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WCAT threatens to pull out of Trailblazer Transit

By Lori Copley
Editor

Wright County Area Transit (WCAT) is threatening to pull out of the Trailblazer Transit public transit system, the joint powers board heard Thursday morning at its regular meeting.

The member cities of WCAT recently passed a resolution announcing its intent to withdraw from Trailblazer no later than Dec. 31, 2017. In that year, WCAT intends to conduct a transit service study and work with the Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT) on establishing its own system.

"We're ready to take the bull by the horns and manage this system," said Jack Russek, one of WCAT's representatives. "This thing is going downhill."

Russek noted that since WCAT yoked with the original Trailblazer Transit system, established by Sibley and McLeod counties, ridership is way up, and the financial impact has been to virtually eliminate the counties' "local share" of the system's costs.

A ball-of-spaghetti discussion that splintered into many different issues came up with basically three options:

- WCAT could go on its own and sever its relationship with Trailblazer;
- The Trailblazer Transit Joint Powers Board could try to resolve its issues and continue the current joint powers agreement; or
- WCAT could take over governing Trailblazer, and Sibley and McLeod counties' participation as

governing partners would be removed, although WCAT would continue to provide transit service in those counties.

Tom Gottfried of MnDOT's transit department said the decision was a local one.

"The local entities get to call what the local entities want to do," said Gottfried, "and ask MnDOT if that is appropriate. We are your partners. The question is, how do you want to partner with MnDOT?"

Russek said the first two years of WCAT's participation in Trailblazer went well, but he felt dissension on whether Trailblazer Executive Director Gary Ludwig should continue to lead the system and other personnel issues was harming progress.

McLeod County Commissioner Sheldon Nies said that issue was

truly at the crux of what was wrong.

"It's just the one issue — and that it is who is going to be our administrator," said Nies. "That is the issue that has separated us. How do we get rid of that albatross that is on our back? If the group can't come together on that, we're done."

Russek said that Trailblazer has grown under Ludwig's leadership, and he was the one who put the partnership together. But others, including Nies, McLeod County Commissioner Doug Krueger and Sibley County Commissioner Jim Swanson, said that there have long been issues with Ludwig's role.

Krueger asked Gottfried if Trailblazer could go back to its original structure, and Gottfried said that it could not.

Krueger said he felt that there

were just too many differences between Wright County and Sibley and McLeod counties, in particular with population and being more of a metro area.

"I would prefer to yoke with Meeker or Kandiyohi, because they're more like us," said Krueger.

Nies said he thinks Trailblazer is "worth saving," but the board still needs to come together over Ludwig's position.

McLeod County Commissioner Ron Shimanski, the joint power board's chair, defended Ludwig, saying Ludwig has done a "tremendous" job in bringing WCAT under the Trailblazer fold.

"We as a board didn't do it," said

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County Board approves major security project

By Lori Copley
Editor

The McLeod County Board of Commissioners voted Tuesday to spend \$172,369 for security and surveillance.

The low bid was from UHL of Maple Grove. The other bids were from NAC of Vadnais Heights in the amount of \$399,500; and Honeywell of Golden Valley in the amount of \$421,354.

Vincent Traver, who heads up the county's information technology department, said the project will bring all of the county's security under one system.

"We currently have four different systems," Traver told the Board. "This way, we can try to get all of the buildings under one project, except the new jail."

The jail will have its own, specialized security system.

Commissioner Doug Krueger asked Traver about the discrepancy in bid amounts. Traver said another vendor, who was unable to get a bid in, would have had a bid similar to that of UHL.

The Board voted to accept the UHL bid, and also voted to pay for the project with money that was leftover from the upgrades to the Health and Human Services building.

In other business, the County Board:

- Agreed to buy a new copier for the jail at a cost of \$9,201 with funds coming from the 2016 jail budget.

- "We should really consider buying these by the truckload," joked Krueger.

- County Auditor-Treasurer Cindy Schultz Ford said that really wasn't a bad idea. She said all the copiers the county had bought this year will need to be replaced in five or six years.

- Heard an update from Central Minnesota Jobs and Training on new efforts to help provide employee training for businesses.

- Heard that the county will be considering firms or businesses that can help it with plans to restructure and reorganize county departments.

- Approved a one-year contract with the city of Stewart for law en-

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Wrestling with the weather

Glencoe-Silver Lake Schools' building project is making progress despite a wet construction season hampered first by rain, and now, snow. The front of the junior high-high school

campus, facing 16th Street E, is taking on a whole new look. Despite weather delays, it is expected the project will be complete by August 2017.

Council accepts revised Baxter Avenue plan

By Karin Ramige
Publisher

The Glencoe City Council accepted a revised feasibility report on the proposed 2017 Baxter Avenue project at its meeting Monday night.

The new scope of the project eliminates 11th Street from Elliott to Ford avenues and Elliott Avenue from 11th Street to 12th Street.

It also adds installing a new water line, trench repair and paving on 11th Street from Armstrong to Chandler avenues.

The streets eliminated required minimal underground utility work and it is felt that the streets and surfaces are in adequate condition.

The streets added have a 4-inch water main that has had a number of breaks over the years, including earlier this year.

The Council set a public hearing for Monday, Dec. 19, at 7:05 p.m., for new property owners who could be assessed in the proposed project.

The proposed scope change could save \$100,000 on the nearly \$5.5 million project.

Council Member Allan Robeck said, "I'd like to see us table this whole thing, the whole Baxter project. I think we've got the central storm artery coming up, the fire barn coming up, and another thing I can't remember. The people down there don't even want it. I've talked to them, you can ask them. It's the evil 429 assesment." Robeck could be assessed in the project. He voted against the resolution.

In other business, the Council:

- Released two development agreements with Twin Cities &

Western Railroad from 1992 and 1998.

The conditions of the agreements have been met. The city usually releases the agreements upon request after five years. Twin Cities & Western Railroad has now requested the release with the purchase of additional property for an expansion project.

- Approved an assessment agreement with the McLeod County Assessor's Office totalling \$19,304.

The assessor's office will provide the assessment of the city's more than 2,400 land parcels in 2017 for \$8 a parcel, down from \$10.50 in 2016.

- Heard that streets in the Armstrong project were paved and Armstrong Avenue was open for traffic last week.

The area also has been hy-

droseeded with dormant grass seed which will grow next spring.

- Also heard that Judd Avenue is mostly complete. Signs were installed. The city is now waiting for the county to deed the street to the city.

- Was informed that a staff kick-off meeting is scheduled with members of the Buffalo Creek Watershed District in regard to the petition the city had filed with the district.

The petition is in regard to the management of water that comes into the city's system.

- Learned that the Council will hear the initial report on the central storm sewer project at the first meeting in December.

Weather

Wed., 11-23 H: 36°, L: 29°	Thur., 11-24 H: 36°, L: 27°	Fri., 11-25 H: 34°, L: 24°	Sat., 11-26 H: 42° L: 30°	Sun., 11-27 H: 42°, L: 30°

Looking back: Indian Summer came to an abrupt end as the first winter storm of the season moved in Friday.
Date Hi Lo Precip.
Nov. 15 64.....30.....0.00
Nov. 16 61.....31.....0.00
Nov. 17 52.....41.....0.00

Nov. 18 43.....28.....0.11/rain
1.00/snow
Nov. 19 32.....15.....0.00
Nov. 20 32.....16.....0.00
Nov. 21 39.....18.....0.00
Temperatures and precipitation compiled by Robert Thurn, Chronicle weather observer.

Chronicle News and Advertising Deadlines

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

Volunteers needed for Glencoe living nativity

Plans are under way for a living nativity in Glencoe at Oak Leaf Park on Saturday, Dec. 17, from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

This will be a drive-through production featuring six scenes depicting the good news of Jesus' birth. Live animals, crafted scenery, biblical characters, and music will provide a memorable Christmas experience.

Volunteers are needed. Consider taking a one- or two-hour shift as a shepherd, Mary and Joseph, angel, or wiseman. Organizers are also looking for hay bales, live animals, and assistance in setting up and tearing down the sets.

To help, please contact Lynn Exsted at 320-510-2020 or visit glencoenlivingnativity on Facebook.

National Mutual Benefit donates to after-prom

Glenn Gruenhagen of Gruenhagen Insurance & Financial Services of Glencoe, on behalf of National Mutual Benefit of Madison, Wisconsin, recently presented the Glencoe-Silver Lake After-Prom Committee with a \$2,500 matching funds donation from National Mutual Benefit.

Accepting the donation were Brian Alsleben, Andy Giesen, Teresa Giesen (after-prom committee chair), Jessica Alsleben, Michelle Alsleben and Donovan Buckentin. Brian and Michelle Alsleben and Donovan Buckentin are local board members of the National Mutual Benefit Crow River Branch.



Chronicle photo by Lori Copler

Bandas retiring after 37 years

Ray Bandas, who has worked for the McLeod County Highway Department for 37 years, will retire Dec. 16, 2016. He started employment with the county on June 18, 1979. "It was a tough decision," said Bandas of retiring. "I've enjoyed working for the county, and I

loved doing my job." Pictured, from left to right, are Commissioners Ron Shimanski, Doug Krueger and Sheldon Nies; Bandas; and Commissioners Joe Nagel and Paul Wright.

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Shimanski. "That was our administrator and, in my mind, he did a fabulous job. He put in a long hours and miles that would have crushed another person. To identify one person as the source of the split ... I don't think that's justified."

Scott Enter of WCAT encouraged the board members to allow the staff to do their jobs.

"It only takes one drop of ink to poison a whole well of water," said Enter.

Krueger said the issue has been pushed down the road for months.

"We hit an impasse, and we left it hanging," said Krueger. "There's been no evaluation, and no directions — good or bad."

After exchanges between Krueger and Russek, and one between Krueger and Human Resources Director Julie Latzig, attorney Frank Madden cautioned the board against continuing in that vein.

"I'm really uncomfortable with this," said Madden. "We're getting really close to the limit with data privacy and the open meeting law."

Later, a motion to hold a closed session to address personnel issues failed on a 3-3 vote. Nies had left the meeting for another appointment prior to the motion for the meeting.

At the beginning of the meeting, Shimanski also pulled several items from the agenda, saying that the meet-

ing would be long enough in just addressing the WCAT resolution to withdraw from Trailblazer. Among the items that were withdrawn was a letter of reprimand to Ludwig that had been issued Aug. 24, a letter of concern from Latzig and operation managers Tonia Parsons and Mark Lauer, and a motion to authorize Ludwig to participate in staff meetings.

Happenings

Community Thanksgiving

The annual community Thanksgiving dinner is set for Thursday, Nov. 24, at noon, at First Congregational Church, 1400 Elliott Ave. N, Glencoe. All are welcome to attend. The dinner is sponsored by Glencoe area churches and Thrivent Financial. There is no charge for the dinner; a free-will offering will given to the local food shelf. Please RSVP if possible to 320-864-3855.

St. John's organ dedication

St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church, Helen Township, will have an organ dedication and hymn sing Sunday, Nov. 27, at 6 p.m. Christy Schuth Ittel will be playing a variety of music on the new organ. Dr. Kristen Budahn will be the pianist, and Mike Rider, organ builder, will explain the features of the new organ. The public is invited to join in the concert and hymn sing. Free-will donations and food items will be accepted for the McLeod Emergency Food Shelf. The church is located at 4505 80th St., rural Glencoe.

Blood drive set in Biscay

On Friday, Nov. 25, from noon to 6 p.m., there will be a Red Cross blood drive at Neisen's Bar & Grill, 300 Dorans St., Biscay.

SL Lions Christmas brunch

The Silver Lake Lions will host their annual Christmas brunch Sunday, Dec. 4, from 8:30 a.m. to noon, at the Silver Lake Auditorium. The menu includes eggs, pancakes, sausage links, fruit cups, toast, juice, coffee and milk. A freewill offering will be collected. Assorted holiday cookies will be for sale. Proceeds support Silver Lake summer recreation and the Silver Lake swimming pool. Donations of items to the McLeod Emergency Food Shelf will be collected.

First Congregational luncheon

First Congregational Church in Glencoe will have a bake sale, craft sale and luncheon on Saturday, Dec. 3, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., at the church, 1400 Elliott Ave., Glencoe. There will be lefse, rosettes, krumkake, cookies, candy, baked goods, crafts, gifts and "new" used items for sale. The luncheon consists of hot pork sandwiches, homemade soup and pie. Takeouts are available. There also will be live music.

First Lutheran Christmas event

First Evangelical Lutheran Church LWML, National Youth Gathering youth and quilting group will hold their annual Christmas event Saturday, Dec. 3, from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., at the church in Glencoe.

Singing Friends concerts

The Singing Friends Chorus, a 30-voice soprano, alto, tenor and bass choir, with members from McLeod, Meeker, Carver and Sibley counties, will present two Christmas concerts this season: Sunday, Dec. 4, at 2 p.m., at Church of Peace in Norwood Young America, and Saturday, Dec. 10, at 2 p.m., at St. Mark Lutheran Church in New Germany. The concert features well-known Christmas favorites, spirituals and modern works. A free-will offering will be accepted at the door. A reception will follow the concerts.

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, Brownston, Stewart, Plato, New Auburn, Biscay and Silver Lake take priority over happenings elsewhere.

Green Isle woman hurt in 2-vehicle crash Sunday

A Green Isle woman was treated for non-life-threatening injuries at the Glencoe hospital after a two-vehicle accident east of Glencoe Sunday.

The accident was reported at 5:27 p.m. According to the Minnesota State Patrol, Katie Finch, 34, of Glencoe, was driving eastbound on Highway 212, attempted to turn left and go north on Dairy Avenue, when her 2011 Toyota Rav 4 struck a westbound 2004 Pontiac Vibe, driven by Polly Rapp, 53, of Green Isle. Rapp was taken to the

Glencoe hospital. Finch and her passengers, Benjamin D. Southerland, 10, and Bobbi K. Finch, 12, both of Glencoe, were all uninjured.

Both drivers and passengers were wearing seat belts, and alcohol was not a factor in the crash, according to the state patrol.

Both vehicles had severe damage and were towed to Kevin's Auto in Glencoe.

Assisting at the accident were the McLeod County Sheriff's Office, Glencoe Fire Department and Allina Ambulance.

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forcement in the amount of \$107,174.10. Chief Deputy Tim Langenfeld said that a one-year contract was agreed upon instead of the standard two-year contract. The county currently is in union negotiations with its employees, and Langenfeld said the contract is based in part on an average of salaries for deputies and administrative staff. The one-

year contract assumes a 4 percent salary increase.

• Voted to hire Luedke Contracting of Hutchinson to install tile at the fairgrounds to alleviate water ponding that occurs where blacktop on the inner ring road meets up with sidewalks. The cost will be \$13,973.

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Request to follow up on workplace study sparks tension at Trailblazer meeting

By Lori Copley
Editor

Tensions and frustrations erupted at Thursday morning's Trailblazer Transit Joint Powers Board meeting when Sibley County Commissioner Jim Swanson proposed a questionnaire to follow up on the Sand Creek report, which assessed Trailblazer's work environment and staff morale.

Swanson said a lot of questions were raised in the report, and the questionnaire he proposed would help the board determine if those concerns had been addressed.

He added that he wasn't sure if the concerns raised were by just a few employ-

ees, or were an overall feeling of the entire work crew.

"I'd like to hear if it's the squeaky wheels out there, or is a staff feeling," said Swanson.

Julie Latzig, Trailblazer's human resources director, said Swanson's proposal was "another example of the board going into the weeds and trying to micro-manage."

Latzig said her report and those by the system's operations managers had shown "that things are getting better."

Jack Russek of the Wright County Area Transit (WCAT) echoed Latzig's concerns.

"This is going to implode

this organization from the inside out," Russek said of the board's apparent disfunction.

McLeod County Commissioner Ron Shimanski, the board's chair, said he could "see both sides of this."

On the one hand, Shimanski said, the "managers are on the line and have the pulse of what's going on," but a survey may also provide some direction to the board.

No action was taken on the proposal.

Trailblazer Executive Director Gary Ludwig said that his commitment "is to the customers in all three counties, and to the current and future employees of Trailblazer."

er."

He said that board dissension "makes our life very difficult. We still have work to do, but there is a lot of fear, anger and paranoia."

Ludwig noted that board discussions about WCAT potentially leaving Trailblazer had been likened to divorcing parents.

"As parents who are divorcing, we need to focus on our children," said Ludwig. "We need to assuage their fears. We need to row together in the same direction."

McLeod County Commissioner Doug Krueger said he felt that he was being unfairly accused of being against

Trailblazer, and hoping that it would fail.

"My purpose is not to put a black eye on Trailblazer," said Krueger. He said he also was committed to providing good service but, as a county commissioner, he also had to listen to his constituents' concerns about the system and its leadership.

Krueger also said he is leaning toward getting off the Trailblazer board when appointments are made in January — "if that's what my constituents think I should do."

Krueger said maybe "some fresh eyes" would help. Swanson said he is leaning the same way, and Russek

noted that he had not sought re-election and would not be back in 2017.

Later in the meeting, the board voted to have a closed meeting to discuss personnel issues, but the vote resulted in a 3-3 tie, and therefore failed.

Sibley County Commissioner Bill Pinsky said he voted to have the closed meeting because he felt it would be an opportunity "to clear the air."

"You can't clear the air if you don't talk about," said Swanson.



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2016 Community Volunteers of the Year

The Glencoe Area Chamber of Commerce recognized the 2016 Community Volunteers of the Year at its annual meeting and luncheon on Thursday, Nov. 17. This year's awards were given to the volunteers who water the hanging flower baskets in Glencoe. Pic-

tured, from left to right, are Linda Roisum, Sharel and Dale Hoops, Roger Hilgers, Eileen Harff, and Helga and Tom Schmidt. Not pictured are Dennis Roisum, Gloria Hilgers, Don and Elaine Haus, and Vonnie, Amanda and Mason Husted.



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Chamber volunteer of the year

Glencoe Area Chamber of Commerce Board Member Adam Lindeman from Security Bank, was awarded the 206 Chamber Volunteer of the Year award at the annual meeting on Nov. 17. Lindeman organized the chamber's "Buckets of Thanks" project, which gives buckets filled with goodies to area farmers during the harvest season.



Chronicle Photo by Karin Ramige

2016 Investment Awards

The Glencoe Area Chamber of Commerce recognized the businesses that made a significant capital investment in the community in 2016 with investment awards at its annual meeting and luncheon on Thursday, Nov. 17. This year's awards were given to 4 Square Builders, Archer Daniels Midland (ADM), Burger King, Casey's General

Store, Glencoe Light and Power Commission, Glencoe Regional Health Services (GRHS), and the McLeod Soil and Water Conservation District. Pictured, from left to right, are Jon Braband, GRHS; Ken Ruggles, ADM; Jeremy Bolland, McLeod Soil and Water Conservation District; and Michelle Goette and Randi Optiz, Casey's.



Submitted photo

Silver Lake GFWC hosts school tea

Silver Lake GFWC Women's Club hosted its annual tea for the staff at Glencoe-Silver Lake's Lakeside Elementary Wednesday, Nov. 16, during American Education Week. The club also donated

\$250 for the Lakeside library. Pictured, from left to right, are Jan Wanous, Ashlyn Imdieke, Asha Imdieke, Kay Nowak and Rose Meehl.

Nicollet-Sibley crop day Dec. 2

The Nicollet-Sibley County Corn and Soybean Growers Association will host its plot data day Friday, Dec. 2, at the Lafayette Community Center in Lafayette.

The morning will begin with a breakfast at 8 a.m. The program will begin at 9 a.m.

Dave Nicolai, University of Minnesota Extension crops educator, will give an agronomy update. Jason Ertl, Nicollet and Sibley County Extension educator, will be on hand to discuss data resulting from local corn and soybean plots in Sibley and Nicollet counties. Keith Hartmann will share yield results in fields using his custom designed cover crop interseeder. Seed representatives from participating companies will be on hand to discuss variety results as well. A presentation on the Minnesota Soybean "See for Yourself" program will be given.

The program will conclude at approximately 11 a.m.

The event is offered at no cost through the Nicollet-Sibley Corn and Soybean Growers Association. All producers are welcome to attend.

Corrections & Clarifications

In last week's article regarding the Glencoe American Legion banquet, late veteran Herman Stark's son was identified as Dale Stark. His correct name is David Stark. The Chronicle apologizes for the error.

The McLeod County Chronicle strives for accuracy in its reports. If you find an error, bring it to our attention. Call 320-864-5518 and ask for Lori Copley, editor.

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Tribulations continue at Trailblazer Transit

Our view: Maybe a new year will bring a new attitude

The Trailblazer Transit Joint Powers Board didn't have a regular business meeting in October, opting instead to have a three-hour workshop with labor attorney Frank Madden that was supposed to set a framework for doing business efficiently, congenially and with courtesy.

It didn't help. Last Thursday's joint powers board business meeting was like its three or four predecessors. It was a snarled-up mess in which one issue became entangled with another — or several others. In other words, it was a shining example of the old adage, "a can of worms."

And, once again, it seems that little was accomplished, even under the threat of partner Wright County Area Transportation (WCAT) pulling the pin on its participation in the system.

Board members are still at odds on what the main problem is at Trailblazer — or even if there is a problem. But judging from the dissension on the board, something is definitely wrong, and the board cannot continue to just kick the can down the road.

The division is so great that people who normally act with great poise and tact are hurling accusations and shouting at one

another. It is inexcusable behavior at a public meeting.

Two of the board members, for sure, will not return in January. McLeod County Commissioner Sheldon Nies and WCAT member Jack Russek, a Delano City Council member, both declined to seek re-election this year.

One commissioner at Thursday's meeting indicated that perhaps "fresh eyes" are needed on the joint powers board. Two commissioners indicated that they may not accept assignments to the board in January.

Perhaps "fresh eyes" will help. If new board members are hearing about the same problems that their predecessors allegedly heard about, it would indicate that there are valid concerns from the public that ought to be addressed. If the engine driving Trailblazer smooths out with the changes, all to the good.

The joint powers board has a meeting set for Dec. 16. Let's hope everyone involved resolves to come to that meeting with a cooler head, better manners and a willingness to come together for the good of the transit system.

Otherwise, we'll just have to hope for the best when January rolls around and those "fresh eyes" come to the table.

— L.C.



Letters to the Editor

Thankful for poultry's impact on state economy

To the Editor:

Besides being the land of 10,000 lakes, Minnesota is host to a very prestigious leadership program that focuses on building tomorrow's agricultural and rural leaders.

This program combines leadership interests in agriculture and rural Minnesota by selecting 30 new leaders from around the state every two years to complete the program by process of application and interview. The name of this program is MARL, (Minnesota Agriculture and Rural Leadership). I am honored to be chosen to participate in this program, and for two years I will be engaged in many days of studies surrounding the future of agriculture, greater Minnesota vitality and value-added benefits of agriculture to our state and country. This program meets for multi-day workshops around the state and Washington, D.C., along with two weeks of international studies. To be apart of MARL is more than a two-year educational activity, it is a lifelong endeavor.

The MARL mission statement, "To develop the skills of Minnesota agriculture and rural leaders so they may maximize their impact and ef-

fectiveness in local, state, national and international arenas."

This past week we met for a three-day workshop in Willmar, where we heard of many topics surrounding the poultry industry and the value of this industry to Minnesota. Here is a list of facts that I thought I should share this week of Thanksgiving.

- Minnesota's livestock industry contributes \$10 billion to our state's economy.
- Minnesota's agriculture employs nearly 400,000 jobs; 80 percent are off-farm.
- There's a good chance that one in 10 people you know have an ag-related job.
- Minnesota is #1 in the U.S. for turkey production!
- Minnesota is in the top 10 for chicken production.
- Minnesota's poultry industry supports 26,000 jobs.
- Approximately 46 million turkeys are raised in Minnesota each year.
- Poultry love to eat: each year in Minnesota turkeys consume \$163 million of corn and \$169 million of soybean meal.
- During Super Bowl Sunday,

Americans eat nearly 100 million pounds of chicken wings.

- In the U.S., there is nearly one laying hen for each American.
- Kandiyohi County is the largest turkey producer in the state.
- The direct economic activity generated by one turkey raised in our state is \$17.46!
- Minnesota's poultry farmers are committed to raising safe, healthy and affordable food for families in the state and around the world.

This Thanksgiving when you look at your savory turkey ready to be carved, keep in mind the tremendous impact on our local economy that our state's turkey industry generates. I will try and keep you informed of other interesting facts I come across that show how important agriculture is to our state's future and economy as I continue my MARL journey.

Resources: Minnesota Turkey Growers Association, Minnesota Dept of Agriculture, Chicken and Egg Association of Minnesota.

Have a great holiday,
Paul Wright
Lynn Township Farmer
McLeod County Commissioner

Thanks to the faithful donors at the blood drive

To the Editor:

Many thanks to all the faithful donors who donated at the Glencoe Community Blood Drive on Wednesday, Nov. 16.

The American Red Cross (ARC) set our goal for this drive at 128 units; we fell short of our goal and collected only 112 units! Each unit collected may help up to three patients, so the 112 units collected may help up to 336 total patients. This is the first time since I took over as coordinator five years ago (beginning of 2012) that we have not met our November goal. Even though we fell short of our goal, the ARC was pleased with the results of the drive. The ARC Collection Supervisor Debbi said it best in her note to us: "Thanks for making a difference. Once again it was a great day here at Glencoe. I so appreciate your dedication and support! You have a wonderful community of donors!"

There were 110 people who appeared for donating. Twelve were deferred by ARC (unable to donate at this drive) for various reasons. Two were unable to complete their donations. That left 96 people who

donated the 112 units: 80 gave whole blood units, and 16 doubled donors gave 32 units.

I continue to be greatly disappointed in our number of no-shows. There were 29 no-shows this time, which I calculated was 23 percent of our total appointments. That's almost one-fourth of the appointments! Very frustrating ... 29 x 3 = 87 additional patients to whom we were unable to provide help through our community drive.

I do offer a big thank you to the 17 walk-ins who partially made up for the no-show numbers.

The efforts of the volunteers help us fulfill our lifesaving mission to the American Red Cross. Our many volunteers make it happen with their behind-the-scenes and up-front support at each blood drive! As always, my thanks also go to the following:

- My co-chair/scheduling coordinator Nelda Klaustermeier and her faithful team of callers who do the hard work before, during and after the drives preparing the donor schedules.
- All of our dedicated volunteers who so graciously assist before and

during the drive — we couldn't do it without them!

- The National Honor Society members (through their adviser Carol Silus) at Glencoe-Silver Lake High School who deliver the advertising posters to area businesses and restaurants.

The local businesses who provide their continued support of the three blood drives each year: Glencoe City Center and its custodians, Coborns, Security Bank, and The McLeod County Chronicle.

- Thrivent Financial Action Team for financial support for this drive.

Keebler Corporation continues its nationwide support of the American Red Cross with donations of Keebler products for the after-donation snacks.

The most important facets of this picture are the donors — who make the appointments, show up to donate, and do it all over again the next time! So each drive is truly a community team effort for which the American Red Cross and its recipi-

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Question of the week

Do you shop on Black Friday?

- 1) Yes, up and at 'em by 5 a.m.
- 2) Only for specific items.
- 3) No, can't stand the crowds.
- 4) I shop online.

Results for most recent question:

How do you think Donald Trump will perform as president?

- 1) He'll rise to the occasion and lead us well — 47%
- 2) He is going to fail miserably — 19%
- 3) Some good, some bad — 23%
- 4) Not sure yet — 10%

115 votes. New question runs Nov. 23-29



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Obituaries

Irene A. Beich, 88, of Hutchinson

Irene Beich, 88, of Hutchinson, died Wednesday, Nov. 16, 2016, at Harmony River Living Center in Hutchinson.

Private graveside services were held at St. Matthew's Lutheran Cemetery in Penn Township, McLeod County, with the Rev. Andrew Hermodson-Olsen officiating.

Casket bearers were Justin Uecker, Chad Fisher, Corey Fisher, Larry Fisher and Orlin Harbarth.

Irene Adeline Beich was born Dec. 7, 1927, in Round Grove Township, rural Fernando, the daughter of Paul and Hedwig (Klitzke) Beich. She was baptized as an infant and confirmed in her faith as a youth, both at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Stewart. She received her education at

District 50 School in Round Grove Township.

She was married to Gerhard Muffelman on June 8, 1951, at St. Matthew's Lutheran Church in Penn Township. She resided on the family farm near Brownton and helped with farming and homemaking duties. In 1981, she moved to Hutchinson along with her mother and brother, and assisted in caring for them.

She was a member of St. Matthew's Lutheran Church in Penn Township.

She enjoyed gardening, listening to old-time music, reading, going to church, and she enjoyed babysitting for relatives and friends. She will always be remembered for her kindness.

When she needed assistance with her daily care, she became a resident of Harmony River Living Center in Hutchinson on Nov. 23, 2015, and she died there on Wednesday, Nov. 16, 2016, at the age of 88 years.

She is survived by her sister, Leona Harbarth of Hutchinson; nieces, Darlene Trebelhorn of Hutchinson, Carol (Larry) Fisher of Arlington and Connie Harbarth of Hutchinson; nephew, Orlin Harbarth of Litchfield; great-nephews, Chad (Kelly) Fisher of Arlington, Corey (Heidi Jo) Fisher of Arlington, and Justin (Erin) Uecker of Mayer; great-great nieces, Gretta Fisher and Seaton Uecker, and Ellen and Victoria Henry; great-great nephews, Landon and Nolan Fisher; and many other relatives and friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Paul and Hedwig Beich; brother, Erwin Beich; brother-in-law, Raymond Harbarth; and nephew-in-law, Phil Trebelhorn.

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

Vernon E.O. Engelmann, 90, Glencoe

Vernon Emil Otto Engelmann, 90, of Glencoe, formerly of Plato, died Wednesday, Nov. 16, 2016, at Glencoe Regional Health Services Long Term Care.

Funeral services were held Monday, Nov. 21, at St. John's Lutheran Church in Plato with the Rev. Tyson Mastin officiating. Yvonne Schuette was the organist. Congregational hymns were "Be Still, My Soul," "Borning Cry," "Müde bin ich, Geh zur Ruh," and "I Know That My Redeemer Lives."

Casket bearers were Nathan Heining, David Herrmann, Andrew Schwert, Steven Schwert, Jill Engelmann and Leah Brucks.

Interment was in St. John's Lutheran Cemetery, rural Plato.

Vernon Emil Otto Engelmann was born Jan. 24, 1926, on the farm near Plato, the son of John and Ida (Schramm) Engelmann. He was baptized as an infant on Feb. 7, 1926, by the Rev. R. Zwintscher. He was confirmed in his faith as a youth by the Rev. R.L. Ehlen. Both his baptism and confirmation were at St. John's Lutheran Church, Plato. He received his education in Glencoe, graduating with the Glencoe High School class of 1944.

On June 5, 1949, he was united in marriage to Delores

Engelke by the Rev. L. Wohlfeil at Emanuel Lutheran Church in Hamburg. The couple made their home on the farm until 2009, when they moved to an apartment at Grand Meadows Senior Living in Glencoe. In March 2015, Mr. Engelmann became a resident of Glencoe Regional Health Services Long Term Care. Their marriage was blessed with six children, Jolene, Barbara, Lyle, Lori, Wendy and Becky. They shared over 65 years of marriage before Mrs. Engelmann's death on Sept. 9, 2014.

Faith, family and the farm were Mr. Engelmann's priorities. He loved being a farmer on the land where he was born, a designated Century Farm that has been in the family over 100 years. He had a tender spot for his cows. Time away was spent traveling, fishing and attending auctions.

Mr. Engelmann had a dry sense of humor and loved to visit with others. He was a member of the Plato town baseball team in his early days and enjoyed attending their games in later years. He enjoyed listening to old-time music and watching Lawrence Welk and Bandwagon. He treasured all the moments he spent with his children, grandchildren and their families.

Mr. Engelmann was a lifelong faithful member of St. John's Lutheran Church in Plato, where he served on the board of education.

He is survived by his children, Jolene (Jim) Heining of

Rochester, Barbara (Gary) Herrmann of Cologne, Lyle (Dana) Engelmann of Plato, Lori (Kevin) Harms of Norwood Young America, Wendy (David) Brucks of Eden Prairie and Becky Engelmann (husband Shaun Kepford) of Minneapolis; grandchildren, Nathan Heining, Sara (Tony) Steffes, Emily (Jeff) Sorgatz, Darcy (Caleb) Coder, Krista (Adam) Behn, David (Keri) Herrmann, Amanda (Adam) Christ, Katie Engelmann (husband Michael Knudson), Jill Engelmann, Heather (Rich) Klemz, Stacy (Ryan) Henning, Andrew Schwert, Steven Schwert, Erin Brucks, Leah Brucks and Liam Kepford; great-grandchildren, Ashlyn, Kennedy and Hadley Steffes, Melody and Mason Sorgatz, Jordyn and Taylor Coder, Danielle, Evan and Ethan Herrmann, Coryn and Bo Christ, Adelyn and Peter Knudson, Rylie and Mikayla Klemz, and Emery and Bentley Henning; sisters-in-law, Rhodella Engelmann of Glencoe, Helen Engelmann of Arlington and Marlene Engelke of Plato; nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents, John and Ida Engelmann; wife, Delores Engelmann; great-grandson, Jack Engelmann-Guptill; siblings, Olga and Ed Miller, Herbert and Eldora Engelmann, Gilbert and Esther Engelmann, Norwin Engelmann and Milton Engelmann; and brother-in-law, Ralph Engelke.

Arrangements were with the Johnson-McBride Funeral Chapel in Glencoe.

Roy G. Howk, 92, of Glencoe

Roy G. Howk, 92, of Glencoe, died Monday, Nov. 14, 2016, at his home.

Funeral services were held Saturday, Nov. 19, at the Apostolic Christian Church in Winthrop with the church ministers presiding. Music was by the Apostolic Christian Church choir.

Casket bearers were Mr. Howk's granddaughters, Rose Lendt, Jamie Engel, Kim Moore, Kjerstin McKeehen, Britney Hay, Andrea Stover, Kayla Howk-Erwin, Cynthia Howk, Chelsey Rice, Ashleigh Remme and AmberRose Brudelie.

Interment was in the Winthrop Cemetery in Winthrop.

Roy G. Howk was born May 26, 1924, at his home in Brownton, the son of Ray and Elsie (Clopton) Howk. He received his education at a country school in Winthrop.

On May 14, 1944, he was united in marriage to Rose Alice Messner in Lafayette. They were baptized in 1961 at the Apostolic Christian Church in Winthrop. They made their home in Glencoe, and were blessed with seven

children, Kenneth, Steve, Sharon, Iris, Karen, Keith and Colleen. They shared 58 years of marriage before Mrs. Howk's death on May 15, 2002.

Mr. Howk worked at Green Giant as a farm supervisor for 36 years, retiring in 1999. He was a member of the Apostolic Christian Church in Winthrop, where he had been an usher and ran the sound system.

He enjoyed woodworking, camping and playing dominoes with his family. He especially enjoyed watching the grandchildren grow up and spending time in fellowship with family and friends.

He is survived by his children, Steve (Linda) Howk of Springfield, Illinois, Sharon (Dennis) Christensen of Glencoe, Iris (Ronald) Hay of Revillo, South Dakota, Karen Smith of Glencoe, Keith (Paulene) Howk of Monument, Colorado, and Colleen (Wayne) Waugh of Owatonna; daughter-in-law, Lupy Howk of New Ulm; 20 grandchildren, Rose (Allen) Lendt, Michael (Sheila) Howk, Kayla (Patrick) Howk-Erwin, Cynthia Howk, Andrew (Nikina) Howk, Brian (Rhonda) Howk, Jamie (David) Engel, Eric Howk, Doug Christensen, Kim (Rick) Moore, Chad (Tonya) Christensen, Nathan Hay,

Britney Hay and her fiancé, Jeremiah Peterson, Ashleigh (Shawn) Romme, Kjerstin (Ron) McKeehen, Andrea (Nick) Stover, Chelsey (Steve) Rice, Corey Howk, AmberRose (Michael) Brudelie and Wade Waugh; honorary granddaughter, Kenadee Isaacson; 38 great-grandchildren; two great-great-grandchildren; sister, Carol (Dennis) Pollock of Albuquerque, New Mexico; brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law, Georgia Messner of Winthrop, Elaine Rettig of Waconia and Marlyn (Lois) Messner of Winthrop; nieces, nephews, other relatives and many friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Ray and Elsie Howk; wife, Rose Alice Howk; son, Kenneth Howk; grandson-in-law, Robert Fuglsang; great-great-grandson, Aydden Forcier; brother and sister-in-law, Russel and Evelyn Howk; sister, Ruth Ann Howk; brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law, Amos Messner, Avice and Wilmer Lehrke, Delores and Cornelius Messerli, Roland and Melva Messner, Leo Messner and Ray Rettig.

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

Cyril Joseph Popelka, 94, of Glencoe

Cyril Joseph Popelka, 94, of Glencoe, died Saturday, Nov. 19, 2016, at Glencoe Regional Health Services Long Term Care.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held today (Wednesday, Nov. 23) at 11 a.m. at Holy Family Catholic Church in Silver Lake. Visitation will be from 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. at The Maresh Funeral Home in Silver Lake.

The Rev. Paul Schumacher will be the celebrant at the funeral Mass. The Mass will be interpreted in American Sign Language (ALS).

Casket bearers will be his grandchildren, Peter and Jeff Juul, Michael and Megan Corrigan, and John and Jillian

Schuette. Interment will be in the St. Joseph Cemetery, Silver Lake.

Cyril Joseph Popelka was born Jan. 20, 1922, in Rich Valley Township, McLeod County, the son of Joseph L. and Josephine (Kotkan) Popelka. He attended the Minnesota School for the Deaf in Faribault, and later Dunwoody Institute. He also attended Gallaudet University for the Deaf in Washington, D.C.

On Sept. 6, 1952, he was joined in holy marriage to Evelyn Huncha at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Delano. God blessed their marriage with four children.

Mr. Popelka was engaged in dairy farming in Rich Valley Township. He loved his grandchildren, animals, gardening, trains, baking, reading and watching baseball on television.

He was a member of Holy

Family Catholic Church in Silver Lake, and also belonged to the Catholic Workman.

He is survived by daughters, Rita (Peter) Juul of Shakopee; Judy (Kevin) Corrigan of Burnsville and Sharon (Merle) Schuette of Glencoe; a son, Michael Popelka of Glencoe; six grandchildren; a step-grandson; a great-grandson; a sister, Martha Urban of Silver Lake; and many other relatives and friends.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Evelyn; parents; an infant sister, Josephine; brother, Theodore "Ted" Popelka; and two sisters, Mary Popelka and Gladys Ardolf.

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

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HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

WED. NOV. 23 7:00 p.m.
Thanksgiving Worship - Comm.

THURS. NOV. 24 9:00 a.m.
Thanksgiving Worship - Comm. (Live Radio Broadcast)

WED. NOV. 30 7:00 p.m.
Advent Worship - Comm.

SAT. DEC. 3 8:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
Brunch, Bake & Craft
(sponsored by LWML, FLC Quilting Ladies & FLC NYG Youth)

WED. DEC. 7 5:00 a.m. - 6:30 p.m.
Advent Soup Supper

WED. DEC. 7 7:00 p.m.
Advent Worship Service / Choral Concert

WED. DEC. 14 7:00 p.m.
Choral Concert at Immanuel Lutheran Church, Gaylord

SUN. DEC. 18 10:30 a.m.
Sunday School Christmas Service

WED. DEC. 21 7:00 p.m.
First Lutheran School Children's Christmas Service (Pre-K - Gr. 8)

SAT. DEC. 24 2, 5, and 7 p.m.
Service of Song and Praise & KDUZ Live Radio Broadcast at 2 PM
Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship at 5 & 7 PM

SUN. DEC. 25 9:00 a.m.
Christmas Day Worship - Comm. Live Radio Broadcast

SAT. DEC. 31 5:00 p.m.
New Year's Eve Worship, Comm.

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Community Calendar

Thurs., Nov. 24 — AA Group mtg. next to Post Office in Stewart, 8 p.m., call 320-212-5290 for info.

Happy Thanksgiving!

Mon., Nov. 28 — Tops Weigh-In mtg., 5-5:30 p.m.; Brownton Senior Citizens Club, Brownton Community Center, 1 p.m. Brownton Rod & Gun Club, 7 p.m.; Brownton Rod & Gun Club, 7 p.m.

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

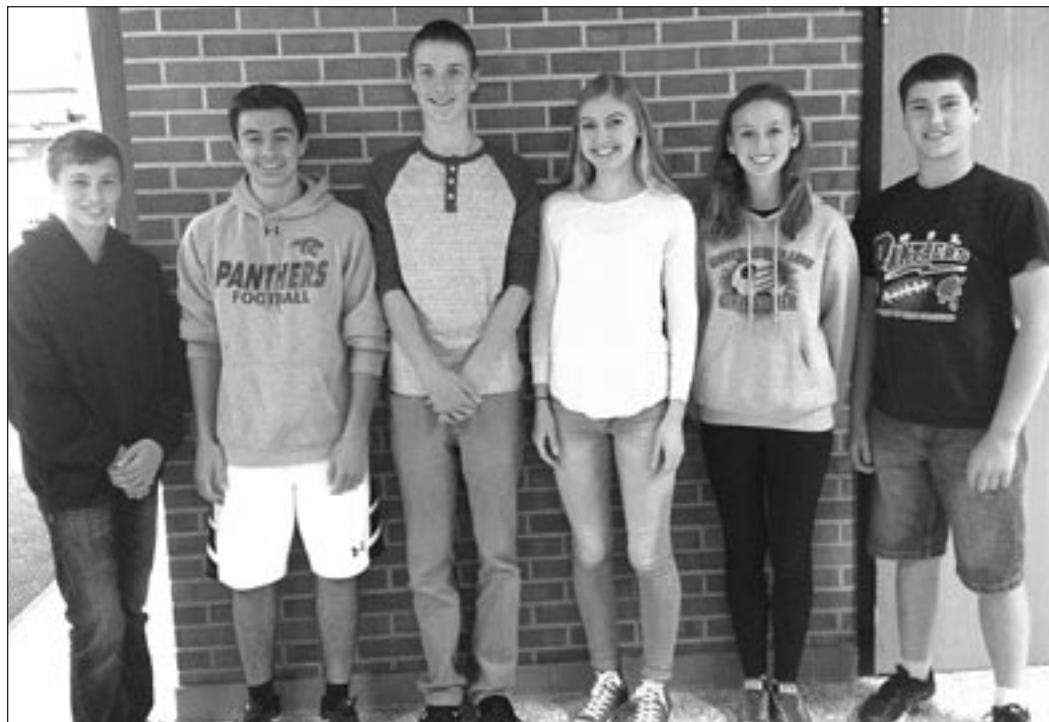
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October Pillars of Character

Glencoe-Silver Lake High School recently announced its October Pillars of Characters. They include, from left, Jesse Mackenthun, respect; Spencer Lilienthal, caring; Tayler Terlinden, car-

ing; Emily Graupmann, trustworthiness; Taryn Reichow, responsibility; and Ty Christensen, citizenship. Not pictured: Tyler Ehrke, trustworthiness.

Obituaries

Charles Olesen, 73, of Dayton, Ohio

Charles "Charlie" Olesen, 73, of Dayton, Ohio, formerly of Stewart, died Oct. 7, 2016, at Good Samaritan Hospital in Dayton, Ohio.



Charlie Olesen

A celebration of life was held Saturday, Nov. 19, at the Dobratz-Hantge Chapel in Hutchinson with the Rev. Jon Lindekugel officiating. Jim Nelson was the organist. Music was by Jackie and Annika Olesen and Jim and Sara Nelson and the worship team.

Charles "Charlie" Henry Olesen was born Sept. 29, 1943, in Hutchinson, the son of Einar and Ann (VandeCasteele) Olesen. He attended Stewart High School in Stewart and graduated with the class of 1961. After graduation, he attended St. Cloud State University in St. Cloud to study English.

On Oct. 1, 1966, he was united in marriage to Janice Hellickson at Big Grove Lutheran Church in Brooten. They moved to Chicago, Illinois, where Mr. Olesen worked for the Chicago Paper Company. In 1973, Mr. Olesen took over the family farm in Stewart, where he raised their children, Eric and Angela.

Mr. Olesen was united in marriage to Anne (Moore) Brazil on July 12, 1986, at Christ The King Lutheran Church in Hutchinson. They resided and farmed in rural Stewart, and were blessed with a daughter, Emily. They shared 13 years of marriage before Mrs. Olesen's death on Dec. 31, 1999, after a battle with cancer.

Mr. Olesen was employed at Hutchinson Technology, Inc., in Hutchinson, and Universal Forest Products in Litchfield until he retired because of health issues in 2001.

He was an active member of Christ The King Lutheran

Church in Hutchinson for many years, and was a talented woodworker and artist. He loved theatre, books and, in his younger years, played the guitar and the accordion. He was a model train enthusiast and loved to cook, garden and watch birds. Later in life, he moved to Dayton, Ohio, to be with his dear friend and partner, Ann Gimbert.

He is survived by Ann Gimbert; his children, Eric (Nicole), Angela (Wes Huesman) and Emily Olesen (Nathan Heilman); granddaughters, Jackie, Annika, Amelia, Elyse and Vera; as well as many cousins, brothers and sisters-in-law, and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Einar and Ann Olesen; and his wife, Anne Olesen.

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

Anita R. Montgomery, 74, of Glencoe

Anita Ruth (Heinrich) Montgomery, 74, of Glencoe, died Sunday, Nov. 13, 2016, at Glencoe Regional Health Services.



Anita Montgomery

Funeral services were held Thursday, Nov. 17, at First Evangelical Lutheran Church in Glencoe with the Rev. Daniel Welch officiating. Dawn Wolter was the organist. Special music was by the First Evangelical Lutheran Church Choir, "There is a Redeemer." Congregational hymns were "My Faith Looks Up to Thee," "I'm But a Stranger Here" and "God Be With You 'Til We Meet Again."

Honorary casket bearers were Rachel Montgomery and Kenton Montgomery. Casket bearers were Corey Schroeder, Darin Montgomery, Dion Montgomery, Trent Heinrich, Dale Heinrich and Eric Montgomery.

Interment was in the First Evangelical Lutheran Cemetery in Glencoe.

Anita Ruth (Heinrich) Montgomery was born Sept. 15, 1942, in Fairmont, the daughter of Edgar and Ruth (Bremer) Heinrich. She was baptized as an infant on Oct. 4, 1942, by the Rev. J.F. Malkow, and was confirmed

in her faith as a youth on March 25, 1956, by the Rev. A. Cloeter, both at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Wilbert, Minnesota. Her confirmation verse was 1 John 5:4: "For whatsoever is born of God overcometh the world, and this is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith." She received her education in Ceylon, graduating with the Ceylon High School class of 1960.

On Nov. 19, 1961, she was united in marriage to Roger Montgomery by the Rev. A. Cloeter at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Wilbert. The couple made their home in Fairmont and Glencoe. Their marriage was blessed with three children, Keith, Curtis and Sharon. They shared almost 55 years of marriage. In addition to being a loving wife, mother and homemaker, Mrs. Montgomery worked at Central Telephone Company in Fairmont, Farm Credit Services - Ag Star, and Glencoe Regional Health Services, both in Glencoe. She was an active member of First Evangelical Lutheran Church in Glencoe since 1968, where she was a member of the church choir, altar guild, a church usher, a greeter, delivered bulletins to Glencoe Regional Health Services Long Term Care, Orchard Estates and Grand Meadows, and was active in Common Cup Ministries. She also worked for the local blood drive.

Mrs. Montgomery cherished the time spent with her family and friends. Her grandchildren were very special and she tried to attend the many activities they were involved in. She enjoyed reading, walking, shopping, flowers, gardening, housework, holidays, Minnesota Vikings and Minnesota Twins. She loved to travel and had visited every state but Oregon, and spent the last 13 years in Florida during the winter.

She is survived by her husband, Roger Montgomery of Glencoe; children, Keith Montgomery of Glencoe, Curtis (Debra) Montgomery of Cottage Grove and Sharon (John) Sangren of Kokato; grandchildren, Eric Montgomery and Rachel Montgomery; great-grandson, Kenton Montgomery; brothers, Vernon Heinrich of Minocqua, Wisconsin, and Lester (Ginny) Heinrich of Andover, Kansas; brother-in-law, Dennis (Dorann) Montgomery of Fairmont; nieces, nephews, other relatives and many friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Edgar and Ruth Heinrich; sisters, Anna Marie Heinrich and Valeria Heinrich; and father-in-law and mother-in-law, Harvey and Ethel Montgomery.

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

Glen Wayn Lieder, Ogilvie

Glen Wayn Lieder of Ogilvie died Nov. 2, 2016.

An open house celebration of his life will be at the Crow River Winery, Highway 7 E, Hutchinson, on Sunday, Dec. 11, from 1 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.,

in the Boxelder Room.

Glen Lieder was the son of Harry and Gloria Lieder of New Ulm.

Survivors include his son, Brian Lieder of New Ulm; brother, Gene Lieder of

Rhode Island; sister, Cindy Lieder of New Ulm; brother, Dennis Lieder of New Ulm; and brother, Dale Lieder of Hutchinson.

New doctor joins Gauer Chiropractic

"I like helping people. I know it's a cliché and everyone likes helping others, but I really like making them feel good."

This is why Andrea Scherer, doctor of chiropractic (DC), decided to become a chiropractor. She also really enjoys figuring out the puzzle of what's causing someone's pain or dysfunction and how to treat it without drugs.

Dr. Scherer, pronounced "Scheer," recently joined Scott Gauer, DC, and Randy Johnson, DC, as a provider at Gauer Chiropractic Clinic in Glencoe.

Dr. Scherer likes treating a wide variety of conditions, which is one of the reasons she feels that Gauer, with its wide array of patient concerns, is a good fit for her. She really enjoys treating



Andrea Scherer, DC

sports injuries — she played hockey and lacrosse in high school and college — and loves helping athletes of all types improve.

This is Dr. Scherer's first

experience working or living in a small town. She likes that everyone knows everyone and are very nice, and that everything is real close: "no matter what I'm looking for, it's just down the road!"

Dr. Scherer grew up in a suburb of Cleveland, Ohio, and attended Lindenwood University and Logan University, College of Chiropractic, in Missouri. She met her boyfriend at Logan and after graduation followed him back to his home state of Minnesota.

In her free time, Dr. Scherer likes running, working out, and hiking, and wants to try hunting. She also loves learning new things, especially about sports and nutrition, and has really enjoyed learning about farming from her patients.



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Good Shepherd Lutheran confirmation

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Glencoe, confirmed six young people Sunday, Oct. 30. From left to right are Director of Christian Education Ted

Stroming, Mackenzie Kantack, Rachael Meyer, Cole Mathwig, Holly Bandemer, Grace Kohnen, Mia LaPlante and the Rev. Robert W. Nowak.

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DWI patrol ramps up for holidays

It's Christmas and your son gives you a hug before he heads home for the evening. In the middle of the night, an officer knocks on your door, telling you your son is dead. He was drunk when he crashed his vehicle.

The joy of the holidays can quickly change with poor, selfish decisions. Christmas has the second highest percentage of drunk driving-related fatalities (35.3 percent) during a major holiday period, followed by Thanksgiving (33.3 percent). The July 4 holiday has the highest percentage at 45.5 percent.

To help keep the roads safe during the holidays, the Glencoe Police Department, Brownton Police Department, Winsted Police Department, McLeod County Sheriff's Office and Minnesota State Patrol will be participating with law enforcement statewide in an extra DWI enforcement campaign starting Nov. 23 and on weekends through Dec. 30.

Officers, deputies and troopers from more than 300 agencies will be working overtime with funding provided by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration. The Minnesota Department of Public Safety Office of Traffic Safety (DPS-OTS) coordinates the extra enforcement and education effort.

"A drunk-driving death is 100 percent avoidable. Nobody should get behind the wheel after drinking," said Glencoe Police Officer Andrew Fiebelkorn. "The holidays are a time for selfless acts that help others. If you have ever driven after drinking, commit to a New Year's resolution of sober driving. It'll be the greatest gift you'll ever give to family, friends and those you share the road with every day."

Learning from history

Summer enforcement is behind us, but there are lessons to be learned from drivers' poor choices as Minnesotans begin celebrating the holidays. Troopers, sheriff deputies and police made 1,351 DWI arrests during the end-of-summer extra enforcement campaign. Committing



to a sober drive is never too late.

Summer DWI campaign arrests included:

- Winona County Sheriff's Office arrested a driver for DWI who had his intoxicated brother as a passenger. The brother was arrested for DWI less than an hour later while driving the same vehicle.
- Two Harbors Police arrested a motorist for fleeing and DWI after striking a fire truck and squad car at a crash scene. During the pursuit, the driver struck two more squad cars.
- Hutchinson Police arrested an individual who attempted to drive through a roundabout and got stuck.

Heeding the warnings

Drivers are heeding the warnings during the holidays as November (1,931) and December (1,876) were the months with the lowest number of DWI arrests in 2015.

DWI consequences

- Loss of license for up to a year, thousands of dollars in costs and possible jail time.
- Repeat DWI offenders, as well as first-time offenders arrested at 0.16 and above alcohol-concentration level, must use ignition interlock in order to regain legal driving privileges or face at least one year without a driver's license.
- Offenders with three or more offenses are required to use interlock for three to six

years, or they will never regain driving privileges.

Prevent drunk driving

- Plan for a safe ride – designate a sober driver, use a cab or public transportation or stay at the location of the celebration.
- Speak up – Offer to be a designated driver, or be available to pick up a loved one anytime, anywhere.
- Buckle up – the best defense against a drunk driver.
- Report drunk driving – call 911 when witnessing impaired driving behavior. Be prepared to provide location, license plate number and observed dangerous behavior.

Facebook

Check the program out on Facebook: key word search McLeod/Meeker County Toward Zero Deaths to stay up to date on current efforts in our area.

The enhanced DWI enforcement campaign is a component of the state's Toward Zero Deaths (TZD) program. A primary vision of the TZD program is to create a safe driving culture in Minnesota in which motorists support a goal of zero road fatalities by practicing and promoting safe and smart driving behavior. TZD focuses on the application of four strategic areas to reduce crashes – education, enforcement, engineering, and emergency medical and trauma response.

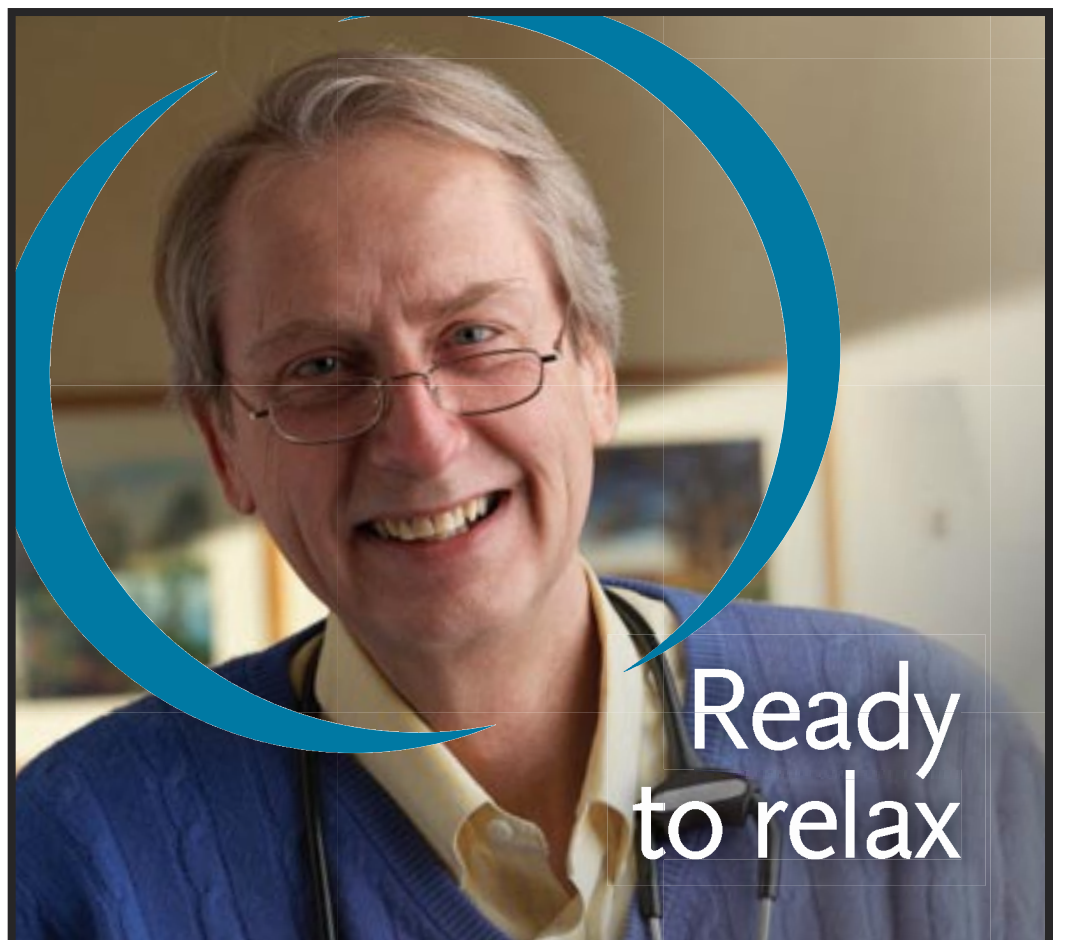


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National Guard visits GSL

Mike Sundblad, GSL Engineering and Industrial Technology teacher, invited members of the Minnesota National Guard to bring military equipment to show his automotive class Monday. Sgt. Vihin Patel, a recruiter from Hutchinson, arranged to bring a Load Handling System (LHS) hauling a

Humvee. As an added bonus, a rock climbing wall was also transported to GSL. Students attempted to climb to the top throughout the day. Sgt. Patel thanked the staff for inviting him and said he hopes for future endeavors to inform students about the military.



Our longtime friend and colleague, general surgeon **John Bergseng, DO, FACOS**, will put down his scalpel for the last time at the end of December. Please join us in wishing him all the best in his retirement after 30+ years of service to our community.

Visit grhsonline.org to sign Dr. Bergseng's online guestbook and read about his life and career.

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