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Lori Pickell-Stangel, executive director of the McLeod County Historical Society and Museum, dresses up and reads to kids as part of the “Bringing Books to Life,” one of many events

she put on during her time at the historical society. She is leaving her position after 12 years; her last day is Friday.

## McLeod County Historical Society executive director stepping down

By Katie Ballalatak  
Staff Writer

Executive Director Lori Pickell-Stangel is stepping down from her position after almost 12 years at the McLeod County Historical Society.

Pickell-Stangel has accepted a position as the executive director of the Brown County Area United Way in New Ulm; her last day at the McLeod County Historical Society is Friday, Jan. 5. The historical society board will be hosting a goodbye party for Pickell-Stangel on Friday from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the museum with refreshments and appetizers.

Pickell-Stangel is proud of what she has helped the McLeod County Historical Society accomplish in her 12 years as executive director, and says that none of it would have been possible without the help of the society’s members, volunteers and staff.

Pickell-Stangel says one of the big reasons she took this job was to help the McLeod County Historical Society become more professional and to bring in paid staff, something she helped the Renville Historical Society accomplish. “They (McLeod) had had staff before, but



Lori Pickell-Stangel

it had been five years,” said Pickell-Stangel. “And they had such a great volunteer staff here in place already and that was really encouraging.”

Throughout the years, Pickell-Stangel helped the McLeod County Historical Society set up a strategic plan with concrete goals.

One big project Pickell-Stangel took on was fostering an annual theme. This year’s theme is World War I in honor of the 100th anniversary of the United States’ entrance into the “Great War.”

“Not all county historical societies do that,” said Pickell-Stangel. “Having a focus every single year has been a great way to bring in

new people and give the people who have devoted (time) and been around a reason to come back every year and see what we’re doing.”

She added that it also is a great opportunity for the society to “dig in and discover new parts of our history.”

Pickell-Stangel says that MCHS also is different because it is the facilitator of the McLeod County Historic Partnership which “strives to foster collaboration among communities within McLeod County dedicated to history, preservation and sharing resources to create a lasting impact on the history of McLeod County,” according to the organization’s mission statement.

The historic partnership, which is run by Bayley Schluter, helps tear down the location barrier of the McLeod County Historical Society. “We’re located in Hutchinson, but we’re the county historical society,” said Pickell-Stangel.

The partnership is probably one of the best things that we’ve been able to do to really bring the county together,” continued Pickell-Stangel.

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## County Board approves bids for 2018 road projects

### Joe Nagel re-elected board chair

By Lori Cople  
Editor

The McLeod County Board of Commissioner approved a low bid of \$11.96 million for three “packaged” road projects for 2018 at its Tuesday morning meeting.

In June, the board had rejected bids for all three projects because bids came in about 5 to 6 percent higher than the engineer’s estimate.

County Highway Engineer John Brunkhorst reminded the board that the recommendation to reject the bids in June was with the understanding that the projects would go out for bids in winter, and as one package since the three projects are in the same general area.

However, Brunkhorst noted, the new bid was still about .8 percent higher than the engineer’s estimate, primarily because of a fuel escalator clause in the bid specifications.

The projects include the reconstruction of County State Aid Highway (CSAH) 3, also known as 110th Street, between CSAH 1 (Dairy Avenue) and the Carver County line; reconstruction of CSAH 15 (Falcon Avenue) between CSAH 22 (180th Street) and State Highway 7; and a concrete overlay of CSAH 15 (Falcon Avenue), between CSAH 3 (110th Street) and CSAH 22 (180th Street).

Mathiowetz Construction of Sleepy Eye had the low bid of \$11.96 million. Six other bids also were received.

The County Board also approved Brunkhorst’s request to seek bids on the countywide pavement and seal coating projects, bridge deck maintenance, the cement and stabilization of County Road 54 (Tagus Avenue) between Sunset Circle and County Road 7, cement stabilization

and seal coat of County Road 62 from County Road 70 to Trunk Highway 22, and railroad gates and signal safety improvements on County Road 7 in Stewart (a joint project with Twin Cities & Western Railroad).

In other business, the County Board:

- Voted unanimously to reappoint Commissioner Joe Nagel as its chair and Commissioner Doug Krueger as its vice chair.
- Approved Brunkhorst as the public works director for the newly combined highway, parks and fairgrounds departments, which will now be known as McLeod County Public Works. In addition, it agreed to advertise internally for a deputy director.

• Approved The McLeod County Chronicle as the official publication for 2018 with a bid of \$3.25 per column inch. The Hutchinson Leader submitted a bid of \$3.30 per column inch.

• Held a closed session to discuss negotiations on a potential property purchase.

• Agreed to allow Brunkhorst to seek requests for proposals (RFPs) for architectural services to design a new pavilion for the McLeod County Fairgrounds. The current pavilion has been deemed irreparable by a historical engineer and has been closed. Brunkhorst said he would like to “fast track” the process so as to get a new pavilion in place before the county fair in August.



Joe Nagel

## County planning commission considers St. John’s addition

By Katie Ballalatak  
Staff Writer

The McLeod County Planning Advisory Commission recommended approval of a conditional use permit for David Swift, representing St. John’s Church in Hassan Valley Township, and a one-lot sketch plan in Bergen Township for Brian Gatz, at last Wednesday’s meeting.

Swift requested a conditional use permit on behalf of St. John’s Church to add a building on the north side of the existing church. The building would be used as a Sunday school facility with multiple classrooms, a storage room, a handicapped-accessible lavatory and a

utilities closet. The building would be separate from the church, but connected by an enclosed passageway.

St. John’s Church is currently working with Lifestyle Homes in Litchfield as the contractor.

No negative public input was given at a public hearing on the proposed conditional use permit.

McLeod County Commissioner Rich Pohlmeier, the County Board’s delegate to the Planning Commission, thanked Swift for preparing a solid building proposal.

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## County Board finalizes 2018 levy; sets salaries for elected officials

By Katie Ballalatak  
Staff Writer

The McLeod County Board of Commissioners finalized its 2018 tax levy and budget at its Dec. 26 meeting.

The proposed levy for 2018 is \$21.11 million, which brings a 7 percent increase from 2017’s proposed levy of \$19.73 million.

This number has not changed since it was first brought to the County Board in September. On Dec. 7, the County Board held a public hearing with a summary and

analysis of the levy and budget.

According to the 2018 budget hearing summary, the county is anticipating many increased expenses in 2018.

Increased expenses include spending approximately \$1.2 million in new personnel costs resulting from a 2016 market study to attract and retain qualified and competent employees and \$455,000 in Social Services costs due to lack of funding for state and federal mandates.

Other factors include rising health-care costs, current use of

McLeod County reserves, including \$1.9 million to update facility security at the courthouse and rising utility and building maintenance of approximately \$630,000 to maintain four McLeod County facilities located in Glencoe.

The County Board unanimously approved the proposed tax levy and budget.

In other business, the County Board:

- Raised the salaries of four elected officials which include McLeod County Attorney Michael Junge,

McLeod County Auditor and Treasurer Cindy Schultz, McLeod County Sheriff Scott Rehmann and County Recorder Lynn Ette Schrupp. Junge, Schultz and Rehmann received roughly 6 percent increases to their 2018 salaries while Schrupp received a 3 percent increase. Each salary increase was passed separately. When it came to Schrupp’s 2018 salary, Shimanski attempted to amend the salary percentage increase for Schrupp from 3 percent to 6 percent, in order to maintain equality in salary increases among

the elected officials. Shimanski moved to amend the motion. It did not receive a second. The original motion for a 3 percent increase passed 4-1 with Shimanski voting no.

• Approved Court Administrator Karen Messner’s request to update the sound system in Courtroom 2 at a cost not to exceed \$28,000. Messner received two bids, one from iSpace and another from Tierney.

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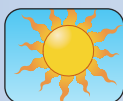
### Weather



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Thur., 1-4  
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Fri., 1-5  
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Sat., 1-6  
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Sun., 1-7  
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2017 highlights: Highest temp: 94 on July 6, 15 and 17; lowest temp: -17 Dec. 30 and 31; total rainfall: 40.12 inches; total snowfall: 15.8 inches.  
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Dec. 27 8 -11.....0.00

Dec. 28 14 .....-2 .....1.20  
Dec. 29 6 .....-8 .....0.5  
Dec. 30 -4 .....-17 .....0.00  
Dec. 31 -7 .....-17 .....0.00  
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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

## Abundant Table meal Jan. 3

Christ Lutheran Church, 1820 Knight Ave. N, Glencoe, will host its monthly Abundant Table community meal Wednesday, Jan. 3, in the church basement fellowship hall. Doors open at 4:30 p.m. for fellowship, and the meal is served at 5 p.m. The menu includes turkey-rice hotdish, salad, fruit, Abundant Table bread and dessert. The meal is free and open to anyone, including families and children, the elderly, those seeking fellowship and anyone in need of a helping hand. Please call the church at 320-864-4549 so that it can prepare for your presence.

## ‘Frozen Masters’ golf tourney

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Glencoe, is hosting a “Frozen Masters” golf tournament Saturday, Jan. 20, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., as a fundraiser for its youth programs. There is a charge per foursome. The tournament will be a best ball format, and players can hit tennis balls with their choice of a tennis racket, hockey stick or golf club. Prizes will be awarded, and refreshments will be available. For more information, call the Good Shepherd Lutheran Church office at 320-864-6157.

## Stewart blood drive Jan. 19

There will be a Red Cross blood drive at the Stewart Community Center, 551 Prior St., on Friday, Jan. 19, from noon to 6 p.m. Donors will receive a pint-for-a-pint coupon from Culver’s. For more information or to schedule an appointment, call Eileen Kuttner at 320-583-8378.

## Health services meeting set

Meeker-McLeod-Sibley Community Health Services will have its quarterly meeting Thursday, Jan. 11, from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m., at the McLeod County Solid Waste Facility, 1065 Fifth Ave. SE, Hutchinson. The meeting is open to the public.

## Cokato Museum open house

The Cokato Museum and Historical Society will have an open house Sunday, Jan. 7, from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m., in the Centennial Room of the library/museum building. A demonstration on the Finnish New Year custom of “melting tin” will be held. For more information, call the museum at 320-286-2427, visit www.cokatomuseum.org, or visit the Cokato Museum and Akerlund Photo Studio page on Facebook.

## Glencoe Legion Post to meet

Glencoe American Legion Post 95 will meet Thursday, Jan. 4, at 7 p.m., in the basement of the Glencoe VFW.

## Campaign spending is topic

An information presentation and discussion on the influence of campaign spending on elections will be held Saturday, Jan. 13, at 10 a.m., at the Days Inn and Suites Conference Center, 1000 Highway 7 W, Hutchinson. The public is invited to attend the presentation and hear how corporate and other moneyed interests, both foreign and domestic, have expanded their presence in government and elections. This cross-partisan event is sponsored by “Take Back Our Republic” (takeback.org), “American Promise” (americanpromise.net), and “Minnesota Citizens for Clean Elections” (cleanelectionsmn.org). For questions, please call Vicki Barnes at 218-214-2221.

## SL senior citizens to meet

The Silver Lake Senior Citizens Club will meet Monday, Jan. 8, at 1 p.m., at the Silver Lake Auditorium.

## SL Sportsman’s meeting

The Silver Lake Sportsman’s Club will meet Saturday, Jan. 6, at 9 a.m., at the sanctuary clubhouse to set up thin-ice signs on the lake.

## Party set for Pickell-Stangel

The McLeod County Historical Society will host a goodbye party for Lori Pickell-Stangel, its outgoing executive director, on Friday, Jan. 5, from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m., at the museum in Hutchinson.

## Grand Meadows bingo set

Grand Meadows Senior Living, 1420 Prairie Ave., Glencoe, will host community bingo Sunday, Jan. 7 from 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. The public is invited.

## Glencoe Sportsman Club

The Glencoe Sportsman Club will meet Tuesday, Jan. 9, at 7:30 p.m., at the Glencoe VFW Club.

## 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.

# Sibley County Historical Society sets open house

The Sibley County Historical Society will host a holiday open house Sunday, Jan. 7 from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m, at the museum in Henderson.

Guides will be on hand to give tours. Special programs are scheduled for 1:30 p.m. and 3:30 p.m., featuring musicians Deb Wiprub, Joy Berg and Debra Olsen. Also on tap

will be demonstrations on lefse making by Betty Rud and sandbakkelse by Maxine Rickard. Roseann Nagel and her granddaughter Miana will demonstrate the art of making straw ornaments. The event is free.

The museum also will open Sunday, Jan. 14, from 1 p.m to 4 p.m.

# Injuries reported in area traffic accidents

A Winsted woman was injured in a two-vehicle crash on Highway 7 in Silver Lake on Wednesday, Dec. 27, at about 9:30 a.m.

According to the Minnesota State Patrol, a 2014 Ford Escape driven by Laura Ann Kaczmarek, 76, of Silver Lake, and a 2013 Kia Soul driven by Monica Mary Krueger, 60, of Winsted, were both eastbound on Highway 7. The Ford had slowed to make a turn onto Lane Avenue in Silver Lake when it was rear-ended by the Kia.

Krueger was transported by Silver Lake Ambulance to the

Hutchinson Health Hospital for treatment of non-life-threatening injuries. Kaczmarek was not injured. A passenger in the Ford, Paul Alan Davis, 46, of Silver Lake, suffered minor injuries but was not transported to a hospital.

Assisting at the accident were the Silver Lake Fire Department, Silver Lake Ambulance, Allina Ambulance and the McLeod County Sheriff’s Office.

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Three people were injured in a two-vehicle collision in Renville County on Saturday,

Dec. 23, according to the Renville County Sheriff’s Office. The accident was reported at 7:29 p.m. and occurred at the intersection of Renville County Roads 4 and 16, about seven miles southwest of the city of Hector.

Involved were a 2010 Pontiac G6 driven by Miguel Perez Lux, 29, of St. James, and a 2000 GMC Sierra driven by Dallas Gregory Stage, 26, of Vesta.

Neither Lux nor Stage were injured. There were three adult passengers and one juvenile passenger in Lux’s vehicle. Two of the adults and

the juvenile were taken by ambulance to the Renville County Hospital for treatment of non-life-threatening injuries.

The accident is being investigated by the sheriff’s office. Assisting at the incident were the Fairfax Police Department, Fairfax Ambulance, Hector Police Department, Hector Ambulance, Hector Fire Department, Buffalo Lake Police Department, North Memorial Ambulance and the Minnesota State Patrol.

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gel. “And it’s quite unique; no other historical society that I know of has it.”

Pickell-Stangel says another consistent goal has been to partner with people in the community to bring history out into the public. Such events include the “Bringing Books to Life” series with Mary Henke at various libraries in the county, the “One Book, One Community” read in Hutchinson and working with the cable access station, the radio station and the Hutchinson Center for the Arts on various projects. The

McLeod County Historical Society also partnered with Hutchinson boutiques last April to put on a historic fashion show, which was a huge success and one of Pickell-Stangel’s favorite events.

The McLeod County Historical Society also has begun to catalogue its collection of historical items online so more people can have access to historical artifacts and documents. So far, there are almost 30,000 records archived on its website and the goal is to add 10,000 records each year until everything is

archived.

In her position, Pickell-Stangel devoted a lot of time to writing grants and putting on fundraisers in order to finance the society’s projects and events.

“We consistently brought in between 62 to 200,000 of grant dollars every year,” said Pickell-Stangel.

Collections Manager Bev Swenson, who has worked at the McLeod County Historical Society since 2001, said Pickell-Stangel has done a fantastic job grant writing and fundraising during her time as

executive director and applauds her persistence in keeping up with funding and the maintenance the museum requires.

While Pickell-Stangel is excited for her new opportunity with the Brown Area County United Way, she says she will miss the friends she has made and the volunteers she has worked with during her years at the McLeod County Historical Society. “I want to thank everyone for 12 great years,” said Pickell-Stangel. “It’s been awesome.”

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The Planning Commission did not have any concerns with the request and unanimously recommended approval to the County Board. The Planning Commission’s request will be brought to the McLeod County Board of Commissioners on Jan. 16.

Gatz requested a one-lot sketch plan in the southwest corner of Bergen Township. The parcel of land is 36.15 acres in size, but Gatz is only interested in platting an approximately 10-acre building site in the very northeast area of the property for a new home and a machine shed.

The property Gatz is requesting for a one-lot sketch plat is not considered prime farmland due to soil and the shape of the acres.

“The staff does believe that this (land) meets the criteria as hard to farm,” said Assistant Zoning Administrator Marc Telecky.

The Planning Commission went on a road tour of the area before its meeting and agreed with the staff’s analysis concerning the farm land.

Unrelated to the property’s land criteria, the Planning Commission spent the majority of its time discussing Gatz’s plans for his approach to his property off of Babcock Avenue after Telecky and Zoning Administrator Larry Gasow received complaints from a concerned neighbor located to the south of Gatz’s property.

The neighboring homeowners wrote in a letter to Gasow: “We were informed by Mr. Gatz that he was going to run his driveway along the extreme south side of his prop-

erty and he also planned on adding on to an existing approach in order to connect to his proposed driveway. The vast majority of the existing approach is on our property. He stated at that time he was going to put the edge of the driveway about six to seven feet off the property line.”

The neighbors are concerned about losing their approach to their property with Gatz’s new plans to add onto it. They have contacted both Bergen Township and the County Board with their concerns.

Telecky reminded the Planning Commission that Bergen Township did recommend approval for Gatz’s request on Dec. 13.

Telecky said for safety reasons (including visibility and sight lines), putting the access on the south side makes sense for Gatz.

Gatz has applied to the McLeod County Highway Department to expand the ap-

proach in question and has received approval.

Requirements for the approach expansion include a total driveway width of 40 feet or less, matching the existing culvert size and extending it as needed to get proper slopes, modifying the slopes at a slope of one to four, and making sure the approach surface is firm with an aggregate or paved surface.

Gatz says he will have to add approximately 20 feet to the approach to meet the requirements as given by the county highway department and that the 20 feet of expansion would be on his property.

It was also clarified that the neighbors would not be losing their existing approach, since approaches are considered “right-of-way” and public access.

Francis Burch, chairman of the Bergen Township Board, also was present to give more information from the

township’s perspective, since Babcock Avenue is currently under the authority of Bergen Township.

Burch explained that the culvert in the existing approach is almost 50 years old and Gatz’s culvert would be brand new, which raises the question of what should be done with the old one.

“Should the whole culvert be replaced as new? Or should we just leave the existing one there until it’s worn out?” asked Burch.

Telecky recommended Burch to connect with the county highway department to decide what the best decision for the approach would be and whose responsibility it would be to pay for it.

The Planning Commission unanimously recommended approval for Gatz’ one-lot sketch plan. The plat will be brought up at the County Board meeting on Jan. 16.

# LAST CHANCE

*Panther Field House and  
the McLeod County Chronicle  
present*  
**“Biggest LOSERS”  
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**Dates:** January 9–February 20, 2018

Teams of 4 (minimum of 10 teams)

**Cost:** \$25 per person, includes unlimited access to the Panther Field House during competition. \$10 per person if already a member of the Panther Field House.

**Deadline to register is Jan. 5, 2018 by Noon.**

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3<sup>rd</sup> place-3-month subscription to the McLeod County Chronicle.

**\*\*For the Top Male & Female Individual Losers – 1 set of Chanhassen Dinner Theatre Tickets.**

## Team Results

will be posted weekly in the Glencoe Advertiser, at the Panther Field House, online at www.gsl.k12.mn.us, click on Comm Ed/ECFE, then Community Ed, also on Facebook at www.facebook.com/McLeod County Chronicle. No individual weights or percentages will be posted.

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# A look at 2017 through the headlines of The Chronicle

**Editor’s Note: The following is a continuation of the look back at 2017 that was started in last week’s Chronicle:**

**July**  
**July 5** — Glencoe Regional Health Services completed the construction of its new entrance, part of a project that included renovations to several interior areas.  
Larry E. Rath, rural Stewart, died June 27 when a skid loader he was operating overturned.

First Evangelical Lutheran Church, Glencoe, announced that the Rev. Peter Adelsen had accepted a call to serve as the church’s assistant pastor.  
**July 12** — Despite construction of its new additions at the Lincoln and high school campuses, Glencoe-Silver Lake still planned to start school on Sept. 5.  
Adam Garoutte of Biscay completed his Eagle Scout project, a veterans memorial in Biscay, as a step toward earning his Eagle Scout award.

The McLeod County Board of Commissioners voted 4-1 to provide manpower and equipment to clear the horse path along the Luce Line Trail. The dissenting vote was cast by Commissioner Ron Shimanski.

**July 19** — The McLeod Emergency Food Shelf asked the County Board for \$11,500 in funding for 2018. The matter was referred to the board’s budget committee.

A historical documentary, “Little Crow & The Dakota War,” was set to be shown at the historic State Theatre in Hutchinson.

The McLeod County Board heard a proposal for an engineering study of the Dakota Trail to determine the existing conditions and future needs.

**July 26** — The Glencoe Fire Relief Association hosted

its annual Heat in the Street music festival.

The Trailblazer Transit Joint Powers Board finalized its proposed bylaws. The drafted bylaws will now come before each entity’s governing board for final approval.

Karen Messner, court administrator for McLeod and Sibley counties, was elected by her peers to serve on the Minnesota Judicial Council.

Bonnie Mohr, owner and president of Bonnie Mohr Studio in Glencoe, was the first woman to be bestowed with the National Dairy Shrine’s prestigious “Guest of Honor” award.

## August

**Aug. 2** — Glencoe native Patrick Nelson and his wife Mary Kay Mohs, owners of Patrick Mohs Jewelry, received an award for their uniquely designed necklace, Night Sky.

Terri Lynaugh and Tammy Diehn announced they were organizing an Emotions in Motion walk to bring awareness to suicide and mental health issues.

**Aug. 9** — Silver Lake hosted its annual Pola-Czesky Days celebration over the weekend. Ron and Brenda Posusta were named the parade grand marshals.

The Glencoe Fire Department is considering buying a new rescue truck. The City Council gave its nod of approval, contingent on the fire department meeting with officials from townships within its service area.

Fahey’s Sales in Glencoe is celebrating 70 years in the auction, appraisal and real estate business.

**Aug. 16** — The Thalmann family of rural Plato was featured as the McLeod County 2017 Farm Family of the Year.

The city of Glencoe’s per-

sonnel committee began looking whether to make its assistant liquor store manager position to manager, and to change the job description accordingly.

Assistant City Administrator Dan Ehrke reported that Sunday sales at Glencoe Wine & Spirits did well the first month the new Sunday hours were offered.

**Aug. 23** — McLeod County’s Board of Commissioners has been holding closed session to discuss the possible purchase of the Junglaus Implement property on Chandler Avenue.

The annual McLeod County Fair was held at the fairgrounds in Hutchinson.

Engineers from Short Elliott Hendrickson (SEH), Inc., outlined the city of Brown-ton’s proposed \$8.4 million street and utility project at a hearing before about 50 people.

**Aug. 30** — Glencoe-Silver Lake Schools plans to work around ongoing construction and open school as planned on Sept. 5, according to Superintendent Chris Sonju.

Twins Karen Klatt and Sharon Grivna of Silver Lake recounted their trip to Twinsburg, Ohio, where they attended the Twins Day Festival.

## September

**Sept. 6** — The McLeod County Board of Commissioners voted 3-2 to have an engineering study done on the Dakota Trail at a cost up to \$50,000. Voting against the motion were commissioners Doug Krueger and Ron Shimanski, while commissioners Joe Nagel, Paul Wright and Rich Pohlmeier voted in favor.

A Stewart man, Bruce Remus, 63, was airlifted from a two-vehicle accident on Highway 212 in Stewart.

Mike Roman of St. Cloud

joined Coborn’s in Glencoe as the new store director.

**Sept. 13** — The Glencoe City Council authorized city staff to execute a purchase agreement with the Glencoe-Silver Lake School District to buy the vacated Helen Baker Elementary property. The Glencoe-Silver Lake School Board, meanwhile, decided to have a workshop session to discuss the property.

Yodee Rivera, an employee at Coborn’s, and her aunt and grandmother organized and delivered donations to Hurricane Harvey victims in Texas.

**Sept. 20** — Jon Vondamme was hired as the new manager of Glencoe Wine & Spirits.

The McLeod County Board of Commissioners approved a resolution that will allow the railroad crossing on Diamond Avenue, east of Glencoe, to be closed. The state will compensate the county \$137,048 to close the crossing, which will be put toward the Morningside Avenue extension project in Glencoe, which includes a railroad crossing.

The city of Glencoe Planning and Industrial Commission recommended denial of a proposed preliminary residential plat in Glenview Estates, citing concerns raised by neighbors, the size of the lots, and the type of homes that were to be built.

**Sept. 27** — Homecoming royalty candidates were announced at Glencoe-Silver Lake High School. Queen candidates are Micki Frahm, Zoe Christensen, McKenna Monahan, Paige Litzau and Ellie Schmidt; and king candidates are Ethan Wraspir, Kyle Christensen, Connor Kantack, Paul Lemke and AJ Anderson Sanchez.

The McLeod County Board of Commissioners set its proposed 2018 levy at \$21.11 million, a 7 percent increase.

The Arlington City Council

voted to offer its open city administrator position to Pat Melvin, the current McLeod County Administrator.

## October

**Oct. 4** — AJ Anderson Sanchez and Zoe Christensen were crowned the 2017 Glencoe-Silver Lake High School Homecoming king and queen.

Friends of the 261, in partnership with Twin Cities & Western Railroad, sponsored a fall color excursion in an original steam locomotive. The engine made a couple of stops in the Glencoe area before returning to the Twin Cities.

**Oct. 11** — A motion to sell the former Helen Baker Elementary School property to local businessman Ken Polifka failed on a 3-3 vote of the Glencoe-Silver Lake School Board.

Family and friends of Steve Weber of Silver Lake, suffering from stage 4 cancer, announced plans for a benefit fundraiser for the Weber family.

**Oct. 18** — A handful of residents showed up at the Glencoe City Council meeting to express their concerns regarding the future of the former Helen Baker Elementary School property.

The Glencoe Lions Club hosted its first-ever pumpkin races at the BMX Park.

An old, wooden bridge on Koala Avenue near 155th Street was declared structurally unsound and was closed. The County Board began discussions on how to handle the bridge.

McLeod County Administrator Pat Melvin attended his final County Board meeting Tuesday. He as accepted a position with the city of Arlington.

The County Board adopted a buffer zone ordinance, which it gives it the authority to enforce the new law.

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Glencoe welcomed a new pastor, the Rev. Jon Niebuh.

Ashley and Matt Dols opened Enchanted Swap and Sel in Glencoe.

**Oct. 25** — After getting more information, the Glencoe-Silver Lake School Board voted unanimously to accept an offer from Ken Polifka to buy the former Helen Baker Elementary School property for \$2.

Glencoe-Silver Lake High School announced that its fall musical would be “Grease.”

Karen Messner, court administrator for McLeod and Sibley counties, received a distinguished service award from the Minnesota Association for Court Management.

## November

**Nov. 1** — Dr. Bill and Marilyn Dunbar shared their experiences from a dental mission trip to Haiti.

The city of Glencoe’s Finance Committee began discussing ways to fund crack sealing and seal coating of city streets in 2018.

**Nov. 8** — The Glencoe City Council began discussing the possibility of expanding its proposed Central Storm Sewer project.

A situation on Greeley Avenue in Glencoe ended peaceably Sunday, Nov. 5, after an armed man who was threatening suicide turned himself over to law enforcement after several hours of negotiation.

Jon Braband, chief executive officer of Glencoe Regional Health Services, announced he will retire in July 2018 after 25 years of leading the local health-care organization.

**Nov. 15** — The Glencoe-Silver Lake School Board reviewed a “punchlist” of items

## Looking Back

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## Record

### Glencoe Police

#### THURSDAY, DEC. 21

One citation was issued for a violation of the winter parking ordinance.

4:03 a.m. — A speeding citation was issued in the area of Highway 212 and Diamond Avenue.

10:15 a.m. — An officer checked on a person walking on Highway 22. The individual was heading home from the laundromat, and everything was fine.

5:27 p.m. — A person on 11th Street E reported that a FedEx package had been stolen from her doorstep.

9:45 p.m. — An open door was discovered on a building on Greeley Avenue N. The building was searched, and a key holder came and locked up.

10:04 p.m. — An officer discovered an open door on a building on 13th Street. The building was searched, and a key holder came and secured the building.

#### FRIDAY, DEC. 22

12:10 a.m. — An open door was discovered on a building on Greeley Avenue N. The building was secured and a key holder was contacted.

One citation was issued for a violation of the winter parking ordinance.

10:19 a.m. — The theft of money from the nurses station in the emergency room at the hospital was reported.

2:27 p.m. — An officer responded to a report of a physical altercation on 16th Street E.

6:13 p.m. — An officer helped a motorist move a disabled vehicle to the side of the road in the area of Sixth Street E and Baxter Avenue N.

10:33 p.m. — A passenger was arrested on two McLeod County warrants at a traffic stop in the area of Highway 212 and Falcon Avenue.

10:55 p.m. — An officer assisted a person who was having vehicle trouble in the area of Highway 212 and Chandler Avenue. A tow company was called.

#### SATURDAY, DEC. 23

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

4:20 a.m. — An officer responded to a report of a fall on Greeley Avenue N. The person was taken by ambulance to the hospital.

5:37 a.m. — Officers responded to a mental health issue on Ninth Street E.

6:53 p.m. — An officer assisted a motorist with a vehicle issue in the area of 13th Street W and Cedar Avenue. The motorist’s friend arrived and was able to jump start the vehicle.

6:58 p.m. — A citation for speeding was issued in the area of Highway 212 and Chandler Avenue.

9:08 p.m. — An officer responded to a report of suspicious activity on Knight Avenue N.

11:23 p.m. — A citation for driving without insurance and a verbal warning for no tail light were issued at a traffic stop in the area of Ives Avenue N and 18th Street E.

#### SUNDAY, DEC. 24

12:51 a.m. — Officers assisted the sheriff’s office with a traffic stop in the area of Highway 212 and County Road 9 near Plato.

An arrest was made.

1:11 a.m. — A citation was issued for a violation of the winter parking ordinance.

5:13 p.m. — An officer responded to a child custody issue on 10th Street E.

6:47 p.m. — An officer answered questions regarding child custody on Park Street W.

#### MONDAY, DEC. 25

3:09 p.m. — An officer responded to a child custody issue on Park Street W.

6:16 p.m. — An officer responded to a child custody issue on 16th Street W.

#### TUESDAY, DEC. 26

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

3:19 p.m. — Coborn’s reported receiving a counterfeit \$10 bill.

3:29 p.m. — Officers responded to a medical on 13th Street W. A person was taken by ambulance to the hospital.

10:22 p.m. — A citation for speeding was issued on Highway 212 near Diamond Avenue.

#### WEDNESDAY, DEC. 27

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

8:55 a.m. — A package was found in the middle of the road in the area of Union Avenue N and 14th Street E. An officer took it to UPS.

11:31 a.m. — An officer assisted with a medical on Hennepin Avenue N.

11:43 a.m. — Officers responded to a minor fender bender accident on 11th Street E. The drivers exchanged insurance information.

4:47 p.m. — A missing person was reported on Hennepin Avenue N. The person was located

and everything was fine.

7:51 p.m. — A vehicle hit a chair that had fallen in the roadway on Highway 212 near Chandler Avenue, causing significant damage to the vehicle. An officer found the vehicle that had been hauling the chair, and a citation was issued for unsecured load.

8:28 p.m. — An officer assisted a motorist in jump-starting a vehicle on 18th Street E.

#### THURSDAY, DEC. 28

A citation was issued for a violation of the winter parking ordinance.

6:42 a.m. — An officer assisted with a medical on Prairie Avenue. The patient was taken by ambulance to the hospital.

11:21 p.m. — Officers assisted the ambulance with a medical on 16th Street for a male who wasn’t feeling well. He was taken by ambulance to the hospital.

#### FRIDAY, DEC. 29

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

#### SATURDAY, DEC. 30

12:28 a.m. — Several officers assisted the Minnesota State Patrol with an inmate at the jail.

1:32 a.m. — A citation for a violation of the winter parking ordinance was issued in the area of Abbott Avenue and 11th Street E.

5:16 a.m. — An officer assisted with a medical on 11th Street E. A person who was not feeling well was taken to the hospital by ambulance.

12:50 p.m. — An officer a sheriff’s deputy with a rolling domestic in the area of Highway 212 and Dairy Avenue.

3:57 p.m. — An officer responded to a juvenile issue on Ash Street.

## County Board Continued from page 1

The County Board has chosen to approve Tierney’s quote for \$24,479.17 since Tierney provides preventive maintenance and also schedules a check before the first year of use is up.

- Approved three drainage

projects for McLeod County. Projects include County Ditch 35–Project 112 (replacing cement tile with CPE dual wall, removal of trees); Joint Ditch 8 McS–Project 111 (channel cleanout) and Joint Ditch 8 McS–Project 113 (spot clean

out due to obstruction in the channel).

- Approved redetermination of ditch benefits and damages on County Ditch 21 and appointment of ditch viewers to re-determine benefits and damages; according to the

County Board agenda, “The drainage authority determined that the original benefits or damages do not reflect reasonable present day land values according to Minnesota Statute Chapter 103E, Section 103E.351).

- Adopted a resolution to give the city of Brown-ton tax-forfeited land for public use in the future; Brown-ton intends to use it as a garden area.

- Adoption resolutions to give the city of Stewart tax-

forfeited land for public use to construct a roadway to connect North Street and Mill Street.

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## January brings annual appointments

Our view: Keep an eye on county's appointments to Trailblazer Board

January brings the annual reorganization meetings of various boards, committees and city councils.

Since 2017 was not an election year in this area for school boards, city councils or the county board, there are no new members coming on to start the new year.

The first reorganizational meeting for the boards and councils The Chronicle covers was the McLeod County Board on Tuesday morning. It was no surprise that Commissioner Joe Nagel was re-elected by his fellow commissioners as the chair, nor that Commissioner Doug Krueger was elected vice chair.

Also on the County Board agenda, but tabled to the next meeting, was the annual committee, subcommittee and commission appointments. The county has boatload of committees and subcommittees, but we're not expecting any big surprises as the appointments are made.

However, the one area of appointment that we are keeping an eye is that of the McLeod County delegates to the Trailblazer Transit Joint Powers Board.

Last year, the appointment caused some controversy, with McLeod County replacing two of its three delegates to the Trailblazer board. The retirement of former Commissioner Sheldon Nies left one opening, which was filled by newly elected Commissioner Rich Pohlmeier. With some heated discussion, the County Board agreed to appoint Nagel to replace incumbent Ron Shimanski, who was then the chair of the Trailblazer board. The vote was approved despite Shimanski's desire to remain on the Trailblazer board, and despite his vote against the motion to appoint Nagel.

This year, McLeod County needs to pare its delegates to the Trailblazer board to two delegates from its current three. That means that either Krueger, Nagel or Pohlmeier will be off the Trailblazer board.

The new joint powers agreement calls for two members each from each of the partners — McLeod County, Sibley County and Wright County Area Transportation (WCAT). Although McLeod and Sibley counties will have equal votes on the board, we hope that each appoints delegates who are strong advocates for their home counties. Much of Trailblazer's focus the past year has been on its expansion into Wright County, bringing concerns about preserving and growing transportation in McLeod and Sibley counties, in which the transit system originated.

As for the Glencoe-Silver Lake School, which will have its re-organizational meeting on Jan. 8, we hope that Clark Christianson is re-elected chair. Like Nagel does for the County Board, Christianson is adept at conducting meetings and keeping discussions on track.

As for the cities in our area, we expect no changes. Mayors run the meetings, and incumbents will like remain in their appointments to various committees and departments.

While 2017 was not an election year, 2018 will be. It will be interesting to see what changes come with "mid-term" elections at the federal level, the governor's race in Minnesota, the U.S. Senate race for Al Franken's former seat, and who pops out of the woodwork to vie for local offices.

Here's to 2018. It will be an interesting year, to say the least.

— L.C.



## Letter writers contributed to opinion page

The Chronicle always appreciates hearing from readers on topics of the day, and fosters a free exchange of opinion on its opinion page. Contributing to this page during 2017 were:

### January

State Rep. Glenn Gruenhagen, Glencoe; and state Sen. Scott Newman, Hutchinson (twice).

### February

State Sen. Scott Newman, Hutchinson; Lloyd Graupmann, secretary, McLeod Emergency Food Shelf Board of Directors; state Rep. Glenn Gruenhagen, Glencoe; and Daryl Panning, Plato.

### March

Blizzard Blast committee; Karen Pagel, Lutheran Social Services; Mike Wilde, executive director, Fair Contracting Foundation; Bev Bonte, Common Cup Ministry; Dean Dostal, Hutchinson Township; state Sen. Scott Newman, Hutchinson; Steve Cook, Hutchinson; Dean Engelmann, Tangletown Gardens; Sally Bennet, Charlotte, North Carolina; and Paul Wright, McLeod County commissioner, Hutchinson.

### April

Charleen Engelmann, Glencoe Community Blood Drive; Lennie Albers, executive director, McLeod Emergency Food Shelf; and Linda Giersdorf, executive director, Minnesota River Area Agency on Aging.

### May

Mike Tassinari, Hometown Music, Glencoe; Charleen Engelmann, coordinator, Glencoe Community Blood Drive; and Glencoe VFW and Auxiliary.

### June

State Rep. Glenn Gruenhagen, Glencoe; state Sen. Scott Newman, Hutchinson; Christopher D. Sonju, superintendent, GSL Schools; Allen W. Kerber, Arlington; Douglas Hall, Hutchinson; and Dean Dostal, Hutchinson Township.

### July

Steve Cook, Hutchinson; and Charleen Engelmann, Glencoe Community Blood Drive coordinator.

### August

Charleen Engelmann, Glencoe Community Blood Drive coordinator; Charleen Engelmann, Plato; Christopher Sonju, GSL superin-

tendent of schools; state Rep. Glenn Gruenhagen, R-Glencoe; and Tammy Diehn and Terri Lynaugh, SAVE Walk for Life.

### September

Allen Kerber, Arlington; Allen Robeck, Glencoe; Virginia Adams, Glencoe VFW Auxiliary; Sally Custer, Glencoe Area Chamber of Commerce; Colleen Moriarity, Hunger Solutions Minnesota; and Mark D. Larson, Glencoe.

### October

State Rep. Glenn Gruenhagen, R-Glencoe; Joanne Jacques, Glencoe; and Glynnis Vacek, McLeod Alliance for Victims of Domestic Abuse.

### November

State Rep. Glenn Gruenhagen, R-Glencoe; U.S. Congressman Collin Peterson, Minnesota 7th District; Theola Fors, Brownton; Charleen Engelmann, Glencoe Community Blood Drive; John Risch, Glencoe; and Paul Wright, Lynn Township.

### December

Christopher D. Sonju, superintendent, GSL Schools; and Jon Baldwin, Glencoe.

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### Question of the week

Now that tax reform has been passed, what should be the U.S. Congress' top goal for 2018?

- 1) Health-care reform
- 2) Improving/extending infrastructure
- 3) Improving public education
- 4) Addressing the opioid crisis
- 5) Improving international relations
- 6) Other

Results for most recent question:

What are your goals/resolutions for 2018?

- 1) To become healthier — 38%
- 2) To manage my finances better — 4%
- 3) To volunteer more in my community — 4%
- 4) To enjoy my leisure time more — 46%
- 5) To learn a new hobby or craft — 0%
- 6) Other — 8%

24 votes. New question runs Jan. 3-Jan. 9



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## History

## From the Brownton Bulletin archives

### 100 Years Ago

**Jan. 3, 1918**  
**O.C. Conrad, Editor**  
A.A. Redman, after working in the Podratz furniture store for a period of five years, severed his connection with that establishment on Monday of this week and has taken a position with the Interior Lumber Co. here.

Eight carloads of soft coal were received by local dealers during the past week. The “black diamonds” are as scarce as ever.

A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Charles Winterfeldt of Penn on Tuesday, Jan. 1.

### 75 Years Ago

**Dec. 31, 1942**  
**Milton D. Hakel, Editor**  
Miss Ruth Erna Lindeman, daughter of Mrs. Edith Lindeman of Brownton, and Mr. Waldemar G. Grewe of Moltke Township, Gibbon, were united in marriage Sunday afternoon, Dec. 20, at the parsonage of the Immanuel Lutheran Church in Brownton. They will reside with the groom’s parents five miles north of Gibbon.

## From the Chronicle archives

### 30 Years Ago

**Jan. 6, 1988**  
**Bill Ramige, Editor**  
An arctic blast has Glencoe residents in its grip and they’re feeling the pinch this week. Overnight temperatures have been 10 to 20 degrees below zero. With temps this cold, car engines don’t turn over, gas lines and water lines are freezing.

Taxes will be going through the roof for Glencoe property owners in 1988. For example, a homestead with a market value of \$78,700 will be taxed approximately \$1,500, up from \$1,239 in 1987.

Arnold Brinkmann was appointed as the Ward 4 representative on the Glencoe City Council Monday. The open seat on the council was created when council member Dennis Eggers-

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Gehrke announce the marriage of their daughter Constance to Pvt. Hilbert L. Bauer, who is stationed at Los Angeles, California. Constance has been employed at a bank at San Fernando, California.

The 14-month-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Furst of Round Grove Township met death in a Christmas Eve tragedy. The girl accidentally burned to death in her crib. The baby managed to roll her crib over to a table and upset a kerosene lamp, which set fire to the crib and had burned her fatally by the time the mishap was discovered. Funeral rites were held Sunday.

### 50 Years Ago

**Jan. 4, 1968**  
**Charles H. Warner, Editor**  
Ivan H. Kreie, Brownton city clerk for 37 years, submitted his resignation at the Monday night council meeting. Kreie has wanted to retire for some time, but wanted a replacement in place before leaving his position. John Hagedorn, deputy clerk the past few months, will take over the

gluess of Ward 4 left the position to become mayor after Mayor Elfège Austad died Nov. 11.

### 20 Years Ago

**Jan. 7, 1998**  
**Rich Glennie, Editor**  
The first baby born in 1998 at the Glencoe Area Health Center was Kayla Starlene Perschau, daughter of Kimberly and Jeffrey Perschau of New Auburn. Kayla was born Saturday, Jan. 3, at 4:43 a.m.  
Construction on the new Aero-lift Door, Inc., building in Plato is on schedule. Brian Crown and his father David hope to have their business moved from Eden Prairie and into the 80-by-120-foot building by Jan. 23.  
Orville O. Mackenthun of the Realty Plus Glencoe office had \$1.5 million in sales in 1997.

## From the Silver Lake Leader archives

### 75 Years Ago

**Jan. 2, 1943**  
**Delbert Merrill, Publisher**  
A verdict of not guilty was announced by the jury at Gaylord Monday evening in the trial of State of Minnesota vs. Eleanor A. Jeffery, tried by Judge. A.B. Gislason, according to Attorney Herb. H. Hoar. This case was held in regard to the burning of a hatchery in Glencoe some time ago.

### 50 Years Ago

**Jan. 4, 1968**  
**Wilbert Merrill, Publisher**  
Congratulations to Jerome and Judith Kadlec of R-1 Hutchinson on the birth on Wednesday, Dec. 27, 1967, at the Hutchinson hospital, a boy Anthony Joseph, weight 9 pounds, 4 ounces.  
Mrs. Charles Zaruba, 63,

passed away suddenly at her home in St. Paul Sunday morning. Funeral services were Thursday morning at the Church of St. Joseph in Silver Lake at 10 o’ clock and interment was at the church cemetery. Maresh Mortuary was in charge of funeral arrangements.

### 25 Years Ago

**Jan. 7, 1993**  
**Ken and Dorothy Merrill, Publishers**  
It was a busy meeting of the City Council Monday night. City Clerk Deb Stegmeier swore in new council members Jim Jurek Jr. and Peter Swartzter and Mayor Duane Yurek. The swearing in was the start of many first-of-the-year duties which the council dealt with.  
The first-grade Girl Scout Brownies caroled on Saturday,

position.  
Mr. and Mrs. P.L. Hakes were honored on their 40th wedding anniversary Saturday, Dec. 30, by their children and their families. The Hakeses have been residents of the Brownton community since 1930, when Percy Hakes became the editor and publisher of the Brownton Bulletin, a position he held until 1939, when he sold the paper. He then became the Brownton postmaster.

### 20 Years Ago

**Dec. 31, 1997**  
**Lori Copler, Editor**  
A Stewart man and his two children were involved in a two-vehicle accident near Rochester Sunday afternoon. James Klassen, 36, and his two children, Jennifer Klassen, 13, and Andrew Klassen, 8, were taken to St. Mary’s Hospital in Rochester, where they were treated for their injuries.  
Jim Lindeman of Brownton will be recognized at the fourth annual Central Minnesota Farm Show, Jan. 8 and 9. Lindeman will receive the “Aggie” award for his dedication to rural and community projects.

The past year was Mackenthun’s second as a realtor. It also was his second year as a \$1 million seller. Mackenthun, of Glencoe, has been with Realty Plus since September 1995.

### 10 Years Ago

**Jan. 2, 2008**  
**Rich Glennie, Editor**  
Retired GSL head football coach Dave Dose and Matt Muenchow, the quarterback on Dose’s last two Panther teams, each a Class AAA state champion, returned to the Hubert Humphrey Metrodome on Dec. 17, where they were honored during halftime of the Minnesota Vikings’ NFL game with the Chicago Bears. Each is a member of the Vikings’ 2007 All-State High School Team.

Dec. 19, while Santa was in town for a visit. Carolers included Ashley Ardolf, Elizabeth Vejrosta, Candice Blazinski, Chelsea Kovar, Cassie Maresh and Melissa Kuras.

### 10 Years Ago

**Jan. 3, 2008**  
**Ken and Dorothy Merrill, Publishers**  
First-place winner of the Silver Lake Christmas Lighting contest is Nick Naumgartner. His home has over 9,347 lights. The second-place winner was the home of Jim and Mary Butler, with the decorations covering the entire lot, including the back yard gazebo; the third-place winner was the home of Gary and Sandy Heuer. This year members of the Silver Lake Area Business Association were judges for the contest.

## From the Stewart Tribune archives

### 100 Years Ago

**Jan. 4, 1918**  
**Lester Koeppen, Editor**  
The past week has been an especially hard one on fingers in this village. Last Saturday afternoon, Arnold Patzold was helping move a car in the ZumBerge garage and in some way got his finger caught in the brake of the machine. The tip of the middle digit of his right hand was cut off as slick as a whistle just above the first joint. Sunday, C.J. Schmitz was at work on the power planer in his father’s blacksmith shop and was pushing a piece of wood over the knives when three of his fingers got caught in the knives. He was at once taken to a local physician, who amputated his middle finger just above the second joint and the third finger just above the first joint. The index finger had the tip cut off.

Word was received that an 8-pound boy was born to Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Burge Sunday.

### 75 Years Ago

**Dec. 31, 1942**  
**Harry Koeppen, Editor**

Little Viorene Furst, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Furst, living north of Brownton, died Christmas Eve from burns sustained when she apparently pulled a kerosene lantern over into her crib. The youngster had been left in the house while her parents were milking and had apparently awoke while they were gone. She was 15 months old and an only child.  
Bradley Willard was the name given to the infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Willard Penk at a baptismal service at the Lutheran church Sunday. Sponsors are Darrel Olson of Gibbon, Alice Kuhlman of Lester Prairie and Lorene Penk.  
Cpl. Philip Forcier, son of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Forcier, is another local boy who is now in north-west Africa, according to word sent to his parents.

### 50 Years Ago

**Jan. 4, 1968**  
**Kermit T. Hubin, Editor**  
Harry Dawson, 76, died at the Glencoe hospital Saturday, Dec. 30. He had suffered a severe heart attack Friday afternoon. He moved with his family to a farm near Stewart when he was about

1 year old. He and his wife Frieda lived briefly in South Dakota, then returned to farm north of Stewart. This was home until 1961, when he retired from farming. He is survived by his wife; a son, Stanley; and a grandson and a granddaughter.  
The Stewart Lumber Company was broken into Tuesday night, with the thief or thieves making entry by breaking a window pane in the office. They stole \$85 worth of tools, gloves and other merchandise.  
Gordon Vath was the first-place winner in the Stewart Lions home lighting contest. Jerome Ewert took second place, and Ray J. Meyer was third.

### 35 Years Ago

**Dec. 30, 1982**  
**Dave Stoltz, Editor**  
Winter returned in full force last week, not only providing a white Christmas, but dropping a foot of snow on Monday and Tuesday. Winds gusting up to 40 miles per hour created much drifting across roads, forcing many businesses to close.

## Lives remembered: those who left us in 2017

### January

Jon Helmbrecht, 54, Hutchinson, Jan. 2; Arnold “Arnie” D. Hanson, 80, Faribault, Jan. 3; Judith “Judy” Martineau, 74, Hutchinson, Jan. 4; E. Mae Barfknecht, 88, Gaylord, Jan. 5; Marella F. Kemmer, 96, Lakeville, Jan. 6; Delores Gehrke, 91, Brownton, Jan. 6; Herbert Hennessey, 83, Glencoe, Jan. 7; Terry Danner, 52, Stewart, Jan. 7; Martha M.E. Schultz, 99, Hutchinson, formerly of Brownton, Jan. 8; Conrad Hausladen, 66, Lester Prairie, Jan. 9; Ernest “Ernie” Nogy, 87, Isanti, Jan. 10; Glen Zellmann, 56, Young America, Jan. 11; Gladys Bartels, 87, Glencoe, Jan. 13; Michael Callais, 61, Lester Prairie, Jan. 14; Raymond Junczewski, 86, Howard Lake, Jan. 16; Lora L. Hatlestad, 36, Cottage Grove, Jan. 18; Erven Lorence, 89, Glencoe, Jan. 18; Kathleen Kearney, 67, Prior Lake, Jan. 19; Robert Hatlestad, 88, Glencoe, Jan. 22; Joseph Radoush, 89, Brainerd, formerly of Silver Lake and St. Michael, Jan. 26; Leo Osmek, 86, rural Glencoe, Jan. 27; Martha B. Wilkins, 91, Silver Lake, Jan. 29.

### February

Julie Zielie-Gaffer, 61, Mankato, Feb. 1; Florence Hovda, 104, Hutchinson, formerly of Brownton, Feb. 7; Joan Hatlestad, 83, Glencoe, Feb. 8; Grant Willmert, 98, Glencoe, Feb. 10; Leona Kuhlmann, 77, New Auburn, Feb. 12; Verda Scheele, 83, Marshall, Feb. 12; LeRoy Weber, 84, Glencoe, Feb. 13; Eunice Warner, 85, Brownton, Feb. 14; Virginia Chalupsky, 95, Hutchinson, Feb. 16; Albert Stuedemann Jr., 80, Glencoe, Feb. 17; Loretta Templin, 94, Cosmos, formerly of Norwood Young America, Feb. 17; Loren Roepke, 70, Cokato, Feb. 19; Terry Buska, 63, Glencoe, Feb. 22; Orlin “Pete” Stockman, 88, Glencoe, formerly of Plato, Feb. 24; Marvin Woehler, 77, Willmar, Feb. 25; and Lila Jaskowiak, 86, Lester Prairie, Feb. 26.

### March

Adeline Harpel, 89, Glencoe, March 4; Nathan Dammann, 41, Hamburg, March 6; Arlene Wendolek, 88, Silver Lake, March 8; Marcia Ripperger, 57, Gaylord, March 8; Gene Wawrzyniak, 67, Silver Lake, March 11; Jean Penas, 75, Silver Lake, March 12; Brian Schwarze, 53, Brownton, March 14; Delores Schrupp, 91, Norwood Young America, March 16; Clare Peterson, 70, Silver Lake, March 17; Gary Bruesehoff, 70, Waconia, March 20; Dorothy LaMott, 88, Silver Lake, March 20; Leonard Pikal, 94, Glencoe, formerly of Brownton, March 21; Raymond Mrkvicka, 93, Cosmos, formerly of Silver

Lake, March 24; Ray Draeger, 70, Glencoe, formerly of Brownton, March 27; Delores Dietel, 89, Lester Prairie, March 28; Harold Sanken, 98, Hutchinson, formerly of Brownton, March 29; Vernon Moehering, 98, Westminster Winter Park, Florida, March 30; and Marlyce Lenzen, 77, Chaska, March 31.

### April

Lois Engelmann, 85, Glencoe, formerly of Plato, April 1; Ruth Lemke, 76, Glencoe, April 3; Leonard Kaminsky, 92, Hutchinson, April 3; Estella Fogarty, 79, Lester Prairie, April 6; Luella Dahlke, 86, Glencoe, April 8; Maurice Oelfke, 74, Hamburg, April 8; Martha Ditch, 98, Crystal, April 10; Mila Horak, 95, Bayport, formerly of Silver Lake, April 11; Glen Zdrzil, 81, Annandale, April 12; Conrad Helgemo, 68, Brownton, April 13; Vanna Wolff, 74, Glencoe, April 13; Mildred Henke, 89, Arlington, April 13; Consuelo Gomez, 65, Winthrop, April 14; Pearl Kloempken, 90, Glencoe, April 14; Ruth Altmeyer, 95, Norwood Young America, April 21; Linnea El-lanson, 91, Glencoe, April 24; Caroline Vogt, 87, Glencoe, April 24; and Denise Redman, 43, Ramsey, formerly of Glencoe, April 30.

### May

Joan Bullert, 85, Glencoe, May 2; Donald Trettin, 79, Hutchinson, May 3; Lena Sell, 104, Hutchinson, formerly of Stewart, May 6; Edward Fasching, 90, Winsted, May 7; Alma Ogitzak, 91, Silver Lake, May 11; Byron Kohls, 71, Hutchinson, formerly of Brownton, May 15; Herbert Schuth, 90, Silver Lake, formerly of Glencoe, May 15; Kenneth Stiles, 85, Norwood Young America, May 16; Mary Husberg, 70, Glencoe, May 18; Lillie Voight, 78, Green Isle, May 19; April Oltmann, 31, Sauk Centre, May 19; Thomas Victorian, 59, Plymouth, May 23; Lloyd “Butch” Carlson Jr., 71, Norwood Young America, May 28; Dale Jerabek, 64, Silver Lake, May 28; and Loren Lange, 75, Glencoe, May 31.

### June

Kathleen “Kathy” Deragon, 67, Hutchinson, June 2; Lora Beneke, 87, Glencoe, June 3; Kenneth Olderness, 81, Delano, formerly of Silver Lake, June 5; Catherine Nephews, 70, Shorewood, June 5; Viola Kielas, 94, Lester Prairie, June 7; Arthur Ellanson, 100, Glencoe, June 11; James A. Rud (Jimmy Reed), 80, Farmington, June 16; Betty Lou Wroge, 70, Glencoe, June 18; Betty Rosenow, 78, Glencoe, June 19; Marian Bielke, 79, Sauk Centre, June 22; Edward Chmielewski, 68, Glencoe, June 25; Reinhardt Goerke Sr., 90, Buffalo, June 25;

Raymond Dreier, 82, Glencoe, June 29;

### July

Alice Pederson, 86, Silver Lake, formerly of Buffalo Lake, July 3; Thusnelda Vollmer, 91, Glencoe, July 7; Norman Mathews, 90, Glencoe, July 12; Jennifer Horstmann, 41, Hutchinson, July 15; Wendell Siewert, 83, Enid, Oklahoma, July 20; Ruth Buckentin, 86, Hamburg, July 23; Myrtice Ranow, 96, Glencoe, July 23; Constance Tesch, 94, Waconia, July 24; Amy Alsleben, 62, Claremont, South Dakota, formerly of New Auburn, July 27; and Edna Stark, 85, Winthrop, July 28.

### August

Verda Templin, 98, Glencoe, Aug. 1; Joyce Kloempken, 86, Glencoe, Aug. 2; Frank Forcier, 88, Hutchinson, formerly of Stewart, Aug. 4; Julie Halvorson, 51, Glencoe, Aug. 4; Darlene Raduenz, 79, Glencoe, Aug. 4; Wallace Plath, 75, Hutchinson, Aug. 6; Vanna Knacke, 68, New Auburn, Aug. 9; John Hendricks, Cumberland, Wisconsin, Aug. 9; Faye Hauer, 98, Hector, Aug. 12; LeRoy Rutske, 91, White Bear Lake, Aug. 18; Rebecca Boltmann, 69, Glencoe, Aug. 19; Mary Ann Sopkowiak, 66, Glencoe, Aug. 23; Cyrus “Cy” Loncorich, 56, Brownton, Aug. 26; Marlyn Goede, 80, Mankato, Aug. 27; Mercedes Nowak, 92, Silver Lake, Aug. 27; Helen Melquist, 90, Cokato, Aug. 27; Joshua Dietz, 34, Waconia, Aug. 28; Edgar Schuft, 87, Arlington, Aug. 30; Patricia Nowak, 73, Hutchinson, Aug. 30; Alno Rickert, 97, Brownton, Aug. 31; and Allen “A” Vogt, 68, Cook, Aug. 31.

### September

Steven Rohling Sr., 53, Howard Lake, Sept. 1; Patricia Albrecht, 82, Brownton, Sept. 3; Donna Mae Baumann, 85, Glencoe, Sept. 3; John “Jack” Nuwash, 87, Silver Lake, Sept. 4; Clarence Patzold, 90, Glencoe, Sept. 4; Carl Webb, 87, Silver Lake, Sept. 5; Marvin Peterson, 80, Silver Lake, Sept. 6; James Koester, 62, Apple Valley, Sept. 6; Michael Tesch, 67, Glencoe, Sept. 7; Karen Cheever, 69, Glencoe, Sept. 9; Bradley Boock, 64, Glencoe, Sept. 10; Edward Rettman Jr., 80, Hutchinson, Sept. 12; Kristine Linde-meier, 53, Gaylord, Sept. 14; Donald Colbrunn, 76, Glencoe, Sept. 16; Madonna Stuedemann, 83, Glencoe, Sept. 19; Betty Katzenmeyer, 86, Brownton, Sept. 20; Eldora Stapel, 92, Lester Prairie, Sept. 24; Mildred Plihal, 97, Hutchinson, Sept. 24; Sandra Tibbitts, 70, Glencoe, Sept. 25; and David Moller, 55, Hutchinson, formerly of

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Obituaries

Janice E. Dascher, 75, of Hutchinson

Janice Dascher, 75, of Hutchinson, wife of Duane Dascher, died Sunday, Dec. 24, 2017, at her home.

Funeral services were held Thursday, Dec. 28, at Peace Lutheran Church in Hutchinson with the Rev. Gerhard Bode officiating. Paul Otte was the organist. Soloist Gene Kruse sang "In the Garden." Congregational hymns were "A Closer Walk With Thee" and "Abide With Me."

Casket bearers were Mitchell Sims, Joshua Hartelt, Michael Block, Dennis Schroeder, Larry Nelson and Dean Duesterhoeft. Interment was in the Oakland Cemetery in Hutchinson.

Janice E. Dascher was born March 19, 1945, in Hutchinson, the daughter of Louis C. and Edna A. (Plath) Klitzke. She was baptized as an infant and confirmed in her faith as

a youth, both at Peace Lutheran Church in Hutchinson. She attended Lynn Township Country School and was a graduate of the Hutchinson High School class of 1964.

On Dec. 9, 1972, she was united in marriage to Duane Dascher at Peace Lutheran Church in Hutchinson. Their marriage was blessed with two daughters, Kelly and Kimberly. The Daschers resided in Hutchinson and shared 45 years of marriage.

Mrs. Dascher was employed at Woolworth for 20 years, Hutchinson Technology, Inc., for 25 years, and also at Green Giant and Coast to Coast. She retired in 2009. She was a member of Peace Lutheran Church in Hutchinson.

She enjoyed gardening, embroidery, crafting and sewing. She also enjoyed cooking, baking, camping, watching soap operas and watching the family's horses and cattle. She loved her dogs, Henry and George. She especially enjoyed spending time with her family, grandchildren and friends.

She is survived by her husband, Duane Dascher of Hutchinson; daughters, Kelly Buresh and Kimberly (Brian) Block, both of Hutchinson; grandchildren, Tyler Buresh of Hutchinson, Allyssa (Joshua Hartelt) Sims-Hartelt of Brookings, South Dakota, Nicole Buresh of Hutchinson and Mitchell Sims of Hutchinson; stepgrandson, Michael (Colleen) Block of Chanhassen; brother and sister-in-law, Dexter and Penny Klitzke of Hutchinson; sister-in-law and brother-in-law, Barb and Glen Bemis of Bufalo Lake; uncle and aunt, David and Delores Plath of Hutchinson; many cousins, other relatives and many friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Louis and Edna Klitzke; brother, Loren Klitzke; and father-in-law and mother-in-law, Harold and Mabel Dascher.

Arrangements were with the Dobratz-Hantge Chapels in Hutchinson. Online obituaries and guest book are available at www.hantge.com.

Marcella Fiecke, 86, Lester Prairie

Marcella M. (Mrs. Norbert) (Molva) Fiecke, 86, formerly of Lester Prairie, died Saturday, Dec. 23, 2017.

Mass of Christian Burial was held Friday, Dec. 29, at Holy Trinity Catholic Church in Winsted with the Rev. Paul Schumacher officiating. Alice Nowak was the organist. Musical selections were "Amazing Grace," "Just a Closer Walk With Thee," "Be Not Afraid," Mother, Dearest, Pray for Me," "Song of Farewell" and "How Great Thou Art."

Urn bearers were Mrs. Fiecke's grandchildren. Interment was in the Glencoe Catholic Cemetery.

Marcella M. Fiecke was born Nov. 2, 1931, in Glencoe, the daughter of Joseph and Emily (Bednar) Molva. She received her education in District 29 country school for first through sixth grades, and then Glencoe High School for seventh through 12th grade, graduating with the Glencoe High School class of 1949. She excelled in geography and spelling. She spoke fondly of her adventures competing in spelling bees. After graduation, she worked as a

seamstress at Strutwear, a clothing manufacturer in Glencoe.

Marcella M. Molva married Norbert J. Fiecke on Jan. 20, 1951, at St. George Catholic Church in Glencoe. They made their home in Lester Prairie. They counted among their blessings six children, 12 grandchildren and 23 great-grandchildren. The couple shared over 55 years of marriage before Mr. Fiecke died on June 24, 2006. In addition to being a loving wife, mother and homemaker, Mrs. Fiecke worked as the office manager with her husband in their trucking business until their retirement in 1992.

Family is what Mrs. Fiecke enjoyed most, including the traditional family Christmas party, Halloween Sunday, fishing on the pontoon, the family pets and visiting with her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. With her grandchildren, she planned cooking/baking days and pajama party sleepovers. She was an avid seamstress, sewing clothes, quilts and pillows for her children and grandchildren. Her incredible sewing skills continue as they have been passed on to her children and grandchildren.

She is survived by her children, Robert (DeAnn) Fiecke of Silver Lake, Cathy (Jim) Stifter of Winsted, Cindy

(Dale) Klaustermeier of Lester Prairie, Randy (Kathy) Fiecke of Lester Prairie, Ron (RaNaye) Fiecke of Lester Prairie and Carolyn Fiecke (significant other John Krohn) of Hutchinson; grandson, Kristopher (Allison) Fiecke; granddaughters, Lisa (Dave) Diers, Emily Tonn, Missy (Tony) Broich, Crystal Fiecke, Karla (Rick) Edin, Julie (Jeff) Stotko, Jolene (Ryan) Villnow, Erin (Luke) Norstedt, Katie (Damon) Klein, Becky (Mitch) Lahar and Rachel (Tony) Muchow; 23 great-grandchildren; brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law, Florian Fiecke, Alex (Barb) Fiecke, Lyd (Clarence) Laxen, Sophie Junczewski, Emma Drahos, Rosina (John) Jilek, Jo Jensen, Isabel Salonek and Mary Glampe; special cousins, Betty (ElRoy) Schlueter, Judy Krebsbach, Dennis Dusoski (significant other Shirley) and Pat (Bruce) Block; nieces, nephews, other relatives and many friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Joseph and Emily Molva; and husband, Norbert Fiecke.

Arrangements were with the Paul-McBride Funeral Chapel in Lester Prairie. Online obituaries and guest book are available at www.mcbridechapel.com.

Gerald 'Jerry' Soller, 89, Belle Plaine

Gerald "Jerry" Mathias Soller, 89, died at his home Dec. 25, 2017, surrounded by his family.

A memorial Mass was held Saturday, Dec. 30, at Our Lady of the Prairie Catholic Church in Belle Plaine with the Rev. Brian Lynch officiating. Interment will be at a later date in the Schlegel Cemetery.

Mr. Soller was born May 13, 1928, in Belle Plaine, to John and Myrtle (Ridd) Soller. He later attended St. Anne's Parochial School and graduated from Le Sueur High School in 1946. He enlisted in the U.S. Army and was stationed in Italy.

He met Donna, the love of his life, on a blind date arranged by their best friends,

and they were married in January 1953. They lived in St. Paul and later moved to Jordan, where they raised their four children.

He worked at Union 76 Oil Company for 35 years and, in his retirement, he and his wife enjoyed traveling throughout the United States, Europe and Mexico. He thoroughly enjoyed spending time with his grandchildren, being a babysitter, chauffeur, tutor, cook and an "official driver's training instructor," attending dance lessons, attending sporting events, playing Santa Claus and was a mentor to his grandsons when hunting and fishing seasons came around, and all the other Grandpa duties that were needed.

He is survived by his loving wife, Donna, of Belle Plaine; daughter, Michele (Jim) Eiden of Glencoe; son, Mark (Cindy) Soller of Jordan; daughter, Sarah (Tom) Beckius of Belle Plaine; and

son, Tim (Jean) Soller of Belle Plaine; grandchildren, Tina Soller, Marissa (Kevin) Duffy, Chris (Pam) Eiden, Zach Soller, Jake (Sadie) Beckius, Abby (Bruce) Chmielewski, Jes Stoller (Jenna), Hannah (Joel) Jerabek, Rachel (Jeremy) Meuwissen, and Mackenzie (Nick) Krohn; great-grandchildren, Greta, Maggie, Briar, Wyatt, Zoey, Wil and Elsie; sister, Mary Luther of Bristol, Rhode Island; many sisters-in-law and brothers-in-law; nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; sisters, Gladys Hayden, Clara Flowers, Catherine Schuster and Rita LaBelle; brother, Roger Soller; grandson, Ben Eiden; and granddaughter, Kari Soller.

His quick wit and smile will be missed by all.

Arrangements were with the Kolden Funeral Home.

Deaths Betty Schuette, 79, Brownton

Betty Schuette, 79, of Brownton, died Saturday, Dec. 30, 2017, at her home.

Funeral services will be held Thursday, Jan. 4, at 11 a.m., at Immanuel Lutheran Church in New Auburn, with interment following in High Island Cemetery.

Visitation will be today (Wednesday, Jan. 3), from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m., at Johnson-McBride Funeral Chapel in Glencoe, and will continue Thursday one hour prior to the service at the church.

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



Submitted photo

Brownton Lion of the Year

Kevin Miller, seated, was named the Brownton Lion of the Year for 2017 by former president Julie Olson, standing, left, at the club's recent Christmas party. Standing at right is the current president, Andrew Hermodson-Olsen.

Audrey Tongen Is Having a Birthday!!! Believe it or Not she will be 90!



Join Us at an "Open House" January 7, 2018 11am - 3pm Grace Lutheran Church 8638 Plum Ave., Brownton, MN Your Attendance will be a Great Gift.

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Christmas trees placed on the boulevard will be picked up by city maintenance department through January 19, 2018

Community Calendar

Thurs., Jan. 4— AA Group mtg. next to Post Office in Stewart, 8 p.m., call 320-212-5290 for info.

Mon. Jan. 8 — Tops Weigh-In mtg., 5-5:30 p.m.; Brownton Senior Citizens Club, Brownton Community Center, 1 p.m.; Stewart City Council, 7 p.m.; Edward Ewald Post 143 of Brownton & Auxiliary, Brownton Community Center, 7:30 p.m.

Thurs., Jan. 11— AA Group mtg. next to Post Office in Stewart, 8 p.m., call 320-212-5290 for info.

Mon. Jan. 15 — Tops Weigh-In mtg., 5-5:30 p.m.; Brownton Senior Citizens Club, Brownton Community Center, 1 p.m.; Brownton Lions; Stewart American Legion Post 125 & Auxiliary mtg., Stewart Community Center, 7 p.m.

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Members of Glencoe-Silver Lake's first-place junior high team, GSL Silver, include, from left, Vera Kornilova, Allie Gronlund, Eli Kuehn, Paul Sievert, Nathan Warner and Kendra Klobe.

## GSL junior high Knowledge Bowlers capture top 2 spots at 30-team meet

Glencoe-Silver Lake's seventh- to ninth-grade Knowledge Bowlers traveled to Marshall Monday, Dec. 18, for a large meet involving all the "Junior High" Knowledge Bowl teams in Region 6, which is the region in which GSL normally competes. GSL took five teams to compete against 30 other teams from the region.

GSL Silver started in first place with 51 points on the written round, and competed in Room One for the whole meet. Although it won the Room One competition in each of the four rounds, it faced some excellent competition which held the scores down somewhat. The Room One scores were 22-7-3, 14-11-8, 14-13-10, and 10-9-6. The team finished the meet with 117.0 points and the gold medals. This group included Allie Gronlund, Kendra Klobe, Vera Kornilova, Eli Kuehn, Paul Sievert and Nathan Warner.

GSL White began the meet in fifth place with 45 points, and won its first round 17-12-6 to move up to Room One for the next two rounds. For the fourth round, it dropped to Room Two, which it won 12-10-9. It finished the meet with 97.0 points and second place. This team included Kobe Boozikee, Lilly Ehrke, Devin Forcier, Kayla Reichow and Rachel Trebesch.

Hutchinson teams earned third and fourth places with 96.5 and 95.0 points.

GSL Grey competed in Rooms Three, Four and Two, and finished the meet in a three-way tie for ninth place with 82.0 points. This team included Austin Brewton, Summer Hayes, Cade Hermann, Jon Ramige and Lydia Rakow.

Another team, GSL Purple, also was in the three-way tie



GSL's second-place junior high Knowledge Bowl team includes, from left, Kobe Boozikee, Lilly Ehrke, Kayla Reichow, Rachel Trebesch and Devin Forcier.



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## Weather Corner

By Jake Yurek

I have good news and bad news to start out the new year.

The good news is the worst of the cold is behind us so we won't have to worry about that junk any more ... the bad news is we'll remain mostly below normal. Average highs for this time of year should be right around 23 degrees and we should stay at or below that (Saturday and Sunday, we might inch towards that number). Highs will linger in the single digits until Saturday and Sunday, when a warmer push of air works its way in. There's a little disagreement as to how strong the warm air will be, but it should be enough to make things tolerable again.

Snow has been a tad lacking this year but we at least picked up a couple inches to whiten things up lately. There are no big storms on the horizon this week, but we'll have a couple passing chances to freshen the snow pack up a bit. Thursday we could see some light snow or flurries and then Saturday and Sunday we could see a little more. The weekend system would be our best chance of accumulation, so pay attention to more up-to-date forecasts if heading out and about.

Long-range forecasts keep the coldest air away from our area and big storms will continue to avoid us as long as our pattern stays locked.

Happy New Year, everyone!

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Wednesday night — Lows -14 to -8; partly cloudy.

Thursday — Highs 0 to 6, lows -12 to -6; partly cloudy, flurries.

Friday — Highs 3 to 9, lows -6 to 0; mostly clear, flurries.

Saturday — Highs 12 to 18, lows 5 to 11; partly cloudy, snow showers

Sunday — Highs 15 to 25; clouds, early snow showers.

Weather Quiz: What is the record for most consecutive days in a row with a low below zero in the Twin Cities?

Answer to last week's question (What are some of January's weather extremes?): Highest temperature, 58 degrees on Jan. 25, 1944; lowest temperature, -41 degrees on Jan. 21, 1888; most precipitation, 1.21 inches on Jan. 24, 1967; most snowfall, 17.2 inches on Jan. 22, 1982..

Remember: I make the forecast, not the weather!

## People

### Son born to Glencoe couple

Nick and Erica Fehlandt of Glencoe announce the arrival of a son, Garrett Nicholas Fehlandt, who was born Dec. 7, 2017, at Ridgeview Medical Center. Garrett weighed 8 pounds, 4 ounces, and was 19½ inches long at birth. Grandparents are Jerry Hoese of Lester Prairie, Lynn Norby of Silver Lake and Myron and Julie Fehlandt of Glencoe.

## Glencoe VFW Auxiliary hosts Christmas party

The Glencoe VFW Auxiliary had its Christmas party on Dec. 11 with 40 members and 22 guests.

The social hour was held from 6 p.m. until 6:30 p.m., with dinner following.

Amy Lemke, bar manager, was presented with a \$25 gift certificate. Lilah Mackenthun won the life membership award. Table decorations were given away as door prizes. There were numerous other donated door prizes that were also given away. There were donations for the Hastings Veterans Home and the food shelf.

The next VFW meeting is Jan. 8.

## In Memory

In loving memory of  
**George "Papa" Arldolf**  
who passed away 32 years ago

January 3, 1986

*We miss him, though the years  
have passed.*

*His presence will forever last.  
In our hearts and in our minds,  
we have memories of all kinds.*

*We wish that he were still here,  
But someday we'll again be near.*

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In Memory of  
**Rhonda Zajick**  
11/9/63 - 12/27/16

The moment that you died  
my heart was torn in two,  
one side filled with heartache,  
to other died with you.

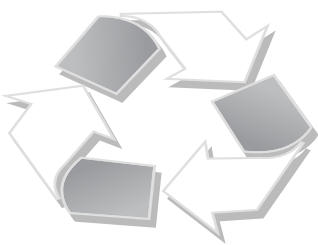
I often lie awake at night,  
when the world is fast asleep,  
and take a walk down memory lane,  
with tears upon my cheeks.

Remembering you is easy,  
I do it everyday,  
but missing you is heartache,  
that never goes away.

I hold you tightly within my heart,  
and there you will remain.  
Until the joyous day arrives,  
That we will meet again.

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### Christmas dinner at Unhinged! Pizza

Unhinged! Pizza owner Jason Zehnder, staff members and volunteers gave their time on Christmas Day for a free holiday buffet. Zehnder estimates that more than 1,000 were served. A freewill donation was accepted, as well as nonperishable food items which raised \$4,600 and collected 571 pounds of food for the McLeod Emergency Food Shelf. Pictured from left are

Mason Husted, Kris Boesche, Mitchell Boesche, Danielle Matthews, Susan Zehnder, Jason Zehnder, Erik Paggen and Genevieve Jeurissen. Other volunteers included Bruce Zehnder; Dave, Missy and Gemma Goff; Kerri, Amanda and Steve Rettig; Dennis Wolter; Joshua Essen; and Lily Kirchoff. This is the third year Unhinged! Pizza has hosted the event.

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that need to be completed on its current school building project, and began planning for capital improvements for 2018, including improvements to the parking lot behind the high school and Panther Fieldhouse.

Named as volunteers of the year by the Glencoe Area Chamber Commerce were Jon and Myranda VanDamme, community volunteers of the year; and Mindy Lemke, recipient of the Mike Popelka Chamber Volunteer of the Year award.

**Nov. 22** — Elvin “Speed” Homan, a Brownnton native adn former Glencoe resident, was named a Knight of the French Legion, receiving the award from the French consul general to the United States, for his efforts during World War II.

Several residents had questions and expressed concerns at a public hearing on the city of Glencoe’s proposed central storm sewer project.

Wright County announced its intention to become a member of Wright County Area Transportation, a partner

in Trailblazer Transit.

Darlene Burbeck of Glencoe got a new roof on her home thanks to Legacy Restoration, LLC, part of Owens Corning’s national Roof Deployment Project. Tim Johnson of 4-Square Builders in Glencoe helped Burbeck get connected with the program.

**Nov. 29** — Former state Sen. Steve Dille and his wife, Pam, gave a presentation on his historical book at the McLeod County Historical Society and Museum.

The McLeod County Board of Commissioners learned that the Minnesota Department of Transportation is planning a new safety study of the Highway 212 corridor through the city of Glencoe.

Twin Cities & Western Railroad, based in Glencoe, received an award for its safety achievements from the American Short Line and Regional Railroad Association.

**December**

**Dec. 6** — Minnesota Nice, a local effort to provide care packages for deployed military personnel, announced

that this will be its final season. The project is spearheaded by Linda Krueger, Colleen Benjamin and LaDonna Stuber.

The Glencoe City Council approved plans for playground improvements at Oak Leaf Park.

Glencoe’s Christmas decorations, which have served the community for 40 years, were replaced with funds raised by the Glencoe Area Chamber of Commerce’s tourism committee.

**Dec. 13** — Those who attended McLeod County’s truth-in-taxation hearing heard that shifting property values have driven up property taxes for residential property.

Glencoe city officials heard a detailed description of the proposed central storm water project at a workshop.

The McLeod County Board authorized a study to find out why the floor of the commercial building at the fairgrounds is “bubbling” in areas.

Volunteers helped pack up excess furniture and other

school items from the former Helen Baker Elementary School for donation to orphanages and schools in Haiti.

**Dec. 20** — Silver Lake hosted its annual Winter Festival Celebration with a visit from Santa, live music and horse-drawn wagon rides.

A group of business people and others brainstormed for ideas to promote Glencoe to out-of-towners.

The County Board approved a cost-share agreement and engineering services for the proposed Morning-side Avenue extension project.

The Silver Lake City Council approved a 4.29 percent levy increase for 2018.

**Dec. 27** — The new entry to the McLeod County Courthouse and new cell “pod” at the jail are now open and occupied.

The Trailblazer Transit Joint Powers Board finalized its new agreement between McLeod County, Sibley County and Wright County Area Transportation (WCAT).

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Lester Prairie, Sept. 27.

#### October

Norma Engelmann, 92, Waconia, formerly of Plato, Oct. 1; Rosemary Steinbrecher, 88, Glencoe, Oct. 4; Robert “Coz” Cousins, 64, Norwood Young America, Oct. 5; Joyce Rund, 74, Battle Lake, Oct. 5; James Schwarze, 91, Glencoe, Oct. 7; Donald Jasperson, 85, Dassel, Oct. 9; Carol Thiesfeld, 75, Glencoe, Oct. 11; Harlan Harms, 74, Green Isle, Oct. 12; Arnold Seefeldt, 83, Lester Prairie, Oct. 14; Margaret Jumer, 104, Naperville, Illinois, formerly of Glencoe and Crosslake, Oct. 14; Eleanor Lamp, 96, Brownnton, Oct. 19; LaVerne Trocke, 84, Hamburg, Oct. 20; Theresa Wiederholt, 77, Winsted, Oct. 22; Leona Karg, 92, Hutchinson, Oct. 23; Willard “Willie” Parpart, 84, Lester Prairie, Oct. 26; Donald Blum, 84, Glencoe, formerly of Stewart, Oct. 27; and Ruth Randt, 89, Glencoe, Oct. 28.

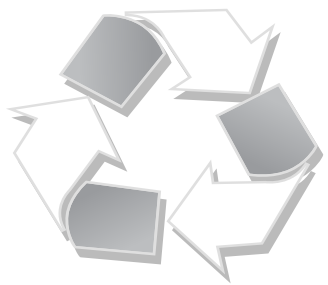
#### November

Diane Norstrom, 76, Briarerd, Nov. 1; Frieda Hennessey, 87, Glencoe, Nov. 2; John “Jack” Parpart, 70, Lester Prairie, Nov. 3; Clara “Teddy” Klobe, 87, Glencoe, Nov. 4; Michael “Mick” Cox, 64, Glencoe, Nov. 6; Jean Lewandowski, 73, Glencoe, formerly of Lester Prairie, Nov. 11; Lois Polzin, 85, Glencoe, formerly of Brownnton, Nov. 13; Gloria Schauer, 85, Litchfield, Nov. 17; LeRoy Donnay, 91, Glencoe,

Nov. 25; Eleanor Ribar, 100, Hutchinson, formerly of Brownnton, Nov. 27; and Gale Roth, 87, Glencoe, Nov. 30.

**December**

Susan Ling, 60, Glencoe, Dec. 1; Loretta Windschitl, 89, Pillager, Dec. 4; Guadalupe Cano, 59, Glencoe, Dec. 8; Madge Dammann, 93, Washington state, Dec. 8; Kenneth “Fritz” Dahlke, 89, Alexandria, Dec. 10; Kenneth Otto, 69, Spring Lake Park, Dec. 12; Leona Schultz, 102, Winsted, formerly of Glencoe, Dec. 15; Steven Weber, 54, Silver Lake, Dec. 17; Nancy Wrspir, 72, Hutchinson, formerly of Silver Lake, Dec. 17; Cordella Schultz, 97, Silver Lake, formerly of Glencoe, Dec. 17; Dewayne “Duke” Hanson, 72, Glencoe, Dec. 19; Duane Pagenkopf, 80, Stewart, Dec. 19; Marcela Fiecke, 86, Lester Prairie, Dec. 23; Janice Dascher, 75, Hutchinson, Dec. 24; Gerald “Jerry” Soller, 89, Belle Plaine, Dec. 25; Marilyn Templin, 89, Glencoe, Dec. 29; and Betty Schuette, 79, Brownnton, Dec. 30;



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