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Fahey tradition continues in Glencoe

By Rich Glennie
Editor

Fahey Sales Auctioneers & Appraisers have been a fixture throughout the area for the past 65 years, but it had several separate "store fronts with offices," as owner Jim Fahey described them.

He jumped at the opportunity late last year to purchase the former Midwest Machinery building on the east side of Glencoe after visiting the site and seeing its potential.

Fahey transformed the building and consolidated his store front offices in Hutchinson, Belle Plaine and New Prague into Fahey Sales Agency, Inc.'s main facility in Glencoe.

Fahey admitted the former John Deere dealership building was in rough shape when he forged the deal with the Teply family, owners of the building.

But he changed little, other than make a bright new front entrance, turning it into office space with a large display floor and a lounge area for visitors, and clean up the long-vacant building.

"We didn't change the floor plans of the building," Fahey said, other than to alter the front appearance.

Parked on the floor last week were a fully restored 1954 Chevrolet pickup truck along with several old tractors and a car with 8,000 actual miles. All will be part of future auctions.

Behind the impressive initial entrance into the 32,000-square-foot facility, located along the frontage road (9th Street) near Highway 212, is plenty of indoor space that Fahey said has been lacking at the other office sites.

Beside the new indoor space, there is a large outdoor space for larger auction items as well at the Glencoe site.

The auctioneering, sales and appraisal business was started by his father, Joe Fahey Sr. in 1947 in Belle Plaine, and his four sons joined him later.

In 1977, two more locations were added in Hutchinson and New Prague.

The auction division of the business has expanded and now has five full-time auctioneers and appraisers licensed in Minnesota, three licensed in Wisconsin and Missouri and a licensed Florida auctioneer, plus a

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Jim and Linda Fahey of Fahey's Sales Auctioneers & Appraisers posed in the floor display area of their new facility located in Glencoe. Fahey's combined its vari-

ous offices in the area into a central location in Glencoe, in the former John Deere building along Highway 212.



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The 2013 Triple A (Academics, Arts and Athletics) award selections at Glencoe-

Silver Lake High School are Alexandra Stensvad and Eric Thalmann.

Stensvad, Thalmann GSL's Triple A nominees

Glencoe-Silver Lake High School's 2013 Triple A nominees are seniors Alexandra Stensvad and Eric Thalmann. They will compete with other Triple A winners for the right to advance to the state competition in Class A and Class AA and a chance at a four-year \$1,000 scholarship.

Stensvad, daughter of Duane and Roxanne Stensvad of Silver Lake, will attend South Dakota State University, where she plans to major in pre-pharmacy.

At GSL, Stensvad is a member of the National Honor Society, girls' basketball team, band and choir. She also was the manager for

the girls' soccer team and tutors junior high students in the morning at Lincoln Jr. High School.

Stensvad has been involved in Science Fair since the fifth grade, winning many awards and a state fair trip in all but one of those years.

In the seventh grade, she did a service project for the McLeod Alliance for Victims of Domestic Abuse and has continued this project every year.

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Former Glencoe officer charged with sex crimes

By Rich Glennie
Editor

"The whole department was shocked," Glencoe Police Chief Jim Raiter said after it was learned a former Glencoe Police officer, Bradley Schnickel, now working with the Minneapolis Police Department, was charged with having sex with female juveniles as young as 12.

Schnickel, 32, worked for the Glencoe Police Department from June 2005 to December 2007, when he left to join the Minneapolis Police Department.

Schnickel, of Andover,

faces six charges after allegedly having sex with a 14-year-old girl, and soliciting others as young as 12, while off duty. He is accused of making initial contact with some of the girls on Facebook.



Bradley Schnickel

The charges include two

counts of third-degree criminal sexual conduct; one count of attempted third-degree criminal sexual conduct; and three counts of engaging in electronic communications relating or describing sexual conduct with a child.

The charges were filed in Anoka County District Court last Friday.

He has since been released from jail on \$500,000 bail, and has been fired as a Minneapolis Police officer.

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Glencoe Business Expo, Feb. 16-17 at field house

The annual Glencoe Business Expo will be held Saturday and Sunday, Feb. 16-17, at the Panther Field House.

The Expo features displays by area landscapers, contractors, automobile and tractor dealers, food vendors and other businesses as well as area churches, the school district, local service organizations as well as the fire and police departments.

The doors open at 10 a.m., Saturday and run until 4 p.m. On Sunday, Expo doors open at 10 a.m. and run until 3 p.m.

Also on Sunday, in conjunction with the Glencoe Business Expo, will be the

annual Glencoe Rotary Club pancake breakfast in the adjacent high school cafeteria. The breakfast runs from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Entertainment on Saturday includes the Remarkable Reptile Show at 10:30 a.m. and again at 1 p.m.

Also, Vikings cheerleaders will be on hand at 1:30 p.m. and 3 p.m. for photographs. Participants are asked to bring their cameras and a donation for the McLeod Emergency Food Shelf. The Vikings cheerleaders are sponsored by Professional Insurance Providers.

On Sunday, the entertainment includes the Hutchin-

son Clown Club from noon to 3 p.m.

The two days of events include face painting, games, door prizes, including passes to the Minnesota Zoo, Powder Ridge, Nickelodeon Universe at the Mall of America, CineMagic Theater, University of Minnesota men's basketball, and a voucher for a Minnesota Twins game in 2013 as well as tickets to the Chanhassen Dinner Theatre.

Also, there will be free cholesterol and glucose screenings for the first 200 people visiting the Glencoe Regional Health Services booth.

Weather



Looking back: February has already doubled last month's snowfall; 3.6 inches fell last week, along with some rain.

Date	Hi	Lo	Snow
Feb. 5	31	.....2	.....0.50
Feb. 6	30	.....-1	.....0.10

Feb. 7	26	.....17	.....Tr.*
Feb. 8	27	.....11	.....0.00
Feb. 9	31	.....23	.....0.00
Feb. 10	32	.....26	.....3.00**
Feb. 11	26	.....14	.....Tr.*

* Rain. ** .05 rain. Temperatures and precipitation compiled by Robert Thurn, Chronicle weather observer.

Chronicle News and Advertising Deadlines

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

Happenings

Legion Auxiliary meets Feb. 18

The Glencoe American Legion Post Ladies Auxiliary Unit 95 will meet at 7 p.m., Monday, Feb. 18, at the Glencoe Fire Hall. Lunch will be served.

Rotary set breakfast Sunday

The Glencoe Rotary Club will sponsor its annual pancake breakfast on Sunday, Feb. 17, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., at the Glencoe-Silver Lake High School cafeteria. For advance tickets, contact any Glencoe Rotarian or Karin Ramige Cornwell at 320-864-5518. Proceeds will go toward local community improvement projects.

'Clergy Chili Challenge' set

The Glencoe-Silver Lake Ministerial Association is planning a "Clergy Chili Challenge" for Saturday, Feb. 23, from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. at First Congregational Church. Local pastors are making pots of chili and need some tasters! For a suggested free-will donation of \$3 a person or \$10 per family, the community is invited to come and sample. Most importantly, vote for their favorite! "Pastor Linzy Collins (First Congregational UCC) currently holds the title, but the rest of us hope to wrest it from his grip this year!" said the Rev. James Gomez of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church.

Glencoe Study Club to meet

The Glencoe Study Club will meet at 7:30 p.m., Monday, Feb. 18, at the home of Shari Johnson. The program will be presented by Carmen Patino.

Legion/Auxiliary to meet

The Stewart American Legion and Auxiliary will meet Monday, Feb. 18, at 7 p.m., at the original meeting place. Speakers will be Norma Syverson on national security and Mardette Trettin on Americanism. There will be an initiation of new members. Hostesses are Syverson and Jamie Olson Gutierrez.

Noah's Ark registration

Registration for Noah's Ark Preschool Brownton begins Feb. 22 for current students and members of Immanuel Lutheran Church in Brownton, Feb. 25 for siblings of current and former students, and will open to the public March 1. Contact Vicki Herrmann at 320-328-5325, or vickiathark@yahoo.com, for more information or to register.

FFA barnyard set Feb. 19

The Glencoe-Silver Lake Future Farmers of America (FFA) chapter is hosting a "Barnyard Day" on Tuesday, Feb. 19. The barnyard will be located at the GSL High School in Ag Room 341 and be open from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Come join the FFA to see the cows, horses, chickens, sheep, and much more.

Chronic pain topic Feb. 22

The Jonas Center of Glencoe is sponsoring a free 90-minute informational session for anyone suffering from a severe, debilitating chronic pain disorder. James Jonas, director of the Jonas Clinic, will conduct the session beginning at 11:45 a.m., Friday, Feb. 22, at Gert & Erma's Coffee Shop, 1110 Hennepin Ave., Glencoe. Michelle Becker, an occupational therapist, and Clark Christianson, a physical therapist at Glencoe Regional Health Services, also will stress the importance of taking control of chronic pain. RSVP the Jonas Center at 320-864-6139.

Singing Valentines coming

The McLeod County Historical Society and Crow River Floral & Gifts are sponsoring a Singing Valentines and Rose fund-raising event from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Thursday, Feb. 14. The historical society is asking for a \$50 donation to the museum. For those living outside of Hutchinson, but still in McLeod County, just add an extra \$10. Call the museum at 320-587-2109 or e-mail asa@hutchtel.net. The museum website is www.mcleod-history.org.

Lions 'bar bingo' set Feb. 16

The Glencoe Lions will be sponsoring bar bingo at the Glencoe Country Club at 2 p.m., Saturday, Feb. 16. Everyone age 18 and over is welcome to play for cash prizes. Food and beverages are available.

TOPS meets on Thursdays

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

Glencoe seniors to meet

The Glencoe Senior Citizens group will meet at 12:30 p.m., Thursday, Feb. 14, at the senior room in the Glencoe City Center. The group will play 500 and Sheephead, and all area senior citizens are invited to attend. The club also will meet at 12:30 p.m., Tuesday, Feb. 19, for card playing.

Caregiver group to meet

The Glencoe caregiver discussion group will meet at 5:45 p.m., Tuesday, Feb. 26, at Grand Meadows, 1420 Prairie Ave. Guest speaker will be Judy Hulterstrum, a pre-planning consultant from Johnson Hagglund Funeral Home and Cremation Service, who will talk on "Are You Living Your Dash?" For more information, call Jan Novotny, caregiver coordinator at 320-894-0479 or 1-800-488-4146. Nathan Unseth is the volunteer program facilitator.

To be included in this column, items for Happenings must be received in the Chronicle office no later than 5 p.m. on Monday of the week they are to be published. Items received after that will be published elsewhere in the newspaper as space permits.



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The Glencoe-Silver Lake Knowledge Bowl varsity teams captured first and third places at the New Century Charter meet on Saturday. The junior varsity finished fourth in its division. GSL team members include, front, from left, Chandler Swift, Mark Broderius, Ethan Bass, Brent Duenow, (front), Cody Wendorff,

Maddie Kuehn and Lindsay Wedin. In the back are Kyle Beck, Jacob Wawrzyniak, Patrick Fehrenbach, Oakley Clark, Lindsey Becker, Jenna Lokensgard and Cedric Winter. The Panthers host a home meet on Saturday morning at the high school.

Knowledge Bowl varsity 1st, 3rd at New Century's inaugural meet

The Glencoe-Silver Lake Knowledge Bowl varsity teams captured first and third place on Saturday at New Century Charter School in Hutchinson meet.

It was New Century's first-ever Knowledge Bowl meet. Its Knowledge Bowl program just started this year, but coach Evan Meece thought that he would like to host a meet.

GSL Coach Vicky Harris said she decided to just take three teams to this late addition to the meet, but those three were fairly successful.

There were 10 teams in the varsity portion of the meet, including ACGC, Hutchinson, KMS, MACCRAY, Montevideo, New London-Spicer and GSL.

GSL's two teams started in Room 1, with written scores of 43 and 42, bested only by Hutchinson with 44.

Room 1 remained the property of McLeod County teams for all but one round, as these three teams battled it out, Harris said.

In round one GSL 1 and GSL 2 earned 14 and 13 points, leaving Hutchinson with just 7. Hutchinson dropped to Room 2 for the second round (and earned 21 points there) while New London-Spicer took on the GSL teams, finishing 16 for GSL, 14 for GSL 2 and 5 for NLS.

For round three, Hutchinson returned to Room 1, having moved back into second place. This round belonged to Hutchinson and GSL 2, with scores tied at 12, followed by GSL 1 at 10.

In round 4, GSL 1 won decisively with 13 points, while Hutchinson earned 9, and GSL 2 got 8.

At this point, all the teams in Room 1 were so far ahead that even though ACGC earned 15 points in room 2, they could not catch up.

In the final award ceremony, GSL 1 earned first place with 102 points. Hutchinson finished second with 98.5, and GSL 2 got third with 95.

The members of GSL 1 were Lindsey Becker, Oakley Clark, Brent Duenow, Patrick Fehrenbach and Jacob Wawrzyniak.

GSL 2 included Ethan Bass, Kyle Beck, Mark

Broderius and Chandler Swift.

The junior varsity portion of the meet had 11 teams, and was won by Benson with 89 points. Community Christian School of Willmar took second with 86, while Hutchinson earned third with 80.5, edging out GSL, who ended the meet with 80 points.

GSL began the meet in Room 3, but moved up with a score of 16, then earned 11 (twice) in Room 2. They finished in Room 1, where they beat Benson and CCS (14-7-6), but their score was only enough to tie them with Hutchinson at 76.

Harris said the difference in their final scores was due to SOS (strength of schedule) points, which are added at the end of a meet, based on which rooms a team has competed in. (A round in Room 1 earns 1.5 points, while a round in Room 2 earns one

point, and a round in Room 3 earns 0.5 point.)

As a varsity member commented later, "The SOS giveth, and the SOS taketh away."

In this case, because Hutchinson had been in higher rooms more often than GSL, they finished 0.5 points higher, enough for a medal.

The GSL team members were Cody Wendorff, Cedric Winter, Maddie Kuehn, Jenna Lokensgard and Lindsay Wedin.

"Overall, our teams felt very successful, and it was wonderful to have such a short drive!" Harris said.

On Saturday, Feb. 16, GSL hosts its home meet at the high school, with oral rounds starting around 10 a.m.

"If you are planning to visit the Expo, stop in and see a little Knowledge Bowl," Harris said.

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Raiter said there was nothing in Schnickel's personnel file with the Glencoe Police Department for any disciplinary actions. "He was a good officer," Raiter said, "and his personnel file reflects that."

But if there had been any disciplinary matters, Raiter said, they would have been dealt with then. Raiter was a police captain at the time and the Glencoe police chief was Jeff Cummins.

Asked about Schnickel being in charge of the Glencoe Explorers program while at Glencoe, Raiter said then Glencoe Police Officer Scott Rehmann was in charge of that program, and Schnickel was assisting him.

The program allowed young boys and girls to see what law enforcement involves. Rehmann later was elected McLeod County Sheriff.

Rehmann concurred, and said he saw nothing in Schnickel's action that raised red flags. With the young Explorers, Rehmann said it was mostly classroom work with both he and Schnickel in the classroom setting.

"I was shocked," Rehmann said when heard of Schnickel's charges.

"What I remember of Brad, I never would have foreseen this happening. It makes me sad and sick for his family and kids," Rehmann added. He said Schnickel's father also was a Minneapolis Police sergeant.

"It also leaves a black mark for all of law enforcement," Rehmann said.

In a news release to the Star Tribune, Lt. John Delmonico, president of the Police Officers Federation of Minneapolis, stated what is alleged flies in the face of everything the federation and its members stand for.

Rehmann summed it up: "Law enforcement is held to a higher standard. Some do, some don't."

Out of Joint

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Glencoe Regional Health Services

FFA chapter gets \$2,500 for garden project

The Glencoe-Silver Lake FFA chapter has been awarded \$2,500 as part of the FFA: Food For All program.

The nationwide program provides grant money to local FFA chapters to support year-long service-learning projects focused on developing and implementing sustainable hunger relief projects.

According to Becky Haddad, GSL FFA adviser, "The Glencoe-Silver Lake FFA Chapter was approached in August with the idea to start a one-acre community garden.

"With plans already under way, the Glencoe-Silver Lake FFA Chapter intends to raise awareness for healthy eating, the value of a garden for exercise, smart environmental and conservation practices, as well as supply food to our middle and high school cafeteria, and provide community programming that will supply food to those in need (including community education, food shelves, and other donations)," Haddad said.

"The garden will serve as a community resource for fighting hunger and encouraging a healthy lifestyle.

"The garden site will be within walking distance from school and provide students and community an opportunity for camaraderie, exercise, and fresh produce," Haddad said. "A summer class will be offered in conjunction with the garden to provide opportunities for FFA members to work throughout the summer, and community members are encouraged to take advantage



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Adam Thalman in the back, and Will Mickolich have been instrumental in the planning phase of the FFA's plans for a garden project this spring.

of opportunities to help with planting, weeding and harvesting.

"Plans have already been set in motion to work with the local food shelf and multiple community partners to utilize this new resource to its fullest extent," Haddad said.

The FFA: Food For All grant program is administered

by the National FFA Organization, with funding provided in part by Farmers Feeding the World and the Howard G. Buffett Foundation. The program provided approximately \$323,000 to FFA chapters in 42 states. More information about the program can be found at www.FFA.org/foodforall.

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staff of 19 full- and part-time auction support staff members.

Jim Fahey is the youngest of the brothers. His current shareholding partners are his wife, Linda, and sons, Joseph and Christopher.

On its website, Fahey Sales Auctioneers & Appraisers touts its unique blend of auction, appraisal and real estate services that "have helped hundreds of families, organizations and businesses over the years achieve their goals and objectives in valuing or liquidating real and chattel assets, and take pride in the fact that many clients have repeatedly used their services over the years."

But the public's perception of auctions and auctioneers — standing on flatbed trailers in farm yards and front yards of homes — is changing, Fahey said.

Instead, online auctioning has "taken off while the number of live auctions has gone down."

He said he also has backed away from estate auctions in recent years.

Estate auctions were once considered more of a social event, Fahey said, because neighbors attended and everyone knew everyone else.

Now, Fahey said, many of the estate auctions are initiated by younger family members, who often do not live in the area. Often they are cleaning out their parents' homes.

These younger family members hire auction sales people, like Fahey, to handle the auctions, while they head back home after the funeral.

"eBay changed the whole approach," Fahey said. He said eBay engages buyers and sellers in a different way of online bidding. "There is no service. No face-to-face.

"Our online auctions bring both together," Fahey said of simulcasting. Often, Fahey said, it involves bidders on site with online bidders at the same auction.

While City Administrator Mark Larson said the city did little in getting Fahey's to relocate in Glencoe, Fahey said city officials "dove right in and were extremely helpful" in getting matters addressed, like the over-sized Fahey sign featuring its big "F" that can be seen from nearby Highway 212.

"Glencoe is a strategic location," Fahey said of the access to Highway 212, Glencoe's central location for its office and the close proximity to the Twin Cities.

Besides the 12,000-square-foot showroom, the facility has another 8,000-square-foot area for commercial items that are arranged into lots for upcoming auctions.

Items in that area turn over every two weeks, Fahey said. In the first seven weeks in the facility, Fahey said these lots of smaller auctioned items turned over three times.

In the far back is another 12,000-square-foot area for bigger, more commercial items to go on auction, like a whole kitchen for a Chinese restaurant. It is the former maintenance area for the former John Deere dealership.

Fahey said the items in that

area turn over about once a month.

The back facility is big enough to drive a semi into one end to unload.

Fahey said his main job is to go out and procure items for the auctions, and that puts him on the road a lot.

"Building relationships" is a main goal, Fahey said, and he attends numerous trade shows around the country.

Fahey's works with attorneys, banks, accountants as well as families, he added. The company also works with government agencies like Minnesota Department of Transportation and police departments on seizures, as well as businesses like Toro and Centerpoint Energy.

Several police repossessed vehicles are stored on site ready to go on the auction block.

Fahey's gets a percentage of the sales.

Fahey said the Internet has allowed his company to be more efficient, "but it is more work" in photographing and documenting the auction items for Internet viewing.

"It takes a lot of people," Fahey said, "and we're finding our feet."

He said the aim is to build systems to handle the volumes of items "so they move through (the facility) efficiently and quickly."

There also is a shipping area in another part of the facility that is handled by a husband-and-wife team who come in when needed, he said.

Fahey predicted things will

Established in 1999, the Howard G. Buffett Foundation's primary mission is to combat hunger and improve the standard of living for vulnerable populations throughout the world.

The foundation invests in a full spectrum of initiatives to address global hunger and food insecurity including: direct humanitarian aid for populations in crisis; agricultural development for smallholder farmers, particularly women; livelihood improvement for smallholders through commercial market access; academic and field research to increase farmer productivity in resource-constrained contexts; and advocacy campaigns to sustain and scale best practices. Learn more at www.thehowardgbuffettfoundation.org.

Farmers Feeding the World is an ambitious initiative of the Farm Journal Foundation that looks to rally the agriculture industry around three critical needs: providing hunger relief, creating agricultural development through sustainable solutions and communicating the importance of modern agriculture in the fight against hunger.

The Farmers Feeding the World initiative unites farmers, agribusiness and organizations to make a meaningful difference in those three areas. For more information, visit www.FarmersFeedingTheWorld.org.

Bustos jury trial to begin Tuesday

Jury selection began Monday for the David Bustos trial, set to begin Tuesday, Feb. 19, in McLeod County District Court.

Bustos, of Silver Lake, has been charged with two counts of murder in the February 2012 alleged stabbing death of Domingo Limon at her home in Glencoe.

A pool of 68 potential jurors appeared before Judge Michael Savre Monday afternoon, who outlined their responsibilities as jurors.

Three potential juror candidates were eliminated Monday afternoon, one of whom is the spouse of a potential

witness, and two of whom are McLeod County employees. McLeod County Attorney Mike Junge, who is prosecuting the case, said he gives legal advice to the two county employees on a regular basis.

The remaining jurors filled out questionnaires Monday afternoon, and on Tuesday began a one-on-one questioning of each potential juror.

Savre said he intends to seat 16 jurors, 12 as trial jurors and four as alternates. Savre also said jury selection could take three to four days, and the trial itself could last four to six days.

Hwy. 212 gets study funds for Carver-to-NYA section

CARVER COUNTY — The Star Tribune reported that the Highway 212 corridor study on the two-lane sections from the city of Carver west to Norwood Young America, will begin soon.

Carver County received an additional \$400,000 from the Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT) to go with \$900,000 in federal, state and county funds already available for the study.

The funds can be used for design study, right-of-way acquisition and construction, according to county officials.

The Star Tribune quoted Carver County Commissioner James Ische, who called the study "a very important step in developing a comprehensive strategy for this segment of highway." Carver County is the lead agency, and the study is expected to begin in May, the Star Tribune reported.

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Last year and again this year, Stensvad had painted old chairs to be sold as garden chairs to help raise money for the Alliance. Two of her chairs will be at the Alliance's bowling fund raiser, and the rest will be sold at the Alliance garage sale in April.

Stensvad, along with four others, will have her senior piano recital at Christ Lutheran Church. She has been taking piano lessons since the fourth grade.

She also ushers and is a reader at church.

Thalman, son of Randall and Mary Ann Thalman of Glencoe, plans to attend the University of St. Thomas with intended degrees in either mathematics or actuary science.

Thalman has equally impressive credentials as a four-year participant in band and choir, a four-year athlete in football, basketball and baseball.

He has been a two-year member of student government and is a two-year member of the National Honor Society.

He also has participated in the Business Professionals of America (BPA) competition as a junior and placed first in the state in the basic office systems and procedures.

Thalman also placed 15th out of 431 in the open event financial math and analysis and 22nd out of 400 in parliamentary procedure at the National BPA convention in Chicago.

Active in Future Farmers of America (FFA) since the ninth grade, Thalman has participated in the crops competition.

He also was selected as a GSL chapter officer as a sophomore and continued through his senior year.

Thalman competed at the state FFA convention each year in high school.

As an eighth-grader, Thalman was named the Jenny Resch Memorial Scholarship recipient to one student who showed outstanding achievements in the classroom, community and character.

The Triple A state winners will be honored at the boys' state basketball tournament in March.

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Gun control, like abortion debate, needs to find common ground

Our view: The status quo is not working, national effort needed to address senseless killings

The debate over gun control and the 2nd Amendment right to bear arms is similar to the abortion debate in that there is a right and wrong. "I'm right, you're wrong!"

Well, that leaves little wiggle room for anything in between, and that has been the problem with both of these seemingly unsolvable social dilemmas in this country. No one will blink in these debates, so nothing ever changes.

But gun-control proponents are gaining traction on the federal level as the carnage of shootings continues unabated, whether in schools, work places or on the streets of major cities like Chicago.

Proponents of gun control argue that guns are falling into the hands of violent offenders, and stemming the proliferation of guns, hand guns in particular, needs to be done through more laws and better enforcement.

Gun-control opponents agree that illegal guns are getting into the hands of those who ought not have them, however, additional laws will not address that issue.

Gun-control foes point to other factors, other than access to firearms, as the main problems needing to be addressed — gangs, one-parent families, illegal drugs, violent video games and mental health issues.

Gun-control opponents continue to trot out the Second Amendment-guarantee message as well as "Guns don't kill people, people kill people." That, and a ton of lobbying money, has effectively "killed" any progress in the gun-control debate.

The Stony Brook massacre of 26 people, 20 of them elementary school children, has pushed the debate to a new level. That tragedy seemed to push the debate over a line that had never been crossed before. The brazen slaughter of young children simply stunned everyone. How could it happen in this civilized nation? Well, it did. So what are we going to do about it?

Well, all the fine arguments in the world are not going to stop the Stony

Brook massacre from happening again, or the slaughter of workers in a Minneapolis factory, or of politicians in Arizona or now a prosecutor in Texas.

A different discussion needs to occur. One in which the National Rifle Association and other Second Amendment advocates need to be key players. These advocates need to bring new ideas to the table, and the status quo is not one of them. The current ideological tug-of-war is not getting us anywhere.

So what can we agree on?

First, the killing of innocent people is horrendous and needs to stop. Enforcement of existing gun laws — background checks in particular — needs to be done more efficiently and effectively at both the state and federal levels.

Second, mentally ill people should not have access to weapons; felons should not have access to weapons; people with a penchant for violence, like spouse abusers, should not have access to weapons; those selling and buying illegal weapons need to be prosecuted to the full extent of the law, mandatory jail terms might be an effective deterrent.

But looking at controlling guns alone is a myopic view. There needs to be a genuine push to address all these social ills at the same time. How, and how much is it going to cost, are the big questions.

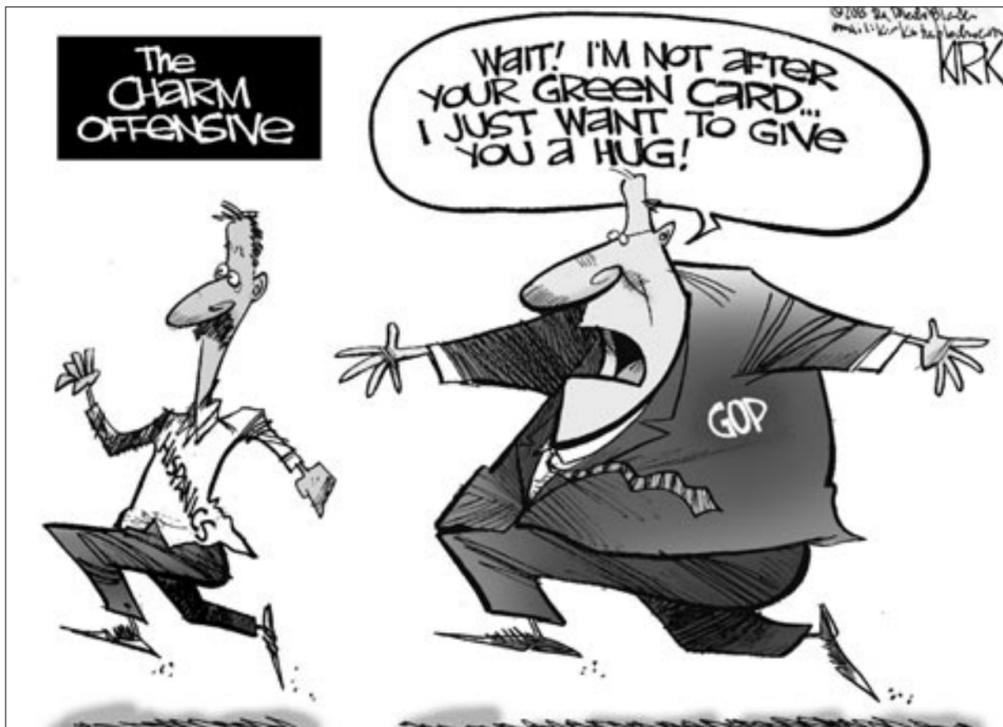
Americans are creative in the face of a crisis, and rally together for a common goal. We have done it in war; we have done it after disasters. We simply need a common enemy to fight.

Stopping the carnage seems to be that common enemy. Now let us formulate a common strategy to get it done. That implies all ideas on are on the table — from gun owners and gun opponents alike.

Then a sensible middle ground must be found from which to launch a national effort to eradicate these senseless killings of so many innocent Americans.

What we are doing now is not working.

— R.G.



When a 2.6-cent gas hike was news

I think I have whiplash. Each time I drive past a local gas station, the price of gas jumped another 10 cents; that's about 60 cents in less than a month! Gas prices are like a fast-moving rollercoaster, but only going up.

So, how come the gas price only comes down a penny at a time on the down slide?

Can you say greed? Ya betcha. But don't blame the local gas stations. They just do what they are told. It is at the production end that the blame falls, and the production end determines the price at the local level.

And when the production end closes down refining facilities to do maintenance work and change over to summer fuels, the price skyrockets until drivers holler "Uncle!" Despite protestations, drivers continue to dig deeper into their wallets and budgets to get to work and favorite entertainment venues.

I believe the current gas pricing qualifies as "being over a barrel" or "having a gun to your head." Either way, you are hostage to your driving habits and oil/gas producers' foot on the supply line.

The ironic thing is many of us holding mutual funds through our 401(k) and IRA accounts probably have investments in the very same companies that gouge us at the gas pumps.

Now on to what I really wanted to write about.

I received an old clipping sent to me by Charleen Engelmann of Plato. It is from an early Glencoe Advertiser circa June 26, 1979. The topic: gasoline prices.



Rich Glennie

Surprise!

Well, to anyone alive at the time, it was an event never to be forgotten. It was a time of the Arab oil embargo that attempted to bring America to its knees. It did not work, but it did change America's lifestyle, temporarily.

The Arab embargo cut off Middle East oil supplies to the U.S. over the Yom Kippur War of 1973 (Arabs vs. Israelis), and OPEC used oil supplies as a weapon against those who were not friendly to their cause throughout the 1970s. It resulted in higher gas prices and long lines at the pumps. In fact, gas rationing resulted in some areas.

I remember it well as a young reporter in Hastings, Minn. I was astounded when gas went to \$1 a gallon and beyond. I was equally astounded that vehicles were lined up for blocks waiting for a chance to refill empty gas tanks. It was a photographer's dream shot.

The Arab embargo also brought the death of the "muscle car" era in the U.S., as U.S. car makers went to compact vehicles to meet Ameri-

cans' demands for better fuel mileage.

It also was the advent of car-pooling, which boomed in popularity, despite the mind-numbing logistics of getting people to their various job sites.

Engelmann's submission was an eye-opening reminder of another era.

The old article reported on a survey done by Minnesota AAA that some gas stations in the state were running out of some grades of gasoline and were limiting purchases to \$5 or \$10.

The full-service price at the time was 88 cents for regular (leaded), 92 cents for premium, 92 cents for unleaded, 85 cents for unleaded premium, and 87 cents for diesel.

Hey, old enough to remember when we still had lead in our gasoline?

For that matter, remember full-service gas stations? You know, they washed your windows and checked your oil and tire pressure? Outside of Glencoe Oil, full-service ceased to exist as well.

The 1979 article also noted that some gas stations were not open Fridays through Sundays in some parts of the state because of supply shortages.

The big headline read "Fuel increases 2.6 cents."

We can wish nowadays. And as Mrs. Engelmann added, "Hard to recall when gas was under \$1 a gallon and a fuel cost increase of 2.6 cents made news!"

Thanks for the reminder. The Arab embargo doesn't sound so bad considering what is happening today.

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Question of the week

The debate is heating up over gun control in the wake of mass killings around the country, including that of 20 elementary-school children in Connecticut.

What is most needed?

- 1) Add more, and stricter gun-control laws
- 2) Improve background checks on state/federal levels
- 3) Better enforcement current gun laws already on the books
- 4) Doing nothing, and quit meddling with 2nd Amendment

Results for most recent question:

The state's share of the Vikings stadium project is supposed to come from the expansion of electronic pulltabs. The efforts appear to be falling short of expectations. What should the state do?

- Encourage more gambling expansion — 12%
- Encourage more contributions from Vikings owners — 29%
- Prepare to use more tax dollars — 9%
- Stop the project until funds are found — 50%

106 votes. New question runs Feb. 13-19

Letters to Editor

Grateful for the help in feeding the less fortunate

To the Editor:

Another year has come to an end with the McLeod Emergency Food Shelf being very grateful to all the many individuals who have helped it to be able to serve the needy households that live in McLeod County.

Without that help, the food shelf would not have been able to serve the unduplicated number of 1,546 households that were in need of food. In all, there were 4,934 distributions of food to these families.

Although some of the large food drives were not as large as in the past, we were still able to keep on giving the same amount of food as in the past.

The cash donations were used to

make up for the actual food that was not donated. Luckily, we were able to put money in reserve in the past so that now when donations were down, we had CDs (certificates of deposit) to cash in, so we were able to keep on serving everyone the same amount as before.

The McLeod Emergency Food Shelf provided 354,086 meals from the 460,312 pounds of food given out.

Thank you very much to everyone who donated cash, food and volunteer time to the food shelf. Without the help of everyone, we would not have been able to serve the number of individuals that we did.

We are especially thankful to

Geraldine Tews for including the McLeod Emergency Food Shelf in a trust fund from her estate. We are keeping this money invested to ensure the future of the food shelf for years to come.

She will always be remembered for her thoughtfulness and concern for the less fortunate residents of McLeod County.

Thanks again for all your concern and support in helping the needy of the county. The person you helped may have been the person next to you.

Marietta Neumann,
Executive director
McLeod Emergency
Food Shelf



Thoughts while reading the paper

Thoughts while reading the morning newspaper:

Our granddaughter is teaching music at the public school in Babbitt. When commenting on the minus 41-degree temperature the other morning, she observed she no longer had any basses in her mixed choir. "It's so cold, Grandpa," she let me know, "I have a bunch of tenors and boy sopranos."

Gee, what would Al Gore have to say about that irrevocable situation?

Our young people are getting too fat!

There is a movement under way to expel junk food from schools. Good! For too long dispensers of pop, candy and other not-so-healthy snacks have been available in our schools.

On more than one occasion, I've suggested it might be well to substitute milk and/or fruit stations to satisfy hungry kids. Especially here in America's dairy land, it makes sense to peddle milk rather than sugar-filled stuff.

Great strides could be made improving the health of the nation's young people by moving toward healthful treats.

Then, too, putting emphasis toward increased physical activities and away from sitting on their dead ends watching electronic gadgets might help.

Growing up in the '30s, when none of us had money to spend on foolish things, we found our pleasures by doing things in the great outdoors — and in the process we burned off calories and in some small measure built



Chuck Warner

muscles.

Might not be a bad idea for today's youth.

Quite a few American couples could well be disappointed as the Russians say they will no longer allow orphans from their country be adopted by Americans. Not only is this disappointing for the people seeking the children, but the children living in orphanages are missing out, too.

But wait, there is a solution, at least for Americans seeking children. What's wrong with children living in American orphanages? It seems there are quite a few children eagerly waiting for someone to give them a home.

These native children represent all segments of American society, and while there are a good deal more children than babies, nonetheless just about any want of those seeking a child can be satisfied.

What is so much better about a child coming from Russia than one born right here in the United States?

Last week the nation collectively held its breath as

Jim Lee Dykes held a 5-year-old boy hostage in an underground bunker. Dykes had killed a school bus driver, who had attempted to protect his passengers from being taken hostage.

The Alabama authorities finally killed Dykes and freed the boy after a six-day standoff.

During the standoff, authorities had been allowed to drop crackers and a hot wheel car to the victim. One might ask why they did not slowly release a nerve gas, which has no taste or smell, into the bunker's ventilation system, which could have put Dykes and his hostage to sleep and allow the rescue.

It may be fortunate, however, Dykes was killed in the rescue. This way there is no trial — which could have cost the state of Alabama \$100,000 or more — nor is there a huge bill (\$40,000 a year or more) to incarcerate Dykes for the rest of his life.

Why do people do such dastardly acts? What can society do to prevent them? All too many citizens of this nation have been victims of these kooks. One would be too many. It is to be hoped answers can be forthcoming and proper solutions put in place.

In the meantime, Alabama authorities are to be commended for their actions, which united the 5-year-old with his mother.

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

Guest opinion:

Gun control? Address real issues

To the Editor:

Gun control is a big topic these days and always seems to come to the head of the line when someone goes off the deep end and kills a bunch of innocent people.

There are radical groups at both ends of this issue that make this a much bigger deal than it is. The two common sense groups in the middle have their thinking muffled by the thinking of two noisy, radical groups on the outside.

Actually, there are many gun control laws in place, and if they were adhered to better there would be little need for more laws that affect the groups that are never going to be the problem anyway.

We, as a society, have feelings about which means of death are more tragic. Certainly a gun death is tragic. As such, it makes front page headlines and demands something be done.

Other deaths we tend to think of as just normal. Thousands are killed needlessly each year by cars, cigarettes, alcohol, drugs — both legal and illegal — and many more of the daily things we take for granted in society. These deaths seldom make any type of headline and are overlooked by society.

What needs to be done about the gun-related deaths is not to look at the tool as the cause, but society's failing as the cause. Why have these happenings become so common in the past few decades?

Have guns gotten that much more "fun" to kill with? Have guns become more dangerous? Are there more guns than 50 years ago?

None of these silly reasons should make sense to anyone. Guns have been our tools and hobbies for a couple of centuries. Suddenly guns are the cause of some new, deviant behavior in society? Take the blinders off!

Is it coincidence that this

problem coincides with some of the relaxed standards we have instituted in this country over the last half century? We are seeing the results of some of these changes. Rather than "the gun" as the culprit, it is these societal faults that are the problem and are much more difficult to address than the inanimate "gun."

We need to take a good look at the real causes of this moral decay. There are many of them, and it is time we put the blame on the real causes and take action where it will eventually do some good.

Some changes that come to mind immediately are this country's movement away from the very foundations of this country. The idea of separation of church and state was a good idea as our forefathers envisioned it, but modern leaders, with evidently little vision of history, have twisted this concept to the point that our forefathers would be ashamed!

Our founding fathers did not mean to "separate" religion from government to the point of eliminating it from the very thinking process of governing this nation.

We have done a very thorough job of eliminating any thought of God from our education system. The results are now very obvious to those not afraid (or not too ashamed) to notice.

Eliminating respect for teachers and limiting their power to control their own classrooms can hardly be looked at as a positive move.

We are seeing the results in the attitudes of those who were educated in this system and did not receive the guidance they needed.

We live in a society that teaches you are only responsible and accountable if you really want to be. The message is: If you choose not to be a responsible member of society, someone else will pick up the slack for you. You

don't have to be accountable.

We live in a rapidly advancing technological society. Everyone has access to life-like electronic games where violence is considered entertainment and can cloud the vision of some with vulnerable minds. Minds that are not properly prepared in going through our failing education system.

Likewise, the movies we see make violence into something that has no accountability. Granted, it is just "entertainment, and this is the way most of us see it. Again, there are those vulnerable minds that were not prepared to process this information in the correct way.

When one of these "unprepared" minded people picks up a gun and kills, is it the gun's fault? Eliminating guns won't cure the problem. Eliminating guns, and yet another one of our freedoms, will only degrade the quality of life for those who are law abiding and responsible citizens.

Let us be intelligent and attack the problems at the source; it will be a long road back, but something must be done.

Let's make sure our efforts are aimed at the real causes of our society's problems. It is time to take a good look at ourselves in an open-minded way.

We may not like what we see. Talk with the older generation, before it is too late. See how they made things work in a much more challenging time.

We do have serious problems, and they have little to do with the gun. Let's aim our efforts at the real problems we, ourselves, have created. It is society's mindset that is at fault, not the tools we use.

**Jon Risch
Glencoe**

County Board approves Reiner gravel pit permit, with conditions

**By Lori Copley
Staff Writer**

The McLeod County Board of Commissioners approved an application for a gravel pit conditional use permit Feb. 5 after taking comments from area residents.

Craig Reiner applied for the permit for a new gravel pit to be located along Vista Road, northwest of Hutchinson.

The matter was first debated by the McLeod County Planning Advisory Committee at its Jan. 23 meeting, at which time a public hearing was held. The Advisory Committee recommended approval of the permit with several conditions. The County Board has final approval over conditional use permits.

Tom Dahl, who lives near the proposed pit, acted as spokesman for other residents in the area, saying they had three main concerns:

- First, that there be some type of barrier shielding the pit from Vista Road. Dahl said that though the area is zoned agricultural, it should really be considered rural residential because of the large number of private residences in the area. Dahl said the closest residence to the proposed pit is within 100 yards, and the next closest is within 215 yards.

Reiner said that the area toward the road is "the least desirable to mine," and would be probably be planted with a crop for at least the 150 feet from the road.

- Second, that no foreign material be brought in to the pit for recycling.

Reiner said that reclaimed material is needed to be mixed

with the material mined from the pit, but noted that the recycling process doesn't start right away with the first mining of the pit. Once the pit is started, the recycling takes place on the floor of the pit, which provides both a sound barrier "and keeps it out of sight," said Reiner.

He also said he intends to locate the crushing operation on the northwest quadrant of the pit, which will put it furthest from the residences.

- And, third, that no more than five acres be mined at a time, with restoration of each five acres of mined gravel being done before opening the next five acres of the pit.

"I think we could live with that five acres," Reiner responded.

Dahl said he had called Reiner to express the concerns of the neighbors prior to the meeting so that Reiner "wouldn't be blindsided."

Commissioner Sheldon Nies commended the residents and Reiner for working together to try to resolve the issues prior to the County Board meeting.

"That's the way these things should be done," said Nies.

After more discussion, the County Board added three conditions to those already established by the Planning Committee: That there be a vegetative crop for the first 150 feet from the road; that the crushing operation be located in the back of the pit and that no more than five acres of the pit can be open to mining at a time; and that open areas must be restored before a new area is opened up.

The Planning Committee also had several conditions on the permit, including: a letter of credit or a bond in the amount of \$35,000; no impact on wetlands without prior approval from any agency or jurisdiction; that Reiner apply for a de-watering permit from the Department of Natural Resources, if needed; that he follow an orderly restoration plan, establishing a back slope of a 4-to-1 grade; that restoration be inspected by the zoning office; that all Minnesota Pollution Control Agency permits be maintained; that hours of operation will be Monday through Friday, 7 a.m. to 6 p.m., with Saturday hours only for special needs; and that proper maintenance of the haul route and dust control measures be observed.

In other business Feb. 5, the County Board:

- Approved an agreement with the state of Minnesota Board of Water and Soil Resources to manage a \$95,000 grant that will help the city of Biscay fix a number of failing septic systems in the city.

- Agreed to build a "pesticide/dangerous materials" room in the Household Hazardous Waste Facility, located in Hutchinson.

Sarah Young, solid waste coordinator, said the room will provide a safe area to process and manage recycled hazardous waste and chemicals.

The total cost of the room, for construction and electrical work, came to about \$12,500. The work will be paid for through the abatement fee fund.

GRHS long-term care joins collaborative

The long-term care facility at Glencoe Regional Health Services (GRHS) has joined the Stratis Health Acting Together to Achieve Excellence campaign (ATTAX). This campaign was designed to ensure that every nursing home resident receives the highest quality of care.

The ATTAX campaign will instill quality and performance improvement practices aimed at attacking and eliminating health-care-acquired conditions and improving resident satisfaction in Minnesota nursing homes.

Supporting the development of strategies for overall

quality will be at the heart of this work, as well as specific emphasis and resources on improving dementia care and preventing pressure ulcers, falls and urinary tract infections.

Successes and best practices from the group will be shared with the Minnesota nursing home community over the next few years.

"We already have an extensive quality improvement program in place," states Pam Gould, registered nurse, GRHS long-term care director of nursing. "The ATTAX campaign will raise the bar a little higher as we continue to

provide quality care for our residents."

The work is supported by the federal Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS), and is being led by Stratis Health, Minnesota's Medicare quality improvement organization.

"CMS has made transformational quality improvement a priority across the country, and this is such exciting work that we are able to continue as the quality improvement organization with nursing homes in Minnesota," said Jane Pederson, M.D., director, medical affairs, Stratis Health.

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Brownton City Council to go ahead with final plans for utility

By Lori Copley
Staff Writer

The Brownton City Council agreed at its Feb. 5 meeting to authorize its engineers to begin final specifications for a proposed municipal natural gas utility, before it even knows if voters will approve a bond to finance the project.

John Rodeberg of SEH, Inc., told the City Council that he feels the engineers need an earlier start on the final plans if the hope is to get the utility in place by Nov. 1, or the start of the winter heating season.

Originally, the plan was to create preliminary plans, with final plans to come after a March 19 special election on a general obligation bond that would fund the estimated \$1.9 million project.

Rodeberg said there is "some risk" to ordering final plans before the vote, but the plans could still be used for a future project if the March vote should fail.

And so far, Rodeberg said, all indications are that the vote will pass.

"We've had nothing but good comments so far," Rodeberg said.

Also discussed was the possibility of offering natural gas outside the city limits, in particular north along Plum Avenue (County Road 25) as far as Grace Lutheran Church, and making it available to several homes on 85th Court just south of the church.

Former Mayor Curt Carrigan said he has also been approached by residents on the

northwest shore of Lake Addie about the possibility of running a line for those homes.

Rodeberg said he could check into that possibility.

The City Council also decided to offer free hook-up to natural gas until Aug. 1, 2014, for customers who decide to participate. After that time, customers will have to pay a hook-up fee.

The hook-up includes running a service to the home or business and a meter. Any work done inside the building is the responsibility of the property owner.

Rodeberg said he and David Drown, the city's financial consultant, are looking into a program that would help residents convert or replace their appliances for nat-

ural gas service, as a loan with a payback through a special assessment on the property.

Rodeberg hoped to have more information about that program prior to the public hearing that was held Tuesday night.

In other business Feb. 5, the City Council:

- Heard a presentation by McLeod County Commissioner Sheldon Nies on the various recycling programs offered by the county.
- Approved a 3.2 liquor license for the Brownton Baseball Association for the sale of beer during the Bruins' baseball season, and a one-day permit for the Brownton Lions Club for its annual spring fling sampler, set for March 23 at the Brownton

Community Center.

- Passed a resolution acknowledging, with thanks, several donations, including: Brownton Lions Club, \$3,000, summer enrichment program; Brownton Lions, \$4,000, summer recreation program; Brownton Lions, \$15,000, Brownton Area Civic Center; Cabin Fever Days celebration, \$14,000, Brownton Area Civic Center; individual donations for the civic center in the amount of \$45,703.86; Brownton Area Resources for Kids (BARK), \$1,161.53, summer enrichment; Thrivent, \$1,601.49, Brownton Public Library and summer recreation; individual donations totalling \$2,275 for the Brownton Fire Department; and Brownton Lions, \$510, to the police depart-

ment for weather radios.

- Approved the appointment of Mayor Jay Werner as the city representative on the Minnesota Municipal Power Association (MMPA) board, with Mark Streich, maintenance supervisor, as the alternate.

- Reviewed and adopted the 2013 city fee schedule with no changes.

- Tabled discussion on the replacement of the partitions in the restrooms at the Brownton Community Center.

- Agreed to purchase several tables for the Brownton Area Civic Center, and agreed to look into the purchase of additional chairs.

- Set the Board of Appeals hearing for Wednesday, April 3, at 11 a.m.

Despite snags, fiber-optic project still in the works, Stewart City Council hears

By Lori Copley
Staff Writer

The RS Fiber fiber-to-the-home project isn't dead yet.

Mark Erickson, Winthrop city administrator and a coordinator of the proposed project, gave an update to the Stewart City Council at its Monday night meeting.

Erickson said that although Arlington and Sibley County have pulled out of the project, there are still 10 cities, including Stewart, Brownton and Buffalo Lake, which are still interested in the project, as well as Renville County and a cooperative of rural Sibley County residents and businesses.

Erickson said the proposal hit a snag with bond attorneys, who were concerned with a proposed \$2.8 million debt service reserve fund that

would help pay off a bond in year four of the system if revenues weren't meeting debt payments. There is enough funding built into the bond to make payments for the first three years while the system is being built and establishing a customer base.

Under the proposed financing, if the RS Fiber project needs to dip into the reserve, the participating entities will need to kick in money to replenish the fund.

That could cause financial difficulty for smaller communities, said Erickson.

"A city like Stewart, for example, isn't going to double their levy to make that payment," said Erickson.

But Erickson also said that would only happen in a worst-case scenario — if RS Fiber was forced to use the

entire \$2.8 million reserve in that year.

"That's assuming we lose every one of our customers, and that isn't going to happen," said Erickson. "Even the bond attorneys know that."

But a fiber-optic system built by the city of Monticello fell short of revenues to pay for its bond, and that has made bond attorneys nervous, Erickson said.

In order to get past this hurdle, Erickson said RS Fiber approached the Rural Utilities Service (RUS) division of the United States Department of Agriculture about guaranteeing the debt service reserve fund.

Not only would a federal guarantee of the reserve fund help appease the bond attorneys, but it could help lower

interest rates on the bond, said Erickson.

Erickson said the RUS officials seemed amiable toward the project.

"We have the opportunity to become a showcase for rural fiber optic," said Erickson.

In other business Monday night, the City Council:

- Heard an appeal from resident Charles Nemecek to find a place to start a community garden. Maintenance Supervisor Matt Maier said he would help Nemecek find a place.

Maier also reported that the city will be starting a small "tree farm" with help from a Department of Natural Resources (DNR) grant. Saplings from the farm will be transplanted to replace boulevard trees that either

were removed during street improvement projects, or potential victims of the emerald ash borer.

- Approved several items in relation to the annual Stewartfest celebration.

- Purchased a new copy machine for the city clerk's office.

- Agreed to send six First Responders to an emergency medical services conference in Rochester.

- Agreed to take over the billing for garbage collection from West Central Sanitation after learning there are at least 30 customers with delinquent bills.

If the city does the billing, it can assess unpaid bills to customers' property taxes, because the city's ordinance requires all residents and businesses to participate in the

garbage collection program.

- Agreed to have the city engineer look again at possible improvements to Hall Street between Herbert and Main streets.

- Agreed, on a 3-1 vote, to apply for a donation from the Stewart Lions Club to purchase a washer and a dryer for the fire hall to be used for cleaning turn-out gear.

Council Member Kevin Klucas voted against the motion, saying he wants to know where in the hall the washer and dryer will be located before the purchase is made.

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City of Brownton intends to amend its pet ordinance

By Lori Copley
Staff Writer

After well over an hour of combing through its pet ordinance section by section, the Brownton City Council and pet owners agreed to some revisions, including increasing the number of allowed pets to four from two.

The City Council met Tuesday, Feb. 5, hosting a room full of pet owners who had also attended the January meeting to protest the Council's intention to enforce its limit on the number of pets allowed in a household.

The proposed change in the number of pets will not restrict the type of pet. Mayor Jay Werner had proposed limiting the number to a maximum of two dogs and two cats, but after a great deal of discussion, the City Council decided to allow four pets of either species.

Also up for lengthy debate was the punishment for violations of the noise, nuisance, running-at-large, and other sections of the ordinance.

The City Council decided to continue its current outlined punishments in the ordi-

nance, which includes a verbal warning for a first offense, a \$50 fine for a second offense, \$100 for a third offense, a possible misdemeanor charge for fourth and subsequent violations.

However, the current ordinance calls for a "clean slate" for the violations when the calendar year starts on Jan. 1.

Pet owners said it would make more sense to have a "rolling year" for the violations, with the year starting with the first violation.

Also at issue was a stipulation in the ordinance that al-

lows pet owners to "voluntarily surrender" their pets to law enforcement upon a fourth violation.

More specifically, the issue was who would pay for the cost of disposing of or relocating a voluntarily surrendered pet — the city or the pet owner. It was agreed that should be the pet owner's cost.

City Clerk Cindy Lindeman said the proposed revisions will be sent to the city attorney for review, with a final ordinance to be adopted in March.

The City Council also urged those with more than two pets to license their additional pets. Those with more than four pets will be "grandfathered" in, but were warned that once a pet dies or is relocated, it should not be replaced.

Aydt asks for his position back on Stewart Council

By Lori Copley
Staff Writer

Former Stewart City Council member Mike Aydt asked for his seat back Monday night.

Aydt ran for re-election in the November 2012 general election, but lost in the four-candidate race for two seats.

However, after Mayor Jeff Erkenbrack resigned and Council Member Jason Peirce assumed the mayor job, the City Council appointed Aydt to fill the council seat left open by Peirce.

But both the League of Minnesota Cities and the city attorney recommended that Aydt not serve both as a council member and as the second assistant chief on the Stewart Fire Department, and Aydt declined the City Council position.

But at Monday night's City Council meeting, Aydt said that both the league's and the city attorney's recommendations were just that — recommendations.

Aydt pointed out that he also was the second assistant chief during his previous term as a council member, and that former Mayor Kevin Klucas, who now sits on the City Council, was both

mayor and the second assistant chief.

But Klucas said the difference then was "that it was an elected, not an appointed, position."

Klucas said that when he was mayor, the fire department elected its officers. Since then, the process has been changed so that the officers are appointed by the City Council.

Aydt said he doesn't see a conflict with serving as both a City Council member and as the second assistant chief, because his duties on the fire department are limited.

"I don't have the authority to make purchases or discipline anyone," said Aydt. "It wasn't a problem before, and I don't see why it should be one now."

And, Aydt said, the city has been struggling to find someone to fill its fourth City Council seat.

"I don't see a long line of people waiting to get into that chair," Aydt said, nodding toward the vacant seat at the table.

Peirce said the City Council would take Aydt's request "under advisement" and act on it at the March meeting.



Submitted photo

Catholic Schools Week

St. Pius X Catholic School celebrated Catholic Schools Week Jan. 27-Feb 2. This year's theme was "Catholic Schools Raise the Standards." Besides many fun activities and dress-up days, the students collected cereal for the second-annual Super Cereal Bowl. Fifty-five boxes of hot and cold cereal were collected and donated to the McLeod Emergency Food Shelf. The fifth-grade class kept track of the donations and helped organize the collection. Above, with some of the boxes of cereal, are the fifth-grade class members and their teacher, Sharon Willems. They include, top to bottom, Ashanthy Guardado, Jazmine Ruelas, Mrs. Willems, Dan Cross, Lilly Schmitt, Jessica Simons, Natalia Orocio, Anna Bernice Salgado and Diana Cervantes Ruelas.

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Thurs., Feb. 14 — VALENTINE'S DAY; AA Group mtg. next to Post Office in Stewart, 8 p.m., call 320-212-5290 for info.

Mon., Feb. 18 — PRESIDENT'S DAY; Tops Weigh-In mtg., 5-5:30 p.m.; Brownton Senior Citizens Club, Brownton Community Center, 1 p.m.; Brownton Lions; Stewart American Legion Post 125 & Auxiliary, 7 p.m.

Tues., Feb. 19 — Narcotics Anonymous, Brownton Community Center, 7 p.m.; *****Brownton Legion Auxiliary to Post 143 mtg. cancelled for February.**

Thurs., Feb. 21 — AA Group mtg. next to Post Office in Stewart, 8 p.m., call 320-212-5290 for info.

Fri., Feb. 22 — Noah's Ark Preschool Brownton registration, contact Vicki Herrmann at 320-328-5325 for info.

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Area collection sites needed for 5th-annual food drive challenge

Plans are under way for next month's fifth-annual McLeod Food Drive Challenge, which is designed to assist the McLeod Emergency Food Shelf with efforts to feed the hungry in McLeod County.

The Glencoe Area Chamber of Commerce, Hutchinson Area Chamber of Commerce, Lester Prairie Business Association, Winsted Chamber of Commerce and Silver Lake Business Association are sponsoring this friendly challenge with goal of raising more than 100,000 pounds of donations during the month of March.

Based on the per capita challenge, Plato won last year's challenge by collecting nearly 16 pounds per resident. Silver Lake claimed second place with roughly 5-1/2 pounds donated per resident. Close behind in third place was Glencoe with an average of five pounds donated per

resident.

In total, McLeod County businesses and residents donated 20,000 more pounds in 2012 compared to the previous year.

Donations collected during March are matched by Minnesota Food Share Network, making this a critical time to restock the shelves at the local food shelf.

Businesses and organizations wanting to participate as a collection site for the upcoming challenge should contact the Glencoe Area Chamber of Commerce or the McLeod Food Shelf.

Glencoe Area Chamber of Commerce
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320-864-3650
or
McLeod Emergency Food Shelf
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320-864-2088

People

Mickolichuk among graduates

Jamie Mickolichuk of Silver Lake received a bachelor of science degree with a major in business administration during fall commencement ceremonies in December at the University of Wisconsin-River Falls.

Son born to Fritz family

Skipper and Pam Fritz of Sioux Falls, S.D., announce the birth of their son, Liam Wallace, on Jan. 31, 2013, at Sanford Medical Center in Sioux Falls. Liam weighed 9 pounds and was 20-3/4 inches in length. His big sisters are Maddie and Libby Fritz, and grandparents are Dennis and Bev Brede and Ken and Bev Hults of Glencoe. Great-grandmother is Anna Sietsema of Renville.

On Winona fall dean's list

Several area students were named to the fall semester dean's list at Winona State University. They include Alyssa Beneke, Tony Mizuhata and Abby Ruschmeyer, all of Glencoe, and Michaela Schuft of Green Isle.

20 Brownton seniors met Monday

Twenty Brownton senior citizens met Monday at the community center.

Cards were played after the meeting with the following winners: 500, Ordell Klucas, first, and Gladys Rickert, second; pinochle, Pearl Streu, first, and Ruby Streich, second; and sheephead, Lowell

Brelje, first, and Deloris Rennecke, second.

Audrey Tongen won the door prize. Lil Lindeman and Elva Wendlandt served refreshments.

The next meeting will be Monday, Feb. 18, at 1 p.m. All seniors are welcome.

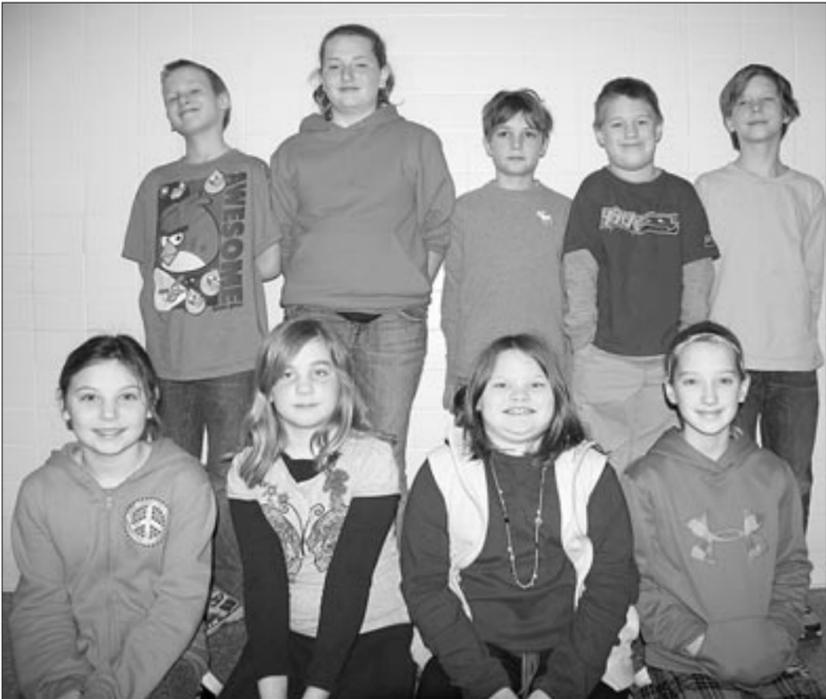


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Third-grade Panther Paws winners

Lakeside Elementary held its monthly all-school meeting in the gymnasium Feb. 1 and announced the January Panther Paw winners for all grades. Above are the third-grade winners, and in the front are Alyssa Zellmann, Caroline Major, Kalista

Willhite and Alexandria Menning. In the back are Abigale Boetel, Malayh Metcalf, Breanna Adams, Francesca Comelli and Zachary Reichow. Missing was Dale Mc-Crea III.



Chronicle photo by Alyssa Schauer

Fourth-grade Panther Paw winners

At the all-school meeting held Feb. 1 at Lakeside Elementary, the fourth-grade Panther Paw winners were announced. In the front, from left to right, are Katelyn Lemke, Emma Petersen, Callie Potter and

Cordella Armstrong. In the back are Rylan Hedin, Kristina Roush, Luke Mattson, Caleb Schmeig and Mitchell Brenhaug. Missing was Matthew Millard.

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Obituaries

Scott K. Anderson, 61, of New Auburn

A memorial service for Scott Keith Anderson, 61, of New Auburn, was held Wednesday, Feb. 6, at the Dobratz-Hantge Funeral Chapel in Hutchinson. The Rev. Gerhard Bode officiated.



Scott K. Anderson

Mr. Anderson died Thursday, Jan. 31, 2013, at his home.

The urn bearer was Austin Bunke. Interment was in St. John's Lutheran Cemetery in Cedar Mills.

Scott Anderson was born April 7, 1951, in Westbrook, to Dwayne and Dorothie (Taarud) Anderson. He was baptized as an infant on July 25, 1951, in the Lutheran

faith, and confirmed in his faith as a youth May 22, 1966, at St. John's Lutheran Church in Cedar Mills. He received his education at St. John's Parochial School in Cedar Mills.

Mr. Anderson was united in marriage to Brenda Sturges in 1970. This marriage was blessed with two children, Tina and Keith. The Andersons resided in the Hutchinson area. They shared seven years of marriage.

Mr. Anderson was united in marriage to Dawn Radunz in 1982. This marriage was blessed with two children, Jennifer and Nicole. They resided in Hutchinson and shared 10 years of marriage.

Mr. Anderson was employed at Seneca Foods in Glencoe as a boiler mechanic. He retired in 2011.

A "jack of all trades," Mr.

Anderson enjoyed tinkering with cars and tractors, wood-working and fishing. He especially enjoyed spending time with his family, grandchildren and friends.

Survivors include his children, Tina Anderson and fiancé, Doug Iverson of Hutchinson, Keith (Stacy) Anderson of Silver Lake, Jennifer (Jarrett) Doty of Hutchinson, and Nicole Anderson and her fiancé, Shawn Aldrich of Hutchinson; eight grandchildren; three brothers and their families; and many other relatives and friends.

Preceding him in death were his parents Dwayne and Dorothie Anderson.

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

Bernard Koktan Sr., 90 of Silver Lake

A Mass of Christian Burial for Bernard C. Koktan Sr., 90, of Silver Lake, will be held Friday, Feb. 15, at 11 a.m., at Holy Family Catholic Church in Silver Lake. The Rev. Tony Stubeda will be the celebrant.



Bernard Koktan

Mr. Koktan died Saturday, Feb. 9, 2013, at the Glencoe Regional Health Services long-term care facility.

Visitation will be today (Thursday, Feb. 14), from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m., at the Maresh Funeral Home in Silver Lake. A Knights of Columbus Rosary will be recited at 6:30 p.m.

Callbearers will be Sara Koktan, Daniel Koktan, Jennie Nemeč, Brent Nemeč, Amy Bipes and Aaron Koktan. Honorary pallbearers are Bernard "Ben" Koktan III and Beau Koktan. Interment will follow the service at Holy Family Cemetery.

Mr. Koktan was born Oct. 5, 1922, in Rich Valley Township, McLeod County, to John and Anna (Portele) Koktan.

He graduated from Silver Lake High School in 1940. He farmed in the Silver Lake area following his graduation.

Mr. Koktan married Arlene Zeleny on June 20, 1956, at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Silver Lake. God blessed their marriage with five children. They continued to farm following their marriage.

Mrs. Koktan died March 30, 2002.

Mr. Koktan was active in the Holy Family Catholic Church. He also was a member of the Knights of Columbus and the First Catholic Slovik Ladies Association.

He enjoyed farming activities like gardening, field work and harvesting. He also liked attending his four sons' sporting events, especially their football games. He avidly followed the Gophers, Vikings and Twins teams.

Over the past 10 years, Mr. Koktan looked forward to Boy Scout Troop 3405 from the Twin Cities biking the Luce Line Trail and camping at his farm.

In later years, he enjoyed watching what type of birds ate at the bird feeders he set up. He valued visiting his sisters at Our Lady of Good Counsel in Mankato and cooking for family holidays.

Mr. Koktan was a gentle,

loving and respected man who will be missed by his family and the community.

Survivors include his sons, Kevin (Paula) Koktan, Crystal, Brian Koktan, Silver Lake, and Bernie (Kris) Koktan Jr., Silver Lake; a daughter, Brenda (Michael) Nemeč, Dassel; daughter-in-law, Sandy Defries, Hutchinson; grandchildren, Amy Bipes, Aaron Koktan, Sara Koktan, Daniel Koktan, Jennie Nemeč, Brent Nemeč and significant other, Samantha Carston, Bernard "Ben" Koktan III and Beau Koktan; two great-grandchildren, Hailey and Raydon Bipes; sister-in-law, June Koktan, Winsted; sister-in-law and brother-in-law, Vivian and Dan Osmek of St. Louis Park; and many nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

Preceding him in death were his parents; wife, Arlene; son, Greg; brother, John; sisters, Sister M. Celine (Adeline) SSND, Sister M. DeLourdes (Helen) SSND, and Sister M. Bernard Ann (Martha) SSND.

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

Arthur William Brede, 88, of Glencoe

Funeral services for Arthur William Brede, 88, of Glencoe and formerly of Stewart, were held Wednesday, Feb. 6, at St. Matthew's Lutheran Church in Fernando. The Rev. Aaron Albrecht officiated.



Arthur Brede

Mr. Brede died Thursday, Jan. 31, 2013, at Glencoe Regional Health Services long-term care facility.

Adline Kottke was the organist, and soloist Justin Rierson sang "Rest High on That Mountain." Congregational hymns were "The Old Rugged Cross" and "What a Friend We Have in Jesus."

Honorary pallbearers were Bill and Gail Roebke and Bob Ludowese. Pallbearers were Roger Ortloff, Shane Havron, Josh Brandon, Todd Krueger, Darrin Milbrett and Leon Becker. Interment was in the church cemetery.

Arthur Brede was born

March 15, 1924, in McLeod County, to Otto and Amanda (Wagner) Brede. He was baptized as an infant on April 6, 1924, by the Rev. K. Hairle, and confirmed in his faith as a youth on April 10, 1938, by the Rev. G. Bents, both at St. Matthew's Lutheran Church in Fernando.

On June 24, 1947, Mr. Brede was united in marriage to Alice Havemeier by the Rev. M.C. Kunde at the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Courtland Village, Minn. This marriage was blessed with two daughters, Arla and Karin. The couple made their home on the Brede family farm, where Mr. Brede began farming. The Bredes shared over 65 years of marriage.

Mr. Brede was a lifelong farmer in the Fernando area and loved the land. He was an active and faithful member of St. Matthew's Lutheran Church in Fernando, where he had served in the past as a trustee.

An avid hunter and fisherman, Mr. Brede greatly enjoyed doing these things with his friends and family.

Survivors include his wife, Alice Brede of Glencoe; daughters, Arla Krueger and her fiancé, Roger Ortloff, of Pine River, and Karin Rosandich of Eagan; grandchildren, Dawn Krueger of Carver, Todd Krueger of Glencoe, Shane (Tennile) Havron of Lakeville and Josh Brandon of Winona; great-grandchildren, Abigail, Emily, Zachary and Tyler Havron; sisters-in-law, Lillian (Mike) Fruhwirth of New Ulm, Virginia Milbrett of New Ulm, Sharon Karstens of Lafayette and LaRanda Dallmann of Nicollet; nieces, nephews, other relatives and many friends.

Preceding him in death were his parents, Otto and Amanda Brede; sisters, Elsie Borchart and Olga Duenow; and brother, Arnold Brede.

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

Arden 'Ace' Bullert, 90, of Glencoe

Arden "Ace" Bullert, 90, of Glencoe, passed away peacefully on Jan. 31, 2013.



Arden Bullert

He was a man who m a d e f r i e n d s wherever he went. He loved to laugh and give people a hard time.

He was a long-time Gopher basketball fan and he loved music, movies and the arts.

He was a lifelong bowler and golfer, and he was honored to have been inducted into the Minnesota Bowling Hall of Fame.

He loved to travel and meticulously planned numerous cross country trips for his family. He cherished his family, especially his four grandchildren, and his many friends.

Always grateful for the journey that his life had taken him on, he often said that he had a good ride. His quick wit, twinkling eyes, smile, and graciousness will be

missed by his friends and family.

He was preceded in death by his wife Ruth.

He is survived by his children, Cindy (Brian) Toms, Julie (Jon) Summers and Steven (Herminia) Bullert; grandchildren, Jenna Toms, and Ben, Jessica and Daniel Summers; and his brother, Les Bullert.

A celebration of life will be held Sunday, Feb. 17, at 1 p.m., in the South Ballroom of the Glencoe City Center in Glencoe.

Kathryn Mary Hoof, 66, of Glencoe

Memorial services for Kathryn Mary (Schultz) Hoof, 66, of Glencoe, will be Friday, Feb. 15, at 11 a.m., at First Congregational United Church of Christ in Glencoe. The Rev. Linzy Collins will officiate.



Kathryn Hoof

Mr. Hoof died Friday, Feb. 8, 2013, at Abbott Northwestern Hospital in Minneapolis.

The organist will be Lon Roach, and the Rev. Linzy Collins Jr., soloist, will sing "It is Well With My Soul." The congregational hymns will be "What a Fellowship" and "Just As I Am."

Kathryn Mary Schultz was born June 16, 1946, in Lester Prairie, to Walter and Iris (Pawelk) Schultz. She was baptized as an infant on June 30, 1946, by the Rev. J. Spomer, and confirmed in her faith as a youth on April 10, 1960, by the Rev. William L. Erb, both at St. Peter's Lutheran Church in Lester Prairie. She grew up on the family farm southwest of Lester Prairie, and graduated

from Lester Prairie High School with the class of 1964.

On June 24, 1967, Kathryn Schultz was united in marriage to Stan Hoof at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Lester Prairie. The Hoofs made their home briefly in New Hope before settling in Glencoe in 1968.

Mrs. Hoof worked in accounting for Prudential Insurance and 3M before taking some time to raise their daughter, Sherry. She went on to further her education at Mankato State University, graduating summa cum laude in 1981.

Mrs. Hoof then became a certified public accountant (CPA) and worked as an accountant in Hutchinson for a year before starting her own practice in Glencoe. She retired in December 2007. The Hoofs shared over 45 years of marriage.

Mrs. Hoof was a member of First Congregational United Church of Christ in Glencoe. She also was a member of the Minnesota Society of Certified Public Accountants.

She enjoyed sewing, gardening, all types of music, playing the piano, writing humorous poetry, going to concerts with her daughter and

sisters, planning many parties and family events and, for 10 years, assisted with Sherry's dance classes, serving as a costume seamstress and tumbling spotter.

Mrs. Hoof cherished the time spent with her extended family above all other things.

Survivors include her husband, Stan Hoof of Glencoe; daughter, Sherry Hoof and her husband, John Melon, of Chaska; mother-in-law, Esther Hoof of Glencoe; siblings, Kendall Schultz of Lester Prairie, Gail Stuedemann of Gaylord, Charles (Diane) Schultz of Hutchinson, Chris (Amy) Schultz of Lester Prairie, and Jenni (Marc) Sebora of Lester Prairie; brother-in-law, Harold H. (Lois) Hoof of Honolulu, Hawaii; nieces, nephews, other relatives and many friends.

Preceding her in death were her parents, Walter and Iris Schultz; father-in-law, Harold J. Hoof; sister-in-law, Marian Schultz; and brother-in-law, Gerald Stuedemann.

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

Death

Aleen Petersen, 95, of Brownton

Aleen Petersen, 95, of Brownton, died Thursday, Feb. 7, 2013, at Harmony River Living Center in Hutchinson.

A memorial service will be held Saturday, Feb. 16, at 11 a.m., at Grace Lutheran Church, Brownton.

A gathering of family and friends will hold one hour prior to the service at the church on Saturday. Inter-

ment will be in the church cemetery.

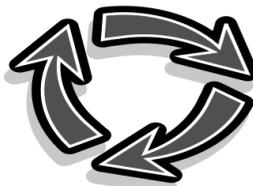
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Richard Burandt
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Get on Your Own Side of the Road

Two Sundays ago it was snowing when I drove to Holy Family for the evening Mass. It was just a gentle snow, probably only two or three inches worth, and there was no wind to speak of, but it was surprisingly difficult to drive. There was just enough snow and no traffic so that the road was indistinguishable from the shoulder. It was hard to figure where the lanes were. That wasn't really a problem, since there was so little traffic. There are rumble strips on the right that let you know where the shoulder is, so I was staying close to them to make sure I was in my own lane. A little past the bridge, there were three cars driving towards me. They were obviously having the same problem of seeing where the lanes were, because they were in my lane. I moved over slightly and my passenger side tire went past the rumble strips and onto the shoulder. The other cars did not move to the other side, and it appeared that they were not going to. I moved further to the right and my driver side tires past the rumble strips. I was now driving completely on the shoulder, and still the other three cars were not moving over. Finally my passenger tires left the shoulder and went into the slight ditch on my right, and soon I was driving precariously off the shoulder and in the ditch. Thank God it was not steep, and as soon as the other cars passed I was easily able to get back on the road.

As we begin the season of Lent, I think that this experience can help us get ready for our yearly journey of reflection, repentance, conversion and preparation for the celebration of the great mysteries of our salvation in the death and resurrection of our Lord. Lent always seems to come as a surprise. We are going along, minding our business and our lives, and suddenly we are hearing a call to conversion and renewal. We think that we are doing well, following the Lord and living our faith as best we can, and then another car appears on the road and lets us know that perhaps we are not where we thought we were.

Sin, worry and the pressures of daily life can obscure the path of holiness and the road of righteousness in such a way that we are just a little out of place. As we travel through life the road is there, but we sometimes are unsure of where we are on it. Lent comes as an invitation to clear our path, find our way and return wholeheartedly and safely to the Lord.

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Obituaries

Stanley H. Schwalbe, 83, of Glencoe

Funeral services for Stanley "Stan" Henry Schwalbe, 83, of Glencoe, were held Thursday, Feb. 7, at First Evangelical Lutheran Church in Glencoe.

The Rev. Ronald Mathison officiated.

Mr. Schwalbe died Sunday, Feb. 3, 2013, at his residence in Glencoe.



Stanley Schwalbe

Dawn Wolter was the organist, and the pianist was Guy Johnson. Special music was by his grandchildren, "Come to Jesus." Congregational hymns were "Abide With Me" and "O God, Our Help in Ages Past."

Military honors were provided by Glencoe VFW Post 5102. Pallbearers were Alan Wittus, Dean Bielke, Brad Karg, Roger Kaufmann, Warren Kaufmann, Lowell Thompson and Stan Karg. Interment was at the church cemetery.

Mr. Schwalbe was born Dec. 18, 1929, in Glencoe, to Wilhelm and Wilhemina (Bargmann) Schwalbe. He was baptized as an infant on Jan. 12, 1930, by the Rev. J. Krause at his parents' home in Hassan Valley Township, McLeod County, and confirmed in his faith as a youth on Sept. 12, 1943, by the Rev. Welbge at St. John's Evangelical and Reformed

Church in Biscay. He received his education in Hutchinson, graduating with the Hutchinson High School class of 1948.

Mr. Schwalbe enlisted active military service in the U.S. Army in 1950, and served his country as a sergeant during the Korean War. He received an honorable discharge on Aug. 20, 1953.

On Dec. 5, 1953, Mr. Schwalbe was united in marriage to Alice Karg by the Rev. E.A. Schuett at First Evangelical Lutheran Church in Glencoe. They made their home in Glencoe, and their marriage was blessed with four children, Steven, Cynthia "Cindy," Laurie and Kevin. The Schwalbes recently celebrated their 59th wedding anniversary.

Mr. Schwalbe held employment as a state surveyor for Highway 22 out of Hutchinson for four months in 1953. He worked in production at 3M in Hutchinson from December 1953 until March 1988. After retirement, he worked part time at Glencoe Regional Health Services as an adult daycare driver and courier until 2010.

He was a faithful member of First Evangelical Lutheran Church in Glencoe. He also was a member of the Glencoe VFW Post 5102.

Mr. Schwalbe enjoyed watching sports, working with the elderly, traveling, gardening and fishing. He especially cherished the time

spent with his children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Survivors include his wife, Alice Schwalbe of Glencoe; children, Steven (Dawn) Schwalbe of Dassel, Cynthia "Cindy" (Tom) Gruhlke of Dassel, Laurie (Tim) Halligan of Glencoe, and Kevin (Christie) Schwalbe of Denver, Colo.; grandchildren, Tiffany (Peter) Rice, Jessica (Aaron) Larson, Brad (Breanna) Gruhlke, Anna (Nick) Gruber, Leia (Guy) Johnson, Bailey Halligan and Thomas Halligan; great-grandchildren, Emily Rice, Owen Rice, Aubrey Larson, Olivia Larson, Jayce Gruber and Harper Gruhlke; sister, Alice Kaufmann of Hutchinson; sisters-in-law, Lydia Thompson of Golden Valley, Alice "Mopsy" Karg of Glencoe, Ruth Karg of Glencoe, and Marianne Karg of St. Paul Park; nieces, nephews, other relatives and many friends.

Preceding him in death were his parents, Wilhelm and Wilhemina Schwalbe; stepfather, David Schwalbe; foster brother, Ernst "Ernie" Vollmer; and brother-in-law, Maynard Kaufmann.

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Vera Ida Shanahan, 87, of Glencoe

Funeral services for Vera Ida (Templin) Shanahan, 87, of Glencoe, were held Monday, Feb. 11, at First Evangelical Lutheran Church in Glencoe. The Rev. Ronald Mathison officiated.

Mrs. Shanahan died Wednesday, Feb. 6, 2013, at the Glencoe Regional Health Services long-term care facility.

The organist was Dawn Wolter, and soloist Lawrence Biermann sang "The Lord's Prayer." Congregational hymns were "Amazing Grace," "Children of the Heavenly Father" and "Just As I Am." Interment was in the church cemetery.

Vera Ida Templin was born Feb. 23, 1925, in Helen Township, Glencoe, to Edward and Mathilda (Biermann) Templin. She was baptized as an infant on March 15, 1925, and confirmed in her faith as a youth on April 2, 1939, both by the Rev. Dysterhoeft at St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church in Helen Township. She received her education at St. John's Evangelical School in Helen Township and started working at Green Giant in

Glencoe.

On Oct. 21, 1944, Vera Templin was united in marriage to Joseph Shanahan at the McLeod County Courthouse in Glencoe. They made their home in St. Paul before moving to Glencoe in 1945. The Shanahans were blessed with two children, Richard and Patricia. Mr. Shanahan died Jan. 25, 1986.

In addition to being a loving homemaker and mother, Mrs. Shanahan held employment at 3M in Hutchinson as a factory worker, and retired in 1982. She also owned a burger shop in Glencoe for a couple of years.

Mrs. Shanahan was a faithful member of First Evangelical Lutheran Church, where she sang in the church choir and loved to volunteer. She also was a member of the Glencoe American Legion Post 95 Auxiliary.

She loved gardening and reading. She especially cherished the time spent with her family and friends.

Survivors include her children, Richard (Lynette) Shanahan of Brooklyn Park and Patricia Shanahan of Monterey, Calif.; grandchil-

dren, Erin Shanahan of Alexandria, Va., Michael Shanahan of Apple Valley and Joey Frazier of Los Angeles, Calif.; great-grandchildren, Christian Shanahan, Caleb Shanahan, Dillon Mueller, Addison Frazier and Jacob Frazier; sisters-in-law, Carolyn Majeski of New Hope, Marilyn Templin of Glencoe and Pearl Shanahan of Glencoe; brother-in-law, Robert Shanahan of Glencoe; nieces, nephews, other relatives and many friends.

Preceding her in death were her parents, Edward and Mathilda Templin; husband, Joseph Shanahan; grandson, Paul Mueller; brothers, Harry Templin, Maynard Templin, Lester Templin, Howard Templin and Ernie Templin; and brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law.

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Classical Gas duo

Rich Ridenour on the piano and violinist Steve Brook are Classical Gas and will perform Thursday, Feb. 21, at 7 p.m., in the Glencoe-Silver Lake High School auditorium as part of the Glencoe Area Performing Artist Concert Series. The two

combine to offer a show that is a little bit Jack Benny, Fritz Kreisler, Victor Borge and Abbott and Costello. The show encompasses many styles of musical entertainment and will leave audiences smiling.

Menus

Feb. 18-22 Millie Beneke Manor Senior Nutrition Site
Monday — Closed for Presidents Day.

Tuesday — Liver or pepper steak, buttered boiled potatoes, peas, bread, margarine, apricots, low-fat milk.

Wednesday — Chicken chow mein, rice, chow mein noodles, oriental vegetables, mandarin orange gelatin, cookie, low-fat milk.

Thursday — Roast beef, mashed potatoes, carrots, dinner roll, margarine, pudding dessert low-fat milk.

Friday — Creamy vegetable soup, tuna salad sandwich, tropical fruit, crackers, margarine, brownie, low-fat milk.

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

Monday — No school, Presidents Day.

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

Wednesday — Egg and cheese omelet or reduced-sugar Coco Puff cereal and string cheese, apple wedges, low-fat milk.

Thursday — Breakfast pizza or reduced-sugar Fruit Loops cereal and blueberry muffin, orange juice cup, low-fat milk (egg and cheese omelet at junior high and high school).

Friday — Pancakes with syrup or reduced-sugar Cinnamon Toast Crunch cereal and yogurt, diced pears, low-fat milk. (French toast

sticks with syrup at junior high and high school).

Helen Baker/Lakeside Lunch
Monday — No school, Presidents Day.

Tuesday — Chicken nuggets, brown rice pilaf, chef salad with cheese, egg and croutons, bread stick, seasoned carrots, confetti coleslaw, petite banana, chilled applesauce.

Wednesday — Italian meat sauce over whole-grain rotini pasta, bread stick, ham and cheese on a whole-grain bun, seasoned green beans, caesar romaine side salad with dressing, orange wedges, chilled peaches.

Thursday — Diced chicken in gravy, whole-grain dinner roll, fennel lunch, mashed potatoes, broccoli florets with dressing, sliced strawberries, chilled pears.

Friday — Tony's pizza, tuna salad on whole-grain bread, seasoned corn, baby carrots with dressing, apple wedges, chilled mixed fruit.

High School Lunch
Monday — No school, Presidents Day.

Tuesday — Mexican bar with beef or chicken tacos or beef or chicken taco salad, brown rice, refried beans, kidney bean salad, baby carrots with dressing, petite banana, cinnamon apple slices.

Wednesday — French toast sticks with syrup, oven-baked tator tots, cheesy scrambled eggs, jicama fruit salad, cucumbers with dressing, sliced strawberries, chilled peaches.

Thursday — Oven-baked

chicken, whole-grain dinner roll, mashed potatoes and gravy, seasoned carrots, apple crisp, confetti coleslaw, red-pepper strips with dressing, cranberry sauce, chilled pears.

Friday — Pasta bar with chicken alfredo or marinara sauce, meatballs, steamed broccoli, caesar romaine salad, baby carrots with dressing, with dressing, apple wedges, chilled mixed fruit.

First Lutheran School Lunch

Monday — No school.

Tuesday — Beef noodle hot dish, green beans, pineapple, bread, milk.

Wednesday — Pizza, mixed lettuce salad, mandarin oranges, milk.

Thursday — Turkey and gravy, mashed potatoes, peaches, bread, milk.

Friday — Hot dogs with buns, fresh vegetables with dip, mixed fruit, milk.

St. Pius X Lunch

Monday — No school.

Tuesday — Turkey slices, bread with butter or peanut butter, mixed fruit, mashed potatoes with gravy, green beans, milk.

Wednesday — Tator tot hot dish, pears, corn, romaine salad, milk.

Thursday — Pepperoni pizza sandwich, peaches, peas, broccoli with dip, milk.

Friday — Grilled cheese, tomato soup, applesauce, vegetables with dip, milk.

Wee Friends open house set March 7

Wee Friends Creative Preschool will host its annual open house Thursday, March 7, to register for the 2013-14 school year. The 3-year-old student open house is set for 6 p.m. with the 4-year-olds set for 7 p.m.

Registration is open to the public and children must be 3 or 4 by Sept. 1, and potty trained.

Call Stacey Groe at 320-510-1811 for questions regarding preschool education or go to Wee Friends' website

at www.weefriendspreschool.org.

The Wee Friends classroom is located in the First Congregational UCC Church at the corner of 14th Street and Elliott Avenue, Glencoe.

Sibley County GOP sets convention for Feb. 16

The Sibley County Republicans will have their annual convention for the purpose of electing officers Saturday, Feb. 16, at 10 a.m., in Gaylord at the Courthouse Annex basement.

District 18B state Rep. Glenn Gruenhagen, R-Glencoe, and District 18 state Sen. Scott Newman, R-Hutchinson, also will be present to bring a legislative update to the convention attendees.

The keynote speaker is Greg Wersal, who will speak on the topic of judicial elections. In specific, he will address retention elections, a potential amendment to the Minnesota Constitution.

Wersal is an attorney from Belle Plaine. He is a frequent speaker and has published numerous articles as a proponent of free, open and competitive judicial elections.

In March 1998, with the Republican Party of Min-

nesota, Wersal filed a lawsuit in federal district court, known as the Republican Party of Minnesota v. White.

The purpose of the suit was to challenge rules passed in January 1998 by the Minnesota Supreme Court to prohibit judicial candidates from attending and speaking at a political party convention or seeking a party endorsement.

This case eventually resolved with a favorable decision before the U.S. Supreme Court in 2002 and another by the Eighth Circuit Court of Appeals in 2005.

At the conclusion of the litigation, Wersal had won each and every issue that had been in dispute. In 2010, Wersal ran for the Minnesota Supreme Court against incumbent Justice Helen Meyer.

The public is welcome to attend.

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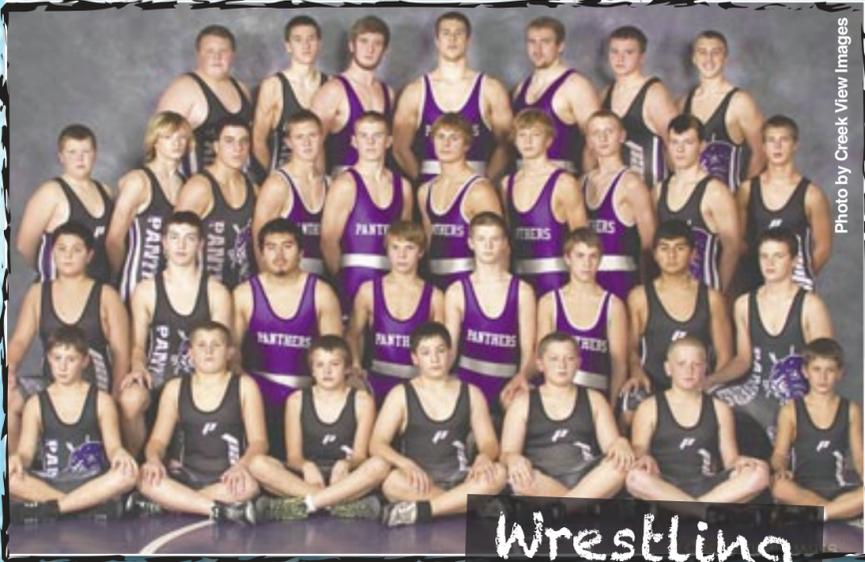


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Wrestling

Meet the 2012-13 Glencoe-Silver Lake/Lester Prairie wrestling team. Members, from left, are: front row, Tyler Hausladen, Nathan Welch, Tim Lowden, Aaron Castillo, Dalton Pouliot, Cole Polzin, Tanner Chmielewski; second row, Calvin Liestman, Dylan Melchert, Martin Lezama, Michael Donnay, Jacob Jewett, Aaron Donnay, Brandon Hernandez, Logan Li-

etzau; third row, Paul Lemke, Anthony Lowden, Dalton Kosek, Nicholas Brelje, Tristan Weber, Mitchell Hartwig, Alex Mielke, Kyle Polzin, Dylan Lesnau, Nathan Schuch; back row, Christopher Lemke, James Chelman, John Williams III, Dalton Clouse, Ray Eberhard, Peyton Sell, and Nick Jenkins.



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Dance Team

Meet the 2012-13 GSL competitive dance team. From left, members are: front row, Karina Arce, Catie Holtz, Arianna Galvan, Alexis Perez; second row, Deanna Bondhus, Emily Oberlin, Shelby Clouse, Teanna Vorlicek, Hanna Stuedemann; third row, Maddie Kjen-

stad, Elizabeth Boyum, Courtney Zajicek, Samantha Cornell, Ariel Simmons, Alicia Fenner, Ashley Aisleben, Kailey Yurek, Brooke Noeldner; back row, coach Brittany Johnson, Heidi Hanson, Tara Tankersley, Alexis Wendlandt, and Mai-Quynh Nguyen.

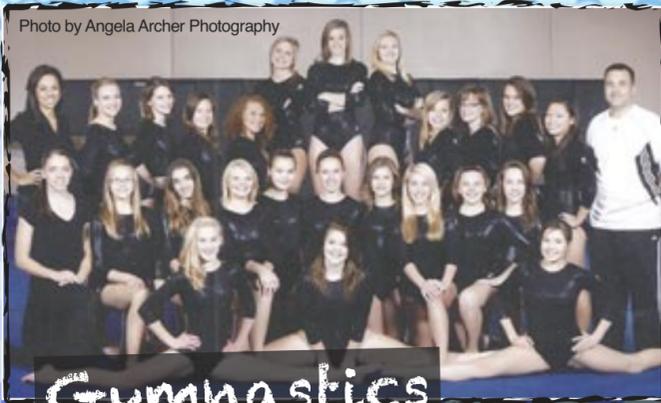


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Gymnastics

2012-13 GSL girls' gymnastics team. Members, from left, are: front row, Shawna Goetti, Faith Havlik, Paige Anderson; second row, assistant coach Cassie Helmbrecht, Mariah Koester, Alexa Dubuc, Amanda Anderson, Camille Borchardt, Erica Hecksel, Alexis Bergstrom, Samantha Rogney, Sierra

Trebesch, Ellie Schmidt; third row, head coach Ashleigh Moelter, Kirsten Barott, Cassandra Shemanek, Isabell Mallak, Chantelle Wolff, Ashley Petersen* (-captain), Becca Ehbbers*, Cassidy Schrader*, Chrissy Helmbrecht, Faith Rakow, Jessica Brusven, Emily Popelka, and assistant coach Chris Moelter.



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Girls' Basketball

Meet the 2012-13 GSL girls' basketball team. Members, from left, are: front row, student managers Allyssa McCain and Kristen Grack; second row, Samantha Lange, Kaitlyn Cohrs, Kelly Beneke, Clarissa Ober, Steph Klockmann, Madison

Monahan, Madison Kalenberg; back row, coach Matt Ober, Alex Stensvad, Courtney Wolf, Taylor Breidenbach, coach Zach Otto-Fisher, head coach Cullen Ober, Jennifer Illg, Erin Nowak, Brooke Kaczmarek, and coach Dave Wendlandt.



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Boys' Basketball

Presenting the 2012-13 Glencoe-Silver Lake boys' basketball team. From left, members are: front row, student manager Beth Bonillo, Trent Draeger, Reed Dunbar, Brandon Ebert, Ethan Maass, Travis Rothstein, Greg Ober, Brody Bratsch, Eric Thalmann, student manager Aiyana

Goodridge; back row, assistant coach Dan Meier, Teddy Petersen, Eric Dahlke, Tyler Cuhel, Keaton Anderson, Garrett Ober, head coach Robb DeCorsey, Cole Petersen, Jacob Popelka, Colton Lueders, Mason Goetti, Cody Becker, and assistant coach Scott Tschimperle.

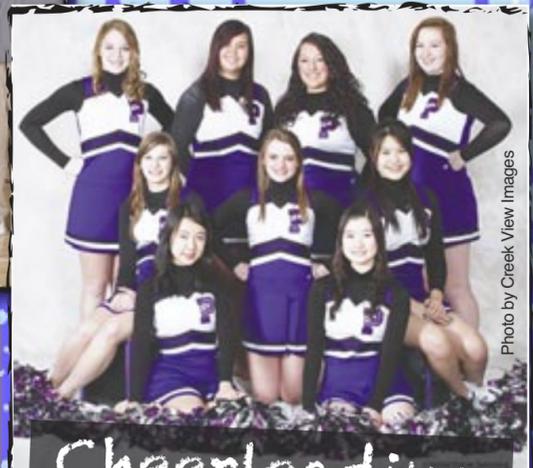


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Cheerleading

GSL's cheerleaders for the 2012-13 winter season. From left, they are: front row, Zinnia Huang, Onnapun Thararuck; second row, Katie

Urban, Angela Schmitz, Sze-Kasheena Yeung; back row, Becca Green, Victoria Varland, Shelby Rolf, and Skylar Bulau.

Good luck the rest of the season!

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