 inches long. Her older siblings are Jordan, Brandon, Troy Jr., Whitney, Savanna, Cheyenne, Destiny, Mariah, Preston, Alexis, Mallory, Parker, Krystin, Jackson and Alana. Grandparents are Patricia and James Haagenon of Watkins, the late Larry Root and Rosemary Zitzloff of Winsted and the late Edward Zitzloff.

Daughter for Orsua family

Benjamin and Carolyn Orsua of Alamogordo, N.M., announce the birth of their daughter, Grace Kay, on Nov. 30, 2012, at Gerald Champion Regional Medical Center. Grace weighed 7 pounds, 7 ounces, and was 19 inches in length. Her older brothers are Joseph and David. Grandparents are Loren and Jill Busse of Arlington and Tammy Peterson of Biwabik. Great-grandparents are Orville and Dorothy Busse of Arlington, Sid and Joanne Samuelson of Glencoe and Tom and Sandra Giesen of Excelsior.

Lincoln Junior High names honor rolls

Lincoln Junior High recently announced its first-trimester honor rolls. The following students were honored for their academic achievements:

A Honor Roll
Seventh grade: Uilleam Armstrong, Jacob Blahowski, Gregory Boyum, Jessica Brelje, Aaron Castillo, Kyle Christensen, Zoe Christensen, Joseph Lawver-Cullen, Mackenzie Davis, Ashley Dreier, Madeline Dressel, Alexa Dubuc, Dallas Durbin, Jaecub Fondurulia, Audrey Forcier, Peter Gepson, Alexandra Hansch, Allie Harpel, Zackary Herout, Karsen Howard, Emmi Jerabek, Connor Kantack, Mari-ah Koester, Jamie Koski, Nicholas Lange, Rebecca Lieser, Paige Litzau, Mckenna Monahan, Kylie Ness, Austin Pinske, Laura Popelka, Cody Raduenz, Taryn Reichow, Dylan Richter, Jakob Rusten, Ellie Schmidt, Abigail Schmiege, Nicole Seevers, Theresa Siers, Carsen Streich and Sierra Trebesch.
Eighth grade: Ashley Bandemer, Jordan Briedenbach, Cameron Chap, Jacob Fehrenbach, Devin Fleck, Brandon Fronk, Shawna Goettl, Erica Hecksel, Amanda Husted, Jordan Kaczmarek, Hannah Kunkel, Cora Kuras, Jayden Lachermeier, Marisa Luchsinger, Brittney Medina, Madison Monahan, Maggie Petersen, Kole Polzin, Rachael Popp, Rachel Reichow, Matthew Sanchez, Nicholas Schmidt, Dini Schweikert, Joseph Torgerson, Katherine Twiss, Jacob Vasek and Teanna Vorlicek.

B Honor Roll
Seventh grade: Abisai Sanchez Anderson, Dakotah Beckmann, Eduardo Blanco, Ashley Brandt, Cadi Brooks, Grace Draeger, Alyssa Ebert, John Eiden, Nicholas Fenner, Tony Fischer, Evan Foley, Mickalyn Frahm, Alex Ide, Madelynn Kjenstad, Colbie Kuras, Spencer Lepel, Mil-itza Medina, Will Micholichek, Regina Moosbrugger, Benjamin Olson, Blake Ortloff, Cassandra Perschau, Joseph Richards, Alexis Sanchez, Rylie Schafer, Cassandra Shemanek, Tyler Siewert, Adam Thalmann, Mackenzie Wendolek and Ethan Wraspir.
Eighth grade: Kelli Bailey, Sarah Bandas, Mitchell Boesche, Deanna Bondhus, Kenzie Bulau, Molli Cacka, Marlaina Chelman, Tanner Chmielewski, Justin Dose, Tatum Engelke, Daria Fegley, Luke Frahm, Hunter Glaeser, Miranda Grack, Matthew Heineman, Connor Heuer, Catherine Holtz, Justin Jimenez, Marissa Kirchoff, Dalton Kosek, Ashley Lawrence, Jacob Litzau, Leah Litzau, Nicole Llovera, Isabell Mallak, Grayson Maresh, Michael Meyer, Jacob Mohr, Michaela Neyda, Brandi Pikal, Jenaya Poustas, Faith Rakow, Macy Rhodes, Mitchell Rolf, Roxanna Sanchez, Sarah Schmiege, Austin Schroepfer, Nathan Schuch, Jacob Simons, Hannah Stifter, Hanna Stuedemann, Destiny Senn-Talbot, Eric Villnow, Samantha Voigt, Kyle Wanous, Alexis Wildey and Chance Wildey.

Barott presented official FFA jacket by foundation

Glencoe-Silver Lake FFA chapter member Kirsten Barott was presented an official FFA jacket by the Minnesota FFA Foundation recently. "Kirsten is certainly a deserving recipient," said Becky Haddad, GSL FFA adviser. "She is an outgoing student who has taken membership in FFA and run with it. She takes every opportunity to get involved and better our chapter." As Minnesota FFA welcomes thousands of young people into membership, the Minnesota FFA Foundation

has announced the recipients of the Blue Jacket Bright Futures program. The program provides sponsored FFA jackets to Minnesota youth who are starting their FFA career. This is the fourth year the Minnesota FFA Foundation has offered the program. "This program is valuable as it provides students with a jacket for their FFA involvement. Having a jacket provides a real sense of pride," said Minnesota FFA's Leadership Development Coordinator Leah Addington. "FFA plays an important role in the



Chronicle photo by Rich Glennie

Kindergartners give to Toys For Tots

Three of the kindergarten classes at Helen Baker Elementary gathered in the gym to give their donations to the Toys for Tots program. The toys and other donations were collected and delivered Friday to an Old Navy drop site in the Twin Cities. The other two

kindergarten classes are still collecting items for the drive to provide toys to children and families less fortunate this Christmas season. Those donations will be given to the McLeod County Christmas drive that is still under way.

GSL FFA awarded grant

The Minnesota FFA Foundation announced the 2012 Legacy Club Grant recipients, including the Glencoe-Silver Lake FFA chapter.

"We were honored to receive this grant," said Becky Haddad, GSL FFA adviser, "and the money will be used for obtaining technology to ramp up our Supervised Agriculture Experience program and FFA."

Established in 2012, the Legacy Club is comprised of individuals who desire to see strong FFA programs.

"FFA works to develop its member's premier leadership, personal growth and career success through agricultural education and the FFA. Strong FFA programs begin at the chapter level and we desire to support that growth," said executive director, Val Aarsvold.

In its first year, the Minnesota FFA Foundation awarded grants totaling \$25,000 to 23 chapters across the state. Chapters will utilize these funds to improve technology for their programs, hold leadership training, purchase chapter FFA jackets, conduct community outreach efforts and obtain materials to prepare their members for career development events.

"It takes the involvement of many to support strong agricultural education programs. We encourage more people to join us in this important effort. FFA and agricultural education programs help train young people for the many careers in agriculture," said Michael Dove, past chair, Minnesota FFA Foundation.

Interested individuals are asked to donate \$1,000 towards the Legacy Club. This donation can be made in one to four years. For more information about the Minnesota FFA Foundation's Legacy Club, contact Aarsvold at 507-534-0188 or visit its website at www.mnffaoundation.org.

The Minnesota FFA Foundation partners with individuals and businesses to provide resources that promote and enhance premier leadership, personal growth and career success for Minnesota youth in Agricultural Education.

development of leaders that serve their local school and the agricultural community as a whole. "The jacket is a symbol of tradition and pride for those who have worn the official FFA jacket. Many past members have sponsored jackets, but it's not uncommon for individuals and companies to sponsor jackets because they appreciate what the organization does to develop young leaders," said Val Aarsvold, Minnesota FFA Foundation executive director.

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Obituaries

Janet L. Ellingson, 88, Everett, Wash.

A private family service was held Dec. 7 and a celebration of life on Dec. 8 for Janet Louise (Schrupp) Ellingson, 88, of Everett, Wash. The celebration of life was held at Delta Community Baptist Church in Everett.

Mrs. Ellingson died peacefully into her Lord's arms on Nov. 23, 2012, in Everett.

Janet Louise Schrupp was born April 16, 1924, in Glencoe, to Henry and Alice Schrupp, the third of four daughters. She attended school in Glencoe.

After graduation, she studied vocal music for two years at the Minnesota Conservatory of Music. She had a beautiful soprano voice and throughout her life was requested to sing at various functions, including weddings and other social events.

Janet Schrupp married Clarence Ellingson, who was in the Navy, on April 21, 1946, in Glencoe, and proceeded to travel to both coasts, following wherever her husband was sent by the

Navy.

During this time, her four children were born, all in different states.

When her husband retired from the Navy, Mrs. Ellingson stayed at home until her children were in school and then worked at a variety of jobs. These included the Boy Scouts of America, executive secretary in the athletic office of the Everett School District and as a rental officer for the Everett Housing Authority until her retirement.

The Ellingsons were members of Central Christian Church; Mrs. Ellingson was in the choir and Mr. Ellingson a deacon. They also were youth leaders for years.

Mrs. Ellingson also was a PTA president at Hawthorne Elementary School and a Campfire Girls youth leader.

Throughout the years, Mrs. Ellingson was supportive of her children's many activities in school and otherwise.

She loved being outdoors tending her gardens and taking many day trips in the

area.

Survivors include her four children, Judy of Everett, Wash., Melody (Wallace) Anhalt of Marysville, Roby of Marysville and David (Lynette) Ellingson of Sultan, Wash.; five grandchildren, Chase (Chy) Burns of Stanwood, Wash., Katie and Kendall Burns of Marysville and Amber and Kersti Ellingson of Sioux Falls, S.D.; one great-granddaughter, McKenna Burns of Marysville; one great-grandson, Emmitt Burns of Stanwood; sister, Gretchen Gullickson of Chippewa Falls, Wis.; numerous nieces and nephews in nine states.

Preceding her in death were her husband, Clarence, in 1977; parents, Henry and Alice Schrupp; and two sisters, Kathy Miller and Betty Geiselhart of Minnesota.

A guest book can be found at www.floralhillslynnwood.com. The Purdy & Walters at Floral Hills in Lynnwood, Wash., handled arrangements.

Ruth Erna Grewe, 92, of Gibbon

Ruth Erna Grewe, 92, of Gibbon, died peacefully at her daughter and son-in-law's home in Cold Spring the evening of Friday, Dec. 7, 2012.

Funeral services were held on Saturday, Dec. 15, at St. Peter's Lutheran Church, Moltke Township, Sibley County, with the Rev. Harold Storm officiating.

Burial followed in the church cemetery.

Ruth Erna Lindeman was the second child born to Emil and Edith (Schwarzrock) Lindeman on Dec. 24, 1919, in Penn Township, McLeod County. She was baptized on Jan. 18, 1920, by the Rev. George Diemer at St. Matthew's Lutheran Church, Penn Township. Her sponsors were Aunt Erna (Mrs. Albert) Schwarzrock, friend and neighbor Alma Schuette (Mrs. Albert) Spaude, and cousin Theodore Draeger.

In 1924, at the age of 5, she moved with her family to the village of New Auburn. There she attended Metcalf School through sixth grade, until the family moved to Brownton in Spring 1931. She attended Brownton Public Schools and graduated from Brownton High School in 1937 with 15 other classmates.

She was confirmed on March 25, 1934, by the Rev. C.H. Kowalske at St. Matthew's Lutheran Church, now known as Grace Lutheran Church in Brownton. Before marriage, she was a switchboard operator, a waitress and a domestic worker at several family farms.

On Dec. 20, 1942, Ruth Lindeman married Waldemar "Wally" Grewe of Gibbon at the Immanuel Lutheran parsonage in Brownton, by the Rev. Gerhard Schmidt. Attendants were Ray Lindeman and Ruth Bentz. As was customary in those days, the couple resided with Henry and Louisa Grewe, Waldemar's parents, for the first 8-1/2 years of marriage, until they moved into their newly erected home in Moltke Township in 1951.

Mrs. Grewe was a member of St. Peter's Lutheran Church and an honorary member of LWML, holding past secretary and president offices. She also was a past member of St. Peter's mixed choir.

Within her community, Mrs. Grewe had membership in and was past president of the Gibbon Golden Age Club. She also was an adult leader of the Moltke Happy Hustlers

4-H Club. At the county level, she was a past treasurer of the Sibley County Extension.

Other volunteer work at this level included being on the board of directors of the Sibley County Food Share. She was also a past secretary of the Sibley County coordinating committee and a past president of the Sibley County Aging Council.

In 1992, Mrs. Grewe was chosen Sibley County Outstanding Senior Citizen and represented the county at the Minnesota State Fair. At the state level, she was a past secretary and past president of the Minnesota State Soil and Water Conservation Districts Auxiliary.

For most of Mrs. Grewe's adult life, she resided and worked with her husband on their farm, tilled the soil for cash crops and specialized in quality egg production.

The Grewes established their farm site, planting many trees and erecting buildings to house farm implements, grain and thousands of chickens.

The couple met at a dance in Buffalo Lake, and dancing was something they enjoyed together for many years.

Mrs. Grewe will be remembered for her home-cooked Thanksgiving feasts and her professional-looking embroidery projects and hand-stitched quilts.

Education was very important to her, as well as being civically informed. She listened to WCCO and MPR until the last days of her life.

Mrs. Grewe thoroughly enjoyed little children and was the best grandma and great-grandma. She loved the arts and enjoyed watching and listening to her children and grandchildren perform musically, theatrically, giving presentations, or participating in sporting events.

Mrs. Grewe loved to travel and experience new things. She was always delighted to meet people and was a wonderful conversationalist. Consistent with her German heritage, Mrs. Grewe enjoyed

her sweets and her favorite was maple nut ice cream. She will be greatly missed by those who knew and loved her.

Survivors include her two daughters, one son, and their spouses, Bette (Duane) Kuss of Cold Spring, Dr. Kathryn Kelly (John Stahl) of Olivia and Fredrick "Fred" (Vicky) Grewe of Gibbon; six grandsons and one granddaughter, Dan (Alisa) Grewe of Falcon Heights, Darren Grewe of New Ulm, Darrick (fiancé Kristen) Grewe of Golden Valley, Daylen Grewe of Mankato, Lee (Sarah) Kelly of St. Cloud, and Samuel Kuss and Lillie Kuss of Cold Spring; 10 great-grandchildren survive, as well as step grandchildren and step great-grandchildren; a sister-in-law, Dorothy Lindeman of Glencoe; as well as nieces and nephews.

Preceding her in death were her husband Waldemar on Jan. 31, 1997; her parents; sister, Lorraine Lindeman; three brothers, Harry, Martin and Ray Lindeman; three sisters-in-law, three brothers-in-law, and one son-in-law, Pearl Lindeman, Vera Ferencik, Irene Grewe, John Grewe, Edwin Grewe, Andy Ferencik and Robert "Bob" Kelly.

The Minnesota Valley Funeral Home in Gibbon handled arrangements. To leave an online condolence for her family or to sign the guest book go to www.mvfh.org.

Earl R. Mielke, 78, of New Germany

Funeral services for Earl Robert Mielke, 78, of New Germany, were held Tuesday, Dec. 18, at St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church in Lester Prairie. The Rev. Eric Nelson officiated.

Mr. Mielke died Wednesday, Dec. 12, 2012, at the Good Samaritan Care Center in Waconia.

Marsha Christenson was the organist and soloist Ralph Prehn sang "The Lord's Prayer." Congregational hymns were "A Mighty Fortress is Our God," "My Hope is Built on Nothing Less," "On Eagle's Wings" and "O Come, O Come Emanuel."

Pallbearers were Paul Robideau, Mark Schurmann,

Dean Schurmann and Rick Lyzhof. Interment was in the church cemetery.

Mr. Mielke was born Sept. 15, 1934, in Watertown, to Emil and Bertha (Dennin) Mielke. He was baptized as an infant on Oct. 7, 1934, by the Rev. Ernst at St. John's Lutheran Church in Hollywood, and confirmed in his faith as a youth on March 21, 1948, by the Rev. R.A. Ritz at St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church in Lester Prairie. He received his education in Lester Prairie and was a graduate of the Lester Prairie High School class of 1952. He was awarded, from the State Council of Minnesota Colleges, the honor of "highest-ranking boy in the class of 1952."

Mr. Mielke made his home in New Germany on his grandfather's farm, which was purchased in 1905. His life's work and passion was farming on that family farm.

Mr. Mielke was a member at St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church in Lester Prairie.

He enjoyed repairing and improving machines, plants, animals and listening to the Lutheran Hour. He was always looking for new ideas for better farming. Mr. Mielke cherished the time spent with his friends and neighbors.

Survivors include his friends, Oria Brinkmeier and Gwen Wyatt of Lester Prairie, and Paul Robideau and his wife, Laura, of New Germany; cousins, other relatives and many friends.

Preceding him in death were his parents, Emil and Bertha Mielke.

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

David Bergmann, 60, of Minnetrista

David William Bergmann, 60, of Minnetrista, died Wednesday, Dec. 5, 2012, at Blake Medical Center in Bradenton, Fla.

Memorial of Christian Burial will be held Friday, Jan. 4, at 3 p.m. (visitation) and service at 4 p.m. at Mount Olivet West Lutheran Church in Victoria.

Mr. Bergmann was born Feb. 6, 1952, in Glencoe, to Raymond and Mabel Bergmann. He grew up in Hamburg, attended Central High School in Norwood and later studied electrical construction and design at Dunwoody Institute.

He married the love of his life, Christine, whom he met while she was washing her car in Norwood during high school, and they married in 1974.

In 1975, he and Christine founded Laketown Electric, where he continued to work until his passing.

Mr. Bergmann was a devoted husband and father to his children, Shelley, Christopher and Matthew. He will be greatly missed by his family, loved ones and community members.

He was a mentor to many individuals in the electrical industry and mentored many men to start their own companies.

Mr. Bergmann had a strong compassion for charitable work and helping those who were less fortunate. He was a Sunday school teacher, confirmation teacher, Boy Scout troop leader, volunteer fire-

fighter, member of the church choir and also was the president of the Waconia Chamber, the Rotary, as well as was the chairperson of the CAP Agency Holiday Project.

He was a licensed pyrotechnic and also coordinated the 4th of July fireworks over Lake Waconia for several years.

His hobbies included riding his Harleys, driving his stock car and eventually owning a race team, being outdoors, spending time with his family and hanging with his buddies at Floyd's.

Survivors include his loving family, Christine, Shelley, Chris and Matt; his grandchildren, Ezekiel Bergmann, Giuseppe and Giuliana Bevilacqua; as well as many great friends and extended family.

Preceding Mr. Bergmann in death were his parents and other family members.



Ruth Grewe



David W. Bergmann

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Though it now makes you sad.
For someday remembering
Will again make you glad...

Lillian Lentsch and family

Thank You

The family of Marvin Neumann would like to extend their thanks to everyone for all the flowers, support, phone calls, visits, kind deeds, food donations, monetary donations, and flowers. We would also like to thank the sheriff's Dept., Winsted Police Depts., Winsted First Responders, and the Ridgeview Ambulance at the time of the death of my husband, and our father. Special thanks to Father Schumacher and the Chilson Funeral Home for their kind words and support at this difficult time. Also thanks to Alice Nowak for the music, and Ladies of the CCW for the luncheon after the funeral. I would also like to express a very special thank you to all of my children and their families for their love, support and care.

Marietta Neumann, James (Jackie) Neumann, Linda Dworshak, Victoria (Phil) Marketon, Carol (Rick) Dangers, JoAnn (John) Klein, Jerome Neumann, Marvin (Sherrie) Neumann, Joseph (Layla) Neumann, Philip (Stacie) Neumann, and Donna (Joseph) Morang.

Menus

Dec. 24-28
Millie Beneke Manor Senior Nutrition Site
Monday — Closed.
Tuesday — Closed. Merry Christmas!
Wednesday — Beef tips with gravy, mashed potatoes, broccoli, bread, margarine, peaches, low-fat milk.
Thursday — Roast turkey, mashed potatoes with gravy, green beans, stuffing, cranberries, garnish, pumpkin dessert, low-fat milk.
Friday — Sloppy joe, oven-browned potatoes, country-blend vegetables, bun, margarine, orange, low-fat milk.

Christmas break at all public and parochial schools.

Pastor's Corner

Pastor James Gomez
Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Glencoe

"Don't eat the yellow snow!" is one of many warnings we hear at this time of year, along with, "Don't lick flagpoles!" and "Drive safely!" There's excitement, even in the warning, even if some of them are intended to be funny.

The thing is, they're not all funny, because some people don't know any better. I've seen news reports from the "cinnamon challenge" to various "accidents involving children and loaded weapons." Not in the least bit amusing. But, not serious enough, either, I guess...because people still ignore the warnings.

As you read this, you may also be thinking that you have only 2 days left until the end of the world on December 21, 2012. Unfortunately, it's predictions and warnings like this that numb us to the reality of the world ending...someday. When preachers talk about Christ's return, nobody thinks it'll be tomorrow and everybody thinks there's plenty of time to get right with God. It's easy to ignore the warnings.

In the church, we have the season of Advent, so that we can practice these things. Waiting. Patience. Sitting on the edge of your seat. Being attentive, alert and ready! And, taking it seriously, we issue warnings of the day that is coming, just as God has promised. And, just like any warning, it's for our benefit. Today (and every day) is the day the Lord has made, so let us rejoice and be glad. Every tomorrow is the day of His return, so let's lift our eyes to the heavens, faithfully heeding the promise of Christ's arrival. Glory to God in the highest, and peace to His people on earth! Merry Christmas!

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

Chronicle/Advertiser 716 E. 10th St., Glencoe 320-864-5518	Johnson-McBride Funeral Chapel 1222 Hennepin, Glencoe 864-3737	Glencoe Area Ministerial Assoc. Monthly Meeting (The First Tuesday of each month except June, July and August)
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Polzin named FFA's member of the week

Kyle Polzin, a member of the Glencoe-Silver Lake FFA chapter, was honored recently as the FFA Member of the Week: Kindling the Fire of Leadership.



Kyle Polzin

Polzin is a senior at GSL. According to the Minnesota FFA website, "It was while sitting in his first agricultural class at Glencoe-Silver Lake High School when Kyle Polzin's interest in FFA was sparked. After that, it didn't take much persuasion from his agricultural education teacher and friends and Kyle was well on his way to being a dedicated and self-motivated FFA member."

"He remembered hearing about the amazing opportunities that FFA had from his mom and couldn't wait to be involved. It only took attending one chapter FFA meeting, and he was hooked!"

"Kyle didn't wait to further his involvement and practically hit the ground running when it came to taking advantage every opportunity to reach his full potential."

The FFA press release continued: "He has competed in numerous career development

events including dairy foods, crops, extemporaneous speaking and creed speaking.

"Serving as the chapter sentinel and currently the chapter president, as well as attending both state and national FFA conventions, has shown him how he, and everyone else, can truly have an impact on this world. He has committed his time to his FFA Chapter and community, and is definitely making his mark."

"This enthusiastic FFA member understands the definition of hard work and team work and believes in leading by example. This is why Kyle does whatever he can to instill the fire of leadership in the minds of younger students and assist them in bringing out their passion for FFA."

"Kyle has played a key role in helping his chapter improve, grow, and expand in a few different ways."

"With a lot of help from his FFA adviser and officer team, Kyle was able to get a seventh- and-eighth grade FFA program started. He is overjoyed to see this being put into place because young members will be entering high school with an open mind and excitement for FFA! The early exposure to agricultural education and FFA can only make the chapter stronger as a whole."

Another project Polzin has been heavily involved in is helping his community form the Glencoe-Silver Lake Agri-Boosters, which is similar to

an Alumni FFA Chapter.

"The Glencoe-Silver Lake Boosters is a vital asset to the FFA chapter and will be able to provide support in the coming years. Whether it is pulling the FFA float in their homecoming parade or providing transportation to state FFA Leadership Conferences, Kyle can't wait to see how the partnership grows," the FFA release stated.

"Kyle is also very goal-oriented and loves to help his FFA chapter set goals that push them to exceed expectations. He is hoping to lead everyone to new heights by completing the National Chapter Award and participating in Minnesota FFA's Agricultural Literacy Challenge."

"Increasing the number of career development event teams that compete at the state level, plus continuing to increase fundraising efforts, are also on his to-do list this year."

"Kyle is unafraid of a challenge and has a heart of service. He recognizes his talents and is using them for the betterment of his FFA Chapter and its members. He serves as an inspiration for the incoming members and lives out the definition of leadership each and every day."

"Congratulations to Kyle Polzin for serving with a purpose in mind, leading his chapter to greatness, and being the FFA Member of the Week!" the press release concluded.

Obituary

Ronald H. Parpart, 75, of Waconia

Ronald H. "Ron" Parpart, 75, of Waconia, died Monday, Dec. 17, 2012, at the Ridgeview Medical Center in Waconia.

Funeral services will be held Friday, Dec. 21, at 1:30 p.m., at Trinity Lutheran Church in Waconia with the Rev. Phil Wagner officiating.

Visitation will be one hour prior to the service at the church.

Pallbearers will be Kevin Parpart, Kenny Parpart, Bruce Bargmann, Joe Parpart, Ben Parpart and Stephanie Parpart. Interment will be in the church cemetery.

Mr. Parpart was born Aug. 3, 1937, in Bergen Township, McLeod County, to Robert and Anna (Schmidt) Parpart. He was baptized on Aug. 15, 1937, at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Lester Prairie by the Rev. E. Stahlke, and confirmed on March 22, 1951, at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Lester Prairie by the Rev. R. Ritz.

On Oct. 11, 1958, Mr. Parpart was united in marriage to Arlene Bargmann at First Evangelical Lutheran Church in Glencoe by the Rev. Harold Bode. They were blessed with three sons, Keith, Dean and Todd. The Parparts shared 54 years of marriage.

Mr. Parpart was employed at ONAN Corporation for 36 years. Besides working at

ONAN, the Parparts were in the upholstery business for over 40 years.

Mr. Parpart was very active at Trinity Lutheran Church, being a member of Seniors for Christ, did video for care ministry for many years, as well as ushering for funerals and other services.

He loved going to garage sales, auctions and antiquing. Mr. Parpart was able to attend his grandson's wedding in October although he was quite ill. He loved to watch his grandsons play hockey when they were younger.

He kept his lawn in pristine condition, manicuring it every week. Mr. Parpart was a very social person, enjoying the time he spent with his numerous clients throughout the years.

Survivors include his loving family, wife Arlene; sons,

Keith (Jill) Parpart of Champlin, Dean Parpart of Madison, Ala., and Todd Parpart (Wendy Magee) of Norwood Young America; grandchildren, Joe and Brittni Parpart, Ben Parpart and Stephanie Parpart; brothers and sisters-in-law, Glennard and Gladys Parpart of St. Paul and Lesley and Carol Parpart of Lester Prairie; brother-in-law, Elroy Bargmann of Glencoe; nieces, nephews other relatives and friends.

Preceding him in death were his parents, Robert and Anna Parpart; father-in-law and mother-in-law, Edwin and Martha Bargmann; sister-in-law, Marcella Bargmann; and niece, Joyce Bargmann.

Arrangements are with the Johnson Funeral Home in Waconia, www.johnsonfh.com.



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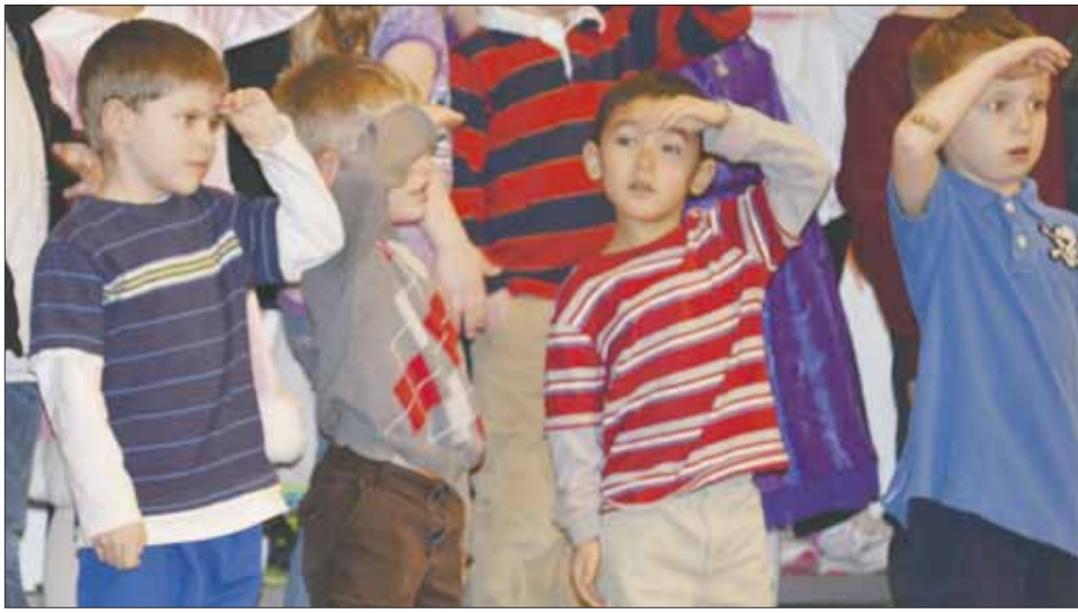
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Chronicle photos by Rich Glennie

Kindergartners take the stage

The five sections of Glencoe-Silver Lake kindergartners performed their winter concert last week in the high school auditorium under the direction of music specialist Carrie Knott. Above, left to right, Gavin Broucek, Indy Mason, Brenden Miguel-Holzheu and Ean Yurke salute the audience to open the concert. At right, David Zerwas and Aden Roehrich got into one of the dance routines. In conjunction with the concert was an art display by the kindergarten students, under the direction of Andrea Wigren, elementary art specialist.



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meier, Doug Wagoner and Lynda Wagoner.

Tickets are on sale at the City Center or online by going to the Glencoe Area Chamber of Commerce website.

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

GSL school facilities. Proceeds from this event will go toward the north outdoor complex.

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Glencoe man arrested after car break-in

HUTCHINSON — The Hutchinson Leader reported that Scott Brian Wingate, 25, of Glencoe, was arrested Dec. 6 by Hutchinson Police after a witness called about a car break-in and the stealing of a

wallet. Police searched Wingate and allegedly found a white crystal-like substance believed to be methamphetamine.

Wingate has been charged

with fifth-degree possession of a controlled substance, a felony, one felony count of possession of burglary tools and a misdemeanor count of theft, the Leader reported.

Corrections

In last week's Chronicle there were two errors.

The first was in the photo caption for new businesses honored at the Glencoe Area Chamber of Commerce banquet. The identities of Dave Johnson of The Cake House and Carl Stacey of Shopko were transposed in the photo caption.

The other error was noting the Santa Claus and elf pictured on the front page were part of the Coborn's float in the Holly Days Parade. They actually were part of the Pizza Ranch float.

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

NUNSENSE
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Friday, December 28th @ 6:00 PM - Dinner
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