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Skies open up again!



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While rain totals on Thursday ranged up 11 inches in about a 12-hour span, it made little difference to these vehicle owners. It was too much! The vehicles were parked along Ninth Street, (looking west) behind the Glencoe Police station, when the skies opened up early Thursday morning and the torrential rains did not relent until late in the morning. The latest deluge flooded intersections, yards, fields and filled base-

ments around the community. It also made travel difficult around Glencoe and the southern half of McLeod County as motorists were often impeded by road blocks warning of closed roads. County roads and even portions of U.S. Highway 212 were closed to traffic due to the widespread flooding. For more flood photos, look inside today's Chronicle.

Only a year after devastating '13 floods, torrential rains return

By Rich Glennie Editor

To some, the 100-year rain events have become an annual calamity as the Glencoe area, along with the southern half of McLeod County and most of Sibley County, were hammered with 10- to 11-inch rains Thursday morning.

By 7 a.m., over five inches of rain had fallen in Glencoe. The north central holding ponds in the Willow Ridge addition had been closed at 4 a.m. when drainage from the north overpowered the pond system. Another four plus inches of rain were recorded after 7 a.m.

The result was more widespread flooding, more

anger and more frustration from homeowners who had just recovered from a nearly identical flooding event almost a year earlier.

City streets, county roads and even portions of Highway 212 were under water and closed to motorists, who were forced to find alternative routes for several days.

The massive rains forced the cancellation of Glencoe Days events for the first time in recent memory. Oak Leaf Park, where most of the events were scheduled, was under water as was the BMX track on Ninth Street, where other events were planned.

Some residents in the Glen Knoll mobile home

park were trapped by the rising waters.

Not since the floods of 1991 after which major sewer improvements were made downtown had the 10th Street and Hennepin Avenue flooded. It was flooded Thursday. Waist-deep flood water soaked parked vehicles along Ninth Street and Greeley Avenue, while the Johnson-McBride Funeral Home again sustained water damage as did the rest of that downtown area.

First Lutheran School again sustained water damage when water got into the door on the east

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GSL Board OKs staffing changes for next year

By Rich Glennie Editor

The Glencoe-Silver Lake School Board met in special session Monday morning to approve a number of staffing contracts prior to the start of its new fiscal year on July 1.

GSL Superintendent Chris Sonju said the goal was to have the hiring done before July 1, and thus the need for the special meeting.

The School Board's actions include the following:

- A two-year contract for Michelle Woods as a licensed practical nurse (LPN) at Lakeside Elementary, beginning Sept. 1.

- A one-year re-hire contract for Jim Waters to teach high school science next school year. The Board had accepted Waters' retirement at its June 9 meeting.

- The addition of two additional migrant summer school staffers in Lori Moore as lead teacher and Patty Fleischaker as transitional consultant.

- A contract for Lauren Greeley as general music/band and/or choir teacher at Lakeside and the high school. It is a new position.

- Afton Pender was hired as the new junior high counselor, replacing Joe Morcomb, who resigned.

- Jill Sundblad was hired as DCD special education teacher at Lakeside Elementary, replacing Doreen Metts, who resigned.

- Approved Alissa Carlson's transfer from a sixth-grade teacher to Lincoln Junior High social studies teacher, replacing Lois Tepley, who retired.

- Hired Terry Shogren as a computer technician, a new position.

- Hired Annette Thomas as a

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Seifert: Sees self as alternative in Aug. 12 GOP primary vote

By Rich Glennie Editor

Marty Seifert, the lone outstate candidate in the Republican primary election, is no stranger to the Glencoe area.

He passes through Glencoe on Highway 212 from his home in Marshall and has done it for years on his way to the Twin Cities for business or as a longtime state legislator. Seifert knows the need to improve the Highway 212 corridor not only for travelers, but for commercial reasons as well.

Seifert stopped in Glencoe and Hutchinson last week to get his message out before the Aug. 12 primary. He is running against three fellow Republicans for the right to be on the Nov. 4 general election ballot.

He sees himself as an alternative to the caucus-endorsement system, even though he is not opposed to the caucus system.

DFL Gov. Mark Dayton will be the opposition for the general election.

Seifert, who was not endorsed by the state Republican Party, opted for the primary to give more Minnesotans a chance to pick their candidates for the general election.

"Republicans believe in the free market and

choices," Seifert said. That applies to politics as well, he added. Why not have a primary with multiple candidates and "give every Republican a voice."

Others on the Republican primary ballot are endorsee Jeff Johnson, a Hennepin County Commissioner; former House Speaker Kurt Zellers and Scott Honour, a venture capitalist.

But Seifert said he is the only one from outstate Minnesota and the only one making an effort, so far, to get around the state to get acquainted with voters and the issues.

"The others are not," Seifert said, and added they continue to stay in the metro area. In meeting with other rural media, Seifert said he is finding out no one else has stepped in to talk to these newspaper and radio people.

"Minnesota has a populist streak," Seifert said. "People expect you (as an elected official) to work hard and listen."

"I'll work the hardest of all the candidates," said Seifert, a former seven-term legislator and former House minority leader.

Seifert also has been a high school and higher

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Chronicle photo by Rich Glennie

Marty Seifert, a Republican primary gubernatorial candidate, visited the area last week with two of his aides,

Bo Erickson, left, and Joe Koltan, right of Marshall. Koltan is a Glencoe native.

Weather



Wed., 6-25
H: 75°, L: 59°



Thur., 6-26
H: 79°, L: 65°



Fri., 6-27
H: 83°, L: 69°



Sat., 6-28
H: 85°, L: 71°



Sun., 6-29
H: 86°, L: 63°

Looking back: Add another 7.52 inches of rain to an already impressive June total. Maybe July will be drier.

Date	Hi	Lo	Rain
June 17	80	59	0.00
June 18	83	65	0.52

June 19	74	64	7.06
June 20	86	64	0.00
June 21	85	66	0.00
June 22	80	67	0.00
June 23	81	65	0.00

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

Chronicle News and Advertising Deadlines

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

Glencoe Dairy Day rescheduled to June 26

Last Thursday's torrential rains not only washed out all Glencoe Days activities, it also postponed Dairy Day in Glencoe.

While Glencoe Days activities were not rescheduled, Dairy Day was and it will be held Thursday, June 26, in the Glencoe City Center west parking lot. Times are from 4:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

The Glencoe Farmers Market will be held from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. in the field across from the City Center parking

lot on 11th Street.

The Glencoe Lions picnic is set from 4:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., along with the root beer floats, sponsored by the Glencoe Area Chamber of Commerce (ice cream) and Glencoe Wine and Spirits (root beer).

The Glencoe Fire Department also will have some equipment on display.

Special donations also are provided by the McLeod County Dairy Association and Coborn's.



Glencoe's Snap Fitness franchise recently moved to its new quarters in the former Duebers building on 11th Street. From left to right are its staff,

Jason Reed, trainer; Jordynn Wiegert, manager; and Alyssa Bergmann, general manager. The fitness center is owned by Christina and Jason Clark.

Chronicle photos by Lori Copler

Happenings

Bloodmobiles set in July

Two area American Red Cross bloodmobiles will be held in July at Biscay and Hutchinson. On Wednesday, July 2, Neisen's Bar & Grill in Biscay will be the site of a blood drive from 1 p.m. to 7 p.m. On Tuesday, July 8, another blood drive will be held from noon to 6 p.m. at Peace Lutheran Church, 400 Franklin St. SW, Hutchinson.

Legion changes meeting date

The Glencoe American Legion Post 95 regular monthly July meeting will take place on Thursday, June 26, in the basement of VFW Post 5102. The meeting change is for July only. Future meetings will take place on the first Thursday of each month as usual. All members are encouraged to attend. Lunch will be served upstairs at VFW Post 5102.

Picnic in park set June 30

St. John's Lutheran Church, Helen Township, invites all to a picnic in the park from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m., Monday, June 30, and to become a friend with a person with a disability. Entertainment is by recording artist Chris Driesbach. The picnic meal begins at 5:30 p.m. Call the church office at 320-864-3093 or Judy Schwartz at 507-326-3621 to RSVP or to get more information.

GHS class of 1959 to reunite

The Glencoe High School class of 1959 will hold its 55-year reunion at 2 p.m., Sunday, July 13, at Neisen's Bar & Grill in Biscay.

Class of 1947 reunion June 26

The Glencoe High School graduating class of 1947 will hold its 67-year reunion on Thursday, June 26. All classmates, spouses and friends are invited to attend the noon luncheon at Unhinged! Pizza in Glencoe.

Music by the Pond begins

Grand Meadows Senior Living, 1420 Prairie Ave., Glencoe, will be hosting Music by the Pond on Thursday, June 26, at 6:30 p.m. Featured entertainment is by the Froemming Family from Grove City. Visitors are encouraged to bring lawn chairs or blankets and to enter through the front doors of the building. Refreshments will be served. Come rain or shine. Call 320-864-5577 with questions.

Blood drive set for June 25

An American Red Cross blood drive is scheduled for Wednesday, June 25, from 1 p.m. to 7 p.m., at Lester Prairie City Hall. To donate blood, call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit redcrossblood.org to make an appointment or for more information.

Seniors club meets June 26

The Glencoe Senior Citizens Club will meet at 12:30 p.m., Thursday, June 26, in the Glencoe City Center Senior Room for socializing and games. The group also will meet on Tuesday, July 1, at 12:30 p.m. All senior citizens are invited to attend. More information can be obtained by calling at 320-864-3799 or 320-510-1551.

Plato Dairy Day now June 26

The Plato Lions have rescheduled its burger night and Dairy Dairy for 4 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., Thursday, June 26, at the Plato Park. The event was postponed due to last Thursday's rains. Free ice cream and cheese will be provided by Engelmann Dairy, and door prizes will be provided by the Minnesota Dairy Association.

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.

Mowing begins Monday along county road ditches

County road ditch mowing is scheduled to begin Monday, June 30.

"We will be making a top cut adjacent to the shoulder and also mowing any thistle patches or other noxious weeds encountered," said Elvis Voigt, county maintenance supervisor.

The mowing usually takes two weeks, weather permitting and is accomplished with four mower tractors.

"We urge motorists to always drive with caution when encountering the mowers as

well as any other highway maintenance equipment and slow down and watch for workers in the work zone," Voigt said.

Any questions regarding this should be directed to Voigt at 320-484-4321 or e-mail at elvis.voigt@co.mcleod.mn.us.

"The McLeod County Highway Department appreciates your cooperation in helping us maintain our highway system," said John Brunkhorst, McLeod County engineer.

Snap Fitness move to former Duebers building doubles space

By Lori Copler
Staff Writer

Snap Fitness' move to the former Duebers building on 11th Street has provided some much-needed additional space for its 215 clients.

The 24-hour-per-day fitness center, owned by Christina and Jason Clark, made the move to its new quarters over Memorial Day weekend.

"We were just outgrowing our space," said Alyssa Bergmann, general manager, of the decision to move from its 12th Street location to its new site.

The Clarks bought the former Duebers building earlier this year, and spent several months remodeling it.

The new building provides 4,000 square feet of space, as compared to 1,700 square feet at the previous location. Bergmann said the additional space allowed Snap Fitness to create a group fitness room, add additional free weights and a couple of machines, and add showers and additional bathrooms. Coming soon will be a "fitness-on-demand" area, in which clients can use video training tapes. A tanning service also will be available soon.

Bergmann said the Clarks own eight Snap Fitness franchises, including the one in Glencoe and one in Hutchinson.

The Glencoe site was one of the first Snap Fitness franchises in the nation, said Bergmann, and was established in the early 2000s.

Along with Bergmann, the Glencoe staff includes site



Glencoe's Snap Fitness is now in its new quarters in the former Duebers building on 11th Street.

manager Jordynn Wiegert and personal trainer Jason Reed.

Clients have 24-hour access through card keys. Staffed hours are Monday through Thursday, 3 p.m.-7

p.m., and by appointment on other days or times.

The club is located at 712 11th St. E., and its phone number is 320-864-5565.

GHS class of 1969 sets reunion date

The last graduating class of the former high school (now the Glencoe City Center) will be reuniting on Friday, Aug. 8, at the Glencoe City Center.

According to Shar Koch, the gathering also will feature a performance by Robby Vee, son of Bobby Vee, with the proceeds raised going to the American Cancer Society.

Former faculty members also are invited to attend.

Five years ago, Bobby Vee performed for the class reunion and dance.

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6.5-hours-per-day paraprofessional in the Lakeside ICU program.

The School Board also accepted the resignation of Taylor Melius as an English teacher at Lincoln Junior High.

It also approved a student teaching agreement with the University of St. Thomas in St. Paul beginning Sept. 1 and running through Aug. 31, 2017.

The special meeting lasted 11 minutes.

Glencoe Lions 'Music in the Park' schedule to begin July 9

The Glencoe Lions announced the entertainment schedule for this year's July series of "Music in the Park" events.

The schedule begins with Chuck and Jason Thiel performing on Wednesday, July 9; George's Concertina Band will be on Wednesday, July 16; and Jim and Mike Wendolek are set for Wednesday, July 23. The final event on Wednesday, July 30, will feature Jack Noenning and The Community Strings.

All events will take place at Oak Leaf Park, Shelter No. 2, with music beginning at 6:30 p.m. At each event, the Glencoe Lions will be serving a hot sandwich meal from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m.

The Music in the Park Committee is asking area businesses and individuals for donations of prizes to be given away at each event, or for donations of cash or checks to help defray the cost of the park shelter rental and the musical entertainment.

Acknowledgement of every donation will be made at each event.

Contact Jean or Ron Dahlke at 320-864-5237 no later than July 2, so your gift can be acknowledged and entered on a listing.

Noon recital series June 25

On June 25, the free Wednesday Noon Recital series at Peace Lutheran Church will begin with "Alpensterne," featuring old time music and German music by Jim Strehlke and Bruce Bradley.

The half-hour recital is in the sanctuary at 400 Franklin St. SW in Hutchinson.

Strehlke sings and plays the baritone horn and the Alphorn. Bradley is one of the finest accordion players anywhere with an unlimited repertoire!

Tickets are needed for the salad and sandwich buffet.

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Dairy Day

Despite the torrential rains last Thursday, some of the planned Glencoe Dairy Day events went on as scheduled. Above, Sharon Farrand and grandchildren, Charlie Trebix and Brianna Duffy, enjoyed some cheese offered by McLeod County Dairy Princess Sarah Eggert at Security Bank & Trust. At right, Karen Covington of Glencoe and granddaughter, Elyse Kube of Norwood Young America, enjoyed ice cream sundaes at First Minnesota Bank.



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side after the intersection of Judd Avenue and 14th Street flooded and then backed up into the school and basements of homes in that area. Flooding was reported all around the community.

But by Thursday afternoon, most of the street and backyard flooding in Glencoe had subsided as the city's sewer systems finally caught up, but by then the damage had been done.

In the aftermath, dumpsters lined many city streets as residents cleaned out their basements, again.

 "We're continuing to push the issue of the east ditch," said City Administrator Mark Larson Monday morning after a city staff meeting. He said aerial photos indicate where the major problem lies — runoff water coming from north of Glencoe.

The aerial photos also showed that the east ditch was only half full on Thursday, he added.

The project involved diverting some of the runoff water coming from the north to the east behind the high school and eastward to an existing ditch system.

"We need to get this (east ditch) project in place," Larson said. But it requires the county get on board with the project, too, he added, "because it (the ditch extension) would not be in the city limits."

Also needed to be involved is the Buffalo Creek Watershed District (BCWD), Larson added.

The wastewater treatment plant was overwhelmed again, and it was estimated 3.5 million gallons were going through the plant that was designed to handle 1.3 million gallons a day.

Larson said only primary treatment was given the water before it went into Buffalo Creek.

Pumps were everywhere as city crews began pumping water over the Hennepin Avenue bridge to the already swollen Buffalo Creek. The goal was to relieve pressure in the city's sanitary sewer lines.

Even on Monday morning, massive hoses were still strung across school property and through the Lincoln Junior High parking lot, redirecting water from the city's Wil-

low Ridge north central holding ponds to a storm sewer catch basin east near the high school entrance.

Three pumps were placed north of Pryor Avenue and were pumping 4,500 gallons of water a minute in order to pull down the water levels in the north central ponds, Larson said.

That water also was eventually sent to Buffalo Creek that was out of its banks all along Highway 212, even closing a portion of the U.S. highway for a time Thursday and Friday.

Larson said by late Friday, the city had borrowed two pumps from Wm. Mueller & Sons construction company, two pumps from Seneca Foods, one from the city of Silver Lake, two from Hutchinson and nine others to pump water over the bridge and bypass the city sanitary sewers. Glencoe firefighters manned the pumps.

Larson said Buffalo Creek crested at 20 feet, 3 inches. By Monday the creek had dropped about a foot, he added.

The city received about 30 calls of backup issues in homes, Larson said, but there were a lot of reports of seepage and sump pump failures because "they could not keep up."

Larson said when the 1991 floods hit Glencoe, there were 800 sanitary sewer backups reported. This year only 30 calls.

So far, Larson said there were no major "blowups" of broken sewer pipes or major sink holes caused by all the flood water.

But the city's central garage on Ninth Street was swamped with water. The city shares the garage with Buffalo Creek BMX group, which also stored equipment in the building.

Remarkably, the Glencoe Aquatics Center outdoor pool was not flooded by nearby Buffalo Creek.

By the weekend, water still lapped at the highway in the Boone Road area near Plato.

Many farm fields, already damaged by earlier rains, looked like lakes in some areas from the aerial photographs.

Larson said Gov. Mark Dayton has declared a state of emergency in 35 of Minnesota's 87 counties as of last Fri-

day. That included McLeod County.

If the state can get federal Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) funds to help pay for infrastructure repairs, he said the city will file an application for assistance.

Michelle Sander, business manager for the Glencoe-Silver Lake School District, said there was some flooding at the high school. The main damage was to floors in the wood shop/industrial technology area on the east side of the high school.

But no equipment was damaged, she said Monday morning.

"Nothing hit the gym floors," Sander said, including the Panther Field House floors.

While the rains slowed down the reconstruction of the tennis court complex behind the high school, Sander said the contractor still plans to begin laying asphalt by the end of the week.

As of Monday morning, McLeod County Highway Engineer John Brunkhorst reported that road closures continued on:

- County Road 15 (Morningside Avenue bridge) south of Highway 212 in Glencoe.

- County Road 23 (185th Street) between County Road 9 and Carver County.

- County Road 32 (Division Street) west of Brownton to Highway 15.

- County Road 68 (70th Street) west of County Road 1 (Dairy Avenue).

- County Road 71 (Lace Avenue) south to Highway 22.

- County Road 74 (135th Street) between County Road 9 and Zebra Avenue.

Restricted passage was designated for County Road 1 (Dairy Avenue) at the Sibley County line and County Road 16 (Jet Avenue) north to Highway 7. Both are passable, but have water on the shoulders of the roads.

The county's North Complex again was hit by high waters, and sandbagging was done to prevent the rising waters from getting in the doors.

The flood waters eventually sent county North Complex employees home for the day before access was shut off by the rising water.

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education teacher for 13 years, a small business owner for 12, grew up on a farm and has been the executive director of a hospital foundation.

He called Highway 212 and other rural corridors a high priority with him, and he is not a light rail transit fan. He pointed out that 1,800 miles of state highways could be paved for what was spent on 11 miles of light rail in the metro area. "There is just not enough population density (in the Twin Cities)" to make light rail transit sustainable." He said it will always be subsidized.

There is a role for government, Seifert said, and that is to provide good roads and education, "but we need a level playing field" on both. A fairer education funding formula is needed that gives equal treatment to rural students and metro students.

Tax reform and reform of state government regulations also are important priorities, Seifert said.

He said by going to the primary, it allows all Republi-

cans an opportunity to have their voices heard, not just those attending the caucuses.

As to his appeal in the metro area, Seifert said many Minneapolis residents grew up in rural Minnesota and later found success in the metro area. "They need to search their consciences to remember where their roots are."

If elected, Seifert said his first priority is the budget, which usually reflects one's values. He said he also will have a pro-growth, pro-jobs agenda as governor.

"The more people who are working, that's good," Seifert said.

He pointed to the need for companies, like Poly Met, to get permits a lot sooner and there is a need to also streamline the state's permitting process in general.

If he loses the primary? "I'll support whoever wins the (Republican) primary," Seifert said. "Dayton needs to be replaced."

If elected, but the Legislature remains in DFL hands?

"I would negotiate and use the veto pen," Seifert said. He said his job as a minority leader involved a lot of negotiating. He said despite having divided government when he was in the Legislature, "somehow we found a way."

His running mate is Pam Myhra, a two-term state representative from Burnsville. "It's a balanced ticket," Seifert added.

Seifert also emphasized that the absentee ballot rules for the Aug. 12 primary have changed, and people can now cast ballots beginning Friday, much earlier than in the past.

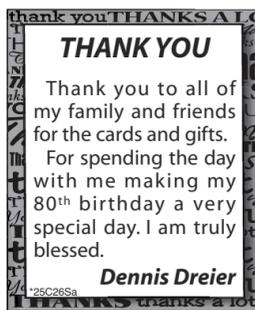
The new law also allows voters to request absentee ballots regardless of whether they can get to their polling places or not.

The aim is to make it easier for voters, and to encourage more voters to cast primary ballots.

Area students on UM spring dean's list

Several area students were named to the spring semester dean's list at the University of Minnesota-Twin Cities campus.

Glencoe students with academic honors are Kaylee Kruschke, a sophomore, in the College of Liberal Arts; and Taylor Mohr, a sophomore at the Carlson School of Management.



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After latest floods, make east-ditch diversion a priority

Our view: Seek federal assistance, bond, tax or arm twist, but get it done sooner rather than later

It is time to take “we can’t do anything about it” off the table when it comes to flooding issues in Glencoe and surrounding area. It’s time to replace it with “something needs to get done” on our priority list.

The latest 100-year (or 500-year) rain event hit the area last Thursday, nearly a year to the day since the previous one. The result, despite expensive city efforts to rectify flooding in the central part of the city, ended the same — flooded basements, frustrated and angry homeowners and mounting personal losses.

Some areas in the central part of the community continue to be more adversely affected than others (although the latest flooding spread the misery widely). Something more substantial needs to happen to solve the flooding problem if this is not going to be repeated next June. Holding ponds alone are not the answer. Larger sewer collection systems will not solve it either.

City and county officials need to get even more serious about the east-ditch diversion project and place it on a fast track. The problem is runoff coming into Glencoe from the north.

Until the water coming from the watershed north of Glencoe is diverted away from the central part of the community, no affordable collection system can be built to handle the excessive loads from these torrential rains.

The city and county need to work to address the north watershed problem first, then the city can look at the sewer line sizes and constrictions next, not the other way around.

The east-ditch project can and should be done in conjunction with the west-ditch project. Unlike efforts on the west-ditch, which have languished for decades, the east-ditch project cannot wait that long.

The east-ditch diversion plan enhances the current system involving the north-central holding ponds and sending that excess water eastward behind the high school, past the high school wetlands, past County Road 15 and to the east-ditch that runs south past Shopko and to Buffalo Creek.

That diversion would better utilize the east-ditch storage capacity and

prevent much of that excess drainage from overpowering the central portion of Glencoe. Since much of the project would be outside Glencoe’s city limits, it is imperative the McLeod County Board get involved, soon.

But with some of the volumes of recent years — four inches of rain in 90 minutes last year, and 10 inches of rain in about 12 hours this year — there may be no affordable solution to some of these water disasters. But we have to try a new approach, and redirecting some of that volume seems a logical start.

At the very least, we must slow down, if not divert, the runoff from coming into the city to give the current sewer collection system a chance to work.

Another key player in all this is the Buffalo Creek Watershed District (BCWD), the overseer of the water issues in the large watershed that includes the areas in north Glencoe.

BCWD has become a willing leader in addressing the west-ditch water problems. We would encourage them to include the east-ditch diversion project at the same time, not wait until the west-ditch issues are solved.

And we encourage, in as strenuous of terms possible, that Glencoe City Council and the McLeod County Board get the east-ditch project pushed to the top of their agendas next year.

With McLeod County included in the recent state of emergency declaration, this is a golden opportunity to push hard for federal disaster assistance to help pay for the east- and west-ditch work. Do not take no for an answer.

If federal assistance is not forthcoming, then find funding to get it done, even if it involves bonding and higher property taxes. And with BCWD and the county both having the ability to assess for improvements, make those contributing to the problem north of the city become part of paying for a solution, because they are major contributors to the runoff problems.

Get something done sooner rather than later. Another year of “rain events” will push many homeowners over the edge.

Just get it done.

— R.G.



Variety the spice of life; I have heartburn

If variety is truly the spice of life, I should have a pretty good case of heartburn right now.

One thing you have to say about this job, is that you get to see pretty much everything: the good, the bad and the ugly.

Tuesday night, I covered a County Board meeting; Wednesday night I got to meet with the folks at Snap Fitness to hear about their move to their new facility.

Early Thursday morning, I woke to the sound of a pump running — not a good omen. A peek into my backyard showed a small pond behind my garden, and a peek outside the front window showed city of Brownston personnel pumping storm water out of the sanitary sewer manhole.

I braced myself, opened my basement door and peeked down the stairs at ankle-deep water.

Not too much later, the fire department was paged out to assist with pumping until the city could get more pumps. I spent most of Thursday doing that, except for a brief trip into the basement to unplug my floor



Lori Copley

drain. Imagine my relief when I heard a big “schlurp” and the water began draining away.

My basement is unfinished, and I don’t store a lot of stuff down there, for which I’m grateful. All day long, I heard about people who were hauling up carpets and furniture.

Friday, I drove around taking pictures of the water, just in case people were unaware of what had happened.

One thing that struck me, besides the large number of new lakes that had popped up, was the number of acres of farmland that had never

been planted this wettest of springs.

Later, I headed down to my basement with a squeegee, trying to push water toward my floor drain. After several trips around the perimeter, it dawned on me that the water was still seeping in; all I was doing was making more room for it.

Friday night, I headed off to Silver Lake for its annual Dairy Day celebration which, despite the now sunny weather, had to be moved to the auditorium because of standing water in the park. There was still a good turnout of folks to enjoy the food, dairy products and a little old-time music.

Saturday, a few dry spots appeared on the basement floor, so I pushed some more water around in between taking pictures at Stewartfest, where the weather was clear, the beer was cold and the food was delicious.

Sunday was much of the same.

What a contrast: my dank, damp basement, water-covered roads and fields, and sun-filled community celebrations.

Variety truly is the spice of life.

Letters to the Editor

This is fourth time dealing with 100-year rain event

To the Editor:

I’ve been a homeowner in Glencoe since 1985, and this is the fourth time that I had to take my belongings out of the basement to the garage or dumpster because of water and sanitary sewer damage.

The first time was in 1991 when I lived at 1320 E. 14th Street, and the last three at my current address of 1605 Loudon Ave. (in 2002, 2013 and 2014).

I think it is time to have the mayor and the city engineer take a real look

at Loudon Avenue between 16th and 18th streets to address the issues.

I couldn’t go either direction on Friday, June 20, so I called a friend on Judd Avenue for a ride to work. I had to walk through the alley in 10 inches of water about 12 feet to get across my eight-foot alley.

The four times since 1991 with water and sewer damage in Glencoe adds up to more than the so-called insurance or engineers’ book of a 100-year rain event.

I bought my townhouse in 1994

for less maintenance and more free time for recreation, like golfing. The Glencoe golf course is closed as of Thursday, June 19, for at least four days — more water issues on the south side of Glencoe.

I will be seeing my insurance agents Larry Anderson and Terry Jones again to file claims for Willow Ridge Townhomes.

Lars Ide
Willow Ridge Townhomes
President

Has city gone into the ag test plot business?

To the Editor:

Did you know our city is in the ag business?

During the past year and now 2014, as you are leaving Glencoe, traveling west along Highway 22 (13th Street West) and looking to your right between Highway 22 and the service road, or for our visiting neighbors coming from the west entering into our city looking to your left, you might have notice a plot of ground approximately 500 feet long (between Highway 22 and the service road).

A few days ago, you would have noticed the most beautiful yellow crop of dandelions and now various varieties of weeds and over 18 inches in grass.

Having a discussion with my neighborhood about the weeds and dandelions, we came to a conclusion: Our city has the time and money to blow snow and cut three-plus miles of grass on our walking trail (up to County Road 1), but doesn’t have the time or money to cut the grass in the city where we all live and pay taxes?

We have not checked with our city planning commission about rezoning this plot. Our hope is that this plot of ground will not become a dedicated test plot for growing genetic-altered seeds. We need to have another study to see if there is a market for the seed.

I am hoping that this article will answer the many questions and calls that I and my neighbor have received. We live in this area of 201 West 13th Street.

Earl Dammann
Glencoe

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Question of the week

After the latest major rain event last week, what should the city of Glencoe concentrate most on doing to prevent future flooding?

- 1) The west-ditch project
- 2) The east-ditch project
- 3) Remove more inflow/infiltration (I&I) water from system
- 4) Expand wastewater treatment plant
- 5) Some combination of the above

Results for most recent question:

Do you support the idea of constructing a new state Senate office building with an estimated price tag of \$90 million?

- Yes — 14%
- No — 86%

119 votes. New question runs June 25-July 1

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Tag-team lawnmowing, it works

I stared at the pull rope for a moment before I realized it had snapped off in my hands.

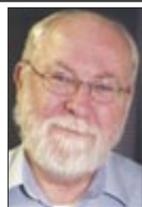
The lawnmower was running. I had just emptied the bagger, and the lawn was half mowed. But I could not let go of the handle, or the lawnmower would stop and not restart. A half-mowed lawn was just not acceptable even by my meager standards. So once the bagger was full again, I was stuck.

So I did what any red-blooded American guy would do — I hollered for my wife ... to help!

That was futile, however. She was in the house. Hollering over a loud lawnmower was useless.

I couldn't change the bagger when it filled again, so I took it off, with one hand firmly on the mower handle. Using the other hand and a foot, I began working at the bagger. I would not recommend this method. It requires some dexterity, and the vivid image of missing fingers and toes should be disincentive enough.

And trying to get the bagger on, one-handed, was sim-



Rich Glennie

ply impossible without taking my hand off the power grip.

So my only hope was that my wife will hear that the mower was running continuously and not stopping to change the bagger. I was hoping her acute hearing would rescue me.

It did. But not before most of the backyard had been mowed, sans bagger, and without grass clippings for the garden, which was the real goal of mowing the lawn in the first place.

That and the squirrels romping in the backyard were disappearing in the tall grass at times.

When my wife finally came outside, it was not to

see how I was doing, but to spread the glass clippings in the garden. She finally inquired: "Is that all there is?"

Then I explained my dilemma.

For the next half hour we exchanged positions. I'd mow until the bagger was full. She would crawl over the garden fence, cross the yard, hold the mower handle to keep it running while I hauled the full bagger and dumped its contents into the garden.

What a finely-tuned tag team! It went like clockwork until the distance between the mower and the garden grew as we hit the front yard.

But the make-shift effort worked. The next day the mower was in the shop for a new pull cord, put in by someone who knew what he was doing.

The whole episode was something out of a "Laurel & Hardy" comedy routine. As Oliver Hardy often said to Stan Laurel: "It's another fine mess you've gotten us into!"

Tell me about it. What else can happen?

Guest opinion:

Medtronic, canary in a coal mine

By Rep. Glenn Gruenhagen, R-Glencoe, District 18B

Medtronic is a Minnesota success story. Started in a garage in Minneapolis in 1949, Medtronic has now grown to be one of the largest medical device companies in the world, and a Fortune 500 company. For decades, their global headquarters has been located right here in Minnesota.

Recently, we learned that Medtronic is moving its global headquarters to Ireland. While Medtronic has vowed to keep its operational headquarters here in Minnesota, and will continue to be a presence in the great state in which they were founded, there are many reasons to be concerned about the Medtronic move, Minnesota's business climate, and the potential for other large companies and their jobs to do the same thing.

I believe Medtronic is Minnesota's figurative canary in a coal mine, and it's time to start paying attention before we see more businesses leave.

Medtronic's move means Minnesota is missing out on a tremendous opportunity; potentially billions in future investments, thousands of jobs, and a new headquarters that is located overseas rather than staying put. How did we get to this point?

During two years of single-party Democrat control, Gov. Dayton and the DFL Legislature have made Minnesota's business climate more unfriendly. They've made it harder for businesses, large and small, to get off the ground, or expand and hire new workers.

Raising taxes on small businesses is the wrong thing to do if you want to continue encouraging Minnesota entrepreneurs to start the next Medtronic in their own garage.

There are also lessons to be learned at the federal level. The medical device tax is yet another disastrous aspect of ObamaCare that's hurting jobs and businesses in Minnesota and across the country.

The medical device tax — on top of one of the world's highest corporate tax rates —

likely played a role in Medtronic's decision to move its operation overseas. It's unfortunate that Democrats at the federal level have blocked bipartisan efforts to repeal the medical device tax.

Lastly, we need to consider the impact of the United States' dramatically high corporate tax rate, as well as our complicated and expensive tax code. Companies like Medtronic move their operations overseas because it makes financial sense to do so. Unless we reform our tax code, it's likely we'll continue to see Fortune 500 companies and other large businesses leave for greener pastures.

When companies move their headquarters out of our state or to another country altogether, it's bad news no matter how you spin it. When global headquarters move, priorities move. We need to have policies at the state and federal level that ensure that companies like Medtronic want to expand and move their global headquarters here — to our great state — rather than elsewhere.

Letters to the Editor

RS Fiber Board refutes Santelman's claims

To the Editor:

The board of directors for RS Fiber Cooperative strongly believes that recent letters from Mark Santelman ("Santelman running for Sibley County Board seat" June 11) contain false, misleading, and malicious claims about fiber broadband.

RS Fiber's goal is to bring affordable, high speed, high quality internet service to every business, farmer and home in Renville and Sibley counties whose elected officials voted to participate in this private-public partnership.

Santelman opposes the RS Fiber project. He makes claims that appear to be facts, but they are simply his uninformed opinion.

For example, he claims that the RS Fiber project is not good for our community. Wrong. Connecting homes, farms and businesses together by using fiber broadband is just as important today as connecting people together with electricity and telephone service was in the 1930s.

In the 1930s, the large providers of electricity and telephones said it was too expensive to provide these services to rural Americans. In response, rural cooperatives were formed so we could have access to affordable electricity and telephone service for the 20th century.

RS Fiber Cooperative has been formed so we can have access to affordable Internet service in the 21st century. That's a fact.

RS Fiber will NOT compete with the local providers of high-speed, affordable internet service. Why? Because there is not a single provider of Internet service in Renville and Sibley counties that provides this service to every single business, farm and home today. And these existing providers have even stated that they have no plans to bring fiber broadband services to our communities.

He also makes a false claim that RS Fiber has not gathered good public support. Wrong. More than 100 community meetings have been held throughout Renville and Sibley counties to answer questions from taxpayers about fiber broadband.

During an 18-month period in 2011-12, over 55 percent of residential households returned a pledge card indicating support and an interest in receiving fiber broadband services. In 2014, after a number of meetings and presentations, elected officials from 10 communities and 17 townships made informed, thoughtful decisions to join the RS Fiber project.

After only three months, the latest pledge card drive has already generated responses from over 18 percent of potential customers; 1,189 pledge cards have been returned and 1,185 people want at least one service ... and over 1,000 people want two or more services. We consider this to be good public support for RS Fiber.

Santelman also makes a misleading and malicious claim that the RS Fiber Cooperative's Board of Directors was happy that four out of 21 townships did not vote to join this project. Wrong again.

The Board worked closely with every elected official, every single taxpayer, and in every single township to answer their questions, provide information, and invite them to become a member of this project.

Even though the project construction costs will decline modestly because of the absence of four townships, the Board sincerely regrets their absence. In fact, these four township decisions occurred on a split vote, which means that many people within the township supported the project.

Even in the city of Arlington, the RS Fiber project actually passed the City Council on a 3-2 vote, only to be vetoed by the mayor.

RS Fiber's Board continues to hope that the four townships and the cities of Arlington and Henderson will eventually join the project, so their citizens can also have access to affordable, high-speed, quality Internet service.

He also makes several uninformed claims about the community bond support, business model, funding sources, and formation of RS Fiber Cooperative.

Seventy-five percent of the proposed funding will come from private lenders. One hundred percent of the funding will be repaid from the revenues and profits of RS Fiber cooperative.

Is there some chance that the public funding could become an obligation of the taxpayers? Maybe. But only if people do not use the fiber broadband service.

Since the monthly cost of the fiber service will be lower than what people currently pay for inferior services from existing providers, it is highly unlikely that the RS Fiber project will generate higher taxes.

Let's summarize. Higher quality. Faster speeds. Lower monthly costs. And the worst case impact for the taxpayer is that they might have a

slight increase in property taxes, which is lower than what they save from fiber broadband services.

Mr. Santelman, this is not a "lousy business model" where ... "Government is going into private business against honorable taxpaying companies."

RS Fiber is putting together a very well-developed, closely analyzed profitable business model that will be reviewed by more than 20 banks, several accounting firms, numerous lawyers, and multiple government agencies. And RS Fiber Cooperative is also an honorable private business that will pay taxes, while making an investment in Renville and Sibley County the large existing providers refuse to make.

The RS Fiber Cooperative's Board of Directors is making informed and thoughtful decisions, based on extensive financial analysis by very experienced firms who are knowledgeable about fiber broadband and the best way to finance such projects. The time it has taken to complete this analysis speaks to the Board's desire to do the right thing in the right way. This is not only responsible decision-making, it is highly respectful of our areas taxpayers and the customers who we want to serve.

Finally, the RS Fiber Cooperative Board members applaud the recent comments of Mr. Dean Conklin about the value of the RS Fiber project in his letter to the editor for the Winthrop News. "What I do want is more opportunity for our community and grandkids. I believe it's our duty to leave this world a better place than we found it." We agree. Let's say goodbye to Santelman's false claims. Let's say goodbye to existing providers who refuse to provide our citizens with access to fiber to the home technology. And let's say hello to fiber broadband for the 21st century in Renville and Sibley counties. Fiber that is provided by a private business cooperative for the benefit of all citizens with minimal risk to all taxpayers.

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Yurek buys Recovery Resources with SWIF microenterprise loan

WINSTED — David Yurek recently received loan assistance from the Southwest Initiative Foundation's (SWIF) Microenterprise Loan Program for the purchase of Recovery Resources in Winsted, a chemical dependency treatment center located at 471 2nd St. North.

Yurek is a licensed alcohol and drug counselor with a bachelor of arts in psychology and has been employed as a counselor at Recovery Resources since 2000. He will be starting up his business as Lone Wolf Recovery.

Lone Wolf Recovery is an outpatient-based service, with a good reputation for serving the McLeod, Carver, Meeker and Wright counties areas for over 20 years. Services will continue to be offered in treatment of alcohol and drug use issues, as well as assessments, anger management and recovery coaching.

Business hours are weekdays from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Yurek may be contacted at 320-485-2323 to inquire about services.

"Southwest Initiative

Foundation is very pleased to assist David with the purchase of this business," said SWIF Program Coordinator Berny Berger.

The SWIF loan proceeds were used to purchase business assets and for working capital.

Loan programs have been a key function of SWIF since its inception as a way to support communities and businesses throughout southwest Minnesota.

In 2001, microlending was added to existing programs as a tool to support small businesses and people looking for self-employment opportunities by providing market-rate loans.

Microloan clients receive free technical assistance from SWIF staff — all who have personal business experience — to improve their business management skills, from business planning to reading financials to marketing and other training opportunities for the life of the loan.

This microloan program receives funding assistance from the U.S. Small Business

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Flooding

Well over five inches of rain fell in the Brownton and Stewart areas early Thursday morning, causing road closures (at the top is County Road 32 between Brownton and Highway 15), the pumping of storm water from sanitary sewers (below left), and the dock at the Brownton Rod & Gun Club to become submerged (right). Many homes in both towns had water in their basements, and residents spent Thursday and Friday pulling up carpets, moving furniture and generally trying to dry out and clean up.

History

From the Brownton Bulletin archives

100 Years Ago

June 26, 1914

O.C. Conrad, Editor

Brownton native Charles "Charley" Buechler Jr., 23, died of appendicitis at his home in Hettinger, N.D.

A big celebration has been planned and will be held at Lake Marion Grove on July 4.

After an illness lasting several months, Mrs. Carolina Gehrke passed away Monday morning at the home of her son, Emil, in Penn Township at the age of 92 years.

Mr. Frederick Rickert and Miss Emma Gehrke were united in marriage last Thursday forenoon in the large Penn church.

75 Years Ago

June 22, 1939

Percy L. Hakes, Editor

A daughter was born to Dr. and Mrs. A.M. Jensen Sunday, June 18, the new arrival is their second child, the first also being a daughter. "Doc" had a big smile on his face Monday morning while passing out the smokes.

Mr. and Mrs. Otto Wagner are the happy parents of a baby daughter who arrived on Wednesday morning of this week.

50 Years Ago

June 25, 1964

Charles H. Warner, Editor

Services were held Saturday, June 20 for Werner Weerts, 53, Brownton motel owner, who

died very suddenly Thursday morning of coronary thrombosis.

The Brownton Bulletin will be closed Thursday, Friday and Saturday of this week as ye olde editor joins the vast horde of migrants to the northland in quest of the finny denizens of the inky depths.

20 Years Ago

June 22, 1994

Lori Copler, Editor

A lightning bolt struck a barn on the Delmer Meier farm in rural Brownton Sunday night. The Brownton Fire Department arrived to find the barn fully engulfed in flames. It burned to the ground. The old barn only contained a few bales of hay and some timber.

McLeod County Sheriff Duane Kopesky announced that he will seek a fifth term as sheriff in the November general election.

Members of the Brownton Community Center building committee held a mortgage-burning ceremony Monday night. After donations, the committee needed \$20,000 to pay off the building and took out a mortgage. The Brownton Lions Club paid off the debt.

United Telephone Co. installed new switching equipment in Stewart, and Mayor Marge Scholla had the honor of placing the first phone call with the new system.

Wade Klabunde of Brownton won first place in the men's division of the Minnesota State Bowling Proprietors Association

\$10,000 tournament held in Maple Lake. The first prize was \$1,000.

10 Years Ago

June 23, 2004

Lori Copler, Editor

Stewart Community Theatre will present "Magnolia," the same play as its premiere 10 years ago, on Thursday, Friday and Saturday, June 24-26. "Magnolia" is a comedic spoof of the book "Gone With the Wind." Cast members include Alison Benson, Ben Carlson, Steve Paul, Chris Kalenberg, Jonathan Bleck, Kortney Wiechman, Mike Kuvass, Anna Halloff, Marlene Krippner, Kevin Halloff, Alex Bleck, Linda Dettman, Ruth Wagner, Jim Pessek, Laura Maiers, Leah Kirchoff, Ashley Paul, Lori Bleck, Diane Benson, Montgomery Anderson, Samoane Wagner, Teresa Rosenow, Cody Wiechman, Lauren Kirchoff and April Massmann. Directors are Nancy Massmann and Pam Wiechman.

Brandon and Carla Chatfield of Stewart announce the birth of their daughter, Emily Mae, on Sunday, June 13.

A large crowd attended the rededication of the renovated band shelter in the Brownton City Park on June 16, Music was provided by Charlie Warner of Canton, son of Chuck and Eunice Warner of Brownton.

Jerry Schuft, 67, of Brownton, a prominent concertina musician and a 2004 inductee of the Minnesota Music Hall of Fame, died June 15.

From the Stewart Tribune archives

100 Years Ago

June 26, 1914

Koepfen Brothers, Editors

At 9 o'clock last Thursday morning at the residence of the Rev. J.J. Mies occurred the marriage of two of Stewart's most popular young people. The Rev. Mies performed the ceremony in which Miss Grace Klinkhammer became the bride of Mr. H.D. Snively. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Nick Klinkhammer, and the groom is the popular young manager of the Stewart Feed Mill. As soon as they get matters straightened around, they will go to house-keeping in the rooms above the meat market.

One of the very prettiest June weddings took place Tuesday evening, June 16, at Zion Lutheran Church in Buffalo Lake when Miss Phoebe E. Walter became the bride of Mr. Henry H. Klammer. The young couple will be at their home near Stewart after June 25.

75 Years Ago

June 23, 1939

Harry Koepfen, Editor

Miss Myrtle Kosek, daughter

of Mr. and Mrs. Emil Kosek, became the bride of Elmer Dressel of Hutchinson last Wednesday morning at St. Boniface Church. After a week's honeymoon in northern Minnesota, the couple will make their home on a farm south of Hutchinson.

The First Evangelical Lutheran Church in Hutchinson was the scene of the wedding at 2 o'clock Wednesday afternoon of Miss Lucille Baumgarten of Hutchinson and Ralph O. Wagner of Collins Township. The young people will make their home on a farm north of Stewart.

William Quandt of this community, Paul and Herman Quandt of New Ulm, and C.W. Quandt of Winthrop returned home Friday afternoon after a flying trip to Canada. The four brothers had flown to Churchbridge, Saskatchewan, to visit a fifth brother, Albert. The trip was 830 miles one way.

50 Years Ago

June 25, 1964

Kermit T. Hubin, Editor

Marriage vows were spoken by Miss June Loretta Holtz, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Holtz of Stewart, and Ger-

ald Paelhke, son of Mrs. Martha Paelhke of rural Stewart, on Friday, June 5, at St. Matthew's Lutheran Church in Fernado.

Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Penk (Judy Nelson) are the proud parents of a baby boy, Danny, born Saturday, June 20.

Hahn Brothers of Stewart have opened a Farmers Market and Supply Store at their place of business on Highway 212.

35 Years Ago

June 28, 1979

Anthony G. Blum, Editor

The Stewart Lions' annual harvest festival kicks off Friday with a 7:30 p.m. band concert in the city park, followed by square dancing and an old-time dance. Saturday's events include a kiddie parade and mini-tractor pull, and Sunday's activities include a pancake breakfast, a parade, cash drawing, fireworks and a dance.

Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Hahn are proud to announce the arrival of a son, Michael Blaine, born June 12. He joins a brother, Bradley.



Chronicle photo by Karin Ramige Cornwell

Food shelf refrigerators

The Rotary clubs of Glencoe and Hutchinson partnered with Rotary District 5950 and Hunger Free Minnesota to donate three refrigerators to the McLeod Emergency Food Shelf in Glencoe and one to the Hutchinson location. From left

to right are Hutchinson Rotary President Keith Heikes, Glencoe Rotary President Joel Ebert, Glencoe Site Manager Lennie Albers and Food Shelf Executive Director Marietta Neumann.

18 Brownton seniors met on Monday

Eighteen Brownton senior citizens met Monday, June 23, at the community center.

Cards were played with the following winners: 500, Theola Fors, first, and Norma Albrecht, second; pinochle, Ruby Streich, first, and Betty Katzenmeyer, second; and sheephead, Lil Lindeman, first, and Pearl Streu, second.

Elva Wendlandt won the door prize. Bernetta Asleben served refreshments.

The next meeting will be Monday, June 30, at 1 p.m. All area seniors are welcome.

Please join us as we celebrate
Gerald & Diane Harbarth's
 50th Wedding Anniversary
 Open House
Friday, June 27
5-9 pm
Brownton Community Center
 Write down your favorite memory of the couple to share for album following.
 324-2540

Notice of Public Hearing

The City of Brownton will hold a Public Hearing at the July 1, 2014, Council Meeting at 7:00 P.M., in the Brownton Civic Center Council Chamber to adopt an amendment to Ordinance No. 67 – Establishing Flood Plain Management Regulations for the City of Brownton.

Community Calendar

Thurs., June 26 — AA Group mtg. next to Post Office in Stewart, 8 p.m., call 320-212-5290 for info.
Mon., June 30 — Tops Weigh-In mtg., 5-5:30 p.m.; Brownton Senior Citizens Club, Brownton Community Center, 1 p.m.
Tues., July 1 — Narcotics Anonymous, Brownton Community Center, 7 p.m.; Brownton City Council, 7 p.m.
Thurs., July 3 — AA Group mtg. next to Post Office in Stewart, 8 p.m., call 320-212-5290 for info.
LOCAL BLOOD MOBILES:
 Wed., June 25 at Lester Prairie City Hall, 1-7 p.m.
 Wed., July 2 at Neisen's Bar & Grill, Biscay, 1-7 p.m.
 Tues., July 8 at Peace Lutheran Church, 400 Franklin St. SW, Hutchinson, Noon-6 p.m.

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Silver Lake Area News



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Dairy Day in Silver Lake

The Silver Lake Business Association sponsored the annual Dairy Day celebration in Silver Lake last Friday. The event was held in the auditorium due to standing water in the park. Above, from left to right, serving a pulled pork meal to Maddie Monahan are Mayor Bruce Bebo and County Commissioner Ron

Shimanski. In the back are Dairy Princesses Katie Eggert, Genevieve Jeurissen and Cheyenne Schmidt. The event also consisted of several contests, including an ice cream-eating contest and milk-drinking contest and music by Jim's Brewers.

Two vehicles stolen in Silver Lake; SLPD responds to several thefts

By Alyssa Schauer
Staff Writer

Last Wednesday, June 18, the Silver Lake Police Department responded to several theft calls, including vehicle thefts.

Two vehicles were stolen from residences in Silver Lake and items were taken from a third vehicle.

The two stolen vehicles were recovered, but several items were missing from the vehicles.

The Silver Lake Police Department is asking individuals to report any other thefts or tampering of vehicles.

Silver Lake Police Chief Forrest Henriksen also strongly urges individuals to

remove valuables from their vehicles, to not leave keys inside their vehicles and to always lock vehicles, sheds, garages, and residences.

For any questions, concerns or information relating to recent thefts, contact the SLPD at 320-327-0108 or the McLeod County Sheriff's Office at 320-864-3134.

Candidates sought for Pola-Czesky royalty

The Pola-Czesky committee is seeking young, bright women to represent Silver Lake as an ambassador. The committee is looking for females ages 16 to 21 to compete for the Silver Lake royalty titles.

The committee will do its best to work with candidates and their families to accommodate their summer schedules.

Any interested candidates should contact Joan Paulson at 320-327-2800 for more information.

Upcoming Events

Music in the Park to begin

The Silver Lake Music in the Park series will begin Thursday, June 26, at Legion Park. Food is served at 6 p.m. with music by Jerry Kahle and Blake Klaustermeier combo to follow at 7 p.m. Lunch will be served by the Pola-Czesky royalty and includes barbecue sandwiches, chips, pickle, dessert and beverage. The royalty also will be hosting a kolache bake sale. Next Thursday, July 3, music will be provided by Alice and the Ol' Boys with lunch served by Grace Bible Church.

Pola-Czesky meeting June 30

On Monday, June 30, at 7 p.m., there will be a Pola-Czesky committee meeting at the Silver Lake Auditorium. Members from each organization are encouraged to attend.

SL Council adopts social host ordinance on 4-1 vote

By Alyssa Schauer
Staff Writer

On a 4-1 vote, the Silver Lake City Council adopted the social host ordinance proposed by the McLeod County Zero Adult Providers (ZAP) committee. The ordinance was adopted at the Council's June 16 meeting.

Jason Thiemann, a representative from ZAP, gave a presentation about the social host ordinance and its goals to reduce underage drinking.

The social host ordinance was established through the MEADA (Meth Education and Drug Awareness) coalition and is working to curtail underage drinking and its affect on society, Thiemann said.

"The purpose of the ordinance is to make it a misdemeanor for social hosts who knowingly allow underage persons to obtain, possess or consume alcoholic beverages at private residences," he said.

Thiemann added that the ordinance gives communities tools for holding people criminally accountable if they allow underage drinking on their properties.

"Are the current laws not getting that done?" Councilor Carol Roquette asked.

"They're not," Thiemann said. He said the laws are not targeting providers, as this proposed ordinance does.

Thiemann said the courts have ruled that "individuals who allow a party to take place in a home where they know minors will consume alcohol and do not take away alcoholic beverages from minors, or who fail to stop the party, cannot be prosecuted because these actions do not fall within the meaning of 'providing' alcohol to minors."

Thiemann said loopholes like these are the basis for the need of a social host ordinance.

He also provided facts about social host ordinances and said in 2006, there was not a single social host ordinance in Minnesota.

"But as of Nov. 1, 2012, in Minnesota, 91 cities and 22 counties, including McLeod County, have adopted a social host ordinance and several

more are actively considering it," Thiemann said.

He said Glencoe has had a social host ordinance for two to three years and Lester Prairie and Winsted also have just adopted social host ordinances.

Mayor Bruce Bebo questioned that if the counties have ordinances, why should the cities located within those counties also adopt the ordinance?

"The cities have exclusive jurisdiction from county ordinances. They don't apply to the cities," Thiemann said.

"Really? I didn't know that," Bebo said.

"For clarification, state laws apply everywhere," Thiemann said.

Thiemann said the counties and cities which have adopted the ordinance have found success in reducing the number of underage drinking parties, which have been predominantly hosted by 22- and 23-year-olds.

He also shared statistics about underage drinking and said that surveys of youth show that the most common sources of alcohol include the person's own home or from peers over the age of 21.

"Some adults believe underage drinking is just part of growing up and, therefore, think it is acceptable to give alcohol to underage people. The social host laws send a clear message to adults who provide a place for underage youth to drink that it is not acceptable," Thiemann said.

He added that there is a "huge correlation between use of alcohol and drugs and high criminal activity."

Thiemann also shared data about underage youth who drank in the past 30 days. "Of Minnesota college students, 63.9 percent have had alcohol; 40 percent of 11th-grade students; 18 percent of ninth-grade students and 23 percent of eighth graders," Thiemann said.

Councilor Eric Nelson voiced concern on the accuracy of the statistics asking if kids drank in the last 30 days.

"The report still doesn't include if it was an 11th-grader at a party or an 11th-grader who was having wine during dinner with family at home,"

Nelson said.

He felt they were skewed statistics.

Thiemann said he felt that not everyone was reporting honestly, either.

"Some kids are in athletics and maybe think this survey is a trick, so they circle 'no,'" Thiemann said. "It goes both ways."

City Clerk Kerry Venier said one concern he heard about the ordinance was the possibility of homeowners being charged even though they had no knowledge of the party.

"What if kids have a party at my house and I'm out of town, and one kid has a beef with me and said I let them drink there. What would happen?" Venier asked.

Thiemann said that's a "gray area" and the ordinance is more focused on parents "knowingly" allowing underage youth to drink alcohol.

"Does the ZAP committee have any policing in this?" Nelson asked.

"No, this just offers tools for law enforcement," Thiemann said.

"Why doesn't the state adopt this?" Bebo asked.

"A lot of policing is left at the local level. The state sets broad perimeters and leaves it up to us how we want to enforce the law," Thiemann said.

"The only drawback I see," Bebo said, "is does this give law enforcement any reason to walk in to somebody's house if there were a lot of cars on the block near the house or loud noise?"

Thiemann said what would probably happen is that the law enforcement would set up a perimeter and obtain a warrant.

"Do they need a warrant with this (ordinance)?" Bebo asked.

"Yeah, they probably do. I can't say one way or another," Thiemann said.

"I think it's a good idea. It's really sad it has to come to the point where we need something like this to protect our children," Councilor Carol Roquette said.

On a 4-1 vote, the Council approved to adopt the ordinance, with Nelson casting the dissenting vote.

Tracing Roots

By Ron Pulkrabek



Frank Moravec was quite a character!

Editor's note: This is a continuation of last week's Big Grandpa, Little Grandma Moravec column.

Frank Moravec, another brother, also stayed near Bagley. I knew his son Louie. What a character! He was a bachelor. Was drafted into World War II at age 40.

We visited his run-down farm many times when he was older. He had a great sense of humor. At age 90 he went into the hospital for prostate surgery, hernia surgery, and two other major surgeries. He replied laughingly, "I like to get everything done at one time!"

Even at age 92, he still had many things on his "to do list:" plans to restore several old cars sitting in the tall weeds, painting his paint-bare house, putting the five-foot high front steps onto his house, fixing the front tire on his rusty tractor, which is held onto the rim with chains to keep it from blowing out; and putting wall board on the open studs in the bathroom.

He said it is easier to fix plumbing problems the way it is! He bought a new chain saw at age 94. He died on his farm at age 98. He was always optimistic and never lost his sense of humor!

Big Grandpa and Little Grandma retired to Glencoe at ages 55 and 54. They lived southeast of the Glencoe hospital where they had a big

garden, a few chickens and many vines of grapes.

As a kid I once helped shingle his granary/chicken house/garage/outhouse combination. We used black rolled tar paper and nailed the seams down with wooden lathes.

Great-grandpa made the best grape wine! People were always thinking of some excuse to come over, hoping he would serve some of his delicious 3-year-old wine. I can still see him at age 85 shuffling into the pantry, down into the cellar, and returning with shot glasses filled to the brim for his thirsty guests. (He had the Tim Conway walk).

They celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary. Big Grandpa died at age 87. Little Grandma died at age 90.

In 1928, at age 38, daughter Mayme (Moravec) Nemec died two weeks after giving birth to baby Arlene (Mrs. Harry Wendolek). From 2 weeks of age, Arlene was raised by her uncle and aunt, Charlie and Clara (Moravec) Pulkrabek. She always called them Ma and Pa and treated them with great kindness and was always there when they needed help.

Clara eventually retired in Silver Lake in 1973 (house just south of the bank) and passed away at age 98.

Other children were Agnes Peters of Glencoe, Josie Ford

of Minneapolis and Ted Moravec of Taylors Falls. The Shamlas of Glencoe were cousins.

Daughter Elenore (Moravec) Ryan became a country teacher two miles north of Glencoe, in the Picha farms area. Somehow Elenore met and married Elmer Ryan, a lawyer. In 1932, at 27, Elmer was the youngest Minnesotan to be elected to the U.S. House of Representatives. They moved to Washington, D.C. (Elmer's law partner had been Harold Stassen, who ran for the president of the United States four times or more).

Elenore had tea with Mrs. Franklin Roosevelt at the White House and was vice president of the Women's Congressional Club (wives of the 436 congressmen).

Elmer and Elenore traveled to various foreign countries. This was quite an accomplishment for a farm girl born in a farmhouse in 1905, three miles north of Glencoe.

In 1938, Elenore died giving birth to her second child at age 33. Her popularity was well known as it took several trucks just to carry the flowers and 335 automobiles were in the procession from the St. Paul church to the cemetery. Fourteen years later, Elenore's husband, Elmer, was killed in a car accident in 1952 at age 50.

ORDINANCE 80: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 11, SUBDIVISION 9, HOURS OF OPERATION FOR INTOXICATING LIQUOR ON SALE

The City Council of the City of Silver Lake, Minnesota does hereby ordain: **Section 1:** Section 9 of Chapter 11 of the Silver Lake Code is hereby amended to allow the sale of intoxicating liquor on Sundays and shall read as follows:

Subdivision 9, Hours of Operation

(A) Intoxication Liquor; On Sale. No sale of intoxicating liquor for consumption on the licensed premises may be made

- Between 12:00 a.m. and 8:00 a.m. on Sunday through Thursday.
- Between 1:00 a.m. and 8:00 a.m. on Friday and Saturday.

Section 2: The ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage publication.

Adopted this 16th day of June, 2014.

CITY OF SILVER LAKE
By: /s/ Bruce Bebo, Mayor

ATTEST:
By: /s/ Kerry Venier, Clerk, Treasurer

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A summer vacation to remember

I adore summer and every year, I always seem to make these fabulous plans to celebrate the season to go skydiving, visit old colleagues in Wyoming, try cave spelunking with friends in Tennessee, and spend as much free time in the sun as I can.

You're probably wondering, "Does she work?"

Yes, yes I do, and would you believe I've already burned up my week of vacation?

It's not even July, yet. And I haven't tried skydiving or headed west to Wyoming or made my way to explore the caves in Tennessee.

Instead, I spent two days of vacation at the state baseball tournament in Wisconsin and the three other days with family at Pelican Lake in Glenwood.

The original plan was to spend nine days at the cabin, weekend to weekend, but my littlest brother, Mitchell, was headed to state with his baseball team for the first time ever and I couldn't miss it.

So I rearranged my vacation schedule and last Wednesday morning, headed to Appleton, Wis., to cheer on the Mondovi Buffaloes.

This was an exciting year for Mitchell's senior year in sports — his football team was conference champ, his basketball team was regional champ and his baseball team was conference champ, regional champ, section champ, and state bound for the first time in Mondovi baseball history.

Definitely a bragging sister moment, but I am extremely proud of Mitchell and his accomplishments, and I was so excited for his baseball team to head to state, as that is Mitch's favorite sport to play.

I was lucky enough to see him play center fielder in the conference and regional championship games — edge-of-your-seat, nail-biting kind of games — and there are no words to describe the sincere happiness and excitement of those boys after a win.



The Travel Section

By Alyssa Schauer

Mom and I were in tears as the blue and white uniformed players crowded around the pitcher's mound, excitedly shouting and proudly holding the plaques high in the air.

I wasn't able to make the section tournament despite Mitchell thinking I could magically take off work to see him play, but Mom sent me text messages with game updates hourly, and her final message with six smiley faces and a billion exclamation points told me the boys were headed to state.

As I said, it was the first time in school history the baseball team won any kind of championship, let alone earn a trip to state, and because it is my youngest brother's last year in high school sports, I knew I had to go cheer him on, even if that meant sitting and watching and sitting and watching baseball for several hours.

As we all know, it rained just a bit last week, and after clearing out water in the basement from those heavy rains last Wednesday morning, Mom, Dad, my brother, Nick, and I were off to the single elimination tournament at Fox Cities Stadium in Appleton.

Because of the rain, games were delayed and Mitchell's 3:30 afternoon game became an evening 9:30 p.m. match.

So there we were, from about 3:30 p.m. to 11 p.m., our butts molded into the aluminum bleacher seats watching baseball.

But truthfully, I didn't mind.

I've said this before, but I

love baseball — the glowing white uniforms under the stadium lights, the bright, crushed red rock outlining a diamond on the lush, green field, the salty smell of hotdogs and popcorn wafting through stands, and the crack of a wooden bat out to center field.

To top it all off, it was a beautiful afternoon after the rain ceased — 70s, blue skies with not a cloud above.

Unfortunately, our beautiful day ended in sadness. The Buffaloes lost 2-3 against Wisconsin Heights, even after a valiant effort from the boys to get out of the 0-3 slump and score two runs in the top of the fifth.

The crowd stood up and started chanting, "Now we go! Now we go!" (the Buffaloes motto for the season) and our spirits were high in the hopes of a two-out rally.

I so wanted my brother to hit that home run he's been waiting for all season, but the bats just weren't connecting and that Wisconsin Heights pitcher was something else.

In the top of the seventh, our last chance to score, we struck out and the season was over.

Despite the loss, Mitchell said it was "pretty amazing" playing on that field and I'd have to say it was "pretty amazing" seeing him get to that point after spending several summers watching his little league and Babe Ruth league games.

It was no skydiving, cave exploring vacation, but it was memorable nonetheless.

And probably safer, though you can never trust those foul balls.



Submitted photo

Yurek promoted to Sgt. First Class

Christopher Yurek (right), of the Minnesota Army National Guard, Recruiting and Retention Battalion, was recently promoted to Sergeant First Class (E-7). His father, Ron Yurek (left), had the honor of pinning on the new stripes. After basic training, Chris went for training as crew chief on the UH-60 Blackhawk helicopter. He was then assigned to the St. Paul airport, Holman

Field. Chris received further training on the Army's unmanned air vehicle (UAV drone), "The Shadow." He served one year in Iraq as crew chief on that aircraft and after completing his tour in Iraq, he transferred to the recruiting program. Chris is formerly of Silver Lake and now resides in Glencoe and works out of the Hutchinson Armory.



Silver Lake History

Compiled by Alyssa Schauer

75 Years Ago

July 1, 1939

Delbert Merrill, Publisher

Rained out for two consecutive concert nights, Silver Lake's band finally "got a break" and Silver Lake folks heard a good concert last Wednesday evening. The schedule for next Wednesday evening is as follows: Project March, Home on the Range, Man on the Flying Trapeze, Playground Waltz, Clarinet Polka, Old McDonald, Musiky, Musiky, Airport March, There's a Gold Mine in the Sky, The Band Played On and She May Have Seen Better Days, Helena Polka, Gibraltar Overture, Beer Barrel Polka, Starter March and Star Spangled Banner.

A family gathering was held at the Joseph Chmielewski home Sunday afternoon in honor of Sister M. Pauline, who will be remembered as Frances Chmielewski. She is here on her first visit home in 10 years.

A sextet of Silver Lake women in Czech costume and their accompanist, Will Makovsky, were guests of a hospitable Glencoe American Legion Post Wednesday evening, as a part of the Glencoe "Onto Lexington" baseball program.

Celebrating an event of 60 years ago, when John Mrkvicka chose Miss Fannie Sotona to be his bride in the little church at Winsted, friends and relatives of the couple gathered at the Edward Kucera home last Sunday, June 25.

Albert Asplin, 32, of Dassel, was killed Monday night when the car which he was driving smashed into a truck on Highway 12 near Cokato. Ray Anderson of Litchfield, driver of the truck, was accompanied by two girls and all were unhurt save for bumps.

50 Years Ago

June 25, 1964

Wilbert Merrill, Publisher

Susan Vorlicek, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ben Vorlicek, attended a Farmers Union Scholar-

ship Camp for four days last week. Along with making many new friends, there was a better knowledge gained of what the Farmers Union is trying to accomplish for farmers throughout America.

The Silver Lake High School concert band, under the direction of Marshall Johnson, will present the fourth summer band concert on Wednesday, July 1, with songs including Black Jack March, Ja-Da, China Boy, Wake, Awake, Julida Polka, Grand Festival Overture, March Gloria, When You're Smiling, Toot, Toot, Tootsie, Beautiful Youth Waltz, Mighty Land, Wondrous Land, I'm Nobody's Baby, Scandia Schottische, The Liberty Bell March and The National Anthem.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Krcil will hold an open house on Sunday, June 28, to observe their silver wedding anniversary at their home near Lake Marion.

A potluck dinner was held at the home of Mrs. Mary Pesina, in honor of Grandpa Plihal's 95th birthday, Sunday, June 21.

Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Ridge-way, of Cedar Mills, will celebrate their 25th wedding anniversary on Sunday, June 28, with an open house held at the Cedar Mills school.

Mr. and Mrs. Rudolph Hlavka, of Hutchinson, attended funeral services for Joseph Hlavka of Berwyn, Ill. on June 18.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Vorlicek Sr., Mrs. John Zaruba and Mrs. John Svanda attended the funeral

of their cousin, Louis Chermak of Minneapolis.

A boy, Jeffrey Charles, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Carl Lindstrom of Minneapolis on June 22.

25 Years Ago

June 29, 1989

Ken and Dorothy Merrill, Publishers

The Silver Lake Legion Post 141 award winners at graduation exercises at Silver Lake High School were: Gordie Chmielewski and Karen Hlavka, athletic award; Joel Wosmek and Tricia Lhotka, \$500 scholarships; Gordie Chmielewski and Alicia Cafferty, alternates; Ross Jurek and Janette Mallak, \$250 scholarships; Darin Harff and Lisa Nowak, alternates; Troy Drahos and Michele Stifter, outstanding citizenship awards.

Neil Wagner was hired as the Municipal Liquor Store manager and will begin his duties July 1. He is currently employed at Hutchinson Technology and served as manager of the Hutchinson Legion Club and bartender.

Jane (Bobolink) Trutna will be celebrating her 85th birthday on Friday, July 7.

A son, Aaron Joseph, was born to Clyde and Susan (Smoley) Ahlquist of Shoreview, on June 21.

A son, Nicholas Dean, was born to Dean and Carol (Lhotka) Schauer on June 16.



Weather Corner

By Jake Yurek

I wish I had better news for everyone, but there's still some rain chances lingering this week as we continue adding to our record rainfall.

The week started out on the dry side of things, so it was good for things to dry out a bit. A low-pressure area will move slowly by the area, keeping most of the rain to our north.

Our rain chances increase as we progress through the week as moisture builds in association with the storm. Rain chances will stay mostly scattered Wednesday through Friday, typically with daytime heating. The main focus may be to our south, but I can't rule out rain any of the days of the forecast.

Unfortunately, another storm system is aimed our way with poor timing as it enters the picture late Friday into Saturday. At this point, Saturday looks wet with rain and thunderstorm chances, but there's some disagreement as to exact location, so maybe things can change and we'll escape mostly OK (that's the optimist in me).

If everything goes as it looks now, Sunday should dry out and heat up as a warm front moves north.

The extended forecast shows more normal June weather early next week with more rain chances lingering.

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Wednesday night — Lows 55-61; scattered thunder.
Thursday — Highs 74-80; lows 61-67; clouds/scattered thunder storms.

Friday — Highs 77-83; lows 60-66; partly cloudy/scattered thunder storms.

Saturday — Highs 78-84; lows 65-71; clouds/rain and thunder storms.

Sunday — Highs 84-90; partly cloudy/night thunder storms.

Weather Quiz: Why have we seen all this rain, but still haven't seen much in the way of severe weather?

Answer to last week's question: **How does hail get to be so many different sizes and shapes?** Hail grows by moving up and down the vertical column of a given thunderstorm dependent on updraft. The more violent the thunderstorm, the more violent and strong the updraft will be. The hail starts as a tiny speck, and as it remains suspended it continues to get coated and grows larger until it's too big for the updraft and it falls out. The different shapes come from the chaotic environment in which it forms. Hailstones get bounced all around in different directions, so sometimes they come out looking perfectly round (typically smaller) and sometimes all different shapes (typically larger). As the hail falls through the rain, it melts and helps smooth it out.

Remember: I make the forecast, not the weather!

Silver Lake summer rec schedule

Girls Fifth/Sixth Grade Softball

Wednesday, June 25: 6:30 p.m., vs. Waconia Wildcats at Silver Lake field.

Monday, June 30: 6:30 p.m., vs. Waconia Wildcats at Waconia-Brook Peterson Park field.

Wednesday, July 2: 6:30 p.m., vs. Norwood Young America No. 1 at Silver Lake field.

Monday, July 7: 6:30 p.m., vs. NYA at Hamburg Park field.

Wednesday, July 9: 6:30 p.m., vs. Jordan at Jordan Athletic Complex No. 1.

Boys Third-Fourth Grade

Pee Wee Baseball

Thursday, June 26: 6:30 p.m., vs. Winsted at Southview field.

Tuesday, July 1: 6:30 p.m., vs. Glencoe at Glencoe Utility Field West.

Tuesday, July 8: 6:30 p.m., vs. NYA Cardinals at Silver Lake field.

Thursday, July 10: 6:30 p.m., vs. Waconia Blue Jays at Silver Lake field.

K-2 Baseball

Monday, June 30: 6:30 p.m., vs. Lester No. 2 at Rumrill/Tschimperle Field.

Wednesday, July 2: 6:30 p.m., vs. Winsted Royal Blue at Westgate.

Monday, July 7: 6:30 p.m., vs. Winsted Red at Rumrill/Tschimperle Field.

Wednesday, July 9: 6:30 p.m., vs. Winsted Navy Blue at Westgate.

Monday, July 14: 6:30 p.m., vs. Lester No. 3 at Veterans Field.



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For any Silver Lake news, story ideas and photo submissions, please email information to Alyssa Schauer at alyssas@glencoenews.com; call the Chronicle office at 320-864-5518; or mail to PO Box 188, Glencoe, MN 55336 or 716 E 10th St., Glencoe, MN 55336.

CLIP & SAVE

Silver Lake Music in the Park 2014

Food Served at 6 p.m. - Music Starts at 7 p.m. BRING YOUR OWN CHAIR.

DATE:	BAND:	LUNCH BY:	REFRESHMENTS:
Thursday, June 26	Jerry Kahle & Blake Klaustermeier Combo	Pola-Czesky Royalty & Bake Sale	BBQs, chips, pickle, dessert & beverage.
Thursday, July 3	Alice & the Ol' Boys	Grace Bible Church	Mr. Rib Sandwich, chips, pickle, dessert & beverage.
Thursday, July 10	George Palma Band	American Legion Auxiliary Unit #141	Hot Turkey sandwich chips, pickle, dessert & beverage.
Thursday, July 17	Jim's Brewers	S.L. Women's Club	BBQs, chips, pickle, dessert & beverage.
Thursday, July 24	Cindy's Concertina Band	Mariner's Club Faith Presbyterian Church	Hot Turkey sandwich chips, pickle, dessert & beverage.
Thursday, July 31	Silver Nickel Band	Church of Holy Family CCW	Seasoned Pork Patty, chips, pickle, dessert, & beverage

MUSIC IN THE PARK COMMITTEE: DeNEIL & LISA THOMPSON 327-2278; RAY & SHARON BANDAS 327-3115
Prizes awarded throughout the evening.



Engagement

Kohls — Ide

Craig and Rosalind Kohls of Glencoe are proud to announce the engagement of their daughter, Julie Kohls, to Ryan Ide of Glencoe. Ide is the son of Edna Busch Ide and the late Vernon Ide of rural Glencoe.

Kohls is employed by Dungarvin of Hutchinson. Ide farms between Glencoe and Lester Prairie.

A July 26 wedding is planned at First Evangelical



Julie Kohls, Fred (dog) and Ryan Ide

Lutheran Church of Glencoe, and the reception will be at the Ide farm.



Submitted photo

St. John's confirmation

St. John's Lutheran Church of Plato held its confirmation ceremony May 4. Participating in the ceremony were, from left,

Chase Engelke, the Rev. James Gomez, Hunter Lemke and Steven Dammann.

Numerous area students among recent graduates of Ridgewater

Ridgewater College announced the 2014 graduating class after commencement ceremonies took place May 15 (Hutchinson campus) and May 17 (Willmar campus).

The following local students were among the graduates:

Brownton: Jan Amborn, Miranda Berry, Luz Duvall, Mae Fors, David Frick, Dario Garcia, Jean Golde, Tiffany Hedin, Elizabeth Hermodson-Olsen, Riana Klaustermeier, Nikolas Neubarth, Lynae Plendl, Alex Schons and Courtney Vinkemeier.

Glencoe: Matthew Bonderman, Jennifer Dahlke, Kaleb Donnay, Sara Eiden, Hailey Farrell, Brent Fox, Teri Friauf, Courtney Frick, Juan Hernandez, Jessica Kahlbaugh, Cortney Kressin, Ashley Kuphal, Sarah Mathews, Michelle Nelson, Alyssa Neubarth, Tashia Nicholson, LaRissa Oelfke, Matthew Pieschke, Ciara Roberts, Christian Schultz, Larissa Strey, Timothy Tobeck, Jessica Underdahl, Genise Werth, Douglas Wosmek and Wendy Wosmek.

New Auburn: Linda

Grack.

Silver Lake: Breanna Baumann, Wade Dolezal, Colin Fogarty, Michele Fogarty, Brianna Hall, Katie Hanson, Kimberly Hanson, Cheryl Konerza, Andrew Penas, Zachary Peterson, Nathan Schermann, Laura Ulrich and Cole Wendolek.

Stewart: Deborah Albrecht, Nancy Bening, Daniel Broucek, Nathaniel Burge, Lorraine Doerr, Douglas Erickson, Geraldine Fitzloff, George Mobley, James Schloesser Sr. and Amber Zabel.

People

Sanchez announces birth

Victoria Sanchez of Brownton announces the birth of her daughter, Rochelle Lee, on June 2, 2014, at Glencoe Regional Health Services. Rochelle weighed 6 pounds, 7 ounces, and was 19-1/2 inches in length. Her older sibling is Bentley, and her grandfather is Tracy Sanchez of Brownton.

Local students on BSU list

Several area students were named to the spring semester dean's list at Bemidji State University. They included Lindsey Becker and Jeana Van Dyne, both of Glencoe; Joseph Otto and Gwendolyn Plezel, both of Lester Prairie; and Shauntel Stahlke of Plato.

Son born to Tieben family

John and Danielle Tieben of Glencoe announce the birth of their son, James Edward, on June 11, 2014, at Glencoe Regional Health Services. James weighed 8 pounds, 11 ounces, and was 21 inches long. His older sister is Samantha Marie. Grandparents are John and Barb Tieben of Jordan and Kevin and Idelle Slack of Belle Plaine.

Area students SCTC grads

Area students were among the spring graduates of St. Cloud Technical & Community College. The local graduates included Lee Forcier of Glencoe, associate of applied science degree in medium/heavy truck technician, and Jonathan Gueningsman of Lester Prairie, diploma in land surveying/civil engineering technology.

Maiers family notes birth

Matthew and Melissa Maiers of Buffalo Lake announce the birth of their son, Blake Matthew, on June 12, 2014, at Glencoe Regional Health Services. Blake weighed 7 pounds, 15 ounces, and was 21 inches in length. His older brother is Mason Ray. Grandparents are Dan and Sheryl Ray of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, and Tom and LaMae Maiers of Stewart.

Among NDSU graduates

Eric Schultz of Arlington and Scott Fletcher of Norwood Young America were among the spring graduates of North Dakota State University at Fargo, N.D. Schultz received a bachelor of science degree in soil science. Fletcher received a bachelor of science degree in human development and family science.

Made ISU spring dean's list

Molly Range of Lester Prairie was named to the spring semester dean's list at Iowa State University, Ames, Iowa. Range is majoring in kinesiology and health. Two Hutchinson students also were named to the ISU list. Nicholas Clobes is a construction engineering major and Dillon Wirth is a mechanical engineering major.

Lucht on Augustana list

Jolene Lucht of Glencoe has been named to the spring semester dean's list at Augustana College, Sioux Falls, S.D.

Locals among SCSU grads

A number of area students were among the recent graduates of St. Cloud State University. They include students from **Glencoe:** Jonathan Boesche, bachelor of arts (BA) in international relations, summa cum laude, and BA in political science, summa cum laude; Daniel Witte, BA in international relations, summa cum laude, and BA in political science, summa cum laude; and Kevin Witte, BA, psychology, magna cum laude; **Lester Prairie:** Bethany Briggs, bachelor of science (BS), biomedical sciences, magna cum laude; and Kaleb Buesing, BS, hydrology; **Silver Lake:** Erik Stensvad, BS, accounting, magna cum laude; and **Stewart:** Christopher Pudwill, BS, accounting, cum laude, and BS, finance, cum laude.

Kuphal accepted at SMSU

Ashley Kuphal, daughter of Glenn Kuphal of Mankato and Deb Houghton of Glencoe, has been accepted for the 2014 fall semester at Southwest Minnesota State University in Marshall. Her planned major field of study is business management.

Students on SCTC spring list

Jonathan Gueningsman and Miranda Posusta, both of Glencoe, were named to the spring semester president's list at St. Cloud Technical & Community College.

On UW-Eau Claire dean's list

Joshua Borst Bergfeldt of Lester Prairie and Kristin Garbers of Silver Lake were named to the spring semester dean's list at the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire. Bergfeldt is in the college of arts and sciences, and Garbers is in the school's college of business.

Business

Donley joins Gavin, Winters, Tiemann & Long law firm

Amber (Ramige) Donley joined the law firm of Gavin, Winters, Thiemann & Long on June 9, 2014.

Donley's contributions to the firm include experience in criminal law, family law, corporate law and general regulatory matters. These areas compliment the Gavin firm's practice of personal injury, wrongful death, family law, mediation, real estate, wills and trusts, bankruptcy, Social Security claims, probate and utility law.

Donley is a 2001 graduate of Glencoe-Silver Lake High School, 2005 graduate of Concordia College, Moorhead, and a 2008 graduate of the William Mitchell School of Law, St. Paul.

Donley, her husband Ryan and their 21-month-old son, Will, live in Victoria.

The other attorneys in the office include partners Mike Gavin, who joined the firm in 1969; Jody Winters, who joined the firm in 1998; Jason Thiemann, who joined the firm in 2006; associate Mike



Amber Donley

Long, who joined the firm in 2009; and associate Alan Albrecht, who joined the firm in 2005.

Each attorney's area of practice is displayed on the firm's website at www.goslawfirm.com.

The firm, located at 1017 Hennepin Ave. in Glencoe, was founded by Edward J. Gavin in 1939.

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Fri thru Tues 1:00 4:00 7:00 9:40 Ends Tues!

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Daily thru Tues 12:50 3:00 5:10 7:20 9:30

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Obituaries

Ruben John Moehring, 91, of Plato

Funeral services for Ruben John Moehring, 91, of Plato, were held Wednesday, June 25, at Johnson-McBride Funeral Chapel in Glencoe. Chaplain Paul Christopher officiated.



Ruben Moehring

Mr. Moehring died Thursday, June 19, 2014, at Oak Terrace Health Care Center in Gaylord.

The soloist was Kerri Specht, and the organist was Dawn Wolter. Musical selections were "How Great Thou Art," "On Eagle's Wings" and "Here I Am, Lord."

Honorary pallbearers were Mr. Moehring's grandchildren. Pallbearers were Bruce Tucholke, Joel Tucholke, Gregg Tucholke, Donald Peterson, Jerome Schlosser and Matt Rosenau. Interment will be at a later date in St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery in Arlington.

Mr. Moehring was born Sept. 27, 1922, in Plato, to John and Minnie (Dose) Moehring. He was baptized as an infant and confirmed on April 5, 1936. He attended school in Plato until he was needed at home to tend to the farm.

On Aug. 27, 1946, Mr. Moehring was united in marriage to Helen Strobel at the Church of St. Thomas in Jesseland Township, Sibley

County. The Moehrings made their home on the family farm in rural Plato until 1991, when he retired.

After his retirement, they moved into their house in town, where he lived first with Helen and then his grandson, Matthew.

The Moehrings were blessed with six children, Anna, David, Daniel, Nola, Norma and Rita. They shared over 50 years of marriage before Mrs. Moehring died on July 30, 1997.

Mr. Moehring took great pride in running the family farm. In addition to farming, he had fond memories of working at Shamla's Pure Oil Station and as a part-time McLeod County deputy. Many will remember him as a cop at the Lake Marion Ballroom, but occasionally would be assigned to cop at the Velvet Coach in Hutchinson, the Silver Lake Auditorium and Sherman Station in Winsted.

Mr. Moehring enjoyed a good card game, and he taught his children and grandchildren how to play 500 and Hearts. He enjoyed watching the Minnesota Twins, Molly B's Polka Show, Beverly Hillbillies, Green Acres and a good "shoot 'em up" western.

However, farming remained his passion as he loved a drive around the countryside to check out the crops and would often reward the driver with a Dairy Queen treat.

Survivors include his chil-

dren, Anna (Donald) Peterson of Atwater, David (Karen) Moehring of St. Paul, Nola Rosenau of Fernando, Norma Moehring of Waseca and Rita (Jerome) Schlosser of Delano; grandchildren, Kristine, Karla, Andrew, Laura, Melissa, Jackie, John, Douglas, Matthew, John, Michael, Jennifer, Sarah, Rachel, Sonja, Clayton and Reanna; 26 great-grandchildren; brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law, Jane Moehring, Francis (Bernice) Strobel, Don (Betty) Strobel, Jean (John) Leonhardt, Marion (Myron) Helget and Elaine Winter; nieces, nephews, and many other relatives.

Preceding him in death were his parents, John and Minnie Moehring; mother-in-law and father-in-law, Charles and Irene Strobel; wife, Helen Moehring; son, Daniel Moehring; grandson, Jared Schlosser; siblings, John Moehring, Mabel Bishop and her husband, Harry, Minna Freiberg and her husband, Ken, Rosa Grout, Lillian Tucholke and her husband, Orwin, Francis Wisch and her husband, Art, Stella Hill, and Lorna Meyer and her husband, Armond; and brother-in-law, Leonard Winter.

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.



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Graduation ceremony

Graduates of MTS Minnesota Connections Academy, a kindergarten through 12th-grade online public school that students across the state attend from home, gathered with their peers, families and school faculty during a traditional graduation ceremony, Saturday, June 14, at Edina's South View Middle School. One hundred twelve seniors walked across the stage, a rite of passage that repre-

sents years of hard work put in by students, teachers, parents and administrators. A trio of students performed throughout the ceremony, which included, left to right, Josephine Kjenstad of Glencoe, Genesis Feliciano of Faribault and Logan Vermeer of Ramsey. Kjenstad will attend Bemidji State University in the fall.

Strawberry (and rhubarb) fields forever

This is one of my favorite times of the year. Yes, it is finally warm out (and really wet.) But it is also the time of the year when strawberries and rhubarb are in season. Yummy!

It is amazing how many recipes there are when you simply search strawberry and rhubarb.



My Turn Now

By Karin Ramige Cornwell

Rhubarb and Strawberry Cake

- 1/4 cup water
- 1-1/2 teaspoons cornstarch
- 1/3 cup plus 1/2 cup sugar
- 2 cups chopped fresh rhubarb stalks (10 ounces)
- 1 cup chopped fresh strawberries (5 ounces)
- 1 cup all-purpose flour
- 1-3/4 teaspoons baking powder
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1 large egg
- 1/2 cup whole milk
- 1 stick (1/2 cup) unsalted butter, melted and cooled slightly
- 1 teaspoon pure vanilla extract

Put oven rack in middle position and preheat oven to 400 degrees. Butter an 8-inch square glass or ceramic baking dish.

Stir together water, cornstarch and 1/3 cup sugar in a small saucepan, then stir in rhubarb. Bring to a simmer, stirring constantly, then simmer, stirring occasionally, 3 minutes. Remove from heat and stir in strawberries.

Whisk together flour, baking powder, salt, and remaining 1/2 cup sugar in a bowl.

Whisk together egg, milk, butter and vanilla in a large bowl, then whisk in flour mixture until just combined.

Reserve 1/2 cup fruit mixture, then add remainder to an 8-inch buttered baking dish. Pour batter over the fruit, spreading evenly. Drizzle reserved 1/2 cup fruit mixture over batter.

Bake at 400 degrees until a wooden pick in-

serted into center of cake portion comes out clean, 25 to 30 minutes. Cool in pan on a rack 5 minutes before serving.

Strawberry Rhubarb Pie

- 1-1/2 cups rhubarb (about 4 stalks), cut in 1/2-inch pieces
- 1-1/2 cups strawberries, halved or quartered
- 1 cup sugar
- 2 tablespoons flour
- 1 teaspoon cinnamon
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- 1 tablespoon lemon juice
- 2 pie crusts

In a large bowl put the sliced rhubarb and strawberries in with a little lemon juice and mix gently.

Add the sugar, flour, cinnamon and vanilla and mix.

Allow the filling to marinate for 20-30 minutes.

Roll out dough and put in the pie pan, adding the filling on top.

Roll out the second crust and put it over the pie, poking holes or for a lattice-topped pie, slice the rolled pie crust into 1-inch strips. Then lay them in the lattice pattern.

Crimp the outside of the crust with a fork to connect the upper/bottom crusts.

Paint the top crust with milk and sprinkle sugar over the top (you only need about a tablespoon of milk ... you don't want it to pool on top of the crust anywhere).

Bake at 400 degrees for 15 minutes, and then 325 degrees for another 45 minutes.

Brigetta Wachter, 89, of Hutchinson

A Mass of Christian Burial for Brigetta "Bea" Mary Wachter, 89, of Hutchinson, formerly of Brownton, was held Monday, June 23, at St. Anastasia Catholic Church in Hutchinson.



Brigetta 'Bea' Wachter

Mrs. Wachter died Friday, June 13, 2014, at Ecumen Emmanuel Home in Litchfield.

Interment was in Oak Grove Cemetery in Brownton.

Brigetta Mary Weinzetl, the daughter of Joseph and Anna (Thueringer) Weinzetl, was born Aug. 4, 1924, in the family's home in Fairfax. She grew up and received her education in Fairfax, graduating from Fairfax High School in 1942.

She was united in marriage

to Carl Wachter on Aug. 26, 1942, at St. Andrew's Catholic Church in Fairfax. The Wachters made their home in Fairfax, Hector, Buffalo Lake, Stewart and Brownton. They were blessed with six children, Ann, Janet, Mary, Jon, Kevin and Carol.

Mrs. Wachter enjoyed being a homemaker and worked several jobs, including working for Bowlby and Company, Green Giant, Telex and several restaurants.

They were active members of St. Boniface Catholic Church in Stewart, where Mrs. Wachter was a member of the CCW and choir. Throughout the years, she also was active in the Lions Club and CB Club.

In 1993, Mrs. Wachter enjoyed a wonderful trip to Austria accompanied by a niece. She also enjoyed music, gardening, woodworking, ceramics, playing cards, crocheting, embroidery, cooking and baking (espe-

cially her donuts), volunteering, and spending time with family and friends. She enjoyed and took pride in being a caregiver; she would drop everything to help anyone in whatever was needed.

Survivors include her children, Ann (Don) Konietzko of Litchfield, Jan (Al) Pinkert of Red Wing, Mary Stevens of Hutchinson, Jon (Liz) Wachter of Mankato, Kevin (Cindy) Wachter of Williamson, N.Y., and Carol Lutgen of Otsego; 20 grandchildren; 39 great-grandchildren; and many friends and other family members.

Preceding her in death were her husband, Carl; parents, Joseph and Anna; siblings, Joseph and Sylvia Weinzetl, Anna and Clarence Woldengen, Michael and Eleanor Weinzetl and Mary and Bill Carlson.

An online guestbook is available at www.johnsonhagglund.com.

Keith B. Williams, 51, Cincinnati, Ohio

A service of life and resurrection for Keith Bradley Williams, 51, of Cincinnati, Ohio, will be held Saturday, June 28, 2014, at 11 a.m., at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, 300 Crocyden St., Stewart.



Keith Williams

Mr. Williams died Monday, June 9, 2014.

There will be a gathering of family and friends one hour prior to the service at the church on Saturday.

Mr. Williams was born in Lancaster, Pa., Oct. 8, 1962, the son of Stewart and Nancy (Loomis) Williams of Montgomery, Ala. He was baptized as an infant and confirmed in the Presbyterian Church.

Mr. Williams graduated from J.I. Case High School, Racine, Wis., in 1980, and received a degree in aviation management from Indiana State University, Terre Haute, Ind. Aviation was his passion.

Mr. Williams met Virginia Lee "Ginny" Penk in 1991 on

an airplane — he was her pilot — and they were united in marriage Feb. 6, 1993, in Melbourne, Fla.

During their marriage they lived in Missouri, Florida, Georgia, Illinois and finally Cincinnati, Ohio. He always loved Minnesota, especially the Boundary Waters, and considered Stewart and the surrounding area "home."

Mr. Williams began his career in the aviation industry with McDonnell-Douglas in St. Louis as a program manager on the F16 jet program. He later achieved his dream of becoming a commercial airline pilot and flew as a first officer for TWA's commuter carrier. He later worked as a program manager for Rockwell-Collins Aviation.

After leaving aviation as a profession, Mr. Williams worked in the high-tech industry in account management roles, and was later self-employed as a trader.

He was a kind, sweet and gentle soul. He had many friends — in every state and around the globe — and was tagged by all who knew him as "the nicest guy you'll ever meet."

His interests were varied:

he was an artist, avid tennis and racquetball player, and volunteered for park beautification efforts for the Cincinnati Parks Department. He loved to read and share new facts, knowledge and theories with others. He loved a good joke, and he never said no to an ice cream cone.

Survivors include his wife, Virginia; his parents, Stewart and Nancy Williams; his sister-in-law, Anna (Ornano) Williams; and numerous family and friends, all of whom he adored.

Preceding him in death were his brother, S. Mark Williams of St. Louis, Mo., his grandparents, Haydn and Louise (Rolfe) Williams of Oxford, Ohio, and Willard and Helen (Corson) Loomis of Canton, Ohio.

In lieu of flowers, memorials for the Keith Williams Memorial Fund are preferred. If by check, make payable to the Family of Keith Williams or Virginia Lee Williams, and can be mailed to: First Minnesota Bank, P.O. Box 255, Stewart MN 55385. Arrangements were with Hughes-Hantge Funeral Chapel of Stewart. Visit www.hantge.com.

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Glencoe High School class of 1994

The Glencoe High School Class of 1994, the last graduating class as the Glencoe Eagles, celebrated its 20-year reunion Saturday, June 21, at the Glencoe Country Club. Class members attending included, front, from left, Nate Gorr, Tracy (Mathews) Wacker, Kimberly (Krcil) Lawrence, Mandy (Heldt) Sturges, Karin Ramige Cornwell, Jody (Bruckschen) Shultz, Eric Makovsky, Kristin (Olson) Rodriguez, Vonnie (Rotzien) Brejle, Eric Papke

and Elizabeth (Tesch) Frahm. Middle row: Kim (Chastek) Caputa, Melanie (Henning) Crawley, Stacey Schmitz, Jenny (Shesta) Papke. Back row: Karl Schauer, Neil Winterfeldt, Becky (Weldon) Fisher, Jim Sprengeler, Stephanie (Anderson) Eckel, Wallace "Skipper" Fritz, Carrie (Ehrke) Schader, Eric Englemann, Jason Scharpe, Jason Kaytor, Jim Enneking, Alissa (Oltmann) Pretzel and Adam Hill.

Baldwin Court residents seek county's assistance with chronic flooding issues

By Lori Copley
Staff Writer

Several residents of Baldwin Court near Lester Prairie tried to find relief from flooding issues at the McLeod County Board's June 17 evening meeting.

But they were warned by commissioners that the process for finding a solution could be lengthy, and possibly expensive.

Residents claim they have spent thousands of dollars building berms and renting pumps to keep water out of their homes over the past two years.

Resident Daryl Adickes asked if the county will consider reimbursing residents for their costs.

But Commissioner Sheldon Nies said that it is unknown whose responsibility it is that the area is flooding.

Phil Schmalz, assistant county highway engineer,

said flooding issues apparently started in 2010-11, and he is unsure why. Schmalz said he was following up on concerns raised at the County Board's June 3 meeting regarding the Baldwin Court issues.

"I don't why there was a spike then," said Schmalz. But he added that a pond near the Lester Prairie Sportsmen Club should be taking the water from the Baldwin Court area.

"To me, it looks like a tile or an outlet was destroyed or blocked," said Schmalz.

Schmalz said a hydrology study will probably be needed before any kind of tile or swale can be created to take water away from Baldwin Court, because it first needs to be determined if any work will impact other properties.

Residents expressed concern that a change in a culvert during County Road 1 work

several years ago impacted the drainage in the area, as a 48-inch culvert was replaced by two 24-inch culverts.

In regards to reimbursing residents for their flood-prevention costs, Nies said that the county attorney had stated at an earlier meeting that county funds couldn't be used to help private individuals.

As a result of a discussion, the County Board decided to have a meeting with all the parties involved in attendance — from county officials to the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) to the watershed and township, as well as someone from the city of Lester Prairie.

Nies said if a hydrology study is needed, "the question is, who's going to be responsible for paying for that? We need to find out who's responsible for what."

Commissioner Ron Shimanski agreed to help coordi-

nate the meeting, as Baldwin Court is in his district.

Asked if the County Board would keep the issue on the table, Nies responded "absolutely, we will."

He suggested that Shimanski get the meeting organized within the next two weeks so that the County Board could follow up at its next meeting.

In other business, the County Board:

- Heard an update on the 4-H program from Jill Grams, 4-H Coordinator, and summer intern Katie Eggert.

- Approved an outdoor fireworks permit for AWI Manufacturing, Inc., for a display on July 12 from 9:45 p.m. to 10:45 p.m. near Winsted.

- Set a July 1 workshop after its regular meeting to "listen to concerns about staffing and retention," according to County Administrator Pat Melvin.

Glencoe Police

On Monday, June 16, at 11:42 a.m., police responded to a report of a possible broken leg at a Greeley Avenue residence. The person was taken by ambulance to the hospital emergency room.

Another medical emergency was reported at 3:04 p.m., Monday, when a person fell and may have broken a foot. The incident occurred at a 16th Street location.

A possible diabetic reaction resulted in a 16th Street resident being transported by ambulance to the hospital at 11:21 a.m., Tuesday, June 17.

Police also were called to the hospital emergency room at 12:35 p.m., Tuesday, to help handle a patient who was "combative and disruptive."

Another medical emergency was called in at Sam's Tire on Chandler Avenue. A male was "unresponsive," and was taken by ambulance to the hospital at 1:22 p.m., Tuesday.

A traffic stop at 9:25 p.m., Tuesday, at Elliott Avenue and Ninth Street, resulted in the driver being cited for driving after revocation.

Police were busy with weather-related calls starting early Thursday morning. People called alarmed by the rising water, sought help with sandbagging, and were concerned about water over streets not only in Glencoe, but on county roads in the area.

Several vehicles stalled while trying to drive through water-filled intersections, and employees at McLeod County's North Complex on Hennepin Avenue advised police their parking lot was under water, and they were "parked all over the place."

At 9:36 a.m., Thursday, police assisted in evacuating a family from their home on Ash Street due to flooding.

They also assisted a party at Oak Leaf Park at 1:03 p.m.

Thursday afternoon, police were called about children swimming in the streets at 13th Street and Armstrong Avenue and on 19th Street and McLeod Avenue. The children were advised to stay out of the water.

At 5:48 p.m., Thursday, police were called to a DeSoto Avenue location near Buffalo Creek after it was reported a young adult male was swimming in deep water in the fast current next to

the river. He was advised to get out, but refused and argued he was capable of swimming in fast-moving water. "The young male was advised if he did not get out of the water, he would be arrested for obstructing the legal process." The man got out of the water, police reported.

A medical emergency was reported at 7:53 p.m., Thursday, at a residence on 16th Street. The person was transported by ambulance to the hospital.

At 12:43 a.m., Friday, an ambulance was summoned to a 16th Street address for a medical emergency. A man was transported by ambulance to the emergency room at the hospital.

Another medical emergency was called in at 1:17 a.m., Friday, with a person complaining of hip pain. The person was transported by ambulance.

At 9:16 a.m., Friday, police received a report of children in the retention ponds at 10th Street and McLeod Avenue near the

pumps. The children were warned to keep away.

At 4:10 p.m., Friday, police stopped a vehicle at Dairy Avenue and 120th Street and issued a speeding citation.

Another speeder was apprehended at 5:41 p.m., Friday, on Highway 212 at Dairy Avenue. The driver also was cited for possession of drug paraphernalia and for having about .32 grams of marijuana in the vehicle.

Police received complaints from residents on West 17th Street and Fir Avenue of people continually driving over traffic cones and around barricades on the road. Motorists also had been driving over residents' lawns.

A driver was cited for driving after suspension at 9:10 p.m., Friday. The driver was pulled over at 10th Street and Elliott Avenue.

At 3:25 a.m., Saturday, a driver was stopped at County Road 2 and 80th Street and cited for driving after cancellation.

A resident in the Baldwin Av-

enue area reported a vehicle was "keyed" while in the Baldwin Avenue parking lot. The incident was reported at 5:19 p.m., Sunday.

Another driver was charged with driving after cancellation at 8:22 p.m., Sunday, on Highway 212 and Dairy Avenue.

A gas drive-off theft was reported at Casey's General Store on 13th Street at 11:45 p.m., Sunday.

Kids were reported to be swimming in the river on DeSoto Avenue at 2:31 p.m., Sunday. They were advised of the dangers and left.

A sink hole was reported in the 1300 block of Greeley Avenue at 3:18 p.m., Sunday. The city was contacted and cones set in place.

A laundry fire was reported at a 16th Street residence at 4:40 p.m., Sunday. Light smoke was reported in the laundry room, and apartment maintenance was advised to clean the dryer out.



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Sandbagging city offices

In addition to pumping water from many flooded streets, the New Auburn Fire Department assisted in sandbagging the New Auburn City Office and Post Office to help avoid flooding into the building

last Thursday. It was estimated that 10 inches of rain fell in parts of McLeod and Sibley counties, causing widespread flooding.

Area News

Ristau resigns from SWIF

HUTCHINSON — The Hutchinson Leader reported that Sherry Ristau, longtime leader of the Southwest Initiative Foundation (SWIF), has resigned, effective later this summer. She has accepted a position as president and chief executive officer (CEO) of the Community Foundation of the Great River Bend, serving the Quad Cities area of Davenport and Bettendorf, Iowa, and Rock Island and Moline, Ill. Ristau has been employed by SWIF for the past 20 years, including 17 as president and CEO.

Winds, and then rains came

GAYLORD — The Gaylord Hub reported that winds that reached nearly 70 miles per hour on Saturday, June 14, toppled trees and knocked out power in the community. And then on Thursday, June 19, the area was hit by heavy rains that flooded the area.

District looks at its facilities

WACONIA — The Waconia School Board is looking at expanding its facilities with the increasing enrollment and resulting strain on facilities, The Waconia Patriot reported. In the past 15 years, the district has doubled its enrollment. Plans now include a new elementary school, additions and improvements to existing buildings, new athletic fields and land acquisition at an estimated cost of \$74 million, the Patriot reported.

City dismisses employee

ARLINGTON — The Arlington Enterprise reported that city maintenance worker Lee Zwart was dismissed by the Arlington City Council after a motion to terminate his employment was unanimously approved by the City Council June 16. The action came after a closed Council session was held to evaluate Zwart's job performance. Zwart had been employed by the city for about six months.

Arlington ball park damaged

ARLINGTON — High winds combined with 2-1/2 inches of rain belted the Arlington area June 16, uprooting trees and damaging the Arlington Baseball Park, according to the Arlington Enterprise. The batter's eye was blown over and center field fence damaged at the ball park.

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IT HAPPENED . . . AGAIN!



For the second year in a row, this home and backyard at the corner of 13th Street and Ives Avenue was filled to the brim. The car in the foreground is

on the top of a hill, and the water in the garage was nearly up to the rafters. There is a walkout door on the back of the house that is underwater.

No one is quite sure why, but Glencoe and surrounding areas were inundated with torrential rains again last Thursday a year after a nearly identical June storm flooded the community, causing extensive damage.

This year, city officials needed to borrow numerous pumps to help stem the tide of more water getting into its sanitary sewer system. But the heavy rains again overpowered the wastewater plant's ability to properly treat the enormous inflow of water runoff.

Buffalo Creek crested later Thursday, but by then it had forced the cancellation of Glencoe Days, closed a portion of Highway 212 near Plato for part of the day, and is expected to remain high for days to come.



The rapidly rising Buffalo Creek lapped at the bottom of the Morningside Avenue bridge. A bit to the south, the water went over the roadway, closing access to the other side of Glencoe.



The sign tells it all as water filled the streets on this dead end street north of Highway 212. The bird in the foreground did not fare well, either.



The torrential rains forced closure on many streets and area county roads, forcing a lot of the traffic, semis included, onto the Hennepin Avenue (Coun-

ty Road 2) bridge. Parts of the Morningside bridge was underwater after Buffalo Creek rose too high and flooded the roadway.



The result of trying to pedal through high water, Andrew O'Dell had a chance to walk through hip-deep water to get to Oak Leaf Park Thursday afternoon.



At left, city employee Ron Donnay attempted to clear off one of the many storm sewer drains throughout the community. Above, Andrew O'Dell, a young bicyclist, attempt-

ed to get through the water that closed off the Park Road to motorized traffic leading into Oak Leaf Park.