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Great day to be out on the lake

The Friends of High Island sponsored their sixth annual fishing contest on High Island Lake at New Auburn Saturday morning into Saturday afternoon. The organization uses the event as an educational tool to inform people about its efforts to restore High Island to a recreational lake, including the use of the lake by the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (DNR) as a walleye fingerling feeder lake for rearing stocking fry. This was a record year for the event, with 229 entrants. The club paid out on three caught fish, all walleyes. Above is the organizational area off the parking lot to the lake access, which featured concessions and a warming area. At right, Blake Goettl, front, and Colton Goettl, background, were among the anglers who participated.



City Council updated on possible housing development plans

By Katie Ballalatak
Staff Writer

The Glencoe City Council heard a brief economic development update by Assistant Administrator Dan Ehrke at its Tuesday, Jan. 16, meeting.

The developing company which originally wanted to build a two-phase apartment complex at the Helen Baker Elementary school site is currently in the midst of evaluating other potential sites in Glencoe.

"We're working with Justin's (Black of Short, Elliott Hendrickson, Inc.) team on one particular site that we think has potential," said Ehrke.

Ehrke and SEH hope to have something in front of the Planning Commission and the City Council by late winter or early spring.

"We are excited to have them back at the table," said Ehrke.

In other business, the City Council:

- Briefly discussed items that will appear on the agenda for the City Council Finance Committee meeting on Jan. 24 at 2 p.m., including establishing a cost structure for wastewater rates and the Morning-side Avenue project. Karen Cavett

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City of Buffalo requests Trailblazer Transit to provide evening, weekend service

By Lori Copler
Editor

The Trailblazer Transit Joint Powers Board will have a year to consider a request from the city of Buffalo to provide evening and weekend service to its residents.

Gary Ludwig, Trailblazer's executive director, told the board at its Thursday morning meeting that Buffalo currently has its own program, but is considering eliminating it because of difficulty getting drivers.

"They asked if Trailblazer would consider picking it up as soon as possible," said Ludwig. He added that expanding weekend and evening service for transit is one of the Minnesota Department of Transportation's (MnDOT) goals.

John Groothuis of MnDOT's Office of Transit said that the earliest Trailblazer could offer the request-

ed service would be 2019, as it needs to go through the MnDOT funding process first.

Ludwig noted that not only would Trailblazer have to find drivers, it also would have to expand its dispatch service to evenings and weekends if it chooses to fulfill Buffalo's request.

"To be honest, it would be difficult," said Ludwig.

Kevin Kasel of the WCAT (Wright County Area Transportation) delegation to the board said that Trailblazer already has trouble finding drivers and dispatchers.

"The challenge is staffing ... it's always staffing," said Kasel. "If we can solve that issue then, yeah ..."

Sibley County Commissioner Bill Pinsky reminded the board that

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Annual Blizzard Blast set for Feb. 2 in Glencoe

By Lori Copler
Editor

The 12th annual Blizzard Blast charity event, a fundraiser for the Allina Hospice program, is set for Friday, Feb. 2, at 5:30 p.m., at the Glencoe City Center.

According to Lona Oltmann of Allina, the annual event has almost quadrupled its revenue since its inception 12 years ago.

"We expect this to be the best year yet," said Oltmann.

Dr. Bill Dunbar will be the emcee, Ron Stuedemann is the guest speaker, and music will be by Doug Stuedemann and South 40. There also is a meal catered by Chef Craig and a live and silent auctions.

"We have exciting new live and silent auction items," said Oltmann.

Among those are a glider bench (which is currently on display at Coborn's), donated by Frank Heiland Construction Co.; a community supported agriculture share (CSA) of 18 weeks of fresh veggies from Tangle-town Gardens, as well as two tickets to its annual outdoor banquet; a backyard bonfire kit with a fire ring, cooler, roasting forks, Vikings

folding chairs and blankets and more, donated by Al and Judy Hecksel and Wade and Mary Trnka; and a six-person party bus, donated by Tom Pinsky.

Funds raised help the hospice program offer special services to patients. In 2017, the average daily hospice census was 38, as compared to 26 in 2016. There were 192 patients admitted to the hospice program, and 161 deaths in 2017. Thanks to funds raised by the event, Allina was able to offer 244 massage therapy visits and 238 music therapy visits to hospice patients in 2017, services that are not covered by insurance.

Oltmann encourages those planning to attend to buy their advance sale tickets now. As of Tuesday, only about 75 tickets were available. They may be purchased at Allina Health Home Care Services in Hutchinson, Cash Wise Foods in Hutchinson, Coborn's in Glencoe, Glencoe Chamber of Commerce (Glencoe City Center), Glencoe Regional Health Services, Johnson-McBride Funeral Chapel in Glencoe, and King Pin Pub in Plato.



Submitted photo

This barnwood bench, currently on display at Coborn's in Glencoe, is one of many unique items that will be auctioned off at the annual Blizzard Blast on Feb. 2. The charity event benefits the Allina Hospice program. See page 8 for an article on how Hospice aided Caroline Vogt in her final months.

Weather



Looking back: The area got its first real dumping of snow Monday afternoon and evening after a mild week.

Date	Hi	Lo	Snow
Jan. 16	4	-8	0.00
Jan. 17	28	-6	0.00

Jan. 18	42	17	0.00
Jan. 19	46	30	0.00
Jan. 20	44	28	0.00
Jan. 21	37	32	0.00
Jan. 22	33	25	4.80

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

Chronicle News and Advertising Deadlines

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

Happenings

Corn, soybean growers banquet

The McLeod County Corn & Soybean Growers Association will host its annual banquet and ag appreciation night Saturday, Jan. 27, at the Pla-Mor Ballroom in Glencoe. The business meeting and elections will be held at 5 p.m., followed by a social hour at 5:45 p.m. and the banquet at 6:30 p.m. The guest speaker will be Mike Pearson, a farmer, broadcaster, former banker and host of the daily Podcast, Ag News Daily. Tickets are free for association members; non-members can purchase them at the door.

Centershot Ministry to start

Members and friends of Grace Bible Church in Silver Lake will be starting their next session of a Bible-based archery ministry called Centershot for ages 7 to 100 years old. The ministry meets one day a week for eight weeks, and includes a 45-minute Bible study and 45 minutes of archery instruction. The church provides the bows and arrows which are used during training sessions in the church basement shooting range. Participants pay a nominal fee to cover the cost of the study book. The next session will begin Sunday, Jan. 28, from 1 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. Space is limited, so those interested are encouraged to contact the church office at 320-327-2352. Grace Bible Church (www.silverlakechurch.org) is located at 300 Cleveland St., Silver Lake, next to the city water tower.

Sportsman Club fundraiser

The Shady Lane Sportsman Club will have a wildlife habitat fundraiser breakfast Saturday, Jan. 27, from 6:30 a.m. until 10:30 a.m., with eggs and potatoes donated by Michael Foods in Gaylord. A freewill donation will be taken. Proceeds will go toward feeding wildlife, with the exclusion of deer. For more information, call Grant Bartels at 320-224-9693.

After-prom soup fundraiser

The Glencoe-Silver Lake After Prom Committee is hosting a Pre-Soup-er Bowl Bash at the King Pin Pub in Plato on Sunday, Jan. 28, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. A soup-and-sandwich lunch will be served and there will be meat raffles and a raffle for a 55-inch TV. Advance tickets are available for a reduced price, and may be purchased at home varsity basketball games, Pure Life Chiropractic & Wellness, or by contacting Mindy Lemke at 320-310-1096. All proceeds benefit the after-prom party.

Glencoe Lions Bar Bingo

The Glencoe Lions will sponsor Bar Bingo at the Glencoe Country Club on Saturday, Jan. 27, at noon. Everyone age 18 and over is welcome to play for cash prizes. The Progressive Game 16 pay-out amount is \$1,099 if you have Bingo within 56 called numbers. Meat raffles will also be held. Proceeds from this bar bingo and meat raffle event, as well as all February events, will support the Minnesota Canine Search, Rescue and Tracking organization. Food, beverages and pull-tabs are available.

Potato pancake dinner set

The First Evangelical Lutheran Men's Club will have its 67th annual all-you-care-to-eat potato pancake and sausage dinner Sunday, Feb. 4, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., in the First Evangelical Lutheran Church Fellowship Center, Glencoe. The menu includes authentic German potato pancakes, regular pancakes, sausage, applesauce, cheese, ice cream, coffee and milk. There is a cost for the meal; takeouts are available.

Silver Lake Sportsmens Club

The Silver Lake Sportsmens Club will meet Thursday, Jan. 25, at 7 p.m., at the sanctuary.

Glencoe Sportsmens Club

The Glencoe Sportsmens Club will meet Monday, Feb. 5, at 7:30 p.m., at the Glencoe VFW.

Sportsmens club shrimp fry

The Glencoe Sportsmens Club will host a shrimp fry Wednesday, Feb. 7, at 5 p.m., at the Glencoe VFW Club, serving until the shrimp are gone.

Glencoe seniors meetings

The Glencoe Senior Citizens meet on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 12:30 p.m. in the seniors room at the Glencoe City Center. Sheephead is played on Tuesdays, and both sheephead and 500 are played on Thursdays. All seniors over 55 are invited. For more information, call 320-510-1551 and leave a message.

To be included in this column, items for Happenings must be received in the Chronicle office no later than 5 p.m. on Monday of the week they are to be published. Items received after that will be published elsewhere in the newspaper as space permits. Happenings in Glencoe, Brownton, Stewart, Plato, New Auburn, Biscay and Silver Lake take priority over happenings elsewhere.

GSL students named to CMBDA honor bands

On Jan. 13, three students from the Glencoe-Silver Lake (GSL) Lakeside Elementary School Intermediate Band, three students from the GSL Junior High Bands, and four students from the GSL High School Bands attended the Central Region Honor Band of the Minnesota Band Directors Association.

GSL High School Band students Courtney Richer (tenor saxophone), Brittney Richter (alto saxophone), Kennedy Wrapsir (flute) and Drew Hedtke (string bass) were members of the 9-10 Honor Band. GSL Junior High School Band Students Calista Pedraza (oboe), Tison Werner (french horn), and Kaeden Amberg (french horn) were members of the 6-8 Honor Band, along with

Andrew Bandas (trombone), Cavin Streufert (euphonium), and Allison Willcox (clarinet) of the Lakeside Intermediate Band.

Held at Elk River High School, the bands featured 168 students from 46 schools throughout central Minnesota. The day included significant rehearsal time and a short amount of time with volunteer section coaches. The event culminated with a concert held in the Elk River High School Auditorium.

The honor bands were conducted by the husband and wife team of James Fritz (9-10 Honor Band) and Elizabeth Fritz (6-8 Honor Band). Both are now retired after decades of service in music education at the public schools of Decorah, Iowa.



Submitted photos
GSL junior high musicians who were chosen for the Central Minnesota Band Directors Association honor bands were, from left, Kaeden Amberg (french horn), Tison Werner (French horn) and Calista Pedraza (oboe).



High school students who attended the CMBDA honor band were, from left, Kennedy Wrapsir (flute), Courtney Richer (tenor saxophone), Brittney Richter (alto saxophone) and Drew Hedtke (string bass).



Lakeside CMBDA attendees were, from left, Allison Willcox (clarinet), Cavin Streufert (euphonium) and Andrew Bandas (trombone).

GSL announces dates, times for one act play

The dates and times for Glencoe-Silver Lake High School's one act play have been set. Director Patrick Hiltner and his cast and crew will present the play "Cagebirds" by David Campton at a public performance on Thursday, Jan. 25 at 6 p.m., at the GSL High School Auditorium. Note the early start time. The cost for attending the performance is \$6 for adults or \$4 for students.

On Monday, Jan. 29, GSL will compete in the Section 4A sub-section competition at Howard Lake-Waverly-Winsted High School. There will be five schools competing, with GSL scheduled to perform at 6:30 p.m.

The one act play is part of the Minnesota State High School League and includes a number of rules for competing schools. A production must be under 35 minutes in length with a maximum set-up time of 10 minutes. There are also limits to how much and what types of scenery and props are allowed. Each play is judged by a panel of three judges. The top two schools from the sub-section competition will compete at the section competition at St. Paul Academy and Summit School on Saturday, Feb. 3.

"Cagebirds" is an allegorical play where "a room and a cage and people and captive birds all get confused until a dramatic climax." According to Webster's Dictionary, allegory is the expression by means of symbolic fictional

figures and actions of truths or generalization about human existence.

"The play is completely allegorical; everything is symbolic," said Hiltner. At first there may be some confusion, but as the play develops, we see The Wild One who is new to the cage and talks of breaking out to find freedom, which in turn frightens the others secure in their cage. This play has been a unique challenge for the 10 students involved this year. Students need to think "outside the box" and go beyond the literal meaning of things. Students have stepped up to the challenge and are excited to present their show to audiences.

Students involved include: Kaitlyn Doolittle, Molly Green, Izzy Elias, Emmi Jerabek, Lily Kirchoff, Anthony LaPlante, Rachael Meyer, Becca Olson, Bryanna Paul and Grace Witte.

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Friday, Feb. 9, 2018
Serving from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. or until fish is gone
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Friday, February 2
5:30 p.m.
Glencoe City Center
1107 11th Street East
Glencoe, MN 55336

Music by Doug Stuedeman and South 40
Emcee Dr. Bill Dunbar
Guest speaker Ron Stuedemann



South 40



Doug Stuedeman



Dr. Bill Dunbar

Tickets are \$30 per person and includes dinner

Tickets are available at:

Allina Health Home Care Services — Hutchinson * Cash Wise Foods (Hutchinson)
Coborn's (Glencoe) * Glencoe Chamber of Commerce (City Center) * Glencoe Regional Health Services
Johnson-McBride Funeral Chapel (Glencoe) * King Pin Pub (Plato)



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Growers association offering ag scholarships

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sociation member. Two \$500 adult scholarships for adults enrolled in an ag education program are also being offered. For a scholarship application contact the Nicollet/Sibley County Corn & Soybean Growers at 507-237-4100 or check with your local high school. The deadline for submitting applications is April 13.

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Library News

By Jackee Fountain

Adult reading program

The Glencoe Public Library has the adult winter reading program going strong. As patrons read books, audio books, and eBooks, they are receiving prizes. This year's theme is "Reading is Snow Much Fun," as are the incentives including coffee mugs, calendars, decks of cards, can holders and chocolate. The program is sponsored by the Pioneerland Library System, of which Glencoe Library is a branch member, and the Friends of the Glencoe Library organization. Sign up with a librarian, read and receive a prize. The adult winter reading program runs through March and is open to adult and high school patrons.

The public libraries of McLeod County are promoting a bus trip to the Old Log Theatre to see the musical, "Life Can Be a Dream," on Wednesday, Jan. 31. The bus leaves around 11 a.m. and returns before 5 p.m. The cost of the coach bus and theatre tickets are paid by the Minnesota Legacy funds to bring the arts opportunities to Minnesota communities. Sign up is necessary, including signing a bus waiver. If interested, please visit one of the McLeod County public libraries in Brownnton, Glencoe, Hutchinson or Winsted.

On Thursday, Feb. 15, authors Dennis and Karen Vinar will be speaking about their book, "How Did You Find Me ... After All These Years?" The book gives the reader a personal insight into a lost and found love story from these local authors. The talk and book signing will take place at the Brownnton

Area Civic Center Gym from noon to 1:30 p.m., and at the Glencoe Library Activity Room from 3 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. See the article on the Vinars in The McLeod County Chronicle Jan. 10 issue. This is a free library program and no registration is necessary.

The Glencoe Library encourages the public in need of tax forms to use the computer lab to access the Minnesota tax website, www.revenue.state.mn.us, and the federal income tax site, www.irs.gov, for forms to use this 2017 tax season. Cost of printouts of the forms is 20 cents per page at the library. If patrons do not know how to navigate the internet or use a computer, please bring someone who can sit with you and help. Glencoe librarians are able to help with the site but will not be able to sit with patrons in the lab. The computers are a free resource provided by the library.

Monthly programs at the Glencoe Library include the Luncheon Book Club on the third Friday. This month the group will discuss "Absolutely True Diary of a Part Time Indian" by Sherman Alexis. LEGO League is on the first Tuesday of the month at 6 p.m. Teen Coffee House is open on the third Thursday of the month. Toddler Storytime meets on Tuesday and Saturdays at 10 a.m. For more library information, visit the Glencoe Library on Facebook and the library website, www.glencoe.lib.mn.us.

Jackee Fountain is the head librarian for the Glencoe and Brownnton public libraries.



Chronicle photo by Lori Copler

New(er) pumper truck put into service

The Silver Lake Fire Department recently put this 1992 pumper into service, replacing a 1974 Chevrolet. The truck above was purchased from the Hutchinson Fire Department for \$10,000, and provides Silver Lake with a truck that has a crew cab. Fire Chief Dale Kosek said that Hutchinson and Silver Lake provide

mutual aid to each other, so there is familiarity with the truck by both departments. Pictured with the truck, from left, are fire department members John Marvan, Ron Posusta, Kosek and Assistant Chief Darrel Kaczmarek.

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this is not the first time that a city has requested expanded service — the city of Hutchinson also has asked about service.

"If we get it (Buffalo) in, then Hutchinson will be there for sure," said Pinske. "We need to get our driver situation resolved first before we branch out."

McLeod County Commis-

sioner Doug Krueger said there are other models of transit that Trailblazer could look at for providing expanded service, citing the city of Marshall as an example.

The board agreed to take the matter under advisement.

In other business, the Joint Powers Board:

- Elected McLeod County Commissioner Joe Nagel as

its chair for 2018. Wright County Commissioner Darek Vetsch is the vice chair, and Pinske is the recorder.

• Reviewed the third-quarter expense and revenue report from 2017, as well as ride statistics. Ludwig said that 2017 will likely end with an excess revenue balance. "The numbers look really fantastic," he said. Trailblazer

is expected to finish 2017 with 250,000 rides, up about 18,000 over the previous year.

• Heard that its job offer for its open operations manager had been declined by the candidate. Ludwig said the human resources director is looking at other options for recruiting candidates.

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of SEH will be present at the meeting to guide the City Council as it makes its decision about the wastewater cost structure.

- Set a public hearing for MS4 (municipal separate storm sewer system) on Feb. 20 at 7:05 p.m.
- Approved professional services agreement with SEH.

The city annually renews this agreement to take care of minimal individual projects that come up throughout the year. The maximum comes to \$50,000; last year the city used just over \$40,000. The agreement passed 4-1 with Council Member Allen Robeck voting no.

- Approved Glencoe Fire

Department officers: Ron Grack, chief, James Voigt, assistant chief, John Vanduyhoven, captain of Engine 335, Brandon Hahn, first lieutenant of Engine 335, Dan Pagel, second lieutenant of Engine 335, Jeremy Mattson, captain of Engine 331, James Schroepfer, first lieutenant of Engine 331, Jon Dahlke, sec-

ond lieutenant of Engine 331, James Madden Jr., captain of Engine 333, Grant Schwendemann, first lieutenant, Jake Jensen, second lieutenant of Engine 333 and Kelly Mahon and Tom Brinkmann, training officers.

Record

Glencoe Police

TUESDAY, JAN. 16

1:20 a.m. — A citation was issued for a winter parking ordinance violation in the area of 16th Street E and Judd Avenue N.

11:37 a.m. — An officer responded to a blight issue on Greeley Avenue N.

9 p.m. — Officers assisted the ambulance with a medical on Stevens Avenue N for a person who had fainted and fallen. The individual was taken by ambulance to the Glencoe hospital.

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 17

9:56 a.m. — An officer took a theft report on 20th Street W.

2:11 p.m. — An officer and the fire department responded to an alarm on Hennepin Avenue N.

2:44 p.m. — An officer responded to a resident complaint on 18th Street E regarding a neighbor's dog that was urinating on the resident's trees and killing them.

5:17 p.m. — An officer and an ambulance responded to a medical on Chandler Avenue N for a person with abdominal pain and a hurt ankle.

11:14 p.m. — An open door was discovered on a building on 11th Street E. Officers searched the building, and a key holder was contacted to come lock it up.

THURSDAY, JAN. 18

1:15 a.m. — A citation for a violation of the winter parking ordinance was issued in the area of DeSoto Avenue N and 15th Street E.

4 a.m. — Officers assisted with a fall on Prairie Avenue.

5:01 p.m. — Officers served a warrant on 16th Street E. A person was arrested on McLeod County and Polk County war-

rants, and other charges are being considered.

FRIDAY, JAN. 19

1:55 a.m. — A male was arrested for third-degree drug possession and possession of drug paraphernalia on 13th Street E.

10:49 a.m. — An officer made contact with a person who was involved with a gas drive-off the previous day. The person said they would go back and pay for the fuel.

10:59 a.m. — Officers mediated an argument between a vehicle owner and a repossession agent on Greeley Avenue N.

12:11 p.m. — Officers responded to a medical on Elliott Avenue N. The person was deceased, and a death investigator was called.

11:14 p.m. — A disturbance was reported on 16th Street E. A responding officer was unable to find the source of the complaint.

SATURDAY, JAN. 20

Four citations were issued for violations of the winter parking ordinance.

8:40 a.m. — An officer assisted with a medical on McLeod Avenue N.

4:54 p.m. — An officer assisted with a medical on Chandler Avenue N. A person was taken by ambulance to the hospital.

7:32 p.m. — An officer assisted with a medical on 11th Street E. A person was taken by ambulance to Waconia.

7:59 p.m. — Officers responded to a house at an undisclosed location. A person had heard footsteps in the house. Officers were unable to locate anyone inside, nor were there any footprints outside.

9:35 p.m. — Officers and the fire chief responded to a carbon monoxide alarm on 14th Street E.

10:10 p.m. — A report was received of a smell of marijuana in

an entryway on Newton Avenue. An officer was unable to locate the source of the smell.

11:34 p.m. — Officers responded to a report of an altercation on 11th Street E.

SUNDAY, JAN. 21

1:01 a.m. — A citation was issued for a violation of the winter parking ordinance.

1:12 a.m. — A driver was arrested for second-degree driving while impaired, driving after cancellation after being deemed inimical to the public safety, restriction violation, and no interlock equipment, at a traffic stop in the area of 13th Street E and Armstrong Avenue.

1:07 p.m. — An officer assisted the ambulance with a possible stroke on Judd Avenue N.

8:17 p.m. — An officer responded to an argument in a laundry room regarding washing machines in Newton Avenue.

MONDAY, JAN. 22

1:06 a.m. — Officers assisted with a medical on 16th Street.

1:38 a.m. — A citation was issued for a violation of the winter parking ordinance in the 700 block of First Street E.

11:48 a.m. — An officer took a report of a threatening voice mail from a person on 13th Street W.

12:45 p.m. — Officers assisted with a medical on Hennepin Avenue N.

12:47 p.m. — An officer responded to a minor fender bender accident on Scout Hill Drive.

7:14 p.m. — An officer helped a motorist move a vehicle that was stuck in the snow in the area of 10th Street E and Owen Avenue N.

11:35 p.m. — Officers assisted another motorist with a stuck vehicle in the area of Fir Avenue N and Chestnut Street W.

Treating Varicose Veins: It's Not For Cosmetics

What are the potential complications of having varicose veins?
Why is venous insufficiency a concern?
What treatments are available?



A health talk by
Chad Robbins, DO, FACOS, General Surgery

Tuesday, February 6, 2018
6:30 – 7:30 pm

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Federal government back in government

Our view: So-called 'compromise' just kicks the can down the road

Just in case you didn't notice with all the non-warranted hoopla over the Vikings' shot at an NFC championship, the federal government shut down. It's up and running again, albeit on a short schedule.

Our U.S. senators are patting themselves on the back for achieving a compromise bill that will keep the government open — for at least another three weeks.

It's hardly milestone legislation, although it's being touted that way at the Capitol. The compromise bill does clean up one item — the extension of the lapsed Children's Health Insurance Program, also known as CHIP, which will provide relief, at least for now, for those who rely on its services for medical care for children.

The Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) was also on the table, and was a prime issue with Democrats. Dems want to continue DACA, Republicans would like to phase it out. The Re-

publicans did concede to have a vote on a bipartisan plan to fix the program, but that's not likely going to preserve the program.

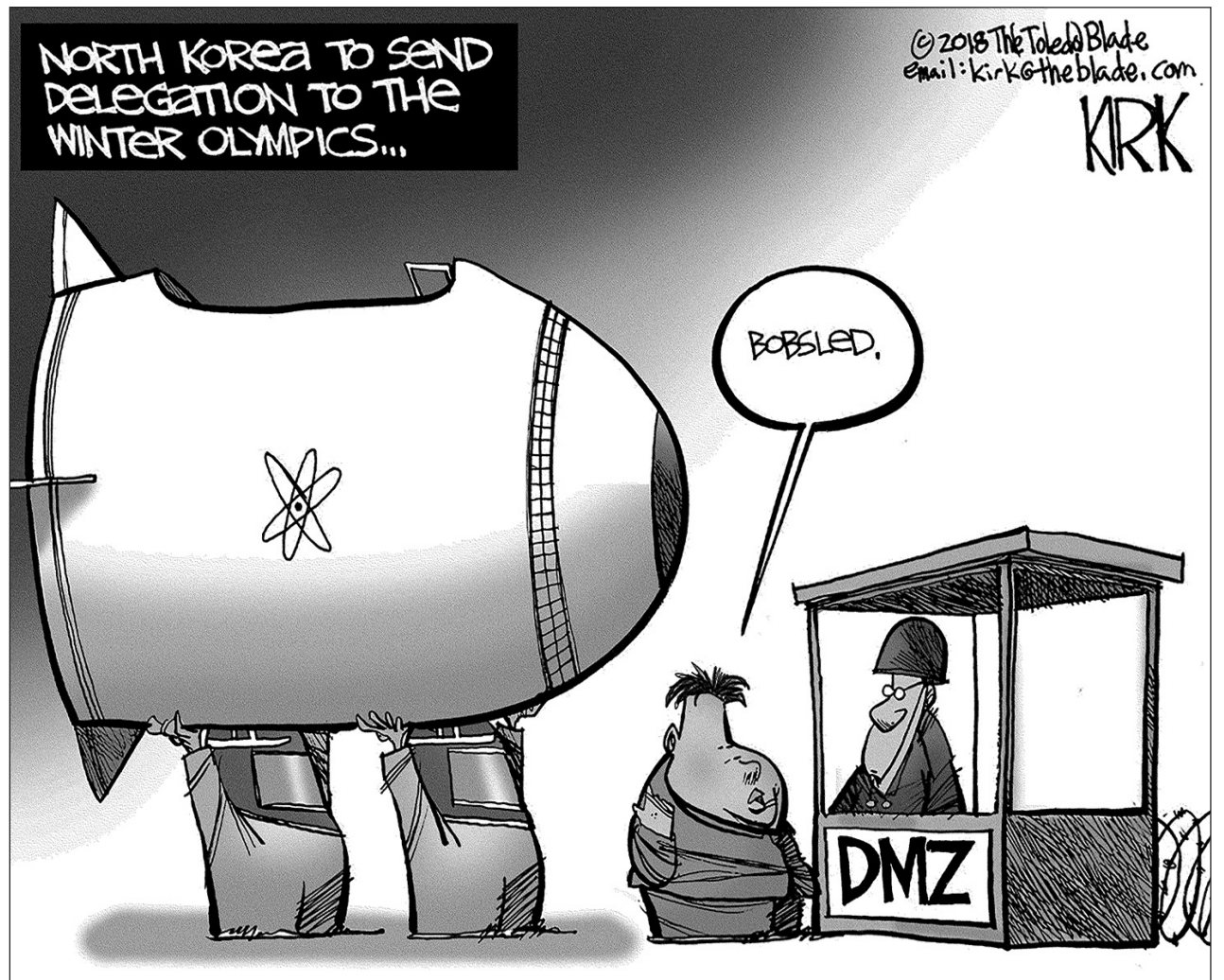
But despite the so-called "compromise," there is still no long-term budget plan on the horizon. We may well be seeing another government shut-down in less than a month.

That is not compromise politics. That is a band-aid approach to doing business and kicking the political can down the road, a habit that has become unforgivably ingrained in our political system and one which must stop now.

America was once the shining ideal of how a democracy should, and can, work. Now, countries all across the globe are sneering at our president, and deriding our inability to govern effectively.

It's time we return to our ideals of government, and give up our grip on our polar politics. If we don't, we are teetering even closer to the brink of disaster.

— L.C.



Lee Ostrom was truly an office favorite

Folks here at The Chronicle were very saddened last week when we learned the news that retired sports editor Lee Ostrom had passed away.

At 6 foot, 6 inches (or maybe more), Lee loomed over the rest of us here at the office, but he was hardly intimidating. If anyone could be called a "gentle giant," it was he.

Well, maybe he was slightly intimidating, but not because of his size. He had a mind like a steel trap, and could toss out names, jersey numbers, dates, scores, records and other statistics from every sport from high school track and field to Canadian hockey.

But Lee wasn't just about sports. He also could cite statistics about historical events, geographic areas, politics, and food.

He was an adventurous soul, always wanting to try something new. He would try any kind of food. When we occasionally carpooled to sporting events in the metro area, I quivered in fear that he would suggest stopping at some exotic restaurant so we could try stewed squid brains or deep-fried yak intestines, or something equally weird. I'm a timid eater who prefers to stick to my traditionally American cheeseburgers and fries. Tasting sweet-

potato fries was a big adventure for me.

While we didn't share culinary tastes, we did share a love of reading. If he wasn't tasting some odd-ball dish and chasing it down with a glass of wine, he was reading. I often arrived to find a couple of books on my desk, and I'd often bring him some.

And Lee certainly had a unique sense of humor. At the end of a particular stressful day, we'd often gather around his computer while he queued up a Monty Python clip. Once everyone had a good laugh, he'd announce "that's enough" and we'd all go back to work.

But more than anything else, Lee was all about people. He'd arrive

each day with a cheerful "greet" to everyone. If he happened to pass through again, he offered a "re-greet." He always asked how you were, how your family was and even how your pets were doing. He loved to follow high school athletes and kept track of them into college and beyond.

He was quick to offer help and loath to ask for it, not wanting to impose on anyone. He loved service as a Rotarian and was always willing to pitch into help.

It was difficult for us all when we learned he had been diagnosed with Parkinson's. He had already survived cancer and a heart attack, and it seemed one more unfair health issue to assail such a fine man.

He rarely talked about it. He would respond when asked about how he was doing, but then would quickly deflect the conversation to sunnier topics.

After we learned of his diagnosis of Lewy Body Dementia, we were all doubly devastated. To see his quick wit and fine mind demolished by this disease was heartbreaking.

Those who worked with him will miss him greatly; he was truly an office favorite.

Rest in peace, Lee; you deserve it.



Lori Copler

Letters to the Editor

An idea for cutting Glencoe city taxes by 34%

To the Editor:

If you are interested, as a city taxpayer, in cutting your city tax by more than 34 percent, read on ...

According to our city treasurer, our current city budget levy is \$2.383 million. Our city police budget is \$1.157 million, or 48.5 percent of our total city budget. This police cost is about \$210 per Glencoe resident (\$1.157 million divided by our city's 2016 population census of 5,503).

I conducted a research study that showed that 33 cities in four counties (Carver, Wright, Dakota and Washington) which are patrolled by their respective counties instead of local city police, and averaged only \$61 per person. At \$210, Glencoe's is \$149 more per person (\$210 minus \$61 equals \$149). For example: Waconia's current police cost is

\$62.39 per person; Norwood Young America's is \$52.14 per person.

If we could save \$149 per person, we could save our city taxpayers \$820,000 (\$149 x 5,503). These are big dollar savings for us! The extra \$149 that we are paying in excess police costs is forcing our city to budget an additional \$820,000.

This \$820,000 excess cost divided by our total levy of \$2,383,000 is 34.4 percent. According to our county auditor, this 34.4 percent is \$378 in extra taxes on a \$150,000 home with a city property tax of \$1,100. This means that lowering our police cost could have a 34 percent decrease on my and your property taxes.

This is not a new discovery. Several years ago, I compiled a similar report that was published in our local paper. A committee was then

selected to study our local police costs; even though I had spent hours of research on this subject with dozens of city and county officials, my participation on the committee was denied. The committee met with county and city officials, and agreed to keep the status quo, which has led us to the situation we are in now — Glencoe taxpayers paying an extra \$4 million or more of city taxes since the committee decision.

Now, hopefully, with a 34.4 percent property tax saving, city taxpayers will be motivated to call or write a note to our city council persons regarding this injustice and asking for (or demanding) a change. We deserve their consideration!

Gary Ballard
Glencoe

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Question of the week

Political party caucuses are coming upon Feb. 6. Do you plan to attend?

- 1) Yes
- 2) No
- 3) Maybe

Results for most recent question:

Can the Vikings capture the NFC Championship and move on to the Super Bowl?

- 1) Yes, absolutely — 35%
- 2) Um, maybe — 35%
- 3) Probably not — 14%
- 4) Heck, no — 15%

85 votes. New question runs Jan. 24-Jan. 30



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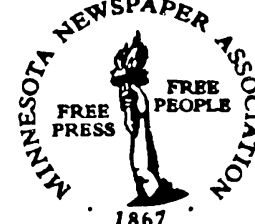
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Letters to the Editor

Political party caucuses set for Feb. 6

To the Editor:

On Tuesday, Feb. 6, political parties in Minnesota will be holding their caucuses as they do every two years. Once again, this year promises to be an exciting time for political change in Minnesota since we have an open seat for the governor's race and now with the resignation of Sen. Franken, we will have two U.S. Senate seats to fill. This is your opportunity to participate as Republicans begin the process of choosing their endorsed candidates for these offices.

Minnesota is one of only 10 states that has a caucus system where like-minded citizens gather with their neighbors at a local meeting place to discuss the candidates and try to persuade their neighbors to vote for the candidate they think is the best.

This year at caucus, the Republican Party will be holding a straw ballot for governor. Information about each governor candidate can be found at www.sibleycountyparties.org.

In addition to voting on a gubernatorial candidate, we will discuss issues and vote on resolutions that may be-

come part of the Republican Party platform. We will also elect delegates to the upcoming county convention to be held in March. The entire caucus takes about two hours, from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Who can participate and vote in the caucuses? State statute 202A.16 gives us the guidelines. First, you must be eligible to vote in the next general election. In addition the statute says: "Only those persons who are in agreement with the principles of the party as stated in the party's constitution, and who either voted for or affiliated with the party at the last state general election or intend to vote or affiliate with the party at the next state general election, may vote at the precinct caucus." You cannot participate at more than one party's caucus in any one year.

If you identify with Republican Party principles and intend to vote Republican this coming November, you are invited to attend the Minnesota caucuses on Tuesday, Feb. 6, at 7 p.m. You can go to www.MNGOP.com to read the party platform for more information about Republican Party principles.

Here is a list of the Sibley

County Republican caucus locations:

Henderson: City Hall, 600 Main St.; hosting the city of Henderson, and the townships of Henderson, Kelso, Jessenland and Faxon.

Gaylord: Sibley East Elementary School, Room 151, 625 Harvey Drive; hosting the cities of Gaylord and New Auburn, and townships of New Auburn, Sibley and Dryden.

Winthrop: High School Choir Room, 1001 North Cottonwood St.; hosting the city of Winthrop and townships of Bismarck, Cornish, Transit and Alfsborg.

Gibbon: Elementary School Cafeteria, 323 E. 11th St.; hosting the city of Gibbon and the townships of Moltke, Severance and Grafton.

Arlington: Sibley East High School Choir Room, 202 Third Ave. NW; hosting the cities of Arlington and Green Isle and the townships of Arlington, Green Isle and Washington Lake.

For more information please call 320-864-3911.

**Emily Gruenhagen
Deputy Chair
Sibley County
Republicans**

Opioid epidemic is a national emergency

To the Editor:

Last summer, President Trump's national opioid commission recommended that he declare the opioid epidemic a "national emergency" or a "public health emergency." It was my hope that the president would choose the former, which would have allowed for the use of Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) funds to combat addiction. Instead, the president chose to declare a 90-day public health emergency, which was set to expire on Jan. 23. As we approached this deadline, it is clear that little has been achieved as a result.

Over the course of the past 90 days, the president has not dedicated any new funding or

resources to combat addiction. Instead, he announced an awareness campaign that has yet to be seen. The Trump Administration also continues to operate without a secretary of Health and Human Services or director for the Office of National Drug Control Policy, both of which are crucial leadership positions needed to develop federal addiction strategy.

Public and state health officials largely agree that increased funding is needed to mitigate the crisis. For that reason, I have asked President Trump to declare a national emergency and fully fund more than 30 federal programs that support prevention, treatment, law enforcement, and recovery ini-

tiatives. I have also asked the Office of Management and Budget to provide Congress with a comprehensive proposal to provide additional funding in the next supplemental appropriations bill.

Drug overdose deaths in greater Minnesota have steadily increased since 2000, and the Minnesota Department of Health estimates that the majority are caused by opioid abuse. Now more than ever, Congress and the Trump Administration need to take immediate, effective, and consequential action to reverse this trend.

**Congressman
Collin C. Peterson
Minnesota 7th District**

What's the big deal about hair?

It may be buried deep in the DNA of men, but there is a tendency to wade into situations that probably should be avoided. This might be one of them. But here goes.

What is the big deal about women's hair? (Here's where smart men just duck).

The topic comes up with my wife regularly as we venture out on our morning walks. In the spring, summer and fall, it is concern about the wind and how it messes with her hairdo. In the winter, it is the cold and how having a hat or hood on also messes with her hairdo.

Me? I have no hairdo. I wear a ball cap in the summer, stocking cap in the winter. Pretty simple.

No matter the weather, my wife is not going to wear a hat. That is until the recent cold snap around the Christmas holidays. That was an old-fashioned Minnesota winter cold spell!

Despite the sub-zero temperatures, we continued our daily walks around town. But she refused to wear her hat, instead opting for ear muffs and a mask that went up to her nose.

One frigid morning, she finally got a cold enough noggin to put her hood over her head. But then, her glasses fogged over!



Rich Glennie

Off came the hood. Then her hair got frosty ... literally. There was no artificial coloring in her hair as temps hovered around 10 below, with an even colder windchill. That was natural frost.

The parka hood made her head sweat. Once off, her head was losing heat that melded with the cold air and resulted in frosted hair! I can't say I'd ever seen that before.

I thought to myself she must be a real "hot head." Then I made the mistake of verbalizing that. (Time to duck again).

There seems to be something in the female DNA that causes women to want to have the perfect hairdo at all times. Even after walking two miles in the bitter cold with your hood up, it still has to look just right when we walk into Gert & Erma's for hot

drinks and to warm up each winter morning.

"Who you trying to impress?" I asked as we stumble in the door, glasses properly fogged over.

A grunt comes as a reply as she heads to the rest room and a mirror.

"I like that California wind-blown look," I offered as a compliment as she walks to the rest room. "It makes you look outdoorsy, healthy."

Another grunt. Apparently she didn't receive that compliment well either.

Karen often sits with the old guys until the ladies group gathers. Then she abandons us for more interesting conversation. Apparently, hats and hair were topics a while back, and she promptly reported that ALL women are concerned about their hair, regardless of the weather!

So as I continue to stumble through life, it seems I still have a ways to go to understand women.

For most guys, the real miracle is whether we have our sweatshirts on right side out or backwards. Like I say, men are pretty simple.

Rich Glennie was the editor of The Chronicle for 23 years. He retired Aug. 1, 2014.

History

From the Chronicle archives

30 Years Ago

**Jan. 27, 1988
Bill Ramige, Editor**

Two auto thefts and one attempted auto theft were reported to the Glencoe Police Department Monday night. The first vehicle was stolen from Lee's Super Valu parking lot. It was recovered a short time later. Police then received a report from a car owner who reported seeing someone near the owner's vehicle. The suspect fled and was not caught. Another vehicle was removed from the Pla-Mor parking lot and was recovered a short distance away from the lot.

Last week's heavy snowfall (nine inches on Tuesday and Wednesday) meant a day off from school in Glencoe on Wednesday. Just about everything in the Glencoe area was running late, including The Chronicle, which missed its printing schedule due to the weather for the first time in memory.

Fran Vogt of Glencoe, a registered staff nurse and home health aide coordinator at McLeod County Public Health Nursing, will retire on Friday after 41 years in nursing.

The Rev. Grant T. Bode will be installed as pastor of St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Lester Prairie, during the congregation's regular Sunday morning service on Sunday Feb. 1.

20 Years Ago

**Jan. 28, 1998
Rich Glennie, Editor**

Glencoe-Silver Lake High School captured the Subsection 17 One-Act Play competition in Delano on Jan. 24. Nine teams competed and the top two teams now advance to the Section 5A competition on Saturday, Jan. 31.

After months of meetings, a committee of the Plato City Council agreed with its consulting engineer that the best option for the community to correct its wastewater treatment problems is to pump its waste to the Glencoe treatment plant. The problem is how to pay for the project, which has now risen in price to \$3 million.

10 Years Ago

**Jan. 23, 2008
Rich Glennie, Editor**

Alethea Roe, a junior at Glencoe-Silver Lake High School, had two poems and a short story accepted for publication in Bemidji State University's anthology "New Voices 2008." Roe's poem "Ode to a Dismembered Geranium," received BSU's Emily Dickenson Award, and her story, entitled "Oppugnaire," received the Ray Bradbury Award.

Anne Fahrenholtz, 15, of Denmark, is a foreign exchange student at Glencoe-Silver Lake High School. She has been staying with the Haekenkamp family since September.

From the Silver Lake Leader archives

75 Years Ago

**Jan. 23, 1943
Delbert Merrill, Publisher**

Colonel J. E. Nelson, state director of Selective Service and Frank M. Rarig Jr., regional director of the War Manpower Commission, joined today in urging draft-age men on Minnesota farms to stay on their farm jobs and to make no attempt to volunteer into the armed services of the United States. "It is most patriotic now for a farm worker of military age to stay at his farm job," Col. Nelson asserted. "Under present circumstances he is of much greater value to his country on the farm than he could be as a soldier or a sailor."

The director of the concert band is Tom Giles. Lanny is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Kolpek of Silver Lake. He is a junior at Mankato State College and is majoring in music.

Karen M. Smykalski has been selected as Silver Lake's 1968 homemaker of tomorrow. She ranked first in a written home-making knowledge and attitude test given to senior girls in Silver Lake High School. Karen is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Chester Smykalski of Silver Lake.

10 Years Ago

**Jan. 24, 2008
Ken and Dorothy Merrill, Publishers**

Director Patrick Hiltner and his Glencoe-Silver Lake cast and crew will present the play "The Princess and the Pea" by Pat Posenthal at a public performance on Jan. 24 at 8 p.m. Participating students are Logan Schumacher, Carsten Proehl, Miranda Pool, Ben Schrade, Samantha Bass, Jon Schrade, Sarah Thell, Jenny Thissen, Joe Thomas, Kali Trukki, Jesse Tichy, Keisha Thomas, Megan O'Brien, Joe Chmielewski, Rachel Lhotka, Joel Pohland and Mitch Bulau.

Lakeside fourth and fifth grades worked on a special project packing food for the "Kids Against Hunger" program. Four components are put into each bag which include nutrients, powdered egg yolk, rice and soy. One bag will feed six people. Lakeside staff member Lynn Monger supervised the students.

25 Years Ago

**Jan. 28, 1993
Ken and Dorothy Merrill, Publishers**

Jeff Konen was one of the entrants in the 500-mile snowmobile race which began in Wyoming, Minnesota, on Sunday and will end in Thunder Bay, Ontario, Canada, on Wednesday. Jeff will have a crew of two traveling with him during the race. Crew members are Brad Mallak and Todd Konen, Jeff's brother.

50 Years Ago

**Jan. 25, 1968
Wilbert Merrill, Publisher**

Lanny Kolpek is a member of the Mankato State College Concert Band, which will be presented in concert Tuesday at 8 p.m.

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Obituaries

(Harold) Lee Ostrom, 66, Hutchinson

(Harold) Lee Ostrom, 66, lost his long battle with Parkinson's Disease and Lewy Body Dementia on Jan. 14, 2018, at Harmony River Living Center in Hutchinson.

A memorial service will be held Friday, Jan. 26, at 4 p.m., at New Journey United Church of Christ in Hutchinson.



Lee Ostrom

A private scattering of ashes will be held at a later date.

Lee Ostrom was born May 6, 1951, in Stillwater, to Harold E. and Betty (Block) Ostrom. He grew up in Columbia Heights, where he excelled in athletics — especially softball and basketball. He was captain of the 1968-69 Columbia Heights High School basketball team.

He attended Gustavus Adolphus College in St. Peter.

He married Jean Hanson on Sept. 11, 1971, in Columbia Heights. They were blessed with two children, Krista Ostrom and Daniel Ostrom. The

Ostroms loved to travel and to camp, especially anywhere near Lake Superior.

Mr. Ostrom worked his entire adult life in journalism. His passion was for small-town newspapers. He began with the Sun Newspapers in Roseville and New Brighton. In 1976, he began working for the Dickinson (North Dakota) Press, working as both the sports editor and the managing editor of the paper. In 1985, the Ostroms moved back to the Twin Cities Metro, where he began working for the Stillwater Gazette. In 1988, he became the managing editor of the Fairmont Sentinel. From there, the family moved to Mora in 1993, where he was the managing editor of the Kanabec County Times. Another move, in 2000, brought them to Hutchinson, where Mr. Ostrom was the managing editor of the Hutchinson Leader until medical issues forced him to leave that position. He began working at The McLeod County Chronicle in 2002 as the sports editor, and continued there until 2013, when he retired due to complications of Parkinson's Dis-

ease and Lewy Body Dementia.

Mr. Ostrom was a proud Rotarian and served as the president of the Glencoe Rotary from 2006 to 2007. He also was very active in his church.

He is survived by his wife of 46 years, Jean Ostrom of Hutchinson; daughter, Krista Ostrom and son-in-law, Matt Motujec and granddaughter, Lily Cozine of Woodbury; son, Daniel Ostrom of Mankato; mother, Betty Ostrom of Bayfield, Wisconsin; brother, Keith Ostrom of Grand Forks, North Dakota; sister and brother-in-law, Susan and Kevon Dietel of Bayfield, Wisconsin; cousins, nieces and nephews, and many dear friends.

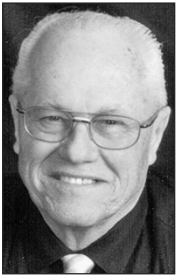
He was preceded in death by his father, Harold Ostrom; grandparents; aunts and uncles; and one niece.

His body was donated to the University of Minnesota, and his brain was donated to the Harvard Brain Project. May the knowledge gained from his death help others to live.

Donald Miskovsky, 80, of Silver Lake

Donald Henry Miskovsky, 80, of Silver Lake, died Jan. 15, 2018, at his home.

A Mass of Christian Burial was held Monday, Jan. 22, at Holy Family Catholic Church in Silver Lake with the Revs. Mike Doyle and Paul Schumacher officiating. Interment was in the St. Joseph's Cemetery in Silver Lake.



Donald Miskovsky

Donald Miskovsky was born Nov. 26, 1937, in Hutchinson, the son of Henry and Anna (Picha) Miskovsky. He was baptized and confirmed as a youth at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Silver Lake. He graduated with the Silver Lake High School class of 1955. He served his country in the U.S.

Navy for three years.

On Nov. 9, 1963, he married Carol Habisch at Holy Trinity Catholic Church in Winsted. They lived in Richfield for a short time, then moved to a home in Hutchinson. They were married for 55 years. God blessed their marriage with two daughters, Christine (Dean) Rannow and Mary (Wade) Klabunde.

He was a member of Holy Family Catholic Church in Silver Lake and Knights of Columbus Council 1841. He worked for Northwest Airlines for 40 years and five months, and for Delta Airlines for three years.

Mr. Miskovsky liked to fish, hunt, play cards, travel and visit with friends and relatives.

He is survived by his wife, Carol; daughters, Christine (Dean) Rannow and Mary (Wade) Klabunde; grandchildren, Ellen and Ryan Klabunde; brother, Ron

(Lois) Miskosky of Silver Lake; brothers-in-law, Ken (Fran) Habisch of Waverly and Hank (Michelle) Habisch of Silver Lake; nieces and nephews; other relatives and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Henry and Anna Miskovsky; and an infant granddaughter.

The family would like to thank everyone for their thoughts, prayers, cards, flowers and food during Mr. Miskovsky's illness and in time of sorrow. The family's wish is that you take the love, joy and happiness you received from Don and spread it to those who touch your lives. God Bless. No individual acknowledgements will be sent.

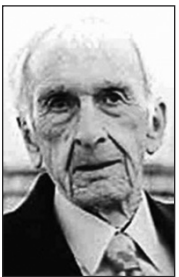
The Maresh Funeral Home in Silver Lake served the family. Online condolences may be made at www.mareshfuneralhome.com.

Donald David Seay, 80, of Glencoe

Donald David Seay, 80, of Glencoe, died Friday, Jan. 19, 2018, at his home.

Private family services will be held.

Donald David Seay was born Oct. 17, 1937, in Saldana, North Carolina, the son of James B. and Jessie (Southers) Seay. He attended school in Ashville, North Carolina. He served his country in the U.S. Air Force before being honorably discharged.



Donald Seay

On Oct. 16, 1958, he was united in marriage to Adeline Schauer in Wrightstown, New Jersey. The couple first

made their home in New Jersey before moving to Virginia, and in 1974, they moved to Minnesota. They were blessed with three children, Debra, Charlotte and Donald Jr. They shared 59 years of marriage.

Mr. Seay worked for the Department of the U.S. Army and later worked locally at Seneca. He came from a railroad family and enjoyed all things about trains. He also loved old classic cars, NASCAR, and history. He will be lovingly remembered as a quick wit.

He is survived by his wife, Adeline Seay of Glencoe; children, Debra (Tom) Douget of Jacksonville, Florida, Charlotte Hand of Madison, Tennessee, and Donald Seay Jr. of Glencoe; granddaughter, Megan (Patrick)

Luneford of Jacksonville, Florida; grandson, Ryan Douget of Jacksonville, Florida, and Kenny (Shannon) Hand of Springfield, Tennessee; brother, Ryal Seay of Falling Waters, West Virginia; and nieces, nephews, other relatives and many friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents, James and Jessie Seay; and siblings, Patricia Seay, Dick Seay, Jim Seay, Hugh Seay, Max Seay, Kathleen Seay, Mary Naccaroto, Ruth Adams, Martha Hardin and Margaret Harp.

Arrangements are with the Johnson-McBride Funeral Chapel in Glencoe. Online obituaries and guest book are available at www.mcbridechapel.com.

Dorothy S. Herrmann, 90, of Glencoe

Dorothy Sophia Herrmann, 90, of Glencoe, died Friday, Jan. 19, 2018, at Grand Meadows Senior Living in Glencoe.



Dorothy Herrmann

Funeral services will be held Saturday, Jan. 27, at 11 a.m., at Friedens (County Line) Church in rural Norwood Young America, with the Rev. Matthew Orendorff officiating.

Honorary casket bearers will be Thomas Lawson, Michael Lysse, Tinsley Sophia Lawson, Nora Michelle Lysse and Sawyer Joel David Lysse. Casket bearers will be Jodie Herrmann Lawson, Jessica Herrmann Lysse, Dale Hoof, Scott Hoof, Kevin Hoof and Lori Fabel.

Interment will be in the Ferguson Cemetery in rural Norwood Young America.

Dorothy Sophia Herrmann was born Sept. 30, 1927, at home near Plato, to Herman and Hulda (Hoernemann) Hoof. She was baptized as an infant in October 1927, and was confirmed in her faith as a youth in May 1941, both at Friedens (County Line)

Church in rural Norwood Young America. She received her education in Glencoe, graduating from Stevens Seminary with the class of 1946.

On May 27, 1949, she was united in marriage to Delmer Herrmann at Friedens (County Line) Church. They made their home on their farm near Plato, and shared over 68 years of marriage.

In addition to working on the dairy farm, Mrs. Herrmann also worked at Sears, Pinsky Lumber, Green Giant, Edward Jones and MidCountry Bank. She had a knack for accounting and maintaining the books. She also volunteered as a coordinator for the Red Cross.

She has been a lifelong member of Friedens (County Line) Church and a devoted servant of the United Church of Christ, where she held numerous leadership roles and served as UCC Board member for the Eastern Association council. She also was the church organist for 60 years, and took pride in maintaining the organ so the church could enjoy the music as she did.

In her free time, Mrs. Herrmann was an ambitious master seamstress. She also enjoyed quilting, cross stitching, flowers, playing cards and traveling. Friends and family treasured her because

she had firm convictions and always spoke her mind.

She lived a life of service to her family, community, church and, most importantly, to her Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. All her works on this earth were a display of Jesus' love to those around her.

She is survived by her husband, Delmer Herrmann of Glencoe; son, Joel (Shirley) Herrmann of High Point, North Carolina; grandchildren, Jodie Herrmann (Thomas) Lawson of Charlotte, North Carolina, and Jessica Herrmann (Michael) Lysse of Greensboro, North Carolina; great-grandchildren, Nora Michelle Lysse, Sawyer Joel David Lysse and Tinsley Sophia Lawson; sister-in-law, Priscilla Hoof; nieces, nephews, other relatives and many friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Herman and Hulda Hoof; and brother, Hilary Hoof.

In lieu of flowers, memorials are preferred to Ferguson Cemetery or Friedens Church, c/o 11325 Zebra Ave., Norwood Young America MN, 55368.

Arrangements are with the Johnson-McBride Funeral Chapel in Glencoe. Online obituaries and guest book are available at www.mcbridechapel.com.

New Auburn VFW meets

The New Auburn VFW Post's Jan. 10 meeting was called to order by Senior Vice Commander Dan Moore.

Donations were made to: VFW National Home for Children, \$100; GSL after prom, \$100; National Museum U.S. Army, \$75; McKlayn Frahm school trip to Washington, D.C., \$175; Kirsten Barott ag trip, \$100; and Commander VFW Projects, \$100.

The next meeting will be Tuesday, Feb. 13, at the New Auburn City Hall. Please note the change of date.

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The family of LeRoy Penas wishes to extend our thank you to all for your many kindnesses, and for the condolences and support that we have received following his unexpected death. We especially want to send our gratitude and appreciation to the McLeod County sheriff's department, the Silver Lake First Responders, Silver Lake ambulance, Allina EMS, and the staff at Hutchinson Health. Thank you to Father Mike and Father Paul of Church of the Holy Family for your prayers and guidance. Thank you to the Maresh funeral home, the Holy Family choir accompanied by Alice Nowak, the American Legion military Honor Guard, and the people who sent food and prepared and served the lunch. Everyone's many acts of kindness and sympathy continue to be a great comfort to us in our time of sorrow.

God bless you all,
Judy Penas and family.

Stewart blood drive collects 36 units Jan. 19

The American Red Cross hosted a blood drive at the Stewart Community Center Friday, Jan. 19. There were 32 donors, including one first-time donor, and 26 whole blood pints and five power

red pints were collected, totalling 36 total units.

Culvers donated a "pint for a pint" coupon to each donor. The Stewart American Legion Ladies Auxiliary provided lunch.

Thank You

Heartfelt thanks to everyone that supported us during the recent loss of our mother Erna Schwanke. Special thank you to Dr. Bryon Peterson of GRHS for the excellent care for years of our mother. The LTC Staff at GRHS for her daily care & needs, Pastor Adelsen for the beautiful service, the ladies of First Ev. Lutheran church for serving the lunch. Thank you to family & friends who donated food, flowers & many acts of kindness & sympathy. To Mackenzie Alberts from Johnson/McBride Funeral Home for the one on one help which gave us much comfort in our time of sadness.

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NA VFW Auxiliary meets

The New Auburn VFW Auxiliary meeting was called to order Jan. 10 by President Phyllis Schwanke.

The secretary's report was read. One correction was made that the auxiliary also had donated \$50 to Operation Uplink at the last meeting.

The treasurer's report was given and filed pending audit.

Members of the auxiliary gave 8½ dozen sugar cookies to the Santa Claus day on Dec. 23. A thank you from the Santa Claus day committee was received by the auxiliary.

All correspondence was read by the members of the auxiliary.

The 115th annual midwinter banquet will be on Saturday, Jan. 20.

Donations: A motion was made and seconded to use \$125 for Veterans Home supplies. These supplies will be sent as a Valentine for the Hastings veterans.

The POW/MIA candle was lit and a moment of silence was observed.

The next meeting will be Tuesday, Feb. 13, at 7 p.m., at the New Auburn City Hall. Please note the change of date due to Lenten services on Wednesdays.

The meeting was adjourned by the president.

Community Calendar

Thurs., Jan. 25 — AA Group mtg. next to Post Office in Stewart, 8 p.m., call 320-212-5290 for info.

Mon., Jan. 29 — Tops Weigh-In mtg., 5-5:30 p.m.; Brownton Senior Citizens Club, Brownton Community Center, 1 p.m.

Thurs., Feb. 1 — AA Group mtg. next to Post Office in Stewart, 8 p.m., call 320-212-5290 for info.

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

Tues., Feb. 6 — Brownton City Council, 7 p.m.

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Obituaries

LuAnn (Debner) Emich, Plato native

LuAnn (Debner) Emich died Jan. 12, 2018.

She was born and raised in Plato. After eighth-grade graduation, she entered Glencoe High School and graduated in 1955 as the class valedictorian. She entered the business world as a secretary to Ann Crowley in the Food Service Department at Abbott Hospital. After Abbott closed its doors, she helped her husband Roger at the Burl Oaks

Country Club with inventory and tournaments on a part-time basis. She took a seasonal job as a para-mutual teller at Canterbury Downs. She worked her way to supervisor on a line and worked at the \$50 window.

Later, Roger and LuAnn packed their bags and moved to Phoenix, Arizona. She took a job at Turf Paradise Race-track and, after two years, was appointed the supervisor

in the paddock lounge until 2011, when she retired. In 2013, the couple returned to Minnesota and rented an apartment at The Crossings in Waconia. She enjoyed reading and watching TV until her death.

She volunteered her body to the University of Minnesota for research and cremation. Her ashes will be returned to her husband. There will be no memorial service.

Deaths

Dorothy Picha, 92, of Glencoe

Dorothy Picha, 92, of Glencoe, died Thursday, Jan. 18, 2018, at St. Mary's Care Center in Winsted.

Funeral services will be Thursday, Jan. 25, at 2 p.m., at First Congregational United Church of Christ in Glencoe. Visitation will be Thursday, Jan. 25, from noon to 2 p.m., two hours prior to the service at the church.

Arrangements are with the Johnson-McBride Chapel in Glencoe. An online guest book is available at www.mcbridechapel.com.

John Mueller, 94, of NYA

John "Jack" Mueller, 94, of Norwood Young America, formerly of Hamburg, died Monday, Jan. 22, at New Perspective Senior Living in Waconia.

Funeral services will be Friday, Jan. 26, at 11 a.m., at Emanuel Lutheran Church in Hamburg, with interment following in the church cemetery.

Visitation will be Thursday, Jan. 25, from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m., at Emanuel Lutheran Church in Hamburg, and will continue one hour prior to the service on Friday.

Arrangements are with the Paul-McBride Funeral Chapel in Norwood Young America. An online guest book is available at www.mcbridechapel.com.

Donald Splettstazer, Lester Prairie

Donald Splettstazer, 96, of Lester Prairie, died Wednesday, Jan. 10, 2018, at his home.

A memorial service will be held Tuesday, Jan. 30, at 11 a.m., at St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church in Lester Prairie, with interment at the church cemetery.

A gathering of family and friends will be held Tuesday, Jan. 30, from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m., one hour prior to the service at the church.

Arrangements are with the Paul-McBride Funeral Chapel in Lester Prairie. An online guest book is available at www.mcbridechapel.com.

Bernard Zejdlik, 80, of Hutchinson

Bernard "Bernie" Zejdlik, 80, of Hutchinson, died Thursday, Jan. 18, 2018, at Harmony River Living Center.

Funeral services will be Saturday, Jan. 27, at 2 p.m., at the Dobratz-Hantge Funeral Chapel in Hutchinson, with interment in the St. Anastasia Catholic Cemetery, also in Hutchinson.

Visitation will be Saturday, Jan. 27, from noon to 2 p.m., two hours prior to the service, at the funeral home.

Military honors are by the Hutchinson Memorial Rifle Squad.

Arrangements are with the Dobratz-Hantge Funeral Chapel. An online guest book is available at www.hantge.com.



Weather Corner

By Jake Yurek

It doesn't get much closer than that. An early week blizzard struck from Colorado into southern Minnesota (as I'm writing this article). It looks like we missed out on the worst of it by around 50 miles or so, with some locations getting a foot-plus of snow. Some areas just to our north didn't even see a snowflake. This happens with intense storms like this; they'll dump a large amount of snow over a fairly small swath.

Moving on to brighter news, we should warm up again as we head toward the weekend with highs in the 40s possible on Friday. The one thing that may hold us back a bit is a south wind blowing over the fresh snow to our south, so highs may be kept in check a bit. Saturday looks AOK with highs in the 30s before a cooldown later in the day Saturday into Sunday, knocking temperatures back into the 20s.

Precipitation will avoid the area after the early-week blizzard, with only a couple flurries possible over the weekend. No big storms on the horizon with another warmup early next week. I'd assume there would be a chance of a storm late next week, but it's not popping up on the maps yet, so we shall see.

Enjoy the pleasant weather to end January!

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Wednesday night — Lows 13 to 19; clouds.

Thursday — Highs 31 to 37, lows 24 to 30; partly cloudy.

Friday — Highs 38 to 44, lows 21 to 27; clear.

Saturday — Highs 30 to 36, lows 10 to 16; partly cloudy.

Sunday — Highs 18 to 26; mostly clear.

Weather Quiz: What are some of February's weather extremes?

Answer to last week's question (What conditions need to be present to form snow, sleet and freezing rain?): There's a fine line in winter weather; if it's cold enough throughout all layers of the atmosphere, we get all snow. When inversions form is when we run into trouble. An inversion is when there's a warm layer above a colder layer trapped at the ground. If the cold layer is thick enough to allow the rain to freeze before hitting the ground, we're left with sleet; if the cold layer is thin, we'd end up with freezing rain as it freezes on contact with the ground.

Remember: I make the forecast, not the weather!



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Firefighter retires

Chad Duehn was presented a plaque at the Brownton Fire Department's annual banquet Saturday night honoring his 20 years of service. He retired from the department on Jan. 1.

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Freshman, sophomore students of the month

Glencoe-Silver Lake High School recently named its December students of the month. Named from the freshman and sophomore classes were, front row

from left, Emma Petersen, Austin Simons and Vera Kornilova; and, back row, Derek Trippel, Courtney Richer and Will Higgins.



Submitted photo

Junior, senior students of the month

Glencoe-Silver Lake High School recently named its December students of the month. Named from the junior and senior classes were, front row from left,

Anthony Petree, Jessica Aisleben and Jaecub Fondirulia; and, back row, Emily Thalmann, Amanda Overman and Brett Baumgarten.

Glencoe VFW Auxiliary hosts January meeting

The regular monthly meeting of the Glencoe VFW Post 5102 Auxiliary was called to order on Jan. 8 by President Angela Johnson with 15 members present. Opening ceremony was held and roll call was taken.

Secretary's minutes for November and December were read and approved and the treasurer's report was approved and filed subject to audit. Bills were approved.

General orders and communications were read. Chairman reports were given.

The mid-winter conference will be held Jan. 19-21 at the Minneapolis Marriott City Center.

Unfinished Business - The Christmas party was held in December with 66 members and guests attending. Prize raffle money for the Christ-

mas party was \$171. Eighty-one pounds of items were sent to the food shelf. Approximately \$400-plus in items and money were given to the Hastings Veterans Home.

New Business - A car seat was donated to the first baby of the year at the hospital.

Audit report was presented and accepted.

Pub Putt will be held March 3 with the Auxiliary having lunch available for this event.

It was decided to add Minnesota Nice to the budget.

Lunch committee for Feb. 12 will be Mary Ann Ardolf, Lorraine Krumm, Judy Schuch and Margaret Koester.

The meeting was adjourned until Feb. 12.

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Hospice provides extra level of care for loved ones

By Lori Copler
Editor

Gary Vogt of Glencoe cannot say enough about the care his mother received toward the end of her life, both from Allina Hospice and the staff at Glencoe Regional Health Services Long Term Care.

Caroline Vogt, his mother, remained fairly active and was still in her own home in Glencoe until she was about 85 years old, although Gary Vogt helped out a lot.

"I got all her groceries, ran her errands, helped with laundry," said Vogt.

But one day, she was hauling her garbage to the curb and slipped and broke her wrist. Caroline recovered from that, but one morning, when Gary stopped by to check on her, he discovered the porch light on.

"She always turned the light off before she went to bed," said Vogt. He found her

lying on the floor, with a broken hip.

She had surgery and was admitted to long-term care for, the family, hoped recovery.

Caroline also was diagnosed with cancer, and large masses were found in both lungs.

After her admittance to long-term care, Gary was contacted about arranging for hospice service for her.

He felt that his mom already was being well cared for by the long-term care staff.

"I don't want to take anything away from the people who work there," said Vogt. "They're the front-line staff, and they do a great job."

But he talked to Lona Oltmann of Allina Hospice and to his mother's doctor, and felt that hospice could provide some extra care for his mother.

"We went through the protocol to see if she would qual-

ify for hospice," said Gary. "I kind of hate to put it this way, but she passed with flying colors."

Gary said the hospice team worked closely both with the staff at long-term care and Caroline's doctors to create a care plan for her, ranging from recommending medications to simple care, such as reading to Caroline or massages.

"Mostly, they decided what would work for her and what wouldn't," said Gary. "And they would call and tell me what they did, how she reacted to it, and what they thought her needs were."

Services included reading The Chronicle to Caroline, as well as get-well cards, back rubs, applying lotion to her hands and legs, tuning the radio to the Lester Schuft show on KDUZ, and managing her pain and medical issues. A chaplain regularly visited.

"The quality of care for her

was at the utmost, in my mind," said Gary. "They just made her last couple of months more tolerable for her."

The care didn't end with Caroline's death. After she died on April 24, 2017, Gary received a card signed by all the hospice staff. He also received materials about grieving, and weekly phone calls.

"They would just ask, 'how are you doing, is everything OK? Is there anything we can help you with?'" said Gary.

Gary said he would recommend hospice for anyone who is facing a similar situation with a family member.

"You get five or six people to help with care," he said. "I've had people ask me, and I've said, 'call these people, work with these people.' They're not a separate bunch from the regular staff, and they will work with them."



Caroline Martha Vogt

August 8, 1929 ~ April 24, 2017



Chronicle photo by Lori Copler

New flag for new school addition

The Glencoe American Legion Post 95 donated a flag for the new addition to Glencoe-Silver Lake Schools on Friday. The new flag pole and flag are located outside the new Lincoln addition entrance. Pictured are,

from left, Dewey Klaustermeier, Glencoe-Silver Lake Superintendent Chris Sonju, Jim Entiger, Don Gruenhagen, Duane Haag, Lloyd Duenow, Dale Popelka and Roger Hilgers.

SL council agrees to hike on-call pay for officers

By Karin Ramige
Publisher

The Silver Lake City Council voted to increase the police department's on-call pay to \$3 per hour at its Tuesday, Jan. 16, meeting.

The current on-call pay is \$2.42 per hour with a two-hour minimum regular hourly wage for a call. The rate has not been increased since at least 1999. Officers are considered on call for the 14 hours they are off their regular 10-hour shift.

Police Chief RJ Cripps looked at other similar-sized cities. On-call rates ranged from \$2.50 per hour in Brownton and Buffalo Lake to \$3.75 per hour in Twin Valley.

Cripps explained that part-time officers also work for other departments and are

paid more from other agencies.

Council Member Brenda Fogarty said that it is hard to find good officers and she would be in favor of increasing the wage.

The increase to \$3 is estimated to increase the department's budget by \$2,700 annually.

Cripps also requested a change to the way a call is paid, which is currently at the regular hourly rate. He proposed that a call be considered overtime. The communities he spoke with are paid at an overtime rate for calls for officers while not on shift. A funeral escort or other scheduled events would not be considered a call.

Cripps explained that when responding to a call, an officer is expected to go from

sleeping to dressed and on scene in 10 or 15 minutes.

The council approved the change, which is an estimated budget increase of \$2,000.

In other business the council:

- Approved updates to five police policies.

- Passed annual resolutions pre-authorizing payments by clerk's warrant, declaring the city council members as city employees, and classifying fund balances for financial reporting purposes.

- Approved an agreement for professional services with Short Elliott Hendrickson, Inc. (SEH), the city's engineering firm, for services as requested by the city. The agreement is not to exceed \$5,000 annually. Services for larger projects will continue to be included in the project

costs.

John Rodeberg of SEH explained that SEH no longer bills for individual requests without a contract and the city has not been charged for many of the smaller jobs in the last couple of years. He said these requests would probably only be \$2,000 to \$3,000, but they would come back if it were to exceed \$5,000.

- Reviewed and approved the pay equity compliance report.

- Heard the City Clerk Jon Jerabek would be sending out letters to residents that are not following the ordinance for sidewalk shoveling.

- Gave Jerabek his six-month review. The council voted to give him a step increase.

New website allows feedback on state's MNLARS system

As the troubled rollout of the new Minnesota Licensing and Vehicle Registration System (MNLARS) continues, a website to inform the public of the status of MNLARS and capture feedback from frustrated Minnesotans debuted last week. The website, which can be found at MNLARSmess.com, will be continually updated with comments from system users and is designed to keep Minnesotans apprised of the latest information.

"Minnesotans are fed up with MNLARS, and rightly so – the system is still not working, and has not worked since its rollout six months ago," said state Sen. Scott Newman (R-Hutchinson), chair of the Senate Transportation Finance and Policy Committee. "This new website will allow those impacted to share their feedback, see what others around the state are saying, and keep updated on what happens in the legislature come Feb. 20. My message to those frustrated citizens is, 'We're listening,

and we've got your back.'"

The website is run by the Minnesota Senate Republican Caucus in conjunction with Newman's office and Senate Transportation Finance and Policy Committee staff.

Once feedback starts coming in, the site will be updated with a map so users can see the widespread problems with the system.

"For months, officials from the Department of Public Safety and Minnesota IT Services have promised fixes, but those fixes are not coming quickly enough. We want to keep the pressure on Gov. Dayton, because his administration is responsible for this mess," Newman continued. "The state has had over a decade of time and more than \$93 million in funding to get this right, but they have not lived up to the expectations of the millions of Minnesota taxpayers who have funded the project. The Legislature can provide oversight, but the administration must be held accountable."

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