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More kindergartners; no space = problem

138 K students increase class sizes, options eyed

By Rich Glennie
Editor

The Glencoe-Silver Lake School, at its Sept. 10 meeting, was faced with “a nice problem to have,” when it was announced that 138 kindergarten students showed up for the first day of classes Sept. 5.

Finding room for them all will be a lot more challenging, however.

GSL Superintendent Chris Sonju said the administration “will watch the numbers, analyze the families and keep an eye on the migrant situation,” before coming back to the School Board with a recommendation, perhaps later this month.

If the kindergarten numbers remain high, that would put 27 to 28 students in each of the five sections of kindergarten at Helen Baker Elementary.

Sonju said under most circumstances, the

administration might recommend adding a sixth section and teacher, but Helen Baker does not have room for a sixth kindergarten classroom.

“We are looking at options,” Sonju told the School Board. “We could potentially Band Aid this problem. Those are very high kindergarten numbers.”

The School Board also may hold the special meeting to decide what to do. “We need to do something to address this (space) problem.”

Later in the week, Sonju said some of the options being discussed include adding a sixth section and shuffling rooms in the Helen Baker building, possibly using the current music room (old gym stage) for a sixth kindergarten room. The music class would revert to using a cart and going from room to room, Sonju said. “It’s a domino effect.”

Another option would be to separate the Sil-

ver Lake kindergartners and keep them at Lakeside in Silver Lake to ease the class size numbers at Helen Baker. But Sonju said for each benefit there is a consequence. That would “segregate one section away from their peers.”

Another option is to move the Early Childhood Special Education program from Helen Baker to the new Lincoln board room (Room 124) and find another room for the school board meetings. Room 124 also is a multi-purpose room used by the Lincoln staff and administration, Sonju said.

“It works, but ...,” Sonju said. “That’s part of the problem. We make everything work, and people say ‘See, it works.’ But we could do so much better.”

Yet another option being discussed is to add a team teacher to the current five-section kindergarten at Helen Baker.

Sonju said that would allow that sixth teacher to rotate among the five classes of kindergartners to “allow for more instruction,

with an emphasis on reading and math.” He said the team teacher would help in working with smaller groups of kindergartners.

Sonju stressed that kindergarten “is your foundation for learning. We want to start with a good foundation.”

As to when the School Board decides to act, Sonju said, “I’m not sure what the magic number is (for kindergarten class size).”

Sonju said the district has added a section of classes each of the past five years, and GSL is now a full five-section elementary school.

He said the addition proposed with the last two building bond referendums would have allowed for a six-section elementary, but those referendum campaigns were defeated.

Other possible options include building portable classrooms at Helen Baker or renting space, but Sonju said neither is ideal and are expensive.

Nor do these options address the long-term

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State Rep. Kurt Bills, R-Rosemount, was a guest of Tom Schoper’s government class at GSL High School last week. Bills is a candidate for the U.S.

Senate seat currently held by U.S. Sen. Amy Klobuchar, D-Minn. Schoper said he is trying to get Sen. Klobuchar to come to his classroom.

GOP Senate candidate talks to GSL students

By Rich Glennie
Editor

One could quickly tell that GOP candidate for the U.S. Senate, State Rep. Kurt Bills was comfortable talking about economics and to high school students, which he did last Wednesday morning.

Bills was invited to speak to Tom Schoper’s sophomore government students at Glencoe-Silver Lake High School as part of Schoper’s efforts to get his students exposed to the candidates up close and personal.

Schoper said he is working to get Bills’ opponent, U.S. Sen. Amy Klobuchar, D-Minn., into his classroom as well.

Bills was comfortable in front of the students, after all, because he is an economics teacher at Rosemount High School, and has been for the past 16 years. He also is a two-term Minnesota House member.

Bills, 42, said he did not go to college right after high school and instead worked as a union laborer.

When he did go to Winona State University it was to become a police officer. But he said he changed course and became a teacher instead.

“I felt I could do better on that end,” Bills said of helping youth before they got into trouble.

He decided to get involved in politics as well when he was elected to the Rosemount City Council and then, in 2008, to the Minnesota House of Representatives.

“I decided to work within the political system instead of just complaining,” Bills added.

Questions

He fielded questions from the students, and the first one had to do with teachers’ unions.

Bills said he is not an advocate for “last-in, first-out,” for teacher seniority when the newest teachers are the first to be cut.

He said school districts and administrators should

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City seeks DNR grant for park campground

By Rich Glennie
Editor

Glencoe City Council on Monday night approved a resolution of support for a Legacy grant application to the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (DNR) to develop a campground within Oak Leaf Park.

The grant seeks 75 percent funding for the project estimated at over \$418,500. The city’s share would be \$104,628, according to figures provided by Dan Ehrke, chamber of commerce president and city economic development director.

Ehrke and Mike Drew, city park superintendent, said the park board has worked extensively on the campground plans, which started with a master park plan in the late 1990s.

The original plans called for the acquisition of land for Oak Leaf Park, but that never happened.

The new scaled down plans called for the incorporation of 16 full hookup drive-in campsites for RVs and five walk-in camp sites for tents, all located at the south end of Oak Leaf Park.

Drew said the RV sites would remain gravel, and there could be additional camp sites in the future.

Another change would be the closure of a portion of the park road running along the creek, Drew said. That portion south of Shelter No. 5 would become part of the park’s walking/biking trail and be closed to traffic.

While the campground plan was the major focus, a big component of the plans, the two said, is the upgrading of the water main inside the park.

When the first outdoor pool was constructed in the 1950s, the water main was a three-inch line. Since then, however, many things have been added to the park at Vollmer Field, the softball fields, rest rooms and now the new Aquatics Center, and Drew said the three-inch line is no longer adequate.

“We’re lacking water pressure now at the park,” Drew said.

“A big chunk of the grant application is water improvements,” Ehrke added.

The plan is to install an eight-inch water main to the park along DeSoto Avenue that runs past the ball parks.

Short Elliott Hendrickson (SEH) has estimated the project cost at about \$269,000 for the campground and utility work, including electrical work at the RV sites and adding showers to the existing restrooms in the park.

The water main work was estimated at about \$105,000.

With engineering costs and other expenses, the total project cost was about \$418,500.

If the DNR grant is obtained, 75 percent of the cost would come from the state Legacy funds.

The city’s \$104,628 share would

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3 teens injured in 1-car accident on Highway 22

Three Glencoe teen-agers were injured in a one-vehicle accident at 11:54 p.m., Saturday, on Highway 22, according to the Minnesota State Patrol.

Injured were Courtney Neubarth, 17, driver of a 1996 Chrysler Cirrus, and passengers, Yocelin Lopez, 15, and Alexandra Brusven, 17.

According to the State Patrol, the

vehicle was southbound on Highway 22, went into the ditch and struck a tree.

The injuries were not considered life-threatening, the State Patrol report stated.

Also assisting at the scene were the McLeod County Sheriff’s Office and the Glencoe Ambulance Service.

Weather

Wed., 9-19	Thur., 9-20	Fri., 9-21	Sat., 9-22	Sun., 9-23
H: 69°, L: 47°	H: 66°, L: 49°	H: 58°, L: 47°	H: 54°, L: 39°	H: 63°, L: 34°

Looking back: While dry conditions linger in the area, some relief came with a half inch of rain last week.

Date	Hi	Lo	Rain
Sept. 11	97	61	0.00
Sept. 12	68	53	0.16

Sept. 13	78	45	0.00
Sept. 14	80	44	0.00
Sept. 15	88	48	0.00
Sept. 16	84	56	0.00
Sept. 17	73	44	0.34

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

'Performing on Broadway'

Homeward Bound Theatre Company will offer "Performing on Broadway" Just For The Fun Of It! on Thursdays, Oct. 4 through Oct. 25, from 3 p.m. to 4:30 p.m., at the Panther Field House in Glencoe. Fourth through sixth graders will learn the music, drama and dance of the Broadway musical. For more information and or cost of registration, call Glencoe Community School at 320-864-2690.

Salad luncheon set Sept. 28

The LWML of First Lutheran Church in Glencoe will host a salad luncheon on Friday, Sept. 28, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. A variety of salads, desserts and beverages will be available in the church Fellowship Center. The public is cordially invited.

Rod & Gun Club to meet

The Brownton Rod & Gun Club will have a board meeting Monday, Sept. 24, at 7 p.m., at the clubhouse.

Salad luncheon set Sept. 21

The Concordia Ladies Aid plated salad luncheon with dessert, coffee and rolls will be held Friday, Sept. 21, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Brownton.

County bloodmobiles coming

Two American Red Cross blood drives are scheduled in McLeod County for October. The first is Tuesday, Oct. 2, at the Silver Lake American Legion, from 1 p.m. to 7 p.m. The other is at Peace Lutheran Church, 400 Franklin St., Hutchinson, on Tuesday, Oct. 9, from noon to 6 p.m.

Legion Sunday brunch Oct. 7

The Glencoe American Legion Post 95's annual Sunday brunch is scheduled for Sunday, Oct. 7, at the Glencoe City Center. The menu includes pancakes, sausages, scrambled eggs, fruit, juice, milk and coffee. Proceeds support veterans, scholarships at Glencoe-Silver Lake and other community projects. For tickets, call Al Gruenhagen at 320-510-1294; Don Gruenhagen at 320-864-3623 or Jim Benson at 320-310-8522.

Church to honor its pastor

A special service honoring the 20th anniversary of the Rev. Bill Baldwin's ordination at St. Paul's United Church of Christ in Plato will be held on Sunday, Sept. 30. Both congregations that Pastor Bill serves will be there for a joint service at 10 a.m. A pork chop dinner and open house in the church's basement will follow the service. Call St. Paul's UCC at 320-238-2206 to reserve a spot at the dinner, or join in later for the open house between 1 p.m. and 2 p.m.

Lions 'tip night' set Monday

On Monday, Sept. 24, members of the Glencoe Lions Club will be buffet hosts at the Glencoe Pizza Ranch and will be "working" to earn your tips from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. The Glencoe Lions also will receive a portion of all sales, including pick-ups and delivery, beginning at 4 p.m. Remember other Lions' motto, "We Serve."

Fall barbecue at Hamburg

The LWML Fall Barbecue at Emanuel Lutheran Church, Hamburg, is scheduled for Oct. 7, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Menu consists of barbecues or hot dogs, potato salad, baked beans, chips, pickles, dessert and beverage. Takeouts available.

After-Prom meeting Oct. 7

The Glencoe-Silver Lake After-Prom Party committee will meet at 6 p.m., Sunday, Oct. 7, in the McLeod County North Complex meeting room. Use the south entrance.

Concert to benefit food shelf

A free community concert to benefit the McLeod Emergency Food Shelf will be held at 4 p.m., Sunday, Sept. 23, at First Evangelical Lutheran Church in Glencoe. The Kingery Family will perform toe-tapping bluegrass style music that will delight all ages. Bring lawn chairs and/or blankets for outdoor seating. The concert will move inside the church if the weather is bad. If able, please bring a donation for the food shelf. All are invited and welcome to attend.

Glencoe Seniors meetings set

The Glencoe Senior Citizens Club will meet Thursday, Sept. 20, at noon for a potluck lunch in the senior room at the Glencoe City Center. Sheephead and 500 will be played at both meetings. All area seniors are welcome to attend. The seniors also are looking for canasta and pinochle players, and are open to suggestions for other board and card games. There will be no Sept. 25 meeting due to the senior expo in Hutchinson that day.

Plato Lions sponsor dinner

The Plato Lions will host a pork chop dinner from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Sunday, Sept. 30, at Plato Hall. Besides pork chops, the menu includes cheesy hash browns, green beans, applesauce, cookie, coffee and milk.

Lions' Belgian Waffles slated

The Glencoe Lions next fund raiser will be on Sunday, Sept. 23, at the Pla-Mor Ballroom when Dad's Belgian Waffles will be served from 9 a.m. to noon. Free-will donations will be accepted. The proceeds from the event help sponsors local projects.

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.

County Board approves new recycling hauler, 3-year contract

By Lori Copley
Staff Writer

McLeod County will have a new curbside recycling hauler as of Oct. 1.

The County Board on Tuesday approved a three-year contract with West Central Sanitation in the amount of \$1.08 million. The previous recycling provider was Waste Management, which had submitted a proposal of \$1.2 million.

Commissioner Sheldon Nies, who sits on the Materials Recycling Facility (MRF) committee, said that not only is West Central's proposal cheaper, but residents should get improved service.

Nies said the communities that have every-other-week curbside pickup — Biscay, Brownton, Lester Prairie, Plato, Stewart and Winsted — will have pickup every week starting Oct. 1. Glencoe and Hutchinson already have every-week curbside service.

The County Board was presented with the two contractors' proposals in August, but voted to enter into negotia-

tions with West Central.

Nies said the negotiations didn't involve the cost, but the level of services to be provided.

"The biggest thing (that came out of the negotiations) is that everyone is going to have weekly service," said Nies. "People won't have to wonder whether it's their week for pickup."

Having the service every week also will help with bringing product into MRF on a consistent basis, Nies added.

In other business Tuesday, the County Board:

- Joined in a class-action lawsuit, led by Hennepin County, against Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac in an effort to collect unpaid deed taxes on foreclosed properties.

- Lynn Ette Schrupp, county recorder, said that Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac contended they were exempt from the deed tax because they were considered federal home mortgagors. However, Schrupp said, it has since been determined that the two

financing institutes are owned by shareholders through public trading, and are actually private companies.

Schrupp said the class action suit seeks deed taxes back to 2006, which is about when the housing market collapsed and foreclosures soared.

The state gets about 97 percent of the deed tax, and counties collect about 3 percent, Schrupp added.

- Approved spending about \$70,400 to upgrade and convert the countywide paging system for fire departments and emergency medical services (EMS).

Chief Deputy Sheriff Tim Langenfeld said the conversion is part of the ARMER (or 800-megahertz) transition being mandated by the Federal Communications Commission, and the upgrade will be paid for through the county's ARMER funds.

The conversion will allow the paging for fire departments and EMS to be simulcast on all of the county's repeater antennas, so there will

be greater reach throughout the county.

Under the current, multi-casting system, departments are paged on local repeaters with limited range, Langenfeld said. For example, a Winsted firefighter who happened to be in Hutchinson may not get a page for his department under the current system because he would be too far away from the local repeater.

- Approved the 2013 state of Minnesota Board of Water and Soil Resources block grant in the amount of \$82,809, which helps administer six different revenue sources for county environmental programs, according to Roger Berggren, county environmentalist.

The county is required to match the grant with \$44,792 worth of in-kind services, Berggren added, which it does through administration of the programs at a local level.

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come from its park improvement fund, which includes the donation from the late Donald Hatz.

As to operating the campground, Ehrke said the RV sites would be leased at \$35 a night and the tent sites at \$12 a night.

Based on projected usage, Ehrke estimated an operating budget of \$7,250 a year and an income of over \$34,000. The net income to the city would be about \$27,000 a year.

"It would be a revenue-

generator for the city," Ehrke said.

City Administrator Mark Larson said it is recommended that the revenue from the campground be used to repay the park improvement fund for the first four years. After that, the campground revenues would go into the city's general fund.

Larson pointed out there would be no campground plan without the upgrade of the water main to the park. This is one way to get the improvement made, through the Legacy grant. He added that an improved water main will benefit all entities within Oak

Leaf Park.

The DNR grant application needs to be submitted by Sept. 28, and Ehrke said the staff should know the results by late winter. If approved, the improvements will need to be completed in 2013, Ehrke said.

"We're not committing to anything," Mayor Randy Wilson told the council members. "We're just seeking a grant."

The resolution was approved 5-0.

In a related matter, Ehrke said a survey of zip codes was done at the outdoor pool this summer. He said the results were surprising.

The majority of users of the Aquatics Center surveyed were non-residents of Glencoe, about 60 percent. And of that 60 percent, "a greater number came from outside McLeod County," Ehrke said.

He added that a component of the DNR Legacy grant is the importance of the project to the region. The survey results help fortify that idea.

He also noted that there were 300 reservations of park shelters this summer.

"We are attracting people from outside of town." Many of those people were at family gatherings and from out of town as well.

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goals of the district, something the proposed building addition at the Lincoln-high school campus did address, Sonju said.

He stressed that good teachers can teach anywhere, and that is what is happening at Helen Baker. But Sonju said the situation could be better.

While good instruction is vital, Sonju said, "facilities do matter in education, too."

At the School Board meeting, Sonju said the last day of last school year, enrollment was at 1,659. Overall, enrollment remains about the same to start the 2012-13 school year.

"But kindergartners are not reimbursed as full students," Sonju said, even though GSL offers free all-day, every-day kindergarten. "Many districts charge for kindergarten. We don't want to do that."

Sonju said the School Board and administration have worked hard to obtain its five-section elementary program, "and then this swell of kindergartners! It's a great problem to have."

But the "balancing act is always a problem," Sonju added.

GHPS annual meeting set

The Glencoe Historic Preservation Society will hold its annual meeting Wednesday, Sept. 19, in the Glencoe Historic Room at the Glencoe City Center.

The group will kick the night off with a potluck supper at 5:30 p.m. Bring a dish to share. Membership dues will be renewed and collected, and the annual meeting will start at 6:30 p.m.

The group will be fine tuning plans for serving food and working at the Polka Fest on Thursday, Sept. 20. Everyone is welcome. Tickets are available at the door.

The Czech Concertina Band will perform from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. and the Leon Olson Band will perform from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. in the Grand Ballroom of the Glencoe City Center.



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Fall Festival

The St. Pius X Catholic parish held its annual Fall Festival on Sunday. Besides the sit-down meal in the school gymnasium, there was a variety of games and activities in the school parking lot as well. Above, Katie Twiss does a little pink and green hair-spray job to the hair of Anna Mielke, 8. At the left, Anne Twiss, in the hat, applied some facial paint to the cheek of Allison Lopez. Other activities included games of chance ranging from winning pies, to fishing for prizes to shooting basketballs.

'Snowbird' changes questioned

By Rich Glennie
Editor

In a matter-of-fact manner Monday night, Glencoe City Council gave its third and final reading to its amendment to the "snowbird" parking ordinance on a 3-2 vote.

There were few comments prior to the vote that bans on-street parking, between the hours of 1 a.m. to 6 a.m., from Nov. 1 to April 1. If there is a snow event, the ban is enforced until the streets are cleared curb-to-curb.

But later in the meeting, Marie Thurn questioned the legality of City Council's actions.

Thurn cited the City Charter that requires a unanimous vote to amend an ordinance,

and both council member Lori Adamietz and council member Greg Copas voted against the amendment.

She also said when City Council changed the wording of the amendment after the second reading, that required the amended ordinance to be published in the legal city's legal newspaper (Glencoe Enterprise) at least one week prior to the final reading. "That was not done," Thurn said.

With those issues, Thurn said the ordinance amendment "must be postponed."

But by then, City Council had already approved the ordinance amendment.

Thurn also questioned the need to call the police or

sheriff's office to notify them of guests parking on the streets overnight under the new ordinance.

She felt that would cause "an inordinate number of phone calls to the sheriff's office." The police department calls are transferred to the sheriff's office after 4:30 p.m. each day and during the weekends.

After the meeting, Mayor Randy Wilson said the city administration will check into Thurn's questions.

Lloyd Thurn also questioned City Council's actions and asked that the ordinance change "be postponed until next year" in order to get more information.

He questioned the council

Record

Police Report

Police received a report of a suspect in a theft on Tuesday at the residence in the 11th Street and Baldwin Avenue area.

A theft was reported Wednesday morning in the 1100 block of Hennepin Avenue. A vehicle parked in the Hallmark parking lot had been broken into and \$50 compact disc stereo stolen.

A woman in the 800 block of 10th Street reported giving lunch to a homeless man on Wednesday afternoon. He stated he was from Pittsburgh, just got out of the VA hospital and was headed to Mankato. The woman stated he "started talking to someone who was not there," and she was concerned. The man then left and a county deputy came across him south of Glencoe, walking on County Road 2. The male continued into Sibley County.

The death investigator was called to a residence in the 1400 block of 15th Street at 9:48 a.m., Thursday, after a man died from natural causes.

At 11:23 p.m., Thursday, a man was cited for violating his limited driving permit when he came from the area of the Happy Hour 3-1/2 hours after he was supposed to stop driving. He admitted he had stopped at the Happy Hour for a drink.

A two-vehicle accident occurred at 2:34 p.m., Friday, in the parking lot of the Family Dollar Store in the 2100 block of 10th Street. Involved were a 1996 Chevrolet Blazer driven by Nidia Gonzalez Rosa, 58, of Glencoe, and a 1997 Oldsmobile driven by Donna Harper, 51, of New Auburn. There were no injuries.

Also on Friday, a resident in the 600 block of Basswood St. W., reported the overnight theft of a DVD player, a DVD and CDs from his vehicle.

Police received a call about a man who was "geo-caching" at the park at 9:18 p.m., Friday. When contacted, the man said he received information on his phone about an object hidden in the park. "Everything was OK," the police officer reported.

An investigation of an animal complaint at 8:18 a.m., Saturday,

resulted in seeing a small goat running adown the street in the 13th Street and Cedar Avenue area. "With assistance of several people, the goat was wrangled," police reported. The owners were located in the country.

A resident in the 1700 block of Newton Avenue reported the theft of a dark green Next BMX bicycle at 5:03 p.m., Saturday.

A wrong-way driver was stopped and cited at 10:44 p.m., Saturday. The driver was west-bound in the eastbound lanes of Highway 212. The driver also did not have insurance.

Police investigated a driving complaint at 3:06 a.m., Sunday. The vehicle was located in Plato and the driver arrested for driving while intoxicated.

Police were called to a medical to a home in the 100 block of 16th Street at 1:46 p.m., Sunday. An 84-year-old male had died.

A medical was reported from an apartment in the 1900 block of Ford Avenue at 8:54 a.m., Monday. The person was taken to the hospital's emergency room.

Several types and lengths of nails were discovered in the Helen Baker school parking lot at 1:38 p.m., Monday.

Building Permits

The following building permits were approved by the Glencoe City Council on Monday night, Sept. 17:

Delta Fabricating, 2725 11th St., remodel.

Morningside Meadows Apartment, 1206 Baldwin Ave., reside.

Ted Neumann, 105 E. 13th St., reroof garage.

Duane Bierbaum, 921 Reeds Lane, reroof.

Wes Olson, 928 E. 13th St., plumbing and mechanical.

Norm Anderson, 325 Edge-wood Drive, window replacement.

Linus Groenke, 1120 Loudon Ave., reroof.

Gary Ziemer, 1613 Loudon Ave., mechanical.

Erwin Sickman, 1708 E. 12th

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St., reroof.
Ellsworth Becker, 1701 Birch Ave., reroof and four-season porch.

Stanley Karg, 530 Abby Lane, reroof.

Duane Becker, 1405 Elm St., finish basement.

Eric Rostberg, 913 Stevens Ave., plumbing permit.

Dave Turan, 212 Wacker Drive, reroof.

Miller Manufacturing, 1400 W. 13th St., mechanical permit.

Dustin Michaelis, 505 W. 17th St., reroof.

Good Shepherd Church, 1407 Cedar Ave., mechanical permit.

Ron Burandt, 1522 DeSoto Ave., reroof.

Elmer Schuette, 1714 Cedar Ave., reroof.

James Schilling, 1404 Russell Ave., window replacement.

McLeod County, 830 E. 11th St., plumbing permit.

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Jim Raiter
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How many years have you been in Glencoe: 20 years
How long have you been a Rotarian and why did you join Rotary: I joined Rotary in 2011 being interested in the club's opportunities to serve others. The club contributes to numerous local, national and international causes benefiting those in need. Rotary also is a great opportunity to network with business professionals.
Name some reasons you came to Glencoe and/or what are some good things about Glencoe: I accepted the position as a police officer for the City of Glencoe in 1992, because I love the smaller town atmosphere and was excited for what the police department could teach me. Since then, I am very blessed with the people I have met within the community.
Family: Wife, Lisa; children, Daniel and Abigail.
— DID YOU KNOW —
For more than 20 years, Rotary's top goal has been the eradication of the crippling disease polio, a job 99 percent achieved.

Larson responds to charter accusations

City Administrator Mark Larson released the following statement Tuesday morning after resident Marie Thurn questioned the legality of Glencoe City Council's passage of the third and final reading of the amendment to the "snowbird" winter parking ordinance.

"City code 103.03 states that '... No ordinance shall be adopted until after it has had three readings, except in the case of emergency ordinances described below.

"Ordinances may be introduced only at a regular meeting at which it shall have its first reading. Public notice of the pendency of any proposed

ordinance or amendment shall be given by the clerk by one week publication in the official newspaper prior to the second reading.

"Its second reading shall be held after such notice at a subsequent regular or adjourned meeting occurring not less than one week after its first reading.

"An ordinance shall not be amended after it receives its second reading, except by the unanimous consent of the Council. It shall receive its third reading and may be passed only at a regular meeting occurring not less than one week subsequent to the time of its second reading."

Larson said the first reading was on Aug. 6.

Publication was on Aug. 9, in the Glencoe Enterprise for one week, prior to the second reading.

The public hearing was held on Aug. 20. There was no City Council action and the ordinance was tabled.

The second reading was held on Sept. 4. Prior to the actual reading of the second ordinance, Council member Dan Perschau recommended the removal of "seven days," and the ordinance was approved for its second reading on a 3-2 vote, Larson stated.

"An ordinance can be changed after the second

members about the savings projected by banning all parking on city streets between 1 a.m. and 6 a.m. from Nov. 1 to April 1.

"You keep saying you'll save money, but you never say how much," Thurn said.

"It depends on snowfall from year to year," Mayor Randy Wilson replied. But he said by not having to go back over clearing streets a second time because of vehicles parked on the streets, "the savings will be considerable."

Another resident asked about parking for people who do not have driveways, like those along 13th Street.

Wilson said those people need to talk with Police Chief Jim Raiter to work things out.

reading, but only by unanimous vote," Larson said. "This was not necessary in this case."

The third and final reading took place last night (Monday) and the ordinance will go into effect after publication, Larson said.

"There is no mandate in the charter to publish between the second and third readings," he added.

"This is very clear to me. The ordinance will go into effect after publication," Larson said.

"Ms. Thurn has no basis for her accusations that we violated the charter," Larson said.

Bicyclist killed in crash with semi near Winthrop

Jacob Weber, 13, of Winthrop was killed in an accident on Highway 15 near Winthrop, according to the Minnesota State Patrol.

The accident occurred at 2:29 p.m., Saturday, when Weber was hit by a semi while bicycling with several other youngsters. The bicyclists and the semi were all northbound on Highway 15 when Weber "crossed in front of the semi," the State Patrol

reported. Weber was airlifted by Life Link to Hennepin County Medical Center, where he died Monday afternoon.

The driver of the 2007 Mack tractor-trailer was Andrew C. Damhof of Blomkest, who was not injured.

Also assisting at the scene were the Sibley County Sheriff's Office, Winthrop Fire Department and Winthrop Ambulance Service.

'Pop bottle bomb' found in resident's yard Sunday

Residents in the 1800 block of 15th Street reported a "pop bottle bomb" had gone off in the neighborhood on Sunday morning.

The callers said they heard it go off about 2:45 a.m. When they came out later in the morning, they found the exploded juice bottle in the yard.

A city park employee heard

the call on the scanner and came to the scene to advise the police officer that he had found an empty Drano can in a garbage can at Oscar Olson Park.

"It appears the bomb was made at the park, and it expanded quicker than the makers thought it would, and they tossed it out of the vehicle," the officer reported.

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This activity is funded, in part, by a grant from the Southwest Minnesota Arts and Humanities Council through appropriations from the Minnesota State Legislature with money from the State's general fund, and its arts and cultural heritage fund that was created by the vote of the people of Minnesota on November 4, 2008.
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Large kindergarten numbers pose dilemma for GSL's facilities

Our view: Growth in enrollment is ideal, unless facilities cannot handle them

The Glencoe-Silver Lake School Board on Sept. 10 got a shot of good news when it was reported the incoming kindergarten class hit 138 students on the first day of school. The bad news is that ballooned class sizes to 27 or 28 students per section, and there is no place to put another section of kindergartners to keep those classes smaller.

The GSL Board may have to call a special meeting in September to address the issue — where to put them all. It is especially important considering a main district goal is to keep the class sizes of the primary grades (K-2) as small as possible to provide for a better learning environment for the district's youngest students during the formative years of their education.

As GSL Superintendent Chris Sonju indicated last week, normally the board would look at hiring another teacher by adding a sixth kindergarten section. But physically there is no room for another kindergarten classroom at Helen Baker Elementary School.

It is no secret the district has been trying to expand its facilities with a building addition, close the Helen Baker Elementary and consolidate facilities to become more financially efficient in the process.

But two attempts at passing an \$18 million bond referendum to expand at the Lincoln Jr. High-high school complex and move the elementary classes to that campus have failed. Not only have they failed, they failed by nearly identical margins.

So now what? Even if another bond referendum was passed this year, it would still be two years before the addition could be built and occupied.

That would not address the current overcrowding. Something needs to be done in the meantime.

The first thing that needs to be determined is if this year's kindergarten class is an aberration, or the

start of a trend. If it is just a one-year bubble, then the district may be able to ride it out. If not, the district voters need to get more serious about GSL's long-term facility needs; doing nothing is not a good option.

Critics of the building addition plans often point to the district's disregard of two school buildings it once owned — Henry Hill and the Brownton facilities.

But critics fail to understand that neither was suitable for today's educational needs, in particular the technology needs. And Brownton's oldest section also was literally falling down.

As to the Helen Baker Elementary, critics advocate fixing that building or putting the addition there. That is fine and dandy if the state Department of Education allows it, which is unlikely because the Helen Baker campus is too small already.

If the critics would simply attend meetings when these matters are being discussed, they could hear first-hand that these options have been looked at and rejected as either not feasible, too expensive or less efficient than the plans offered at the two bond referendum campaigns.

It is time for the district voters to get behind some bond referendum for additional building space. Or they can continue to stick their heads in the sand, hoping the space problems go away.

And the problem will go away. Parents of young students will use their feet to find alternatives to GSL if they have to contend with primary grade class sizes in the 27 to 28 range.

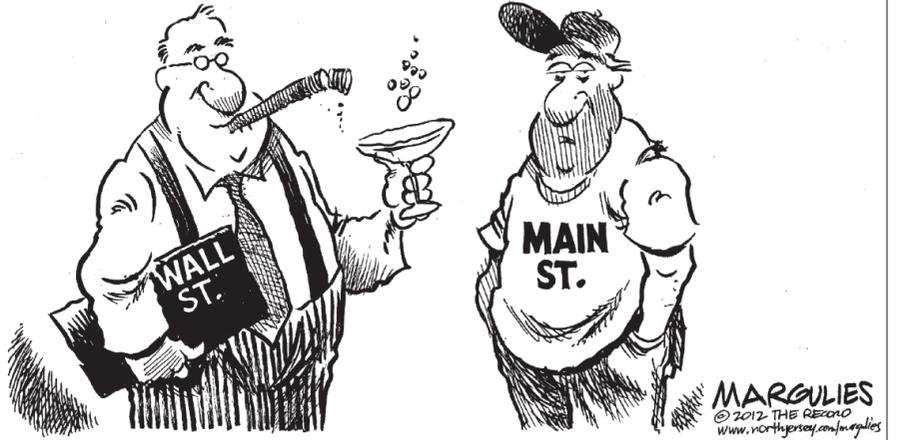
And that, folks, will defeat the purpose of striving for a healthy, growing student enrollment that keeps the district financially viable in the future.

The life blood of any school district is its student enrollment; forcing people to look at other districts to educate their children is counter-productive.

— R.G.

Are you better off now than you were four years ago?

YES and NO



Bailouts: God help American workers!

The Republican and Democrat national conventions are now history. The 2012 general election is now on in earnest. It's time to look at where the United States is, where it's going, and why we're where we are. Cut out all the hot air leading away from basic facts, get down to what's really important.

The facts:

- The unemployment rate has been above 8 percent for 42 consecutive months.
- The average price of gasoline has more than doubled.
- The national debt has increased by more than \$5 trillion.
- Median household income has dropped by more than \$4,000.
- One in seven Americans is on food stamps — a record high.
- The economy is growing progressively weaker under President Obama's policies, with the growth rate shrinking this year from 2 percent in the first quarter to 1.5 percent in the second quarter.
- The nonpartisan Congressional Budget Office (CBO) said recently that the economy is weaker than it previously forecast in January. CBO



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said that if the Bush tax cuts are allowed to lapse and rates return to their higher levels at year's end when they are due to expire, it would cost the economy millions of jobs and push it over the cliff into a recession.

• A report from Sentier Research, a company headed by two former Census Bureau analysts, says that median household income has fallen sharply since the recession ended three years ago.

• Median income is now 7.2 percent below where it was in December 2007 when the recession began. Between June 2009 and June 2012,

median household income fell 4.8 percent.

• A Pew Research Center survey recently offered still more evidence of the middle-class decline under Obama. "The Great Recession officially ended three years ago, but most middle-class Americans are still feeling pinched. About 6-in-10 (62 percent) say they had to reduce household spending in the past year because money was tight, compared to 53 percent who said so in 2008," Pew stated.

• Unemployment rose to 8.3 percent in July amid indications it will continue rising in the coming months.

• CBO says it expects the jobless rate to remain higher than 8 percent for the rest of the year, if not beyond.

• Obama is going around the country boasting of saving General Motors with his bailout. According to Michelle Malkin, writing in a recent issue of the Washington Times, it ain't so. Malkin writes:

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Letters to Editor

POW/MIA flag constant reminder to never forget this still missing

To the Editor:

The idea of a POW/MIA flag began in 1971 when Mrs. Michael Hoff, the wife of a soldier missing in action and a member of the National League of Families, recognized the need for such a symbol.

She sought assistance from flag manufacturer, Annin & Co., who turned to World War II pilot, Newton Heisley, who was, at the time, a creative director for a New Jersey advertising firm.

When serving in World War II and covering vast stretches of the Pacific Ocean in frightening isolation, Heisley imagined what it would be like to be shot down and taken prisoner. He hoped he would not be forgotten. From these memories 30 years

later, he sketched three designs, and the one chosen is the silhouette of a man's head bearing the motto, "You Are Not Forgotten."

The POW/MIA flag is the only flag that flies continuously in the U.S. Capitol rotunda and is the only flag, besides Old Glory, that has flown above the White House. It has flown at the Super Bowl, the New York Stock Exchange and is at every post office nationwide.

Remember the POW/MIAs. You are not forgotten.

Virginia Adams
POW/MIA and
Americanism chairperson
Glencoe VFW Ladies
Auxiliary to Post 5102

Letters to Editor

Habitat For Humanity seeking more volunteers

To the Editor:

Crow River Habitat for Humanity is actively seeking volunteers who are willing to give a few hours of their time and talent.

I would like to give you a little background on who we are and what we do.

We were established in 1994 by a group of people who wanted to be sure that there was affordable housing in McLeod County.

The first home was finished in 1996. We are now building the 21st home for the Beckie Wolff family. When completed, it will be the first Energy Star 3-rated home in Minnesota.

Families qualify for homes based on their need for housing, willingness to partner with Habitat (they

need to do 400 hours of sweat equity), and their ability to pay a mortgage. Contrary to what many people believe, we do not give homes away.

Crow River Habitat for Humanity serves McLeod County. We have three part-time employees and the rest of the organization is made up of volunteers who put in countless hours building the homes, serving on the board of directors and committees and working at fund-raising events.

We are looking for people who would like to work on the build site on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays. No construction experience is necessary. We also need a few people who would like to bring lunches to the build site. If that isn't your idea of fun, we are seeking individu-

als who would like to be on one of our committees: Building, church relations, development, family selection, family support and public relations.

Do you like to do event planning or work at fund-raising events? We always need help with that, too!

Just a few hours of your time can make a world of difference for a family.

For more information call Pam at Crow River Habitat for Humanity at 320-587-8868 or e-mail pam@crhfh.org.

Pam Johnson
Volunteer coordinator
Crow River Habitat
for Humanity

Drive in manner you want others to emulate

To the Editor:

Having taught driver's training some years ago, one tenet stays with me, passionately. I try to drive in a manner that I would want other drivers to emulate when they meet me on the road. Courtesy on the road is a paramount need.

If you are speeding because you

are late for work, it's poor time management on your part.

If you are speeding because you enjoy it, then you are playing not only with your destiny, but the destiny of others you meet on the road.

If you are drowsy or sleepy, get off the road.

If you are texting or talking, heav-

en help us all!

If you fly into road rage when you get cut off, you need anger management counseling.

The list goes on, but I think you get the point.

Robert L. Hatlestad
Glencoe

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Grams returns to her roots as GSL teacher

By Alyssa Schauer
Staff Writer

This year, Glencoe-Silver Lake welcomes nine new teachers to the school district, including Silver Lake native, Julie (Merrill) Grams.

Grams, 31, is one of five first-grade teachers at Helen Baker Elementary.

"I'm honored to get this position. I'm sure there were a lot of applications, and I feel very blessed to have the job," Grams said.

Grams is a 1999 graduate of Glencoe-Silver Lake High School, and attended Minnesota State University-Mankato, where she earned her bachelor degree in elementary education, with an emphasis in middle school mathematics.

After college, she taught several different ages at Green Isle Community School for seven years before moving into the GSL district.

"I taught first, second, and third grade for five years, and for the last two years, I taught a combined class of first- and second-graders," she said.

"I loved working there, but I thought I'd apply for this job to see what is out there. When Jenny (Chrast) told me about the job, I just had to apply," she added.

Grams' good friend and classmate throughout high school and college, Chrast, also teaches at Helen Baker and sent the information about the first-grade position to Grams.

"Jenny and I were in preschool together, high school and we went to college together. I'm really excited to be working across the hall from her," she said.

Grams said the decision to leave Green Isle was difficult. "I loved it there, and it was hard to say 'good-bye,' but I am looking forward to being here," she said.

"The Glencoe-Silver Lake district is home. It's where I grew up, and I'm excited to be back," she added.

Grams currently has 23 students in her classroom. She is one of five sections of first grade at Helen Baker.

Throughout the week of Aug. 24 and on Tuesday, Sept. 4, Helen Baker hosted "Check-in Day," where students and parents were able to make appointments to meet the teachers and tour the school.

"I love these check-in days. They have been really helpful, especially since I am a new teacher. I have the chance to meet with my students and their parents on a more personal level. I can learn about the kids' personalities and if they



Chronicle photo by Alyssa Schauer

Julie Grams is one of nine new teachers in the Glencoe-Silver Lake school district for 2012-13. Grams will be teaching first grade at Helen Baker Elementary.

need any accommodations," Grams said.

"It's also been really nice to get to know the other teachers and staff," she added.

In her first-grade classroom, Grams will be implementing the "Responsive Classroom" program.

Responsive Classroom is a teaching approach to elementary education that increases academic achievement, decreases problem behaviors, improves social skills, and leads to more high-quality instruction, according to Grams.

"I am trained in Responsive Classroom, and I have designed and set up my classroom so that we can build a community here," she said.

The classroom is furnished with large round tables with chairs around them, and the students' names are labeled at seats around the table.

"In this first week, the students will be learning about their supplies and what they can and cannot use, and how they should use their school supplies. They will also be learning the expectations of the classroom," Grams explained.

Grams said first grade is an interesting age, because the students come to the classroom from kindergarten, and often ask, "Where are all the toys?"

"It seems that every year I have to explain to my students that there are no toys, and that we will do fun things in a different way," Grams laughed.

Grams said her favorite part about teaching first grade is watching the kids grow and learn to read.

"In first grade, students know many words and can read a few together, but it's really exciting when the end of the year comes, and they have learned to read," she said.

"They grow so much in this year, and it's so special to see that," she added.

Grams added that she is also excited about a "prep hour" built into her schedule.

While teaching at Green Isle, Grams said she not only taught course material, but was sometimes the art and physical education teacher.

"Here, there are five first-grade teachers, and we have a team! I am looking forward to collaborating with the others," she said.

Grams currently resides in Norwood Young America with her husband, Aaron, and their two children, Joseph, 2, and Olivia, 5 months.

When she is not busy teaching, Grams enjoys reading, shopping and spending time with her family and friends.

Bid awarded to pave Buffalo Highlands trail

By Rich Glennie
Editor

On a 4-1 vote Monday night, Glencoe City Council awarded the overlay bid for the Buffalo Highlands walking/biking trail to Wm. Mueller & Sons of Hamburg for \$187,193.

The two-mile trail runs from Morningside Avenue in Glencoe east to County Road 1 adjacent to Highway 212.

The major portion of the cost will be picked up through a state trails grant, according to City Administrator Mark Larson. But the project needed to be under contract by the end of September in order to keep the grant funds.

The paving of the trail will begin in or about the first week of October, Larson said. The project completion date is Oct. 30.

One issue, however, is work on the Glencoe Light & Power transmission line that uses the same route along Highway 212.

It was feared work on the transmission line might damage the newly paved trail.

But Glencoe Light Plant Manager Dave Meyer said work on that segment of the transmission line should be done before the paving begins. "That's the goal," he added.

"Make sure we work with Light & Power," said council member John Schrupp, council's liaison to the Light & Power Board. The transmission line project "is far more important than this (trail) project," he said.

Schrupp cast the lone vote against the trail paving bid, and has been a longtime opponent of the trail project.

Later, Meyer gave City Council an update of the transmission line work.

"It was slow out of the gate," Meyer said, but the project is now making progress. The Highway 212 poles are in place and work on the Diamond Avenue substation base work is ongoing, he said. The building for the substation was expected to be delivered this week, Meyer said.

All the concrete bases have been poured, Meyer said,

with the largest being near the Armstrong Avenue substation, which was seven feet in diameter and 45 feet deep.

In other matters, City Council:

- Heard that the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) has until October to address concerns by the city and county over an old state statute dealing with metro solid waste that could negatively impact the city's methane-to-electricity supply from the Spruce Ridge landfill.

Meyer said comments and concerns were forwarded to the MPCA. He said the city's resolution of support earlier in September was "moot," because the deadline for comments to the state was the end of August. "But we appreciate the support."

Meyer said the goal now is to get state legislators to support a repeal of the old state statute that requires all metro waste to be brought to metro sites. That would cut the supply of waste, especially from the west metro area, to Spruce Ridge. That waste is needed to continue to produce methane gas that is turned into electricity for the city of Glencoe.

- Heard a ribbon-cutting is planned for the Gruenhagen

Drive in the new industrial park. Curb and gutter work is nearly complete, and paving of the street that runs past Midwest Porcine Recovery is expected to start this week. The ribbon-cutting ceremony is planned for October.

- Heard that Miller Manufacturing is the company selected to be honored during Manufacturing Week in October, according to Dan Ehrke, chamber president.

Ehrke also said a couple of surveys are being taken. One involved customers of the Glencoe Municipal Liquor Store that indicated "a loyal customer base" for the store.

He said the survey results, along with the old market study done several years ago, will be used to "firm up some options, scenarios," for possible liquor store expansion plans or relocation plans.

- Accepted the resignation of Terry Buska as street superintendent. Buska, who has been battling health issues for several years, will resign effective Oct. 26 after 33 years with the city.

"He's done a very good job," said Mayor Randy Wilson.

Larson said he will have a recommendation to fill Buska's position at the next City Council meeting.

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Question of the week

The City of Glencoe is applying for a Legacy grant to build a drive-in campground in Oak Leaf Park. It could cost about \$418,000, of which the grant would cover 75 percent. Do you like the idea?

1) Yes
2) No
3) Not sure

Results for most recent question:
Which one had the more exciting national political convention?

1) Republicans — 31%
2) Democrats — 38%
3) Neither — 30%

115 votes. New question runs Sept. 19-25

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"GM is once again flirting with bankruptcy despite massive government purchases propping up its sales figures. GM stock is rock-bottom. Losses continue to be revised in the wrong direction.

"According to the Detroit News, 'The Treasury Department said in a new report the government expects to lose more than \$25 billion on the \$85 billion auto bailout. That's 15 percent higher than its previous forecast.'

"The claim that GM paid its taxpayer-funded loans 'in full' — a story peddled in campaign ads narrated by Tom Hanks — were debunked by the Treasury Department TARP watchdog. GM still owes nearly \$30 billion of the \$50 billion it received, and its lending arm still owes nearly \$15 billion of the more than \$17 billion it received.

"Bailout watchdog Mark Modica of the National Legal and Policy Center adds: 'In addition to the U.S. taxpayers anteing up, Canada put in

over \$10 billion, and GM was relieved of about \$28 billion of bondholder obligations as UAW claims were protected. That's an improvement of almost \$90 billion on the balance sheet, and the company still lags the competition.'

"While the Obama administration wraps the auto bailout in red, white and blue, it's foreign workers and overseas plants that are reaping redistributive rewards.

"GM has increased its manufacturing capacity in China by an estimated 55 percent after the bailout, according to industry watchers

"... While Team Obama lambastes Romney for outsourcing, GM is now planning to invest \$1 billion over the next five years — not in America, but in Russia. That's on top of the \$7 billion total in China, close to \$1 billion in Mexico and \$600 million for a shirt sponsorship deal with Manchester United, the British soccer club.

"The DNC put rank and file U.S. auto workers on stage to back up Big Labor's cheerleading of the deal. Rest assured, this human shield did not tell viewers how often Obama and the union bosses colluded to pervert bankruptcy laws and shaft some 20,000 non-union Delphi auto parts workers. The forgotten victims saw their pensions erode up to 70 percent; their health benefits disappeared

"... Only in a fantasyland where America has 57 states, jobs is a three-letter word and bailouts are achievements does Obama's rescue math add up. 'Now I want to do the same thing with manufacturing jobs, not just the auto industry, but every industry,' Obama vows. God help the American worker."

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

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Oktoberfest in September

Rainy weather forced the Brownton Lions Club's Oktoberfest in September Sept. 12. A good crowd still enjoyed old-time music by George's Concertina Band, above, and a German meal of brats and kraut and other goodies while they listened to the entertainment.



History

From the Brownton Bulletin archives

100 Years Ago

Sept. 20, 1912

O.C. Conrad, Editor

It will be remembered that only a few years ago, Lake Marion claimed three victims — the Hansen children — at one time, and Sunday was nearly a duplicate of the occurrence when two of the most prominent and well-liked Hutchinson young men lost their lives. Shortly after arising Sunday morning or about 8 o'clock, Guy Sivright and Myron Lyons went down to the lake for a canoe ride while the remainder of their camping party were preparing breakfast. Sometime after the boys had gone, another of the party ventured down by the lake and gave the alarm that the canoe was overturned and there was a hat floating in the lake. After a search of about two hours, the body of young Sivright was found, and Lyons' body was found about 4 in the afternoon. Guy Sivright was 28 years of age, while Myron Lyons had reached the age of 24.

The marriage of Miss Amanda Schimmelpfennig to Mr. Henry Gehrke was solemnized in the German Lutheran church in this village on Tuesday, Sept. 17. They will immediately go to housekeeping on the groom's farm six miles south of Brownton.

75 Years Ago

Sept. 16, 1937

Percy L. Hakes, Editor

Situated in a quiet nook is the M.E. Church of Sumter Township. It was here, amongst beautiful garden flowers and potted

plants, that Lucille Ida Duehn, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Duehn, became the bride of Howard Albert Peik, son of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Peik, at 4 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 8. Immediately following the wedding meal, the couple left on a trip to Canada. They expect to return after Sept. 20 on the farm of the groom's parents in Sumter Township.

A business deal was completed last Thursday whereby the Main Street Oil Co., owned and operated by H.J. Selle and William Hellmer for about five years, was sold to L.C. Schottner of Hutchinson. Mr. Schottner operates a bulk oil business in Hutchinson.

50 Years Ago

Sept. 20, 1962

Charles H. Warner, Editor

Hillard Kloempken, who with Rufus Klitzke form the Klitzke and Kloempken general contractors company, was injured Monday afternoon when he fell about 20 feet from the roof of a building on which he was working on the Mrs. Richard Redmann farm south of the village. He was rushed to the Brownton Clinic. Following X-rays, he was taken to the Glencoe hospital, where he is recovering nicely. Doctors report he had injuries to his back, right ankle and foot.

Walter Ostermann stopped in the office Monday morning with two fine-looking spuds. He reports his potatoes have been running quite large, with many between 1 1/4 and 1 1/2 pounds. The largest weighed 1 1/2 pounds.

20 Years Ago

Sept. 16, 1992

Lori Copler, Editor

Edward J. McCormick, 56, of Hutchinson, died early Friday evening in a head-on car accident on Highway 7 near Silver Lake. McCormick was the co-owner of McCormick Implement in Stewart. According to the State Patrol, McCormick's 1991 Volkswagen and a 1987 Ford pickup, driven by Bruce Shamba, 29, of Silver Lake, collided at about 6 p.m. Friday. Edward McCormick was pronounced dead at the scene; his wife, Eileen, 48, and his son, Michael 12, were both taken to Hennepin County Medical Center, both in critical condition. Eileen McCormick was removed from the intensive care unit over the weekend, and Michael's condition was upgraded to guarded from critical. Shamba was taken to the Hutchinson Community Hospital, where he was treated and released. His 2-year-old son, Blake, was taken to Children's Hospital in Minneapolis. There was no report on his condition.

10 Years Ago

Sept. 18, 2002

Lori Copler, Editor

The Western Mounted Paraders won first place in the square dance competition at the Minnesota State Fair Labor Day weekend.

Class officers have been elected at McLeod West. Senior class officers are Jill Schlueter, president; Eric Fredrickson, vice president; Kelly Schuette, treasurer; and Laura Doerr, secretary.

them on the Harrington farm southwest of town.

A baby boy was born to Mr. and Mrs. August Lade Saturday, Sept. 11.

A baby girl was born to Mr. and Mrs. O.W. Bethke on Friday, Sept. 10.

50 Years Ago

Sept. 20, 1962

Kermit T. Hubin, Editor

An auto accident last Thursday evening took the life of Clarence Quandt, 60, whose car collided with another car at an intersection on Highway 212, two miles east of Buffalo Lake. It is believed that death was instantaneous. Others involved in the accident were Harvey Westphal, 45, of Buffalo Lake, who was helping Quandt at his Grafton Township farm for the day, and the driver of the other car, Vince Nierste of Minneapolis. Both he and Westphal were hospitalized in Olivia.

F. Emanuel Gardner of Minneapolis has established a full-time electric business in Stewart, having moved his household goods and equipment here last week. The Gardners have moved into the Harold Dettmann residence, recently vacated by the Richard Bocks. Mr. Gardner holds a Class A Bonded Masters license and will be ready to take care of all types of electrical wiring.

Miss Mary Larson of Minneapolis and Leslie Bulau of Brownton exchanged marriage

vows Sept. 9 at the Stewart Methodist Church. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Chester Larson of Stewart and the groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Bulau of Brownton.

35 Years Ago

Sept. 22, 1977

Kermit T. Hubin, Editor

The new Stewart fire station will be showcased at an open house Sunday afternoon, Sept. 24, from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Mr. and Mrs. David Husfeldt and Corey are happy to announce the arrival of a baby daughter and sister, Stacy Marie, on Sept. 13.

30 Years Ago

Sept. 23, 1982

Dave Stoltz, Editor

Homecoming candidates at Stewart High School were announced last Friday. King candidates are Warren LaPlante, Keith Renner, Brian Friedrichs and Gordon Boelter. Queen candidates are Cindy Streich, Jodi Schuft, Patti Hennessey and Betsy Ludowese.

An early morning fire Saturday damaged a small building owned by Bud Kosek in Stewart. The building, which was formerly the Richards Hatchery building, sustained smoke and water damage. Fire Chief Harry Slipka said the fire is believed to have started in a faulty stove pipe. Firemen were on the scene for about two hours.

Early childhood screening needed for kindergarten; dates announced

Most parents are fairly vigilant about making sure that their children see the doctor for well-child checks and get immunized according to the guidelines of their doctor, clinic or the American Medical Association.

But what about early childhood screening?

Every Minnesota child is required to be screened before kindergarten entry, yet many families wait until school starts or the health staff at school asks for their screening records on check-in day.

What is early childhood screening?

Early childhood screening was developed to provide parents with a quick check of the basic health and developmental status of their child a full year or more before kindergarten.

Screening includes a check of vision, hearing, height, weight, speech/language and a developmental check of your child's learning skills. Parents are asked to complete a packet of forms that include information about the child's health, developmental milestones (talking, walking, etc.), social-emotional skills and growth.

Why should my child be screened?

- To check your child's health and developmental status.

- To connect with early childhood programs and other community services.

- To find helpful resources for parenting.

- To meet one of the requirements to enter a Minnesota public school kindergarten.

Does early childhood screening determine if a child is ready for kindergarten? No. Screening does not determine kindergarten readiness, your child's IQ, or how he or she will do in school.

Early childhood screening pinpoints where your child is right now compared to typically developing children of the same age on a range of measures including height, weight, social-emotional measures, small and large motor skills (small: using a pencil, building blocks; large: balancing, heel-toe walking), speech/language and thinking skills.

What if a parent wants to wait until their child is closer to 5 years old to attend screening?

Screening tests are normed according to children's ages. Waiting to attend screening later does two things: It increases the expectations of what children know and can do, and it incurs additional expenses for the school district including additional staff time, mailings and/or calls to families who have not attended.

In fall 2013, it will mean that your child will not be admitted to kindergarten without having a preschool screening record. If your child does not attend screening during the school's free scheduled times, you may need to schedule an appointment with your doctor to have it done at your own expense.

It is best to attend screening when your child is between 3 and 4 years old. If there are any health or developmental concerns, there will be a full year to address them before kindergarten.

Children who are screened closer to 5 years old or after the start of kindergarten lose the benefit of time, specifically if they are developmentally delayed or have speech issues.

Once in kindergarten, the referral process is quite different, and more time can be lost before he or she gets the needed help.

When will early childhood screening be offered by Glencoe-Silver Lake Schools for 2012-13?

Screening will be held at First Congregational UCC at 1400 Elliott Ave., Glencoe, by appointment on the following dates:

In 2012 on Friday, Oct. 5, and Friday, Nov. 12.

In 2013 on Friday, Jan. 25, Friday, Feb. 22, and Friday, March 22.

Remember, there is no cost to you to attend, it will take about one hour to complete, and you only need to complete screening once.

Appointments can be made by contacting the Helen Baker Elementary office at 320-864-2666. Leave a message if the secretary is unable to take your call.

GSL Hall of Fame Banquet set Oct. 6

The Glencoe-Silver Lake Panther Association will host its sixth-annual Hall of Fame Banquet Saturday, Oct. 6, at the Glencoe City Center.

This year's inductees include Robyn (Ruschmeier) Courchane, a student, athlete and musician, and former coaches Dave Dose and Mary Resch.

Special recognition also will be given to the 2000 GSL state champion football team, the 1998 GSL girls' basketball team, the radio broadcast trio of Tim Halligan, Nate Gorr and Josh Monahan, and veteran football chain gang members Dale Pagel, Mike Wosmek, Louis Graupmann and Dave

Witthus.

The doors will open at 5:30 p.m. with a social hour, dinner at 6:30 p.m. and a program to follow.

Entertainment will be provided by Creekside Jazz.

Ticket sales are available at the GSL Panther Field House and Gert & Erma's.

19 Brownton seniors met on Monday

Nineteen Brownton senior citizens met Monday at the community center.

Cards were played after the meeting with the following winners: 500, Theola Fors, first, and Jerome Ewert, second; pinochle, Betty Katzenmeyer, first, and Ruby Streich, second; and sheephead, Elmer Maass, first, and Elva Wendlandt, second.

Pearl Streu won the door prize. Jerome Ewert served refreshments.

The next meeting will be Monday, Sept. 24, at 1 p.m. All seniors are welcome.

Girl Scout paper drive Sept. 22-23

The Stewart-Brownton Girl Scouts will have a paper drive Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 22-23, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., in the parking lot of Cactus Jack's II on Highway 212 in Stewart. All types of paper are accepted. Please sort the cardboard from paper. Acceptable types of paper are phone books, magazines, hard-cover books (remove the covers), junk mail, corrugated cardboard, egg cartons, and clean food boxes (cereal, crackers, pizza, etc.) For pickup or questions, call Mike or Gerri Fitzloff at 320-562-2369. Proceeds will go toward a trip to Savannah the girls are planning in 2013.

Community Calendar

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

Fri., Sept. 21 — Concordia Ladies Aid plated salad luncheon, Immanuel Lutheran Church, Brownton, 11 a.m.-1 p.m.

Sat.-Sun., Sept. 22-23 — Stewart-Brownton Girl Scouts paper drive, Cactus Jack's II parking lot, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., call Mike or Gerri Fitzloff with questions at 320-562-2369.

Mon., Sept. 24 — Tops Weigh-In mtg., 5-5:30 p.m.; Brownton Senior Citizens Club, 1 p.m., Brownton Community Center; Brownton Rod & Gun Club, 7 p.m.

Tues., Sept. 25 — Narcotics Anonymous, Brownton Community Center, 7 p.m.

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



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Weddings

Lano — Kritzeck

Jamie Lano and Brent Kritzeck were married June 23, 2012, at the Church of the Ascension in Norwood Young America, with the Rev. Paul C. Ardolf officiating.

Parents of the couple are John and Janell Lano of Norwood Young America and Lyle and Marlene Kritzeck of Winsted.

The matron of honor was Jennifer Ische, sister of the bride. Bridesmaids were Kristie Kritzeck, sister of the groom, and Ann Hartmann, Katie Hoen and Ashley Buckentin, all friends of the bride.

Abigail Nies, friend of the couple, was the flower girl.

The best man was Ryan Mallak, friend of the groom. Groomsmen were Eric Kritzeck, brother of the groom, Nick Latzig, cousin of the groom, Joe Shamla, friend of the groom, and Ben Ische, brother-in-law of the bride.

Drew Kritzeck, nephew of the groom, was the ring bearer.

The ushers were Tyler Lilienthal and Tanner Lilien-



Jamie and Brent Kritzeck

thal, cousins of the bride.

The bride's personal attendants were Maranda Kritzeck, sister-in-law of the groom, and Jessica Nies and Amanda Bakkan, both friends of the bride.

Following the ceremony, a reception was held at Ridges at Sand Creek in Jordan.

The bride is a counselor for the state of Minnesota in St. Peter.

The groom is a project manager for US Bank in Minneapolis.

The couple will reside in Shakopee.

Troy Grack benefit set for Sunday

A benefit and golf tournament for Troy Grack, 40, of Glencoe will be held at the Glencoe Country Club on Sunday, Sept. 23.

Grack was diagnosed in June with pancreatic cancer that has moved into his liver and lymph nodes.

Married, Grack and his wife, Theresa (Voigt) have four children — Dustin, 20, and fiancée, Ashley, Tanner,

15, Miranda, 13, and Jordan, 9. They also have a grandson, Caiden, 2.

The benefit is to help the family with ever-mounting medical bills, and any monetary donation will be accepted.

The golf tournament includes 18 holes of golf with a golf cart and food, with fixings beginning at 11 a.m.

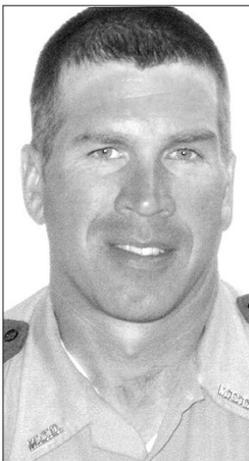
The shotgun start is at 10 a.m.

Register at the Glencoe Country Club between 8:30 a.m. and 9:30 a.m. on the day of the tournament. Prizes will be awarded based on the number of entries.

Also included will be a bake sale and silent auction from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Raffle tickets also will be sold.

Checks may be payable to TDG Benefit, 1407 Elm Ave. N., Glencoe 55336. Supplemental funds will be provided by Thrivent Financial For Lutherans.

For more information, contact Tammy Voigt-Van-Duynhoven at 320-864-5475.



Wayne Hatlestad

DNR promotes Hatlestad to supervisor

The Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (DNR) has promoted four conservation officers to lieutenant and district supervisor, including Wayne Hatlestad as the New Ulm area enforcement supervisor.

Hatlestad has worked as a conservation officer since 2001 in field stations in Hutchinson and Litchfield. He had been the acting New Ulm Area enforcement supervisor prior to his promotion.

Hatlestad was a deputy sheriff for the McLeod County Sheriff's Department from 1996 to 2001.

DAV seminar set Sept. 29 in Hutchinson

So many veterans feel confused about benefits and services they have earned. There is so much to know, and so many changes from one year to the next.

That is why local members of the nonprofit Disabled American Veterans (DAV) will present a veterans information seminar Saturday, Sept. 29, from 9 a.m. to noon, at the VFW Post, 247 First Ave., S.E., Hutchinson.

Like all DAV services, this seminar is free to all veterans and members of their families.

For further information concerning this event, contact NSO Jon N. Retzer at 612-970-5665.

N.A. VFW OKs contributions

The New Auburn VFW Post 7266 was called to order on Sept. 12 by Commander Willard Grack.

The club made donations in August to the Salvation Army, \$100; VFW Hospital REC, \$50; and the camper-ship fund, \$10.

In September, the club made donations to the Glencoe-Silver Lake military history trip, \$450; the Tony Grack benefit for cancer medical expenses, \$150; and the Weeping Willows 4-H Club project, \$300.

Commander Grack attended the District 2 meeting in New Ulm.

The next club meeting will be Wednesday, Oct. 10, at 7 p.m.

Engagements

Lilienthal — Johnson

Mark Lilienthal, former Glencoe resident, and Nancy Jorgenson-Lilienthal of Lakeville are thrilled to announce the upcoming marriage of their daughter, Rachael Lilienthal, to Ryan Johnson.

Rachael Lilienthal currently works for Staples Financial in St. Paul, and Johnson works for Bay & Bay Transportation in Rosemount.

The couple will be married Sept. 22, and make their home in Hastings.



Ryan Johnson
Rachael Lilienthal

People

Son born to Donley family

Ryan and Amber Donley of Victoria announce the birth of their son, William Christopher, on Sept. 7, 2012, at Ridgeview Medical Center in Waconia. William weighed 7 pounds, 2 ounces, and was 19 inches long. Grandparents are Bill and Joyce Ramige of Glencoe and Chris and Pam Donley of Fridley. Great-grandparents are Margaret Saltee of Gary, S.D., and Dean and Lois Modig of Minneapolis.

Area students among grads

Brittney Stepien of Glencoe and Mindy Jeurissen of Lester Prairie were among the summer semester graduates of South Central College in North Mankato. Stepien earned a diploma in dental assisting and Jeurissen earned a certificate of accomplishment in essentials of farm business management.

Son born to Hinojosa family

Alfonso and Lorena Hinojosa of Glencoe announce the birth of their son, Damian Gael, on Sept. 10, 2012, at Glencoe Regional Health Services. His older siblings are Joshua and Alfonso, and his grandparents are Gloria Hinojosa of Glencoe and Rose Violante Cesena and Ricardo Sornia Liva of Piedros Negues, Mexico.

Ratikes announce son's birth

Andrew and Danielle Ratike of Glencoe announced the birth of their son, Beckett Marshall, on Sept. 11, 2012, at Glencoe Regional Health Services. Beckett weighed 7 pounds, 9 ounces, and was 20-1/2 inches in length. His older siblings are Ashlyn and Jackson. Grandparents are Robert and Cynthia Johnson of Litchfield and Jeff and Linda Ratike of Glencoe.

Daughter born to Asmus

Michael and Christina Asmus of Winthrop announce the birth of their daughter, Mara Jade, on Sept. 14, 2012, at Glencoe Regional Health Services. Mara weighed 6 pounds, 2 ounces, and was 19-1/2 inches long. Her older siblings are Aiden and Keira, and her grandparents are Aimee Swanson of Glencoe, James Albee of Caney, Kan., and Walter and Debbie Asmus of Chicago, Ill.

New Auburn VFW Auxiliary earns citation

The Sept. 12 meeting of the New Auburn VFW Post 7266 Auxiliary was called to order by President Phyllis Schwanke.

At the August meeting, the Auxiliary gave \$25 to the

Ways and Means project. Schwanke and Elaine Grack attended the District 2 meeting in New Ulm on Aug. 18. The Auxiliary received a citation for youth activities and \$12. Also for filling out a sur-

vey for Marlene Lampbrecht, the Auxiliary received \$10.

At the September meeting, the Auxiliary made a donation to the hospital and rehabilitation program.

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About the Kingerys: Mike Kingery played professional baseball for 17 years including stints with the Kansas City Royals, Seattle Mariners, San Francisco Giants, Oakland A's, Colorado Rockies and Pittsburgh Pirates. After retiring, he and his family moved back to Minnesota. Mike is a founder of Solid Foundation Baseball School in Grove City, MN — a Christian-based baseball program. The Kingery family began singing in local nursing homes and churches but later asked to perform for larger groups. Inspired by bluegrass music, they eventually created their own bluegrass CDs. "Our prayer and vision is that our music will praise and honor our Lord Jesus and that many souls would be brought to Him."

Bring Lawn Chairs or Blankets for Outdoor Seating
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Submitted photo

Brownton graduates of 1952

The Brownton High School graduating class of 1952 held its 60-year reunion at Squeaky's Bar & Grill in Hutchinson on Sept. 8. Those attending were, front row, left to right, Lenore (Arneson) Messer, Carol (Janke) Beltz, Carol (Grochow) Nuwash, Marlys (Schuette) Klostermeier

and teacher Kathryn (Fratzke) Froeming. In the back are Everette Hantge, Clarence Schatz, Rueben Draeger, Richard Plaisance, Ron Sommerdorf, Donald Padrnos, Bill Schwarze and Clifford Bussler.

Deaths

Stanley Schermann, 83, of Glencoe

A Mass of Christian Burial for Stanley Schermann, 83, of Glencoe, will be Thursday, Sept. 20, at 10 a.m., at the Church of St. Pius X in Glencoe.

Mr. Schermann died Sunday, Sept. 16, 2012, at his home.

Visitation will be today (Wednesday, Sept. 19) from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m., at the Johnson-McBride Funeral Chapel. Parish prayers will be at 5 p.m. Visitation continues Thursday from 8 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. at the funeral chapel. Interment will be in Holy Trinity Catholic Cemetery in Winsted.

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

Gerald Donnay, 85, of Glencoe

A private burial service for Gerald Donnay, 85, of Glencoe, will be held at a later date.

Mr. Donnay died Saturday, Sept. 15, 2012, at Glencoe Regional Health Services long-term care facility.

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

Gerald Nutter, 49, of Stewart

Gerald Nutter, 49, of Stewart, died Saturday, Sept. 15, 2012, at Abbott Northwestern Hospital in Minneapolis.

Funeral services will be Wednesday, Sept. 19, at 1 p.m., at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Stewart.

Visitation will be today (Wednesday), from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Stewart.

Arrangements are with the Hughes-Hantge Funeral

Chapel in Stewart.

An online guest book is available at www.hantge.com. Click on obituaries/guest book.

Kristine Villnow, 50, of Glencoe

Funeral services for Kristine "Kris" Villnow, 50, of Glencoe, will be Friday, Sept. 21, at 11 a.m., at St. John's Lutheran Church of Plato.

Ms. Villnow died peacefully, surrounded by her loving family, on Monday, Sept. 17, 2012, at Hutchinson Community Hospital.

Visitation will be Thursday, Sept. 20, from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m., at the Johnson-McBride Funeral Chapel in Glencoe. Visitation continues Friday one hour prior to the service at the church.

Interment will be in the church cemetery.

An online guest book is available at www.hantge.com.

Obituaries

Darlene A.E. Becker, 81, of Glencoe

Funeral services for Darlene Amanda Elsie Becker, 81, of Glencoe, were held Friday, Sept. 14, at First Evangelical Lutheran Church in Glencoe. The Rev. Ronald Mathison officiated.

Mrs. Becker died Saturday, Sept. 8, 2012, at her home in Glencoe.



Darlene Becker

The organist was Cheryl Andrix, and the congregational hymns were "Amazing Grace," "I Know That My Redeemer Lives" and "Oh God, Our Help in Ages Past."

Honorary pallbearers were Lorie Jannusch, Kelly Guenther, Jessica Becker and Michael Jannusch. Pallbearers were Jacob Irwin, Daniel Becker, Tyler Becker, Brent Guenther, David "Sparky" Kangas and Eldon "BJ" Bielke. Interment was at the church cemetery.

Darlene Amanda Elsie

Duenow was born July 31, 1931, at her parents' home in New Auburn Township, to Edwin and Alga (Brede) Duenow. She was baptized as an infant on Aug. 23, 1931, by the Rev. Weerts at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Brownton and confirmed in her faith as a youth on May 5, 1946, by the Rev. A. Streufert at First Evangelical Lutheran Church in Glencoe. She received her education at District 37 country school and then helped her parents on the farm.

On June 20, 1950, Darlene Duenow was united in marriage to Henry Becker Jr. by the Rev. Mueller at Immanuel Lutheran Church in New Auburn. They made their home on the farm in Sibley County. Their marriage was blessed with three sons, Leon, Byron and Scott. The Beckers were blessed to share 62 years of marriage.

In addition to being a loving wife, mother and homemaker, Mrs. Becker held employment at Telex in Glencoe for 37 years on the assembly line.

She was a member of First

Evangelical Lutheran Church.

Mrs. Becker enjoyed fishing, dancing and old-time music, especially the Wee Willie Polka Band. She also loved nature. She cherished the time spent with her family and friends.

Survivors include her husband, Henry Becker Jr. of Glencoe; sons, Leon Becker of Glencoe, Byron Becker of Glencoe, and Scott Becker and his special friend, Melissa Tessmer, of Gaylord; grandchildren, Jessica Becker, Kelly (Brent) Guenther, Daniel Becker and Tyler Becker; great-grandchildren, Jacob Irwin, Jaden Guenther and Marissa Guenther; sister, Betty (Virgil) Schuette of Brownton; nieces, nephews, other relatives and many friends.

Preceding her in death were her parents, Edwin and Alga Duenow.

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.

Michael T. Dressel, 53, of Glencoe

Memorial services for Michael Thomas Dressel, 53, of Glencoe, were held Monday, Sept. 17, at First Evangelical Lutheran Church in Glencoe, with the Rev. Ronald Mathison officiating.



Michael Dressel

Mr. Dressel died Thursday, Sept. 13, 2012, at his home.

The organist was Dawn Wolter, and the congregational hymns were "Children of the Heavenly Father," "What a Friend We Have in Jesus" and "I Know That My Redeemer Lives."

Urn bearers were Earl Willock and Kerry Wuetherich. Interment was in the church cemetery.

Mr. Dressel was born Feb. 7, 1959, in Glencoe, to Thomas and Delores (Wolter) Dressel. He was baptized as an infant on Feb. 22, 1959, by the Rev. A.H. Fellwock, and was confirmed in his faith as a youth on April 15, 1973, by the Revs. E.W. Blumenkamp and Nathan Castens, both at First Evangelical Lutheran Church. He received his education in Glencoe and was a graduate of the Glencoe High School class of 1977.

Mr. Dressel made his home in Glencoe. He held employment at Berry Plastics Corp. in Bloomington, and most recently worked at Miller Manufacturing, Inc., in Glencoe.

He was a member of First Evangelical Lutheran Church.

Mr. Dressel loved the outdoors. He enjoyed fishing and hunting, especially deer and bear. He also liked to go snowmobiling and 4-wheeling. He cherished the time spent with his family and friends.

Survivors include his parents, Thomas and Delores Dressel of Glencoe; brothers, Mark Dressel of Maybee, Mich., and Scott (Wendy) Dressel of Glencoe; nephew, Aaron Dressel of Fargo, N.D.; aunts, uncles, cousins and many friends.

Preceding him in death were his grandparents, Paul and Alice Dressel and Elmer and Amanda Wolter.

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Farm safety week reminders

The third week in September represents National Farm Safety and Health Week. This week corresponds well with the fall harvest season in Minnesota.

Farm safety week represents a reminder to practice farm safety, but it is very important to practice farm safety at all times of the year.

Although farm accidents have lessened in recent years, it is still a common occurrence for farm accidents to take place for farmers and farm workers.

Agriculture ranks among the most hazardous industries, according to the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH). Approximately 476 farmers and farm workers died from work-related injury in 2010 and 9,955 from 1992-2010.

The leading cause of death for farmers and farm workers from 1992-2009 was tractor overturns. Approximately 243 agricultural workers suffer lost work-time injury every day.

According to NIOSH, an average of 113 youths, less than 20 years of age, die annually from farm-related injuries (1995-2002) The majority of those who die annu-



Farm Notes

By Nathan Winter

ally are youth between 16-19 years old.

The most common source of fatal injuries to youth is machinery (includes tractors), motor vehicles (includes ATVs), followed by drowning. There were 16,100 children and adolescents injured on farms and 3,400 due to farm work in 2009.

Sadly, most of these farm related accidents could have been prevented if appropriate safety measures would have been taken.

Often, nature does not leave a big enough time period to get the work done so farmers and farm workers feel the need to hurry. Be sure to slow down and think about the safest ways to go about your work. Be sure that all safety equipment is working properly and that you follow safety procedures during operation.

Those at risk working on the farm range from young children to senior farmers. Nobody is left out and considered safe when working on farms.

Quite often youths work at a very young age with very little supervision. These youths also can be innocent bystanders or passengers on farm equipment. Be sure to look out for their interests by keeping them safe.

Youths should be given appropriate tasks that they are able to perform safely. Always think of how to safely operate the machines and equipment you are running before you start and be sure to show and tell the youth as well.

Good luck with the fall harvest and please remember to take things slowly and exercise safety in your daily work!

Ascension has new priest

NORWOOD YOUNG AMERICA — The congregations of St. Bernard's in Cologne and Church of the Ascension in Norwood Young America officially installed a new pastor at special services on Sept. 16, the Norwood Young America Times

reported. The Rev. Gregory Abbott will handle the two parishes after the retirement of the Rev. Martin Shalbeter. Abbott will be based at St. Bernard's and share duties with the Rev. Paul Ardolf, who is partially retired.

Remembering You

Little did we know that morning God was going to call your name. In life we loved you dearly, in death we do the same. It broke our hearts to lose you, you did not go alone. You left us beautiful memories, your love is still our guide and though we cannot see you, you are always by our side. Your memory is our keepsake with which we'll never part. God has you in his keeping and we have you in our hearts.

IN MEMORY OF RUSS PETTIS
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Sadly missed by wife,
Bernadine,
Son Troy, Kelly
& grandchildren

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Pastor's Corner

Pastor James Gomez,
Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Glencoe



Early in June, I had declared that I was looking forward to a "Summer of Fun." And, actually, it pretty much was! My wife and I got tattoo-rings on our anniversary, we went camping over the 4th of July, I went sky-diving with a buddy, took a mission trip to South Dakota, and enjoyed Labor Day weekend in Brainerd. Last Thursday, I attended a Twins game and watched Trevor Plouffe's home run get caught by another fan about 4 feet from me. Sounds like fun, right? Totally!

It's safe to say that not every moment was light-hearted, however. In fact, having fun sometimes seemed inappropriate, given the struggles and disappointing things going on at the same time. It seems easier to just stay somber than to explore the heights of excitement, only to come crashing back down again.

But, this is the fullness of who God made us to be. We are creatures of emotion and feeling. We have hearts that break and intelligence that discovers! And, we have a God who both gives and takes away. All of this is for the purpose of knowing Him more fully! He's not a divine vending machine, fortune teller, ATM, or any other convenient way of getting or knowing something. He's also not just dangling a carrot in front of us to lead us around according to His whim.

We are people, loved by God — which means neither getting everything we want, nor having Him direct our every step. That means we will fall down and get hurt. It even means that we might cause hurt. The human experience is diverse...as it is lived...as we are loved. Absolutely, have fun! But, even when life isn't fun...the Lord of heaven and earth, who became human, who sends His Spirit...still has eternity in mind, and wants to bring you through your trials to know Him better. Someday, to see Him face to face. A summer of fun pales in comparison to the heavenly splendor of everlasting life with Jesus.

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

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Glencoe graduating class of 1952

The Glencoe High School graduating class of 1952 held its 60-year class reunion at the Bill and Liz Schwarze farm on Friday, Sept. 14. There were 44 class members and spouses attending the reunion, and Famous Dave's catered the meal. Hosts and hostesses were the Schwarzes, Ted and Joanie Oelfke, Bob and Shari Johnson and Earl and Aileene Dammann. In the front row, left to right, are Carol (Warnke) Sandau, Madonna Stuedemann, Aileene (Stuedemann) Dammann, Joan (Kratley)

Oelfke, Fanchon (Linville) Conway, Gene Herd, Lucille O'Donnell and Willis Herrmann. In the middle row are Joe Mullen, Diane (Ortloff) Dittmer, Pearl (Mueller) Schrupp, Joann (Dreier) Zellman and Marlene (Polzin) Bruch. In the back are Roger Sandau, Bill Schwarze, Richard Michaletz, Ron Fasching, Bob Johnson, Ted Oelfke, LeRoy Meier, Gilbert Debner, Al Brinkman, Art Schuette and Kenneth Emch. Missing were Ralph Picha and Don Thole.

Churches

BEREAN BAPTIST
Corner of 16th Street and Hennepin Avenue, Glencoe
Johnathan Pixler
Interim pastor
Call 320-864-6113
Call Jan at 320-864-3387 for women's Bible study
Wed., Sept. 19 — Women's Bible study, 9 a.m.; service on Glencoe Cable Channel 10, 8 p.m.
Fri., Sept. 21 — Men's Bible study, 9 a.m.
Sun., Sept. 23 — Worship, 9:30 a.m.; service on Glencoe Cable Channel 10, 10:30 a.m.
Tues., Sept. 25 — Men's Bible study, 6 a.m.
Wed., Sept. 26 — Women's Bible study, 9 a.m.; service on Glencoe Cable Channel 10, 8 p.m.

CHRIST LUTHERAN
1820 N. Knight Ave., Glencoe
Katherine Rood, Pastor
320-864-4549
www.christluth.com
E-mail: office@christluth.com
Wed., Sept. 19 — Men's Bible study, breakfast, 8 a.m.; bell choir, 5:30 p.m.; confirmation, 6:30 p.m.; senior choir, 6:30 p.m.; acolyte training for fifth graders, 7 p.m.; lay minister meeting, 8 p.m.; televised worship, 2 p.m. on Channel 10.
Thurs., Sept. 20 — Naomi Circle at Orchard Estates, 9 a.m.; worship at LTC, 9:30 a.m.; Unbinding the Gospel facilitator training, chapel, 7 p.m.
Sat., Sept. 22 — Leap of Faith/Centering Prauer women's retreat, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.
Sun., Sept. 23 — Worship, 8:15 a.m. and 10:45 a.m.; adult education, 9:30 a.m.
Mon., Sept. 24 — Televised worship services on Channel 10, 3 p.m.
Tues., Sept. 25 — Ladies fellowship at Gert & Erma's, 10 a.m.; pastor out.
Wed., Sept. 26 — Men's Bible study, breakfast, 8 a.m.; bell choir, 5:30 p.m.; confirmation, 6:30 p.m.; senior choir, 6:30 p.m.; pastor out.

CHURCH OF PEACE
520 11th St. E., Glencoe
Joseph Clay, Pastor
Sun., Sept. 23 — Worship at Friedens, 10 a.m.; confirmation class meet at 9:15 a.m.

ST. PIUS X CHURCH
1014 Knight Ave., Glencoe
Anthony Stubeda, Pastor
Wed., Sept. 19 — St. Pius X school and staff pictures; evening prayer, 5:40 p.m.; Mass, 6 p.m.; grades K-6 RE classes, 7 p.m.-9 p.m.; grades 7-11 RE classes, 7 p.m.-8:15 p.m.; confirmation candidate and parent session at Holy Family, Silver Lake, 7:15 p.m.
Thurs., Sept. 20 — Morning prayer, 7 a.m.; Mass, 7:20 a.m.; Region 6 pastoral leaders, Litchfield, noon; evangelization and catechesis committee, 6:30 p.m.
Fri., Sept. 21 — Morning prayer, 8 a.m.; school Mass, 8:20 a.m.; pastoral/principal meeting, New Ulm, 10 a.m.; Spanish Mass, 5:30 p.m.
Sat., Sept. 22 — Catechetical Sunday; Spanish cathetists' retreat, 9 a.m.-2 p.m.; Holy Family/St. Pius X youth group study at St. Pius X, 9 a.m.; reconciliation, 4 p.m.; Mass, 5 p.m.; youth group attends Mass; youth group potluck and open gym follows Mass.
Sun., Sept. 23 — Catechetical Sunday; Mass, 9:30 a.m.; Spanish Mass, 11:30 a.m.; no Spanish RE classes; Mass at Seneca, 4:30 p.m.; Catholicism Bible study, 7 p.m.; Mass at Holy Family, Silver Lake, 8 p.m.
Mon., Sept. 24 — No Mass; CCW fall gathering, Bird Island, 6 p.m.; Hands committee, 6:30 p.m.; no Catholic United Financial Council meeting.
Tues., Sept. 25 — Morning prayer, 7 a.m.; Mass, 7:20 a.m.; junior choir, 2:50 p.m.; Spanish adult catechesis orientation, 7 p.m.
Wed., Sept. 26 — Evening prayer, 5:40 p.m.; Mass, 6 p.m.; grades K-6 RE classes, 7 p.m.-9 p.m.; grades 7-11 RE classes, 7 p.m.-8:15 p.m.; confirmation candidate and parent session at Holy Family, Silver Lake, 7:15 p.m.

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH UCC
1400 Elliott Ave., Glencoe
Rev. Llinzi Collins Jr., Pastor
E-mail: congoucc@gmail.com
Wed., Sept. 19 — Circles meet;

choir practice, 6:30 p.m.; church council, 7:30 p.m.
Thurs., Sept. 20 — Cottage meeting, fellowship hall, 6:30 p.m.
Sun., Sept. 23 — Worship, 9:15 a.m.; Sunday school, 10:30 a.m.; deacons meeting.
Tues., Sept. 25 — Bible study, 9:30 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.
Wed., Sept. 26 — Youth See You At the Pole, GSL High School, 7:25 a.m.; choir practice, 6:30 p.m.

FIRST EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN
925 13th St. E., Glencoe
Daniel Welch, Senior Pastor
Ronald L. Mathison, Associate Pastor
320-864-5522
www.firstglencoe.org
E-mail: firstevlcms@juno.com
Wed., Sept. 19 — Public school confirmation, 3:30 p.m.-4:45 p.m.; senior choir, 6:15 p.m.
Thurs., Sept. 20 — Newsletter deadline; church council, 7 p.m.
Sat., Sept. 22 — NYG recycling, 9 a.m.-3 p.m.
Sun., Sept. 23 — Worship, 8 a.m.; fellowship, 9 a.m.; Sunday school, 9:15 a.m.; worship with communion, 10:30 a.m.; NYG recycling, noon-3 p.m.; Kingery concert, 4 p.m.
Mon., Sept. 24 — Praise Folk, 8 p.m.
Tues., Sept. 25 — OT overview, 9:30 a.m.; Common Cup diaper distribution, 11 a.m.-noon; voters assembly meeting, 7 p.m.
Wed., Sept. 26 — Public school confirmation, 3:30 p.m.-4:45 p.m.; senior choir, 6:15 p.m.; "Time With Me" class, 6:30 p.m.

GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN
Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod
1407 Cedar Ave. N., Glencoe
Rev. James F. Gomez, Pastor
Matthew Harwell, Director of Christian Education
E-mail: office@gsclglencoe.org
Wed., Sept. 19 — Kids Praise, 3:15 p.m.; REVEAL courses, 5:30 p.m.; F3, 7:30 p.m.
Fri., Sept. 21 — Wedding rehearsal, 6 p.m.
Sat., Sept. 22 — Stiles-Bartels wedding, 3 p.m.
Sun., Sept. 23 — Choir, 7:45 a.m.; worship, 9 a.m.; Kingdom Quest, FUEL, adult Bible study, 10:15 a.m.; family mission trip rewind party, 11:15 a.m.; mosaic class (part 2), 6 p.m.
Tues., Sept. 25 — GSLC Bible study, 9:30 a.m.
Wed., Sept. 26 — See You at the Pole, 7:25 a.m.; Kids Praise, 3:15 p.m.; REVEAL courses, 5:30 p.m.; F3, 7:30 p.m.

ST. JOHN'S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN
4505 80th St., Helen Township
Glencoe
Dennis Reichow, Pastor
Wed., Sept. 19 — Grades 5-6 catechism, 3:45 p.m.; grades 7-8 catechism, 4:45 p.m.; chimes, 6:30 p.m.; choir, 7:30 p.m.
Sun., Sept. 23 — Worship, 9 a.m.; Sunday school, 10 a.m.; Bible class, 10:20 a.m.
Mon., Sept. 24 — Sunday school teachers meeting, 7 p.m.
Tues., Sept. 25 — Table Talk, 7 p.m.
Wed., Sept. 26 — Grades 5-6 catechism, 3:45 p.m.; grades 7-8 catechism, 4:45 p.m.; chimes, 6:30 p.m.; choir, 7:30 p.m.

GRACE LUTHERAN
8638 Plum Ave., Brownton
Andrew Hermodson-Olsen, Pastor
E-mail: contact@gracebrownton.org
www.gracebrownton.org
Wed., Sept. 19 — Confirmation, 4:30 p.m.; choir practice, 7 p.m.
Sun., Sept. 23 — Worship, 8:45 a.m.; Sunday school, 10 a.m.
Mon., Sept. 24 — Local broadcast, 6 p.m.
Tues., Sept. 25 — Bible study, 9 a.m.
Wed., Sept. 26 — Confirmation, 4:30 p.m.; choir practice, 7 p.m.

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN
700 Division St., Brownton
R. Allan Reed, Pastor
www.immanuelbrownton.org
Wed., Sept. 19 — Bible study with pastor, 9 a.m.; confirmation classes, 4 p.m.; chapel worship with communion, 6:30 p.m.; Alleluia Bell Choir practice, 6:30 p.m.; stewardship meeting, 7:30 p.m.; vocal choir

practice, 7:30 p.m.
Thurs., Sept. 20 — Communion, visitations to shut-ins.
Fri., Sept. 21 — Ladies aid salad luncheon, 11 a.m.
Sun., Sept. 23 — Worship, 9 a.m.; Bible study follows worship; Sunday school, 10:15 a.m.; Noah's Ark open house, 10:30 a.m.; Channel 8 video, 10:30 a.m.; register for Sept. 30 communion.
Wed., Sept. 26 — Bible study with pastor, 9 a.m.; confirmation classes, 4 p.m.

CONGREGATIONAL
Division St., Brownton
Barry Marchant, Interim Pastor
browntoncongregational.org
Sun., Sept. 23 — Worship, 9 a.m.; Bible study and coffee fellowship, 10:15 a.m.

ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN
Stewart
Robert Lehner, Pastor
No calendar submitted.

ST. BONIFACE CATHOLIC
Stewart
Wed., Sept. 19 — Mass, 9 a.m.
Thurs., Sept. 20 — Mass, a.m.
Sun., Sept. 23 — Mass, 9:15 a.m.

ST. MATTHEW'S LUTHERAN
Fernando
Aaron Albrecht, pastor
Wed., Sept. 19 — Women's Bible study, 9 a.m.; Bible study, 6 p.m.; confirmation, 7 p.m.-8:15 p.m.
Thurs., Sept. 20 — Monthly breakfast, 8 a.m.
Sun., Sept. 23 — Worship, 10 a.m.
Tues., Sept. 25 — October newsletter and calendar deadline.
Wed., Sept. 26 — Bible study, 6 p.m.; confirmation, 7 p.m.-8:15 p.m.

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH
13372 Nature Ave. (rural Biscay)
Robert Taylor, pastor
320-587-5104
Sun., Sept. 23 — Sunday school, 9:15 a.m.; worship, 10:30 a.m.

CROSSROADS CHURCH
10484 Bell Ave., Plato
Scott and Heidi Forsberg, pastors
320-238-2181
www.mncrossroads.org
Wed., Sept. 19 — Youth and adult activities night, 7 p.m.
Sun., Sept. 23 — Worship, 10 a.m.
Wed., Sept. 26 — Youth and adult activities night, 7 p.m.

ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN
216 McLeod Ave. N., Plato
Bruce Laabs, Pastor
320-238-2550
E-mail: stjplato@embarqmail.com
www.christ-4-u.org
Wed., Sept. 19 — Midweek, 6 p.m.
Thurs., Sept. 20 — Bible study, 9 a.m.; Plato and Hutchinson visits; bulletin deadline.
Sun., Sept. 23 — "Time of Grace," TV channel 9, 6:30 a.m.; worship with communion, 9 a.m.; Sunday school, 10 a.m.; Bible study, 10:10 a.m.
Tues., Sept. 25 — Just Because visit, 7 p.m.
Wed., Sept. 26 — Midweek, 6 p.m.; newsletter deadline.

ST. PAUL'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
308 First St. N.E., Plato
Bill Baldwin, Pastor
Wed., Sept. 19 — Office open, 9 a.m.; men's coffee, 9 a.m.; confirmation meeting, 5 p.m.; adult choir, 6 p.m.
Fri., Sept. 21 — Office open, 9 a.m.
Sun., Sept. 23 — Sunday school, 8:45 a.m.; worship, 10 a.m.; fellowship time, 11 a.m.
Wed., Sept. 26 — Office open, 9 a.m.; men's coffee, 9 a.m.; confirmation meeting, 5 p.m.; adult choir, 6 p.m.

IMMANUEL EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN
New Auburn
Bradley Danielson, Pastor
E-mail: immanuel@yahoo.com
Wed., Sept. 19 — Seventh-grade confirmation, 4 p.m.; eighth-grade confirmation, 5 p.m.
Sun., Sept. 23 — Sunday school, 9 a.m.; worship, 10 a.m.

GRACE BIBLE CHURCH
300 Cleveland Ave., Silver Lake
Dr. Tom Rakow, Pastor
320-327-2352

<http://silverlakechurch.org>
Wed., Sept. 19 — Confirmation class, 6 p.m.; prayer time, 7 p.m.
Sat., Sept. 22 — Men's Bible study, 7 a.m.; women's Bible study, 9 a.m.
Sun., Sept. 23 — "First Light" radio broadcast on KARP 106.9 FM, 7:30 a.m.; preservice prayer time, 9:15 a.m.; Sunday worship, 9:30 a.m.; Sunday school for all ages, 10:35 a.m.; open shooting for Centershot graduates, 11:45 a.m.-12:30 p.m.; Centershot Archery Ministry begins, 1 p.m.
Wed., Sept. 26 — Confirmation class, 6 p.m.; prayer time, 7 p.m.
Dial-A-Bible Story, 320-327-2843.

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You may be able to reach someone at the church every Tuesday through Friday. Don't hesitate to come in (use church office door) or call, or e-mail at faithfriends@embarqmail.com.
Wed., Sept. 19 — Light supper, 5:30 p.m.; WOW classes begin, 6 p.m.; adult Bible study, 6 p.m.; choir, 7 p.m.
Sun., Sept. 23 — Worship, 10 a.m.

HOLY FAMILY CATHOLIC CHURCH
712 W. Main St., Silver Lake
Anthony Stubeda, Pastor
Fri., Sept. 21 — Mass, 8 a.m.
Sat. Sept. 22 — Reconciliation, 5:30 p.m.; Mass, 6:30 p.m.
Sun., Sept. 23 — Mass, 8 a.m. and 8 p.m.
Tues., Sept. 25 — Mass, 8 a.m.
Fri., Sept. 28 — Mass, 8 a.m.

FRIEDEN'S COUNTY LINE
11325 Zebra Ave., Norwood
Joseph Clacy, Pastor
Sun., Sept. 23 — Worship at Friedens, 10 a.m.; confirmation class meet at 9:15 a.m.

THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER DAY SAINTS
770 School Rd., Hutchinson
Kenneth Rand, Branch President
320-587-5665
Wed., Sept. 19 — Young men and women (12-18 years old) and scouting, 7 p.m.-8:30 p.m.
Sun., Sept. 23 — Sunday school, 10:50 a.m.-11:30 a.m.; priesthood, relief society and primary, 11:40 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
Wed., Sept. 26 — Young men and women (12-18 years old) and scouting, 7 p.m.-8:30 p.m.

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E-mail: nestor2maria@hotmail.com
Sun., Sept. 23 — Worship, 2 p.m.

ST. PETER LUTHERAN CHURCH
77 Second Ave. S.
Corner C.R. 1 and Second St. S., Lester Prairie
David R. Erbel, pastor
Wed., Sept. 19 — Office closed.
Thurs., Sept. 20 — Office open, 9 a.m.
Sun., Sept. 23 — Worship with guest pastor, 9 a.m.; Sunday school and Bible study, 10:15 a.m.
Mon., Sept. 24 — Office open, 9 a.m.
Wed., Sept. 26 — Office closed.

SHALOM BAPTIST CHURCH
1215 Roberts Rd. S.W., Hutchinson
Rick Stapleton, Senior pastor
Adam Krumrie, Worship pastor
Wed., Sept. 19 — AWANA, 6:30 p.m.; middle school youth, 6:30 p.m.; senior high youth, 7:30 p.m.
Thurs., Sept. 20 — Sr. high free lunch; worship team, 6 p.m.
Sun., Sept. 23 — Worship, 9 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.; Sunday school, 9 a.m.; running/jogging ministry, 4 p.m.
Mon., Sept. 24 — Women's discipleship, 6:30 p.m.; men's Bible study, 8 p.m.
Tues., Sept. 25 — Women's discipleship, 9 a.m.
Wed., Sept. 26 — See You at the Pole at Hutchinson Middle School and high school, 7 a.m.; AWANA, 6:30 p.m.; See You at the Pole rap-ply, 7 p.m.

Arson suspected in fire in Olivia

OLIVIA — Arson is suspected in a fire that destroyed a building that housed the Renville County Food Shelf, a business and an apartment in Olivia on Sept. 9, the Renville County Register reported. It was determined that a fire had been intentionally set near the entrance to

the thrift store, and the fire destroyed the food shelf, a hair salon, the local Red Cross office and an upstairs apartment. No one was injured. Fifty to 60 firefighters were on the scene from the Olivia, Bird Island and Danube fire departments.

Sibley County to hire its 1st administrator

SIBLEY COUNTY — The Sibley County Board approved the start of the search for its first county administrator, with the goal of having the position filled by Jan. 1, the Arlington Enterprise reported. The first round of interviews are expected in mid November.

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DFLers meet

The McLeod County Democratic-Farm-Laborer (DFL) party hosted a meet-and-greet with local candidates and other politicians Saturday afternoon at the Brown-ton Rod & Gun Club. Above, Logan Campa, candidate for state representative in District 18A, visits with Kay Husfeldt of the Lake Marion area. At right, Steve Schirow (far right), candidate for District 18 state senator, chats with some residents over a potluck lunch. Others who spoke were Rebecca Otto, state auditor; Marcia Betker, a national delegate; and Nancy Larson, candidate for House District 18A.



Kurt Bills

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have the proper tools for their classrooms by retaining the best teachers, not necessarily the most senior.

While he supports unions and has been a union member since he was 18, Bills said workers, including teachers, "should have a choice" over whether to join a union.

Another question asked about the role of government.

Bills said there are roles for the state and federal governments, especially in the need for "some types of regulatory control and standards."

He pointed to the need for public schools, as an example of government participation. He said Thomas Jefferson advocated for public education so not only the elite would get educated in America.

Bills said the more educated Americans are, the more productive they become.

Asked about expanded technology in schools, Bills said he is a supporter of more technology.

"Technology increases our productivity," Bills said, and also makes for a better work force.

"Technology is a great thing, but it also can be a distraction," Bills added.

He predicted more online classes are in the future of public education.

He pointed to auto workers being replaced by robots on the assembly lines as an example. "It's great for productivity, but you could lose your job. Now auto workers build and maintain robots."

Another example he used was ice men, who once were common, hauling large chunks of ice to homes. But they were displaced by freon in refrigerators.

"Should not we have (eliminated) the ice man?" he asked the students. Technological progress did that and continues to do that today.

He said students, and workers, are learning at a faster pace with all the new technology.

Reforms

But Bills saved much of his hour-long question-and-answer session to address the need for monetary reform of the Federal Reserve's policies.

There are two monetary policies at work: the fiscal policy of Congress and the president and monetary policy of the Federal Reserve, Bills said.

He used the example of a person paying \$20 for necessities. Now the Federal Reserve comes along and prints another \$20 bill for a second person, but the number of goods does not increase.

To make it now work, the two people need to split the goods, thus lower the standard of living for both.

That, Bills said, is what the Federal Reserve does when it simply prints more money for the economy.

The expansion of the money supply (by the Federal Reserve) also keeps interest rates low, Bills said. That also allows the value of the dollar to fall.

He said this monetary policy hurts most the middle class workers and poorer people, who find less value for their work.

No one should be sent to Congress who does not understand money, Bills said.

Also, Bills said an audit of the Federal Reserve is needed to ensure the government's fiduciary responsibilities are being met.

Asked about tax cuts, Bills replied, "I'm a flat taxer." He favors a flat tax rate for all Americans, with a special rate for the poor.

He pointed out many people call for a close of tax loop holes in the U.S. Tax Code, but with 17,000 pages in the code, Bills said few people have read it, let alone understand it.

He said the simplified tax code, with a flat tax rate for all, would help most Americans.

"Get rid of all deductions," Bills said. "The more you make, the more you pay (with a flat tax)."

"I'm a big-time tax reformer," Bills said. If the federal government reforms taxes, then states also could reform rates, giving taxpayers and businesses "double benefits."

"If you want more jobs, bring down the cost to doing business," Bills said.

Asked what he wants to change if he gets elected to Congress, Bills quickly replied "the budget deficit."

The concept of a million, billion or trillion dollars is hard to grasp, Bills said.

He used seconds as an example. One million seconds equals about nine days; a billion seconds would take one back to 1981; but a trillion seconds would take one back well before the birth of Christ.

The current \$16 trillion national debt also is deceiving, Bills said, because when all acceptable accounting measures are factored in, the debt is closer to \$119 trillion.

"I want to do something about the (national) debt. We are out of control with our spending," Bills added.

He also said 61 percent of the national debt is being purchased by the Federal Reserve, which simply "prints more money."

But it also borrows funds from foreign governments, like China, through the sale of U.S. bonds.

While Bills said running for office on the national debt "is not the most exciting thing," it is vitally important.

Other issues

Bills also said changes in regulations are needed. He pointed to the Poly Met situation in northern Minnesota. The company wants to mine minerals in that part of the state, something particularly important to those citizens who rely on mining for their livelihoods.

But he said Poly Met has been working on the proper permits for the past eight years, and still has not started operations.

Bills said the country needs economic virtue. "If we do not solve the (budget deficit) problems, the wheels will fall off the economy. And that will affect you," he told the teen-agers.

He told the students that their path forward is through education.

As to social issues, Bills said Americans should be more worried about "the fiscal cliff" coming up if the federal budget deficit is not addressed.

He said the U.S. Senate has not offered a budget in the

'My Ballot' online tool launched

Secretary of State Mark Ritchie announced the launch of a new online tool to assist voters to become better acquainted with the candidates and questions they will see on their Nov. 6 General Election ballot.

The initiative named "My Ballot" not only allows users to view a list of what will be on their ballot, but also provides links to other sites allowing voters to access information about the candidates and ballot questions. The site is located at: <http://myballotmn.sos.state.mn.us/>.

"As Secretary of State, I cannot emphasize enough the importance of voter education and providing voters access to information for them to make informed decisions in the upcoming election," Ritchie said. "My Ballot is a one-stop voter's guide to individual General Election ballots and extends the services that my office provides to voters."

The webpage features:

- A comprehensive list of all candidates and questions appearing on individuals' ballots for the Nov. 6.
- Links to candidate websites as provided by the candidates and to the language of ballot questions (constitutional amendments, local government questions).
- A link to sample ballots, if provided by the county.
- Links to other online tools to assist voters including Polling Place Finder, Absentee Ballot Lookup and Voter Registration Lookup.
- A similar user-friendly design to other tools on the Secretary of State website.
- Explanations of candidate order as listed on ballot.

past four years, and government simply "continues to just spend."

He said the largest growth in the federal budget has been in health care and that will continue to grow.

As to foreign policy, Bills said the U.S. needs to stop "throwing money" at the problem. "It simply creates more instability."

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